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Fla. Music Dealer

Found Guilty In

**Obscenity Case** 

NEW YORK-In a decision that

surprised both the defense and

prosecution, retailer Charles Free-

man was found guilty Oct. 3 in

Fort Lauderdale, Fla., of violating

state obscenity statutes by selling

2 Live Crew's "As Nasty As They Wanna Be."

The all-white, six-member jury deliberated for less than 90 min-

utes before returning the verdict. "To tell you the truth, I am stunned by the verdict," says

Bruce Rogow, a law professor at

Fort Lauderdale's Nova Univ. and

one of the defendant's ACLU-ap-

pointed attorneys. "I'm groping

for an explanation and the only

thing that makes sense is that this

music was music from a foreign

land. The jury was all white, all

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BY MELINDA NEWMAN

singles, all formats showed a healthy

increase in shipments in the first half

Compact disks showed a substan-

tial gain once again this year, with

unit shipments up 36.4% to 132.08 mil-

lion over the same period in 1989.

CDs represented 31.2% of unit ship-

ments, while cassettes accounted for

63% of units shipped. In dollar terms,

CDs were 44% of sales, and cassettes

of the year.

contributed 51%.

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# **RIAA: Trade Soared In First Half** Shipments Rose A Surprising 10.8%

BY SUSAN NUNZIATA

NEW YORK-The first half of 1990 was a surprisingly strong period for U.S. shipments of prerecorded music, belying many retailers' complaints about flat sales during that time.

Net unit shipments during the first half increased 10.8% over the initial six months of 1989, according to the Recording Industry Assn. of America. Calculated at suggested list price, 1990 first-half shipments were valued at \$3.5 billion, compared with \$3 billion in the same period last year.

For the first time, music video figures have been included in these cumulative mid-year shipment totals; they contributed modestly to the industry's strong six-month performance, according to the RIAA.

Previously listed separately from other format categories, music video unit shipments increased 77%, and their list value climbed 44.4% from that of the prior-year period.

Many retailers have begun referring to music video as the fourth music configuration, and dealers carrying the format report a notable sales increase in that product category for the first half of 1990.

While some retailers say that their overall music sales figures reflect the increases reported by the RIAA, several others attribute the growth in shipments to the numbers of new stores opened by chains this year and note that comparable-store sales have actually been flat.

With the exception of vinyl and CD

# Home Video MAPs Face FTC Scrutiny

#### BY PAUL SWEETING

NEW YORK-The Federal Trade Commission has issued subpoenas to four major video suppliers and the Video Software Dealers Assn., seeking information relating to a federal probe of alleged price fixing in the home video industry.

At immediate issue, according to

studio sources, is the practice of placing minimum advertised prices (MAPs) on sell-through titles. Under such policies, the studios deny co-op advertising reimbursements to retailers who advertise a title below a studio-determined minimum price.

But the investigation may be part of a larger examination of co-op policies undertaken by the regulatory

# Janet Leads With 6 **Billboard-Tanqueray Video Award Noms**

BY MELINDA NEWMAN

NEW YORK-Janet Jackson leads the list of contenders for the 1990 Billboard Tanqueray Sterling Music Video Awards with six nominations. She is the only artist to be nominated in more than two genres. With two nominations each in the pop/rock. dance, and black/rap divisions, she was omitted only from the country and Latin categories.

Other acts with clips nominated in more than one genre are M.C. Hammer, Queen Latifah, 3rd Bass, and Bell Biv DeVoe, all of whom are up for awards in both the dance and (Continued on page 43)

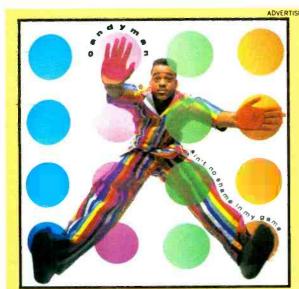
agency, industry insiders say. A spokesperson for the FTC in Washington, D.C., says the agency can neither confirm nor deny reports of an ongoing investigation, nor comment on the issuance of subpoenas.

According to informed sources, the subpoenas are part of a two-pronged FTC investigation of the video industry. One part of the probe seeks to determine whether one studio, reportedly Paramount Home Video, engaged in retail price maintenance, or (Continued on page 89)

#### No. 1 IN BILLBOARD HOT 100 SINGLES PRAYING FOR TIME GEORGE MICHAEL TOP POP ALBUMS PLEASE HAMMER DON'T HURT 'EM M.C. HAMMER (COLUMBIA) (CAPITOL) HOT BLACK SINGLES GIVING YOU THE BENEFIT PEBBLES (MCA) TOP BLACK ALBUMS M.C. HAMMER (CAPITOL) HOT COUNTRY SINGLES GARTH BROOKS TOP COUNTRY ALBUMS (CAPITOL) \* NO FENCES (CAPITOL)



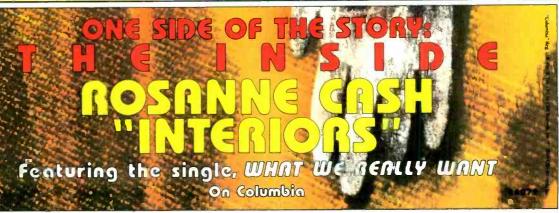
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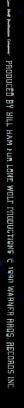
CANDYMAN. "Ain't No Shame In My Game" 46947. A massive debut of gourmet hip-hop, featuring the hit single, "Knc-kin' Boots' 34T-73450, plus "Nightgown, "Candyman" and "Don't Leave Home Without It." A MOST DELICIOUS GROOVE. On Epic.



Brian Eno has joined with Velvet Underground co-founder John Cale for a project of a decidedly different kind. Together, on Wrong Way Up (4-26421) they've fashioned a collection of pop songs that will both satisfy longtime believers and welcome new listeners











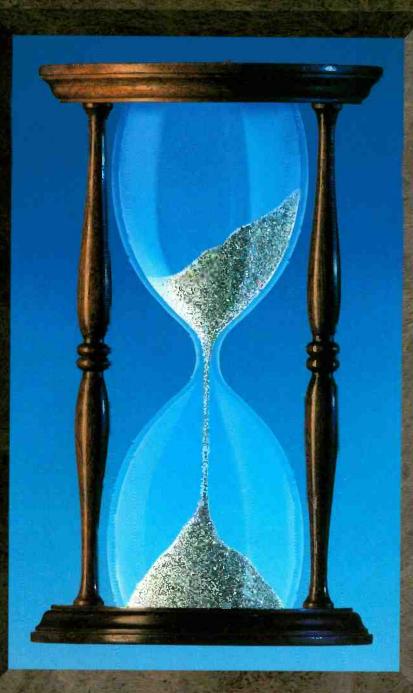
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# EDGE OF THE CENTURY

The new album, featuring "Love Is The Ritual" (7521-5234)

Multi-platinum rockers Styx are back with a new album fuelec by the powerful signature sound that s scored seven Top 10 singles and five Top 10 albums for this supergroup



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#### THE RAP ON 'NO RAP' RADIO SLOGANS

Radio stations have long feared that rap and heavy metal would alienate their adult listeners. Now, more and more radio stations are broadcasting a loud, clear anti-rap message in an attempt to bring this audience back. Sean Ross has the story. **Page 12** 

#### SEXIST LYRICS STRIKE SOUR NOTE

At a time when the threat of censorship hangs heavy over artists' freedom of speech, defenders of rap music are growing increasingly tired of making excuses for the bigoted, pointless lyrics they are forced to protect for the greater good. Janine McAdams sounds the warning bell on these increasingly troublesome and tiring sexist raps. **Page 25** 

#### POSTPRODUCTION FOCUS OF AES CONFAB

The spotlight fell on the fast-expanding area of audio-for-video postproduction at this year's AES confab, where manufacturers showcased new timecode-capable recorders. Susan Nunziata was on the scene.

#### SUPER CLUB HAS INTERNAL GROWTH SPURT

Super Club North America is expanding from within. In the past year, the company's chains have opened some 70 new stores, and its domain now comprises 26 states. Ed Christman has the story. **Page 53** 

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# **WRKS Back On Top In Summer Arbs** *KYW Ties WMMR; WXKS Beats WZOU*

#### BY SEAN ROSS and CRAIG ROSEN

NEW YORK—In the spring Arbitron ratings, urban WRKS New York was cheated of its first No. 1 showing in four years by easy listening WPAT, which—by virtue of a combined AM/FM number—finished one-tenth of a share ahead.

But in the newly released summer Arbitrons, there was no question about the lead. WRKS was up 5.1-5.5 12-plus, putting it clearly ahead of oldies WCBS-FM (4.6-5.1), AC WLTW (4.1-5.1), and top 40 WHTZ (Z100) (4.6-4.8).

In the first clump of summer Arbitrons, WRKS was one of the few stations to usurp the market lead from a spring leader. AC KOST Los Angeles, N/T WGN Chicago, N/T KGO San Francisco, AC WJR Detroit, AC WALK Long Island, N.Y., top 40 KKLQ San Diego, and KGGI Riverside, Calif., all managed to hold onto leads this time.

The biggest upsets were in Philadelphia, where N/T KYW rebounded 5.8-7.9 to tie co-owned album rocker WMMR (8.2-7.9) for the market lead. That is probably OK with WMMR—the two stations are co-owned. In a less friendly situation, the Boston grudge match between top 40 WXKS-FM (Kiss 108) and WZOU, the lead now belongs to Kiss (7.2-7.0) and N/T WRKO (6.9-7.0), following WZOU's 7.4-6.9 drop.

Because WRKS had led New

#### York throughout the summer, the only real question was how much it would win by. Kiss' win was powered by a one-share gain in 18-34 (which it led) and a three-share gain in teens. It still trailed archrival WBLS (3.8-3.7 overall) in 25-54, although both were down in that age group. The 25-54 lead went, as it usually does, to WCBS-FM. Mornings were led by all-news WINS (8.4) and rival WCBS (6.1)

followed by WXRK's Howard Stern (5.5), WOR's John Gambling (5.4), and Z100's recently reworked Morning Zoo (4.8).

In Los Angeles, the surprise was not that KOST is getting comfortable in first place. It was that both top 40s were down. KIIS-AM-FM went 5.9-5.0. KPWR (Power 106) went 5.0-4.3. That might have been expected from the Birch rat-(Continued on page 13)

# Plot Thickens As MCA Sets JVC Joint Venture In Japan

#### BY KEN TERRY

NEW YORK—Amid rumors that Matsushita might soon strike a deal to acquire MCA Inc., the MCA Music Entertainment Group announced last week that it plans to form a joint-venture company in Japan with JVC, a Matsushita subsidiary, and Victor Musical Industries, JVC's Japanese label.

Meanwhile, BMG International has bought out most of JVC's interest in BMG Victor Japan, a 3-yearold joint venture between the two companies.

MCA's joint venture with JVC would be its first move to replace the current international licenses that MCA Records and its Geffen Records subsidiary have with Warner Music International. The MCA licenses will expire in April, and those of Geffen, in January. Sources indicate that MCA/Gef-

Sources indicate that MCA/Geffen has signed a new international licensing deal with BMG for most territories outside North America, the U.K., and Japan. According to one report, it is a three-year agreement involving a total advance of \$37 million annually. At press time, neither company would confirm that such a pact exists.

Under a memorandum of understanding entered by MCA and JVC, the two companies will own equal (Continued on page 86)

# **Commtron To Help Buena Vista Go Direct** *Distrib Will Assist Supplier On Some Accounts*

#### BY JIM McCULLAUGH

LOS ANGELES—Commtron Corp., the largest national home video wholesaler, will fulfill certain operational warehousing and shipping functions for Buena Vista Home Video on a fee basis, servicing several large accounts that the supplier plans to sell directly.

Vern Fross, senior VP of sales and marketing for Commtron, characterizes the move as a "growth strategy." He says, "We've broken out some services that we do very well and are now offering [Buena Vista]. We're forming a company within a company. There are certain things we do well as a corporation, and those

things can be for sale to other companies. Those services could also be for sale to someone outside the video industry." Fross points out that the arrange-

Fross points out that the arrangement with Buena Vista, Walt Disney Home Video's distribution arm, is "not exclusive" and that Commtron would not be precluded from making similar arrangements with other home video suppliers.

"We know that there are other industries which sell off part of their services," says Fross. "We're utilizing all our facilities, whether it be warehousing, fulfillment, telemarketing, or whatever. We've got the 'brick and mortar,' the computers and all that goes with it. There's a lot one can do. It's a way of growing."

There is some speculation that the deal with Commtron may help Buena Vista add even more direct accounts than it has, because Commtron can drop-ship to accounts that may not want to buy directly otherwise.

Buena Vista maintains that it will deal directly with only a handful of retailers. Wal-Mart, Target, and Phar-Mor are reportedly among those accounts. But some observers say the company may have targeted up to 10 direct accounts by January; such retailers as Tower, Wherehouse Entertainment, Waldenbooks, Camelot, and Musicland are frequently mentioned as prospects. An executive at one major record/video combo chain confirms that he is "currently in discussions" with Buena Vista about becoming a direct account.

One studio executive says he feels the "clear essence of the move is on catalog sell-through, as the A rental distribution setup seems to be working fine. Right now, on [sell-through] catalog fill, it takes 10 days to turn *(Continued on page 89)* 

# Vid Awareness Push Gains Ground At N.Y. Meeting

#### BY PAUL VERNA

NEW YORK—A 12-member steering committee to study the feasibility of a video industry "awareness campaign" will be formed sometime this fall, according to Jack Messer, president of the Video Software Dealers Assn. and head of Cincinnati-based Gemstone Entertainment.

The decision was made at an Oct. 2 meeting in New York of representatives of all sectors of the business, according to a VSDA news release. Messer says the committee members—five suppliers, five retailers, and two distributors—will be chosen within approximately 30 days. From that point on, he says, "it will be up to them to come up with recommendations as to the best way to proceed."

So far, discussion has centered on a generic advertising campaign modeled after successful efforts by the National Dairy Board, the Beef Industry Council, and Cotton Inc., a growers' organization.

Some studio executives, however, have been skeptical about a genericad push. Furthermore, the retail and supply sides of the industry have disagreed on how to raise money for the campaign. While both camps agree that a surcharge on videotape transactions would be *(Continued on page 88)* 

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# Warner Int'l Forms Music Vid Unit Ray Still To Head Global Marketing Setup

NEW YORK—Warner Music International has formed Warner Music Vision, a division devoted to marketing its non-classical music video product outside the U.S. Warner Music

# New Vid Service Exposes Country Acts At Retail

BY EDWARD MORRIS

NASHVILLE—Working initially through the Handleman Co. and the major country record labels here, a small local firm has placed videos that promote albums into more than 1,500 Wal-Mart and 800 K mart stores. In addition, Selavision, as the project is called, has its video service in smaller retail chains such as Rose's, Hills, Woolworth, Pamida, and Biggs.

Jim Powers, Handleman's executive VP of sales, raves about the sales potential of the new service: "It has probably worked better than anything we've ever played. It's a super idea."

The videos are shown on a monitor or series of monitors in or near a store's record department on a continuous basis.

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Vision will also assist WMI's affiliate companies in acquiring and developing music video product.

Classical videos will continue to be generated by the classical division of Elektra Entertainment and to be marketed abroad through Warner Classics International, a unit of WMI. In the U.S., the group's classical product—including material from Nonesuch, Teldec, and Erato—is marketed by Elektra International Classics.

Ray Still has been appointed VP of Warner Music Vision. Still, who has an extensive marketing background, will be based in WMI's London offices and will report to Kick van Hengel, WMI's senior VP of international marketing/artist development.

Until now, pop music video titles from the U.S. Warner companies, including Elektra, Atlantic, Warner Bros., and Reprise, have been marketed internationally by WMI. But, according to van Hengel, "We didn't have the proper setup. We released a lot of product, but there was no coordinated effort."

"We formed the [video] division because we believe in the music video format, we believe in the future of laserdisk," van Hengel notes. "We think music video is a saleable format. It's another sound carrier."

Among the first releases from Warner Music Vision, which will be distributed by WMI beginning this fall, are full-length programs by Phil Collins, Madonna, Eric Clapton, Matt Bianco, Simply Red, R.E.M., John Cale/Lou Reed, and Alannah Myles.

Some WMI affiliates, including the French and German companies, are already marketing music video titles of their own. "We're hoping that, by having the proper conduit for it, we'll be able to cross-market that product in Europe," says van Hengel.

Warner Music Vision will also help the international labels in developing repertoire "where expertise is needed," in "judging the potential for particular projects," and by putting them together with production companies, van Hengel adds.

He says he hopes domestic Warner companies will release some of the international video material in the U.S. "I hope it will be attractive to an A\*Vision or Warner/Reprise Video and that we'll be developing some product that is marketable or saleable in the U.S," he says.

To date, van Hengel points out, Warner's American music video sales have grown more quickly than its international sales of that product line. The largest markets for music video outside the U.S., he says, are the U.K. and Japan.

Still's previous post was with WEA Records U.K., where he has been director of U.S. labels since 1986. Earlier, he was GM of the Parlophone and Capitol divisions of EMI Records. KEN TERRY



He's Cultured. RIAA president Jason Berman, right, presents the RIAA's cultural award to Arthur Kropp, president of People for the American Way. The 18th annual cultural award dinner was held Sept. 24 at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

# EXECUTIVE TURNTABLE

**RECORD COMPANIES.** Diarmuid Quinn is named VP of marketing for MCA Records in Los Angeles. He was director of product marketing at Epic Records.

Jeremy Hammond is named VP of marketing for Capitol Records in Los Angeles. He was VP of international artist development at the company.

Joyce Castagnola is named VP of sales for Virgin Records in Los Angeles. She was director of national sales at the label.

Kenny Ortiz is named senior director of A&R, black music, at RCA Records in New York. He was associate director of A&R, black music, at Capitol Records.



QUINN

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Joe Morrow is named senior director of urban music promotion and marketing at Elektra Entertainment in Los Angeles. He was national director of urban promotion at the company.

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HAMMOND

YOUNG

Giant Records names Bill Burks head of marketing in Los Angeles and Gary Harris East Coast director of A&R, black music, in New York. They were, respectively, VP of artist/marketing development for Capitol Records and East Coast director of marketing and promotions for Wing Records.



MORROW

LESTER

Geffen Records in Los Angeles names Kevin Reagan senior art director and Sofie Barron art production manager. They were, respectively, art director at the label and production coordinator in the art department at the label.

**PUBLISHING.** Chip Young is named professional manager for BMG Music Publishing in Nashville. He was a guitarist/producer/engineer.

**Barbara Richard Quinn** is named director of international creative affairs at Warner/Chappell Music. She was manager of international creative affairs at the company.

Tami Lester is named director of talent acquisition at Primat Music Group in Los Angeles. She was music supervisor for series, miniseries, and movies-of-the-week at Lorimar Television.

**RELATED FIELDS. Theodore E. Bean** is named executive VP/chief financial officer of LIVE Entertainment Inc. in Van Nuys, Calif. He was executive VP/chief financial officer of PACE Membership Warehouse.

Steven M. Cristol is named VP of marketing for Personics Corp. in Redwood, Calif. He was director of marketing for the company.

Eddy Trabanco is named VP of Penny Lane Studios in New York. He was senior mixer at the company.

# **3 Industry Vets Spin Out Own Indie Labels** *Impact, Zoo, Jordan Prepare For Early 1991 Debuts*

#### BY PAUL VERNA

NEW YORK—Three new record companies, all headed by industry veterans, have just unveiled a series of staff appointments, artist signings, and co-venture arrangements.

Allen Kovac's Impact Records, Lou Maglia's Zoo Entertainment, and Barrie Bergman's Jordan Entertainment all aim to launch their debut product early next year, adding extra sizzle to an already crowded field of indie newcomers led by Irving Azoff's Giant Records and Peter Paterno's Hollywood Records.

Kovac, owner of Left Bank Management, calls his new label, Impact Records, "a co-venture deal with MCA in America and EMI International." Without revealing the specifics of the arrangements with those two companies, Kovac says, "We're all partners and we're all contributors."

He reports the following staff appointments at Impact: Jeff Sidney, a former GM at Polydor, is named president. John Hey, formerly VP at EMI and VP of AOR at MCA, is the label's new VP of AOR promotion. Frenchie Gauthier, former VP of marketing at EMI, will hold the same post at Impact.

Randy Nicholas is leaving the VP of A&R job at Left Bank for the same post at Impact, and Steve Barry has been named director of A&R for the label. Mark Sullivan, Impact's VP/director of finance, formerly held similar posts at Universal Pictures and PolyGram. Key posts that remain unfilled, according to Kovac, are senior VP of promotion and VP of promotion.

While Kovac declines to name specific acts on the roster, he notes that several artists have already recorded product for Impact, and that at least six signings will be announced in the coming weeks.

The objective of the Los Angelesbased label, says Kovac, is to break new artists. He cites his experience marketing and promoting such acts as Ratt, Vixen, Richard Marx, L.A. Guns, Poco, Alias, and Thomas Dolby, indicating that "those are acts that we've taken from zero to some kind of quantity that makes record companies happy." He adds, "As opposed to making records as managers, we're going to make records as a record company."

However, Kovac says he will continue to operate the management company. As he puts it, "I will work (Continued on page 89)

# **Obscenity Rap Spurs VSDA 'Watchdog' Group In Calif.**

This story was prepared by Earl Paige in Los Angeles and Bill Holland in Washington, D.C.

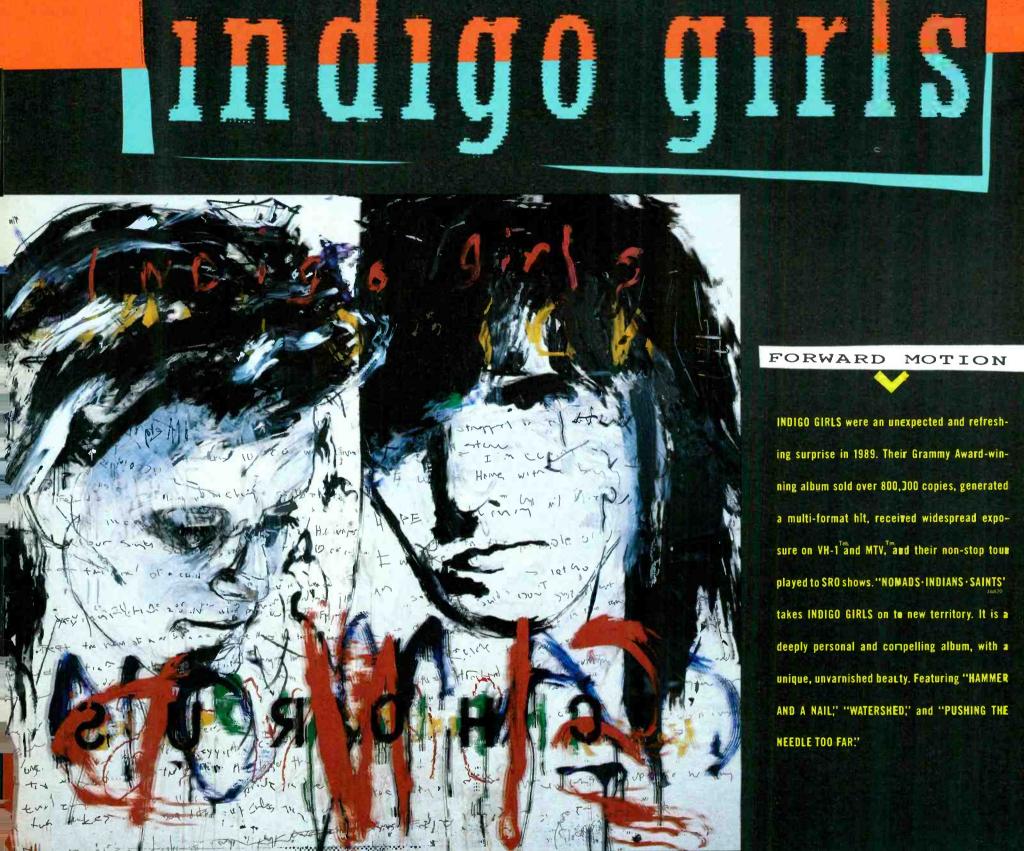
LOS ANGELES—The six Video Software Dealers Assn. chapters in California are forming a coalition to maintain a "watchdog" effort on judicial and legislative issues. Of particular concern to the VSDA groups is the obscenity controversy: In the past six months, law enforcement officials have raided at least 30 Southern California adult video manufacturers and distributors.

"The coalition will be broadly focused and concerned with judicial and legislative issues—a lot of them obscenity issues that will eventually hit here in California," says Barry Weiser, secretary of the Sacramento chapter of VSDA, the group spearheading the effort.

The presidents of the state's six VSDA chapters are set to meet Monday (8) here to plan the coalition.

Weiser, who heads a services firm called Cinemedia, says the formation of the coalition was spurred by the obscenity actions just coming to wider notice in California. "Our chapter and representatives

"Our chapter and representatives from the other five met with the Adult Video Assn. during the national VSDA convention in Las Vegas in August," says Weiser. "We (Continued on page 89)



#### FORWARD MOTION

INDIGO GIRLS were an unexpected and refreshing surprise in 1989. Their Grammy Award-winning album sold over 800,300 copies, generated a multi-format hit, received widespread exposure on VH-1 and MTV, and their non-stop tour played to SRO shows. "NONADS-INDIANS-SAINTS" takes INDIGO GIRLS on to new territory. It is a deeply personal and compelling album, with a unique, unvarnished beauty. Featuring "HAMMER AND A NAIL," "WATERSHED," and "PUSHING THE NEEDLE TOO FAR!"

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# **PETA: Elektra Blocks Benefit Songs** Did Label Say No To 10,000 Maniacs?

#### BY PHYLLIS STARK

NEW YORK-The group 10,000 Maniacs will not be performing on an album to benefit People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, reportedly because of a new Elektra Records policy barring the label's artists from using their recordings for benefit albums. Although Elektra rep-

resentatives and 10,000 Maniacs manager Peter Leak were unavailable for comment at press time, Dan Mathews, director of special projects for PETA, confirms that 10,000 Maniacs' Natalie Merchant had written a song for the album, but later discovered that "Elektra has a policy of not allowing their artists to perform on charity projects."

"It's unfortunate," Mathews says, 'because [Elektra] has a lot of artists that are committed to these issues.' Merchant and band mate Robert Buck performed at an animal rights music festival two years ago, and since that time, Merchant has spoken on behalf of PETA at such events as the March 24 Rock Against Fur concert in New York (Billboard, March 31). Other Elektra acts, including the Sugarcubes, Sara Hickman, and Guadalcanal Diary, have appeared at various PETA events.

Managers for two benefit-minded Elektra artists, Tracy Chapman and Jackson Browne, were unaware of any label policy on benefit albums. Lookout Management's Elliot Roberts, who manages Chapman, said he doubted that such a policy would have an impact on Chapman's benefit work. "I can't believe that if Tracy would want to do something, that (Continued on page 88)



Black Dot Marks The Spot. Executives from Atlantic Records and Black Dot Records, a Los Angeles-based production company, announce their new worldwide, multi-act deal. The first project under the agreement is an album by recording group University, which comprises four members of the band on Janet Jackson's "Rhythm Nation" tour. Two of Black Dot Management's acts, Chuckii Booker and Gerald Albright, are current Atlantic artists. Shown in Atlantic's Los Angeles office, from left, are Sylvia Rhone, senior VP, Atlantic: Ray Shields. president, Black Dot Records; and Doug Morris, president/chief operating officer, Atlantic

# **Disney Soundtracks Lead To Multiplatinum Prize In Sept.**

#### BY PAUL GREIN

LOS ANGELES-Soundtrack albums to two recent Walt Disney Co. films topped the 2 million mark in U.S. sales last month. "The Little Mermaid" soundtrack, released on Disney's own record label, hit the 2 million mark Sept. 19; "Pretty Woman," released on EMI, rang the bell one week later.

The sales achievement of "The Little Mermaid" is especially noteworthy because the album received little airplay. Two of the songs, however, were nominated for an Academy Award, with "Under The Sea" winning the prize. The film's score also won an Oscar. And a kiddie disk, "The Little Mermaid Read-A-Long," was certified as a gold

followed a more conventional route to multiplatinum sales. Though the album's first single, Natalie Cole's "Wild Women Do," was only a modest hit, the album went on to yield two top 10 singles, Roxette's "It Must Have Been Love" and Go West's "King Of Wishful Think-

"Pretty Woman," the year's topgrossing film with receipts of more than \$172 million, was released on Disney's Touchstone imprint. The same is true of two other recent (Continued on page 81)

# **CBS Aims For Record Year** Its Sept. Is All-Time High Month

#### BY IRV LICHTMAN

NEW YORK-With anticipation that it is heading for its top sales and profit year ever in the U.S., CBS Records registered its strongest sales month in history in September, according to company officials

The label says that the previous record month of combined sales was November 1986, when the company marketed the Bruce Springsteen boxed set. The label did not make specific references to either revenues or profits for the month.

The September sales pace, reports CBS Records' president Tommy Mottola, reflected strong activity from CBS' key label setups on a wide

range of acts-including new, recently established, and superstar acts. In addition, contributions flowed from longform videos sold through CMV (CBS Music Video Enterprises).

Columbia's George Michael set the pace for September with his platinum-selling album, "Listen Without Prejudice," and its hot single, "Praying For Time." In addition, the debut effort by Mariah Carey has been certified platinum.

While its market penetration falls far short of mainstream pop sales, the jazz field reflects the hot streak at CBS in a notable manner. The top five albums of the current Top Jazz Albums chart are an all-Columbia af-(Continued on page 86)

# 'Black Cat' Lucky As 'Rhythm' Sets Record; Vaughan Bros.' 'Family' Gathers At No. 36

JANET JACKSON's "Rhythm Nation 1814" this week becomes the first album in pop history to generate six top-five singles on the Hot 100. The album achieves the feat as "Black Cat" vaults from No. 13 to No. 5, follow-ing on the heels of "Miss You Much," "Rhythm Nation," "Escapade," "Alright," and "Come Back To Me." One other album—George Michael's "Faith"—in-

cluded six top-five hits, but the first, "I Want Your Sex," had already dropped off the chart by the time the album was released. Jackson's leadoff single, "Miss You Much," hit No. 1 the week

her album debuted. "Rhythm Nation" logged 53 weeks in the top 30 on the Top Pop Albums chart. The streak ends this week as the album dips to No. 34.

Michael, meanwhile, is busy setting new records. The British singer lands his ninth No. 1 hit on the

Hot 100 with "Praying by Pa. For Time." That's the most No. 1 hits any artist has amassed in the past 10 years. Michael Jackson, Madonna, and Phil Collins are second with eight top-charted hits in this period; Whitney Houston is third with seven.

But Michael's new album, "Listen Without Prejudice, Vol. 1," is not the automatic No. 1 that everyone expected. It edges up to No. 4 in its third week on the pop albums chart-not bad, certainly, but slow by megastar standards.

The top three albums-by M.C. Hammer, Wilson Phillips, and Mariah Carey-all hold their positions for the third straight week. Hammer's "Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em" is No. 1 for the 18th week, which puts it in a tie with the "Dirty Dancing" soundtrack as the longest-running No. 1 album since Prince & the Revolution's "Purple Rain" topped the chart for 24 weeks in 1984-85. "Please Hammer" has been No. 1 longer than has been No. 1 longer than any other nonsoundtrack album since Michael Jackson's "Thriller" ruled the roost for 37 weeks in 1983-84.

HE VAUGHAN BROTHERS' "Family Style" is the top new entry on the pop albums chart at No. 36. The collaboration by the late Stevie Ray Vaughan and his older brother, Jimmie, arrives five weeks after Stevie

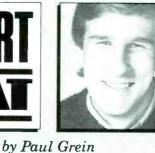
Ray's death in a Wisconsin helicopter crash. "Family Style" is Stevie Ray's fifth album to reach the top 40. And it's certain to become his highest-chart-ing album, surpassing "Couldn't Stand The Weather," which peaked at No. 31 in 1984.

As a member of the Fabulous Thunderbirds, Jimmie Vaughan reached No. 13 on the pop albums chart in 1986 with "Tuff Enuff."

AST FACTS: Warrant's "Cherry Pie" jumps from No. 14 to No. 7 in its third week on the pop albums chart, becoming the band's highest-charting album to date.

INXS' "X" jumps from No. 46 to No. 13 in its second week. The band's previous album, "Kick," took nine weeks to reach this point.

AC/DC's "The Razors Edge" shoots from No. 55 to No. 19 in its second week. It has a good chance of becom-ing the band's first top 10 album since "For Those About To Rock We Salute You" topped the chart in January 1982.



Judas Priest's "Painkiller" jumps from No. 47 to No. 29 in its second week, already topping the No. 31 peak of the band's previ-ous album, "Ram It Down.'

Bette Midler's "Some People's Lives" enters the chart at No. 70. It's Midler's first release since the "Beaches" soundtrack

climbed to No. 2 last year and yielded the chart-topping single "Wind Beneath My Wings." The leadoff single from the new album, "From A Distance," leaps from No. 75 to No. 53 in its second week on the Hot 100. The Indigo Girls' "Nomads Indians Saints" bows at

No. 84. The duo's eponymous breakthrough album reached No. 22 last year.

The Verve release of the Righteous Brothers' "Unchained Melody" jumps to No. 1 on the Hot Adult Contemporary chart. And it's about time. When first released in 1965, the record didn't even make the easy listening chart.

WE GET LETTERS: William Simpson of Los Angeles notes, with sadness, that the "Ghost" soundtrack is the first top 10 album unavailable on vinyl.

Don Jordan of Westland, Mich., notes that Prince last week became the first artist to have a hit in the top 40 at the same time that one of his prior hits was being sam-pled in another top 40 hit. "Thieves In The Temple" ap-peared alongside **M.C. Hammer's** "Pray," which sam-ples **Prince's 1984** smash, "When Doves Cry."

Nick Talevski of Akron, Ohio, wrote in to correct an earlier submission about "Georgia On My Mind" (written in 1930) being the oldest song to appear on the chart since "Puttin' On The Ritz" (a 1929 copyright) in 1983. Talevski says we're off by about 250 years. He cites "La Bamba," the traditional Mexican folk song that can be traced back to the late 1600s. That was just before we started writing this column.

# **O'Connor, Slaughter Boost Chrysalis' Worldwide Gross**

#### BY HUGH FIELDER

LONDON-Chrysalis Records predicts it will nearly double its worldwide gross to nearly \$200 million for the 1989-90 fiscal year. Chairman Chris Wright told the company's annual conference here that sales of 6.5 million units for Sinead O'Connor's runnon units for smead O connors current album, "I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got," and 2 million for Slaughter's debut, "Stick It To Ya," have helped boost Chrysalis to a level it did not expect to reach for another vear.

Chrysalis' U.S. company, beset by management changes, a distribution switch, and heavy returns last year, has increased its gross by 100%. And

in Europe, the increases are even more spectacular, with German sales up 300% and Swedish and Dutch increases both over 200%, said Wright. U.K. figures are also up some 50%.

But with the U.K. and U.S. now "quite definitely" in the throes of a recession, Wright warned that "however many hits we have next year, I'm sure that the resultant sales will be significantly lower.

However, he assured representatives who had flown in from all of Chrysalis' major divisions around the world that the company is "perfectly well equipped to weather anything this current storm can throw at us. He said, "I shudder to think what

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# and platinum single last month. The "Pretty Woman" soundtrack

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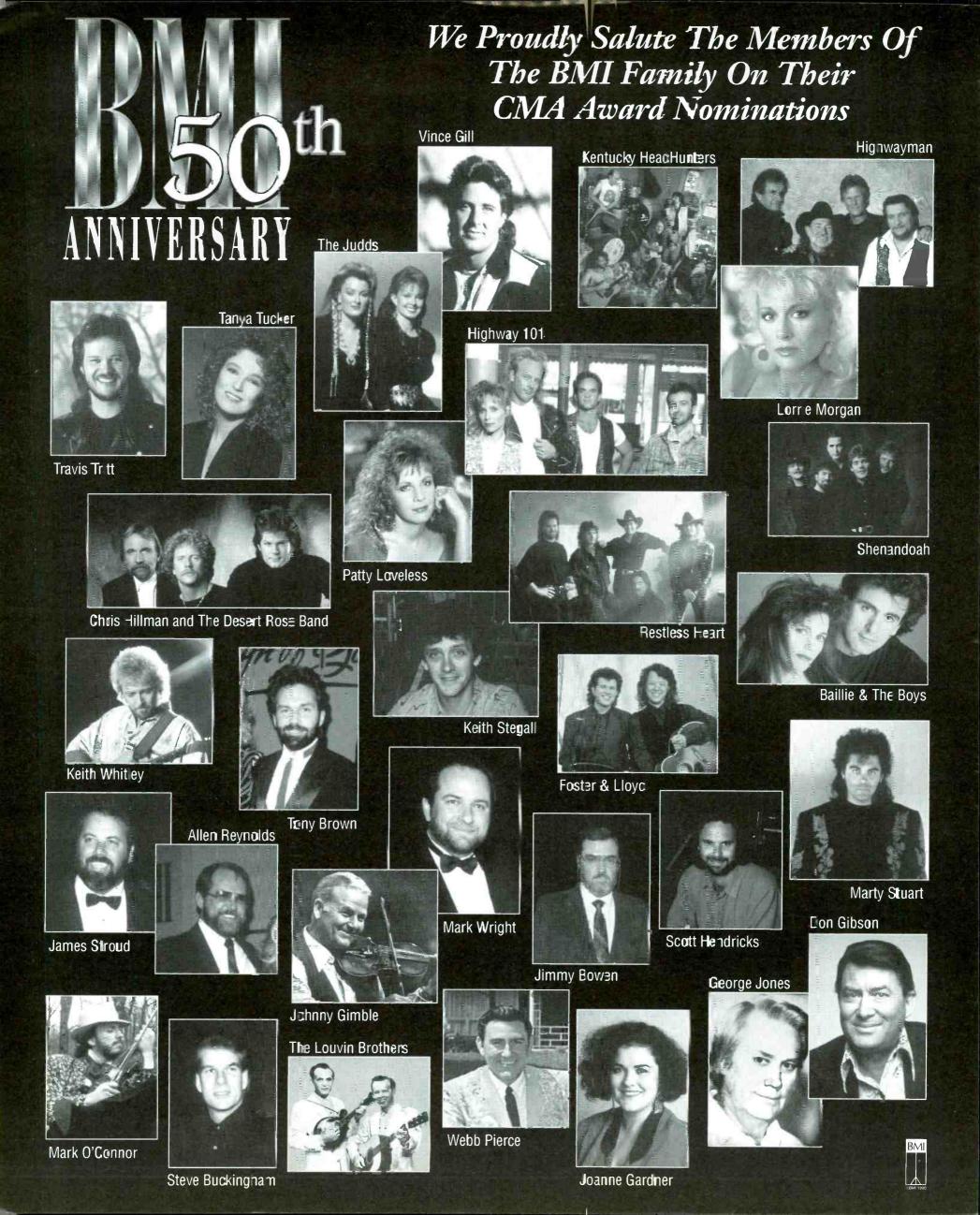


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# Alternative Is Continued Income Erosion **ABOLISH RIGHTS GROUPS' CONSENT DECREES**

#### BY HAROLD ORENSTEIN

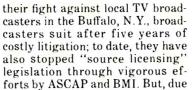
Are music publishers and songwriters asleep while their income is being whittled away? Can anyone explain why ASCAP and BMI, in this political era of deregulation, are still operating under consent decrees?

ASCAP's consent decree, first entered into as a result of a U.S. government action, provides for rate-fixing procedures when a licensee wishes to challenge ASCAP's request for specific fees. BMI's consent decree was entered into voluntarily but with no compulsory rate-fixing procedures. Both decrees are outdated and unnecessarily frustrating in this day and age.

The consent decrees that once governed the motion-picture industry and the concert management business were established just after World War II, at about the same time as the rights societies decrees were adopted. Both have been withdrawn, and the ASCAP and BMI decrees should be abolished, too.

Songwriters and publishers won

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vinced more than 300 independently owned television stations to take per-program licenses (allowed under the consent decree) instead of the blanket licenses formerly extended to them. What is more, Home Box Office and pay-

#### 'The conditions that gave rise to the decrees are no longer applicable'

Harold Orenstein, a veteran industry attorney, is a partner in the New York law firm Orenstein and O'Donnell.

to other developments, rights holders must now look forward to dramatically reduced revenues for public performance of their musical compositions.

The broadcasters' coalition that lost the Buffalo case has conper-view services argue that they are very much akin to motion-picture theaters, the only difference being that their customers pay to view films at home rather than in theaters. This argument, if it prevails, could lead to reduced publicperformance income unless the music industry rises to the challenge and persuades the government that the conditions that gave rise to the consent decrees four decades ago are no longer applicable and that performance-rights bargaining must return to a free market.

COMMENTARY

Only in the U.S. is there more than one performing rights society, and the competition between ASCAP and BMI has been trumpeted now for 50 years. So let us see whether it works by getting the societies deregulated.

If the consent decrees are not repealed, the two societies had better merge and save approximately \$30 million per year in administrative costs alone. The protectors of rights holders could use the money to mount a proper challenge to those licensees who stubbornly refuse to recognize the value of the very creative works that make their stations worth what they are.

(Editor's note: Both ASCAP and BMI were asked to reply to the above Commentary, and both declined.)

#### Letters tothe Editor

#### TWO BIGHTS ONE CHOICE

After reading Rick Rubin's comments on the upcoming Geto Boys record (Billboard, Sept. 22), I was torn between two emotions. I sympathize with Rubin's dismay at Geffen's and DADC's refusal to distribute the record. Yet I can't feel sympathetic for Rubin when he bandies claims that people don't understand this genre of rap, and that records don't have power over children.

I am a strong advocate of freedom of expression and believe that right-wingers like Tipper Gore and Jesse Helms pose a serious threat to the rights Americans have and expect. Yet, as much as individuals have the right not to listen to or purchase the records they deem offensive, record companies have the same right to refuse to distribute them. Whether or not that decision stems from coercion by right-wing groups is a different issue of greater importance.

But the fact remains that groups like the Geto Boys and 2 Live Crew don't have much to say in their songs, and they must agree that their explicit nature is bound to offend some people. Perhaps, if these artists were more literate in their ability to defend their work (without simply hiding behind the First Amendment), the general public could better interpret the value of this form of art. I am not denving the First Amendment as a valid justification: but it's just not enough to win the support and respect needed

to combat censorship. Addressing Rubin's claims that records do not have the "power" to make kids "do" certain things, I agree. But I would hope that Rubin agrees that records (and TV, movies, books, magazines, etc.) have the "power" to influence children. Recognizing that records and TV are the most prominent media in a child's life places a greater emphasis on the point.

There is no immediate answer to this problem. There will always be people who don't like what someone else has to say and will try to stop them from saying it. But there will also be those who support the groups and labels. Only if and when the artists can defend themselves with more than just the Constitution will the latter group grow.

Rob DiStefano New York

#### **IDEALISM IN RADIO**

As a former jock of Canada's foremost alternative station, CFNY-FM Toronto, in the '70s, I read with interest and nostalgia Jeff Whittington's piece on free-form radio (Billboard, Sept. 1).

I was an idealist in those days!

I believed in new music and still do CENY was one of the first stations in Toronto to play imports of Simple Minds, the Pretenders, and U2, back when no one had heard of them. All three groups have since become part of the mainstream.

Back then, I could go from blues to jazz to the Sex Pistols in a onequarter hour. Having worked at that kind of station, I consider myself to have an excellent knowledge of all styles of music Jeff. I really know what you're talking about when you mention good segues!

We had some of the most creative jocks in the country working there. We really broke a lot of ground.

I was one of the first people to do all kinds of crazy stuff: subliminal stuff, a live-to-air from my bathtub

I even did a show with Robert Fripp on mobile units!

I think that alternative radio does have a place, as long as it's not selfindulgent. It needs some discipline.

CFNY in the late '70s catered to a very small, loyal audience. At times, it was self-indulgent, but, yes, we did produce some gems on the air. We did spark people's imagination and introduced them to lots of great music.

The big problem was the station didn't rate-and, at the end of the day, that's what radio is all about. It's about reaching the greatest number of people, not about being on the leading edge of music. (That's what record companies and import stores do.) It's about finding out what listeners want and giving it to them.

Whittington says current radio is like succotash! I say there are great stations and talent everywhere. But in the '90s, it's more of a science than it is an art.

Brad McNally Program Director 1080 AM ("The Eagle") Perth, Australia

#### **DEJA VU STRIKES**

There was a sickening sense of déjà vu when I read the article on MTV scooping radio with the new Living Colour single "Type" (Billboard, Sept. 1).

It was nearly seven years ago when MTV played Duran Duran's "Union Of The Snake" a week before radio (Billboard, Dec. 3, 1983). It seems that the overall feeling of one-upmanship has not changed.

Radio made good on its threats to almost ruin Duran's career at the expense of listeners. And, with many near misses on hits and negative reactions from the media (MTV included). Duran was destined to be

come the scapegoat of the '80s. I only hope that Living Colour can ride out this storm unscathed. Catherine Sizemore

Hamilton, Ohio

#### **GAY-BASHING IS SHAMEFUL**

I am not associated at all with the music industry, except that I purchase about 50-60 cassettes, albums, or CDs per year. But I felt compelled to respond to Jim Fouratt's article on homosexuals getting a bad rap from some artists (Billboard, Aug. 25). Fouratt's article was well-written, but I must add something.

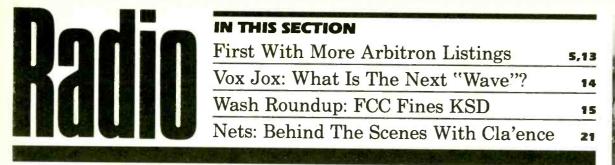
Not knowing that they were gaybashers, I went out and purchased 2 Live Crew's cassette single "Me So Horny" because I enjoy(ed) the song. I feel ashamed because, though a homosexual, I actually supported their bigotry. Not only is it hard for me to pick a decent, clean-mouthed, unprejudiced group to listen to, but I also have to hope and pray that one of the artists whose albums I own doesn't pop up with "faggot" or "queer" in their lyrics on the next album.

I hate to see the day come, but I wouldn't be surprised if stores eventually have to make separate sections "groups that offend" and for 'groups that don't."

Bigotry in any way, shape, or form makes me ashamed to be human, to put it bluntly. What next? Violence against the elderly?

Jameson St. Lord New Milford, Pa.

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# **'No Rap' Slogan Rings Loud & Clear** Stations Touting Adult-Focused Playlists

#### BY SEAN ROSS

NEW YORK—While the use of the term "no rap" as a positioning statement goes back at least to the rise of black AC two years ago, on-air rap bashing (and, to a lesser extent, hardrock bashing) seems to have exploded in recent months.

In Baltimore, top 40 WBSB (B104) started using "no rap and no hard rock" around Labor Day in an effort to reimage itself as more adult. But U.S. Radio's crosstown black AC WWIN has been "no rap" since April '89. So are Ragan Henry's other black ACs, WDIA Memphis; WBSK Norfolk, Va.; KDIA San Francisco; and KIDZ Kansas City, Mo.

KHMX Houston, which used the slogan "No [New] Kids, no rap, no crap" during its short-lived modern rock period, is now on TV with spots promising a better mix "with no rap and no heavy metal." While such "Adult top 40" stations seeking to separate themselves from their mainstream competitors have been among the chief users of that positioner, they aren't the only ones. Consultant Mike McVay's soft ACs WYLT Raleigh, N.C., and WWLI Providence, R.I., use it also.

Variations on the slogan are starting to develop. WVKS Toledo, Ohio, uses "no hard rock, no hard rap." WMXN Norfolk, Va., uses the same slogan with "no *heavy* rap."

And in the most curious use of the slogan to date, top 40 KRXY (Y108) Denver—a station whose largely rhythmic playlist includes some mainstream records—introduces them with "here's another song you won't hear on All Rap 104," a shot at competitor KQKS (KS104), which plays fewer pop titles.

#### THE POLAR EXPEDITION

With rap and hard rock being two of the genres on which teens and adults are most often polarized (Billboard, Feb. 3), it was perhaps inevitable that the "no rap" and "no hard rock" sell would emerge. "In general terms, the adult black listener is going to be less inclined to like rap than the youth-oriented black listener," says U.S. Radio president/chief operating officer Bob Hughes.

"The feedback has been absolutely incredible in places like Memphis. I've been on the street there and people who don't know I'm connected to WDIA will identify the station they listen to as 'The Best Songs and No Rap'," he says. "We were just looking for the most

We were just looking for the most descriptive terms that touch on what the adult hates to hear," says McVay. "Adults hate heavy metal. They hate rap music. We're just looking at the extremes. On a regular AC, we might say 'no hard rock, no wimpy elevator music."

"The slogan is a very clear definition of what these stations are doing," says B104 PD Steve Perun. "The purpose of having such a hard slogan, even though it's going to turn the 12-24s off, is sending a message to 25-34s that the station is now for them."

And Perun admits the slogan has told 12-24s "that this is not your station. When you start using a slogan like that, a lot of your core will leave and people aren't going to come in to replace them as quickly. We've gotten a lot of negatives from the younger audience."

B104 hasn't done any perceptual research since its new positioning (Continued on page 15)

# Album Outlets Aim To Score With Football

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Several Shades Of Scarlett. Top 40 WAPW (Power 99) Atlanta staffers

at the International Olympic Committee press conference in a horse-drawn

buggy carrying an Olympic torch. Pictured with Tom, from left, are Power 99

reporter Dawn Harris, morning man Rick Stacy, and news director Robert

celebrate after the announcement that the 1996 Olympics would be held in their

city. Morning partner Major Tom, center, dressed as Scarlett O'Hara and arrived

#### BY CRAIG ROSEN

LOS ANGELES—Several album rock outlets are gambling big on sports programming, and three are going as far as dropping music on Sundays for NFL football. While some PDs are already singing the praises of the sports/album rock marriage, others maintain it is too early to call the move a good bet.

Classic rock KCFX Kansas City, Mo., which broadcasts Chiefs football, is one of three rockers experiencing their first season broadcasting NFL football. PD Doug Gondek says football makes sense because his audience is "60%-75% male" and "most are sports fans."

This season WGR-FM (97 Rock) Buffalo, N.Y., began simulcasting its AM sister station's Bills football broadcasts. PD John Hager says, "On Sunday afternoons, most men 18-49 are watching or listening to football. We didn't think giving up a couple of hours would hurt. It's just the opposite. It's a great programming tool for the demographic we go after."

Not every album rock station broadcasting NFL football has been completely happy with the results. KLOL Houston simulcasts its sister station KTRH's Oilers games, except when the AM had a conflict with Astros baseball. When that happened, KLOL becomes the only station in town with the Oilers.

KLOL PD Ken Anthony says he was not overwhelmed by the first two preseason games. For a Thursday night game, KLOL had to preempt its popular Outlaw Radio programming. "We got blown out by the Lions and I wasn't too thrilled." And another preseason game that fell on a Saturday night also "bothered" Anthony.

The situation got better, though, once the regular season got under way and the games moved to Sundays. "Our lowest time-spent-listening is on Sundays and football can really bolster that," he says. A recent home game did not sell out and the Astros were broadcast on the AM, so KLOL was the sole outlet for the game. "I know, based on Monday's feedback, a ton of people were listening," he says.

Anthony says broadcasting football is not really a break in format for KLOL. "If we were a station that played 12 in a row it would really make me cringe, but in our situation, we are personality oriented, and entertainment oriented, so it is consistent with what we are doing."

While football seems to be a success, KCFX's Gondek says not all sports will work on rock radio. "The only sport that wouldn't compromise the format is football," he says. With baseball and basketball, he notes, there are far too many games in a season, including weeknight games. Gondek says the Chiefs wanted to lure the 25-44-year-olds back to foot-

ball. "The problem was that they

#### 'We feel the gains far outweigh the losses'

were not hip anymore. They had to market themselves as a hipper franchise," he says.

So far, the experiment has paid off, he says. "We couldn't buy TV spots that would bring in that type of cume on Sundays." According to Gondek, the station pulled the highest cume in its history during two preseason games in August.

KCFX uses the Chiefs for several promotional tie-ins. It broadcasts a three-hour pregame show featuring air personalities live from tailgate parties in the Arrowhead Stadium parking lot. It also has a personality at a local restaurant interviewing fans and provides traffic reports.

WGR has a more music-intensive pregame show. "We put on a lot of features that highlight the players as personalities," says Hager. "They talk about what kinds of bands they like, and their favorite memories from high school and college." WGR uses those comments to segue back to music. "It's not as music-intensive as our regular format, but we still manage to get in eight to 10 songs an hour," he says.

Football programming does not end on Sunday. On Monday nights, KCFX runs a live call-in show with Chiefs GM Carl Peterson. Chiefs head coach Marty Schottenheimer hosts a segment on the Friday-morning show, which originates from Arrowhead.

WGR and KLOL also have added more sports programming to complement their football. Oilers coach Jack Pardee hosts a Monday and Friday call-in show on KLOL. On WGR, Bills quarterback Jim Kelly previews and recaps the week's game on Friday and Monday mornings.

At all three stations, the regular morning show has also taken on more of a sports lean. For example, former Kansas City Star sportswriter Bob Gretz is part of the KCFX morning team.

While all three PDs admit that the sports programming might at least temporarily drive some listeners away, it is also likely to lure some football fans to the station on a regular basis. By shifting the playlist in a more mass-appeal direction after the postgame show, KCFX's Gondek is optimistic that some of the fans that tune in for football might stay with him.

"We play nothing but the hits before and after the game," he says. "We wouldn't follow that game with a Led Zeppelin number." Instead, Gondek sticks with the likes of the Beatles, Creedence Clearwater Revival, and Crosby, Stills & Nash.

"There are obviously listeners that are not sports fans, so there has been some negative reaction," he says. "There are seven or eight hours when we don't play music."

The sports emphasis in mornings is also a double-edged sword. "There is going to be some loss, but we feel the gains far outweigh the losses. We still play music and still have entertainment, and the rest of the day we are a classic rock radio station," Gondek says.

KCFX has a two-year contract with the Chiefs, and an option on a third year. "At this point I can't imagine that when the fall book comes out in January we will be doing anything but celebrating," Gondek says.

Aside from longer music sweeps and positioning statements that indirectly refer to KCFX—"The only station sacred enough to bring you rock'n'roll on the sabbath"—KYYS (KY102) Kansas City PD Larry Moffitt says he has not adjusted his programming to fight KCFX's football broadcasts.

"We're in the 26th largest market in the U.S., but we are the only station in town playing rock'n'roll on a Sunday," Moffitt says. "It's a crime, but we love it."

Classic rock WUFX (The Fox) Buffalo is in the position of defending (Continued on page 19)



WASHINGTON—Although the controversial spectrum fee is now out of the administration's budget package, it could still be revived by lawmakers eager to patch togeth-



er a compromise budget bill, according to broadcast lobbyists.

"It's out of the package but we're still not out of the woods yet," says the National Assn. of Broadcasters' Doug Wills. "There's still a section that would bring in \$3 billion that has not yet been defined [as from whom the money will come] plus there are 17 other interests [in the user fee section] and if any of them are able to talk their way out, we could still be in trouble.

"There's just no telling what's going to be drafted at this point. We just have to continue our grass-roots pressure."

#### LAST HOUR POLITICAL AD ACTION

Key legislators in the House want to make sure candidates get the lowest possible ad rates from broadcasters and are seeking to codify recent FCC rules to make sure it happens. Last month, the FCC, after a random audit, came out with tightened rules requiring broadcasters to offer the same rates they give favorite sponsors.

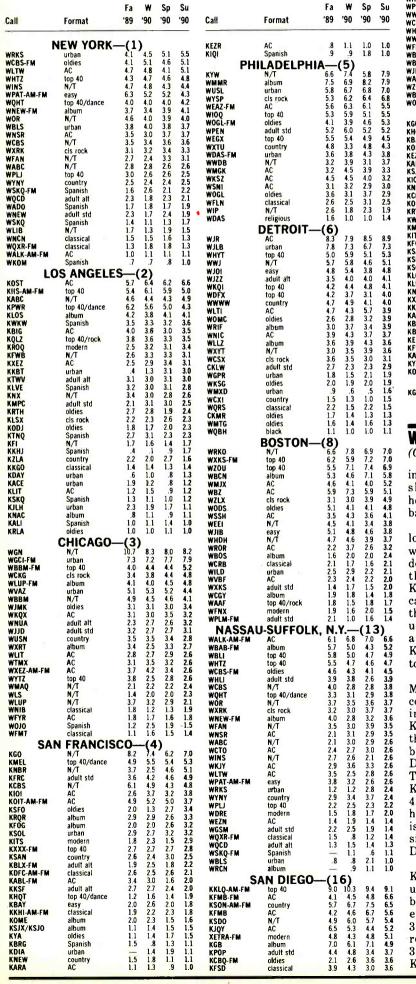
Suddenly, in steamroller action, Rep. John Dingell, chairman of the Commerce Committee, introduced a codifying bill on Sunday, Sept. 30, and the next day, both the communications subcommittee and the full Commerce Committee ap-*(Continued on page 15)* 

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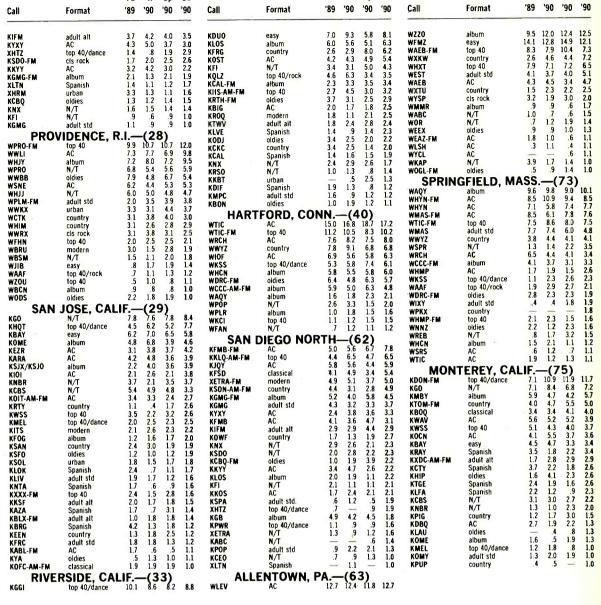
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# **SUMMER '90 ARBITRONS**

Following are 12-plus average quarter-hour shares, metro survey area, Monday-Sunday, 6 a.m.-midnight. (#) indicates Arbitron market rank. These symbols are used: AC=adult contemporary, adult alt=adult alternative, adult std=adult standards/big band, album=album rock, cls rock=classic rock, easy=easy listening, modern-=modern rock, N/T=news/talk. Copyright 1990, Arbitron Ratings Co. May not be quoted or reproduced without the prior written permission of Arbitron.



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#### WRKS BACK ON TOP IN SUMMER ARBS (Continued from page 5)

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ings, in which urban KKBT was up sharply and on both stations' heels. But here, KKBT, hurt by a bad July, was off 3.1-3.0.

KPWR PD Jeff Wyatt says that lower-demo time spent listening was down this book while upperdemo TSL was up. He attributes that to the fact that KIIS and KPWR were relatively close musically, but it should also be noted that KPWR's music became more urban this summer, thus giving anybody who listened to KIIS, KPWR, and KKBT very little need to wait to hear their favorite song.

Album KLOS morning team Mark Thompson & Brian Phelps continued to dominate L.A. mornings (7.2-7.3), while on sister KABC, Ken Minyard & Bob Arthur were up 5.1-5.5 in their final book together. Both KIIS' Rick Dees (6.1-5.3) and KPWR's Jay Thomas (4.3-3.9) were down. KABC was up to third place (4.3-4.9) with, one might assume, some help from Dodgers baseball. Spanish KWKW (3.2-3.6), which was sixth in the market overall, had the Dodgers too.

Also worth noting in L.A., KBIG, which seemed to have been usurped as the second AC button by high-spending KXEZ, rebounded 3.0-3.5 this time. KXEZ went 3.4-3.1. "Pirate Radio" KQLZ's rock 40 format was up slightly 3.3-3.5, right ahead of modern rock KROQ (3.1-3.4). In Chicago, urban WGCI-FM had held the market lead in the second month, so it was a little surprising when N/T WGN came back in the final month to lead WGCI 8.2 to 7.9. (It might be less surprising when you consider that WGCI was without a PD throughout the summer.) Dance-leaning top 40 WBBM-FM, meanwhile, had its best book since its Hot Hits heyday, up 4.4-4.8.

Classic rock WCKG (4.4-4.8) and album rival WLUP-FM (4.5-4.8) fought to a tie. On the AM side, new hot talk outlet WLS (2.0-2.3) squeaked by WLUP, one of the hot talk format's originators, which was down 2.9-2.1.

Adult alternative WNUA, the subject of constant format-change rumors in 1989, was up 2.6-3.2, putting it in the top 10 and ahead of three of the market's four mainstream ACs. Its rise almost equals the decline at black/AC WVAZ (V103), which has usually been in the top three or four since its debut two years ago. This time it was off 5.2-4.4.

Other summer results worth noting:

•San Francisco: Adult standards KFRC's growth continued (4.6-4.9). Hot AC KIOI rebounded 3.2-3.8, giving it a format lead over KOIT (5.0-3.7). Album KFOG's move to a more '80s-based approach was good for both that station (2.6-3.2) and format rival KRQR (2.6-3.3). And with morning man Alex Bennett back, modern rock KITS rebounded sharply 1.5-2.9.

• Philadelphia: Top 40 WIOQ (Q102) had incurred the wrath of both Arbitron and Birch with a recent on-air diary announcement. Q102 (5.1-5.5) was below the line but ahead of format rival WEGX (5.1-4.5). N/T KYW (5.8-7.9) and WWDB (3.1-3.7) may both have gotten some help from WCAU's switch to oldies WOGL-AM. While WOGL-FM (4.6-5.3) had its best book in recent memory, the AM was down 3.7-2.9.

•Boston: Besides WRKO and WXKS-FM, there was also good news for AC WMJX (4.0-5.2), classic rock WZLX (3.9-4.9), and oldies WODS (4.1-4.8). WZLX's rise under new PD John Shomby put it back within grabbing distance of album rival WBCN (7.1-5.8). Also up were ACS WSSH (3.6-4.1) and WROR (2.6-3.2).

•San Diego: KKLQ (9.4-9.1) was stable in the top slot, but the news here was the return of hot AC KFMB-FM (B100) to second (4.8-6.6). B100 had some help from morning team Jim & Jer, who were No. 1 overall. KJQY (4.4-5.2) took the format lead from incumbent KYXY (3.7-3.0) in its first soft AC book.

For more on WRKS, see PD of the Week, page 22.

### RADIO

# SMN/Group W: Say Hello, Wave Goodbye; Echoes Of '80: S.F., Albany, Topeka, Etc.

OR THE PAST six months, Lee Abrams' more classic rock-based version of Satellite Music Network's the Wave format has borne little resemblance to the adult alternative approach at format pioneer KTWV Los Angeles. Soon there will be none. SMN has announced that its agreement with KTWV owner Group W to use the Wave name will not be renewed. As such, SMN will phase out that format and, soon thereafter, launch a new one targeting the same demo, also spearheaded by Abrams. Group W, meanwhile, is "looking at a couple of options," including the possibility of syndicating the Wave itself.

#### NAME GAME II: KHF-I-SPY

Last month's convoluted Austin, Texas, station swap may be over for now, at least as far as stations changing format, but there's still a dispute between Joyner Communications— KQFX's new owners—and Genesis Broadcasting over the KHFI calls.

Joyner's new property, KQFX, picked up the former KHFI (K98) staff and top 40 format and is now calling itself K96.7. But it hasn't been able to secure the KHFI calls because Genesis, owner of rival top 40 KBTS (B93), applied on the same day to put them on AM oldies outlet KSMJ Sacramento, Calif.

If Genesis can keep the KHFI calls out of Austin, it means that its rival-which already has some frequency-swap confusion to deal with-also won't have the benefit of its handle for the last several decades. Genesis president Marty Greenberg says that because his company has owned KSMJ longer than Jovner has owned KQFX, the FCC should give him preference for the KHFI calls. Tom Joyner, for his part, accuses Genesis of "using the FCC as a promotional tool [for] one of those little Power Pig games. Marty Greenberg's going to see me in his face for the rest of his life."

As for the rumors that Joyner has already sold KQFX/KHFI, Joyner says that he has "entered into a management agreement" with the Rusk Corp., but that nothing is firm yet as far as a sale to Rusk.

#### DOCKET '90: LEGACY V. JACOR

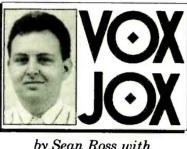
Jacor Communications announced on Oct. 2 that it had terminated its agreement to sell WMJI Cleveland and WYHY (Y107) Nashville to Legacy Broadcasting. Jacor is alleging a "breach of obligation" by LBI and says it has "initiated steps" to collect LBI's \$1.5 million deposit on the station. LBI's **Bob Sillerman** confirms that "as of now the deal is dead."

Also, the Chicago Sun-Times reports that talent attorney Saul Foos has filed a \$4 million libel suit against KHYI (Y95) Dallas owner Evergreen Media and its president/CEO, Scott Ginsburg. The suit stems from Ginsburg's statement last July in another trade that he planned to sue Foos for "misrepresentation" after former Y95 morning man and Foos client Sonny Fox sued Y95 for breach of contract.

PROGRAMMING: MORE ADULT 40S KXXX (X100) San Francisco has

announced that it will go more adult. Although nothing has been dropped vet, records are now being daynarted more heavily and acting PD Dan O'Toole says that "rap and heavy dance" probably won't be added from here on in. With KWSS San Jose, Calif., doing a similar format, the Bay area now has two adult 40 outlets and two dance 40 stations, but no mainstream top 40. Further up the coast, Vancouver, British Columbia, also has a rock 40 to adult top 40 transition this week. At CKXY, still known as Rock 1040, PD John Mackey and p.m. driver Mike Donovan are gone. MD Michael Olstrom is acting PD

Top 40 WGY-FM Albany, N.Y., is now Oldies 99.5 under consultant



### Craig Rosen & Phyllis Stark

Jack Fitzgerald. Kelly Carls from the GM slot at KQFX Austin is the new PD, replacing Tom Parker, who remains on as production director/ middays. Local TV man Tom Mailey is doing mornings. Joe Meyers goes from middays to afternoons. Parttimers Moira Maclean and Tony Romans take nights and overnights, respectively. Gone are Jim Jakala (518-235-8894), Cindy McMullen (518-346-5179), and "Turbo" Tim Michaels (518-439-5380).

Topeka, Kan., loses its only local top 40 outlet this week as WIBW-FM goes satellite country. Kevin Wagner remains on as PD/afternoons. Betty Lou Pardue from WIBW-TV is doing mornings for now. The rest of the staff is out. WIBW-FM's last format rival, KDVV, is now a Unistar rock/AC affiliate. The only top 40 audible in the market is SMN Heat outlet KLZR Lawrence, Kan.

#### PROGRAMMING II: KEZX GETS EZ'R

Look for Park Broadcasting's longtime progressive outlet **KEZX-FM** Seattle to switch to easy listening on or about Oct. 15. PD **Payton Mays** is expected to stay on.

Also expected to happen around the time you read this: soft AC WALR Atlanta will go some form of urban—probably black/AC as WJEZ—under consultant Tony Gray. PD candidates were supposed to be interviewed over the weekend ... WGCX Mobile, Ala., PD J.T. Stevens has been named PD of album WQFM Milwaukee.

And the new country PDs just keep coming. Ron Ellis goes from WQIK Jacksonville, Fla., to the PD job at WTDR (Thunder 96.9) Charlotte, N.C., replacing Mark Tudor. Also, former WIVK Knoxville, Tenn., OM Mike Carta is the new PD at WGH-FM (Eagle 97) Norfolk, Va. KCKC San Bernardino, Calif., PD Bob Mitchell is upped to OM for that station and oldies FM KBON. Morning man Bob Harvey is named KCKC PD ... Morning man Mac McClenahan has resigned the PD half of his duties at AC KMMX San Antonio, Texas.

"Hurricane" Dave Smith is the new PD at urban WBLK (Power 94) Buffalo, N.Y., replacing Jim Snowden. Smith was APD/MD at urban KJMQ Houston for the last three years ... Glenn Cosby, a four-year airstaffer at SMN's black/oldies Heart & Soul format, is now OM replacing Bob Jones. Also, Lynn Haley from KVIL Dallas is now doing afternoons for SMN's AC format.

Bob Chrysler, last VP of programming for Downs Broadcasting and PD of flagship WAFX Norfolk, Va., is now an associate with Burkhart/ Douglas & Associates and will relocate to Atlanta. At B/D&A client WRIF Detroit, MD Jim Pemberton is upped to PD replacing Marty Bender, now at WFBQ Indianapolis ... WAPL Appleton, Wis., p.m. driver Mark Brodsky is named PD at modern WEQX Albany, N.Y.

Classical WQXR-AM New York, which had been separating from its classical FM for some eclectic finearts programming, is now a full-time simulcast. AM host June LeBell is now doing nights on the combo replacing Steve Sullivan, who is on leave. Bob Sherman goes from middays on the AM to weekends... Former WFMT Chicago programmer Torey Malatia is now PD of noncommercial KUOW Seattle.

With the separate sales of N/T WERC and AC WMJJ Birmingham, Ala., to Ameron Broadcasting, WMJJ GM Bill Steffhaus is now GM of both stations. Tim Lennox is acting OM for WERC. WMJJ's Ted Randall is acting ND ... Enterprise Media Corp. president Ed Rogoff—formerly president of CRB Broadcasting says that former CRB group PD Neil Newman will have a similar post with his new outfit.

Satellite oldies outlet **KZOL** Salt Lake City will drop that format in several weeks for local, gold-based hot AC. Larry Bell, the one-time GM of **KEYY** Provo, Utah, is the new GM. Larson Bennett, aka Tom Walker, will be station manager/ OM/mornings. Randy White will do middays. The station will be known as K96.1—a near-throwback to its old K96 identity. Bennett needs record service; call 801-373-8550.

After six years in the format, urban WFXC Raleigh, N.C., has flipped to SMN's Heart & Soul, as has its AM gospel outlet WDUR. At least 25 people are out including 11 full-timers. AM PD/FM morning man Ray Thomas is upped to OM. Al Payne is assistant OM.

WWDC-FM (DC101) Washington, D.C., MD Curt Gary is the new PD at album WIXV Savannah, Ga.... Zack Martin is upped to PD at album WRCN Long Island, N.Y., replacing John Moschetta, who can be reached at 516-821-4788 ... WZXL Atlantic City, N.J., PD Mike Ondayko is the new PD of oldies/album combo WTKX-AM-FM Pensacola, Fla., replacing Ken Clark.

KKRD Wichita, Kan., PD Jack Ol-

# newsline...

**MILES SEXTON**, GM of KLTR Houston for the last five years, is the new GM of KEZY Anaheim, Calif., replacing Bob Wood. GSM Peri Corso has been named station manager. Also, Ray Edwards has been named VP/chief financial officer for parent company Win Communications.

BOB VISOTCKY is out as GM of WMJI Cleveland.

JAKE GURLEY is out as GM of WMXC Charlotte, N.C.

HOWARD SILVER is out as GM of KWSS San Jose, Calif.

**PETER LUND** has been named to the newly created executive VP position at the CBS Broadcast Group, which oversees the CBS Radio division. He was president of syndicator Multimedia Entertainment.

**AT ARDMAN BROADCASTING:** Former WAXY Miami GM Steve Lapa is now a partner in three of the company's properties—WIRA/WOVV West Palm Beach, Fla., and WCIB Cape Cod, Mass. At WCIB, Paul Seccareccio is the new VP/GM, replacing Richard Siuta. He was most recently GSM at WMXJ Miami.

**INTERREP'S MCGAVREN GUILD** and Caballero Spanish Media have merged to form Caballero/MG Spanish Media. Former HNWH VP/Eastern division manager Jeff Hodge is president of the new-company. Caballero president Eduardo Caballero is now chairman of the board.

iver—who had been mentioned as a potential PD for soon-to-be-sister station WDFX Detroit—has instead been promoted to GM at KKRD replacing Ron Shannon ... Bob Steele from WKHI Ocean City, Md., is OM at crosstown adult standards/AC combo WLVW/WQHQ, replacing Brad Tholen. Mark Avery, known as Kid Mitchell at WAAF Boston, is the new morning man ... Mark Mitchell from WERA Plainfield, N.J., is named PD at AC WFAS-FM (Bright 104) White Plains, N.Y.

Ottawa, Ontario, will get a new country FM around the beginning of the year when AC CHEQ (Q101) changes format. Brian Perkins remains PD and would like to hear from record people at 613-283-4630. Across town, top 40/rock CJSB GM/ PD Dave Forman is leaving to become VP of programming for Maclean-Hunter's 11 Maritime province stations as well as VP/GM at CHNS/ CHFX Halifax, Nova Scotia.

#### PEOPLE: KC BECOMES LESS NASTY

Longtime **KBEQ** (Q104) Kansas City night jock **Chuck Nasty** is leaving the station and wants to return to a major market. He can be reached at 913-677-5328. His replacement is **Steve E.B.** from part-time at KBTS ... **KKBQ** Houston APD **John Cook** is the new MD at AC **WSNI** Philadelphia ... Program assistant **Marlear Alston** is upped to MD at urban **WXYV** (V103) Baltimore.

Former WMJJ Birmingham, Ala., PD Ken Barnett, who had been set to program KMGI Seattle two weeks ago, instead will do middays at Y95 Dallas. APD J.J. McKay is now producing mornings. Across town, another former KVIL staffer, Larry Dixon, is back in town for afternoons at country KPLX. Jim Tyler moves to middays. Jack Monroe to production/swing.

Former KRBE Houston PD Paul Christy is now doing weekends at crosstown KHMX; Christy is also interested in doing station voice work and can be reached at 713-342-9570 ... Mary Rose Zeilan goes from the overnight slot at urban KJMZ Dallas to nights at top 40 WMXN (Mix 105) Norfolk, Va., replacing Chris Abrams ... Darryl Daniel is out as morning co-host at black/AC WVAZ (V103) Chicago.

Former WRIF Detroit late-nighter Greg St. James is now programming a six-hour nightly modern rock block on crosstown AC CIMX. St. James does 9 p.m-1 a.m. Darren Revell from rival WDFX does 1-3 a.m. St. James would like to hear from the labels at 313-961-9811 ... Former WPLJ New York staffer Andrew Richter is the new MD at crosstown WBAI.

After leaving WQMG Greensboro, N.C., for middays at WWDM Columbia, S.C., last week, Greg Sampson is back on part-time at WQMG and seeking a full-time job (919-674-2154) ... Rex DeShannon from KNRJ

Houston goes to afternoons at top 40/dance WCKZ Charlotte, N.C.

Jeff Kelly, the WAPI-FM (195) Birmingham, Ala., night jock who was fired for an obscene phone call to rival WKXX, is now doing nights at WZEE (Z104) Madison, Wis., as Johnny Danger. Kelly was introduced with a daylong stunt in which Z104 went jockless and played the records GM Dave Graupner had brought from home.

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Former KEWB Redding, Calif., p.m. driver "Magic" Mark Alan is the new MD/afternoon jock at top 40 KKXX Bakersfield, Calif. "Wild" Bill Cherry joins KKXX for nights from crosstown AC KMYX ... J.T. Cruz goes from middays at urban WRKE Ocean City to the same shift at rival top 40 WKHI ... Former Sun-Group Texas VP/programming Chuck Redden returns to Monroe, La., as morning man at top 40 KNOE-FM. He replaces Todd Chambless, now mornings at classic rock WEGW Wheeling, W.Va.

Album WMMR Philadelphia morning man John DeBella has been signed for four hourlong music/talk shows on local Fox-TV affiliate WTXF. The first show will air Nov. 2 and will feature a live band directed by Roger Waters guitarist Rick Di-Fonzo. His rival, Howard Stern, has gotten a 13-week extension from New York's WWOR-TV, through Jan. 5. Stern is negotiating a new contract with WXRK New York and its Infinity sister stations.

#### STATIONS USING 'NO RAP' SLOGAN TO ENTICE ADULT LISTENERS (Continued from page 12)

kicked in last month. So how does Perun know that adults will get the message? "It's going to take time. We're doing a major marketing campaign that's going to take months and months. But the research showed a hole that we wanted to fill before somebody else did."

#### TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD?

Some PDs worry that the "no hard rock/rap" sell is a negative position, not a "value added" sales proposition. KHMX, for instance, uses that imagery only on its TV spot, but wants to be "more positive" on the air, according to OM Jeff Scott.

But McVay says, "John Coleman has been very successful as a researcher suggesting 'Not Too Hard, Not Too Soft' as a slogan. While it is positive to tell people what your station does, it is also possible to position yourself by telling them what it does not do.'

Says Perun, "This was the strongest statement we could make to change the perception of B104. The only thing that was negative about the station was the perception of a teen station; rap and hard rock had clearly led to that perception. The other aspects of the station were pretty positive; it was more important to talk about what we weren't going to do any more."

#### WHAT IS HARD ROCK/RAP?

Then there are the differing perceptions most listeners have of rap and hard rock-two genres that, in their purest forms, receive relatively little airplay anyway. WVKS PD Mike Wheeler, for instance, sat out Billy Idol's "Cradle Of Love" but did play Poison's "Unskinny Bop," because "Billy Idol was perceived as a hard rock artist more than Poison," he says.

Roy Sampson, PD of urban WXYV (V103) Baltimore, says his audience 'knows exactly what rap is. They also know the differences in the rap-the difference between M.C. Hammer and Boogie Down Produc-

But some PDs say adults tend to perceive anything hip-hop-derived as rap. One major consultant says adults consider En Vogue's "Hold On" -which has no rap whatsoever-to be rap in his research. "Anything that's close to a rap record or even has three or four bars of rap is considered rap to a lot of people," says Y108 PD Mark Bolke. "People are going to hear a Bobby Brown record on our station and think that's rap. They think Madonna and the New Kids On The Block are rap."

Rival KS104 PD Dave Van Stone doesn't think his listeners equate all hip-hop with rap, but he does say, "Rap seems to be different things to different people. I had one woman tell us how much she hated rap, then tell us her favorite song was 'Tic Tac Toe' by Kyper. What people seem to dislike are the raps with no melody at all. They don't consider Bell Biv De-Voe's 'Poison' or the M.C. Hammer songs to be rap because there's a song attached.'

#### HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

Y108's liner may be the most complex use of the "no rap" position to date. Although Y108 will play a Nelson or Jude Cole song that KS104 will not play, its music still leans strongly urban. (KS104 plays Wilson Phillips or Breathe, but not up-tempo rock.) Y108 is trying to tell listeners that rap is OK, but only as part of a bal-

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proved it. The measure is now going to a House floor vote.

On the Senate side, Sen. Danforth introduced a less severe bill last August, and broadcast industry lobbyists have worked out a compromise agreement. The NAB is hoping the Senate will include the compromise provisions if and when it considers the House version. However, it is clear that some version of the bill will be passed.

Chairman Dingell has also stated that if his bill does not pass, he will make sure that the FCC rules are "obeyed to the letter."

#### FCC FINES KSD-FM

Citing Gannett's KSD St. Louis for a Sept. 28, 1987, broadcast that "fits, squarely within the definition of indethe FCC notified the station cency, Sept. 27 that it is being fined \$2,000.

KSD had replied to an October 1989 FCC request for comments about the broadcast-an on-air reading of Jessica Hahn's Playboy inter-

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view about her alleged rape by evangelist Jim Bakker, arguing it was an 'issue-related broadcast" which

"should be distinguished . . . from the juvenile locker-room jokes ... which have formed the basis for recent Commission indecency decisions.<sup>3</sup> The FCC didn't see it that way, and stated that "the on-air reading contained lurid language concerning sexual activities and organs and occurred at a time of day when children were likely to have been in the listening audience." It also said the materi-al was "vulgar" and "presented in a pandering manner." Gannett has 30

#### AM IMPROVEMENT COMMENTS DUE

days to respond as to why the fine

should not be imposed.

Oct. 15 is the deadline for comments on the FCC's rulemaking proceedings on AM improvement. The commission has developed what it calls a three-pronged plan to bolster the ban and reduce interference. An expanded AM band, updated receivers, AM/FM "program nonduplication" restrictions, increased power for Class B stations, AM stereo on both existing and expanded bands, preferences for those who "migrate" from the old band to the new-these are a few of the components of the FCC's plan expected to get comments aplenty from the NAB and individual broadcasters

anced diet.

"It's obvious that there is an element of negativity toward rap," says Bolke. "But rap is also intensely popular. I think the complaint is with a solid diet of just rap ... We're not saying that rap is totally bad and won't be found on this station. We're ust pointing out that we play slightly different music than what KS104

#### 'Some stations are just trying to clean up their own image'

plays. "It isn't my normal mode of attack. KS104 plays a lot of rap, and it plays more traditional [nonnovelty] rap that we've never played. There's certainly a large amount of confusion between the stations, and I don't want negative credit for records they were playing, so I guess I had to use their calls," he says.

Responds KS104's Van Stone, "They're obviously trying to position us as if we play all rap and make that a negative, which is fine, but it's a contradiction to a certain degree. They try to pigeonhole us, go into a Bon Jovi cut, then come out of it with Vanilla Ice. Either you like rap or you

don't. "I don't think it's affected us at all," he claims. "I've seen no change in our perceptuals. I have seen a cou-

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ple of cases like the lady who told us that she listened to this station that went all rap and now she was going to switch. We probed further and that station turned out to be Y108.'

#### THE RECEIVING END

WXYV, the station that faces two "no rap" competitors, had already started dayparting heavily when WWIN showed up. PD Sampson al-lows that there is "no easy way" to explain to adults that his station plays some rap, but less than its competition might have them believe. You just have to provide good adult programming and let people gravitate toward it. The urban audience is very active. If I change personalities, they know it. They can tell the difference.

Like Van Stone, Sampson doesn't think his station has been negatively repositioned. "Some stations are just trying to clean up their own image. Stations that are saying 'no rap' are trying to reposition themselves. B104 is repositioning itself, not us." (WBSK, for instance, had been WRAP in its last AC incarnation.)

#### NO RAP = NO DISCO?

The "no rap" slogan evokes memories of 1979-80's dance backlash, espe-cially the "no disco" position that a number of rock outlets took. KLSK Albuquerque, N.M., GM/co-owner John Sebastian, whose WCOZ Boston and subsequent consultancy clients used "no disco" in the early '80s, sees

#### a parallel.

'If I were doing the same format today, I would do a similar thing," he says. "I believe rap and disco are not very good musically. Neither is heavy metal. I would probably try to attack them in a similar fashion and position my station as the one playing real music."

Sebastian says he never regretted using the "real rock and roll, and no disco" slogan. And while many music historians see the "disco sucks" movement as racially motivated, Sebastian "really, sincerely [doesn't] believe [there was a racial appeal] involved. I'm a liberal Democrat who was really at the other extreme. Did the audience turn it into that? I hope not. It certainly wasn't the intention.

"People who are racist today don't necessarily carry it into their musical tastes. There are a lot of racists who love black music. Instead, it [stems from] a lack of melody and musicianship springing forth from top 40, not just rap. There's just a real lack of great artists," he says.

"I think [the no rap/hard rock slogan] will spread quickly. I think the positioning will work because it's necessary right now.'

V103's Sampson doesn't see the "no rap" attack as racially motivated either. "There's a difference between this and 'no disco' because you're also hearing it from other urban stations. It's not as clearcut as the disco situation was. It just represents a broadening of the urban format.'

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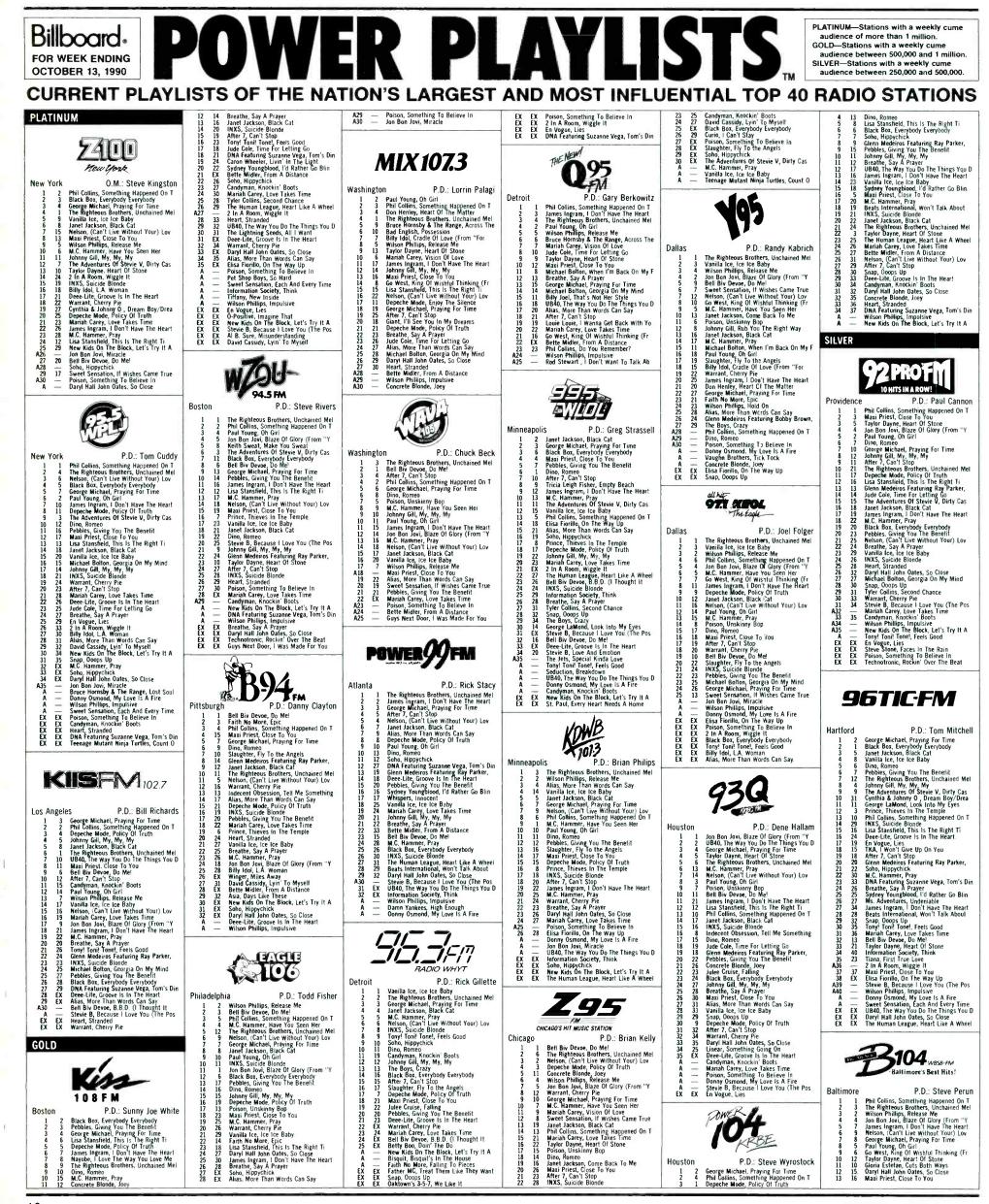


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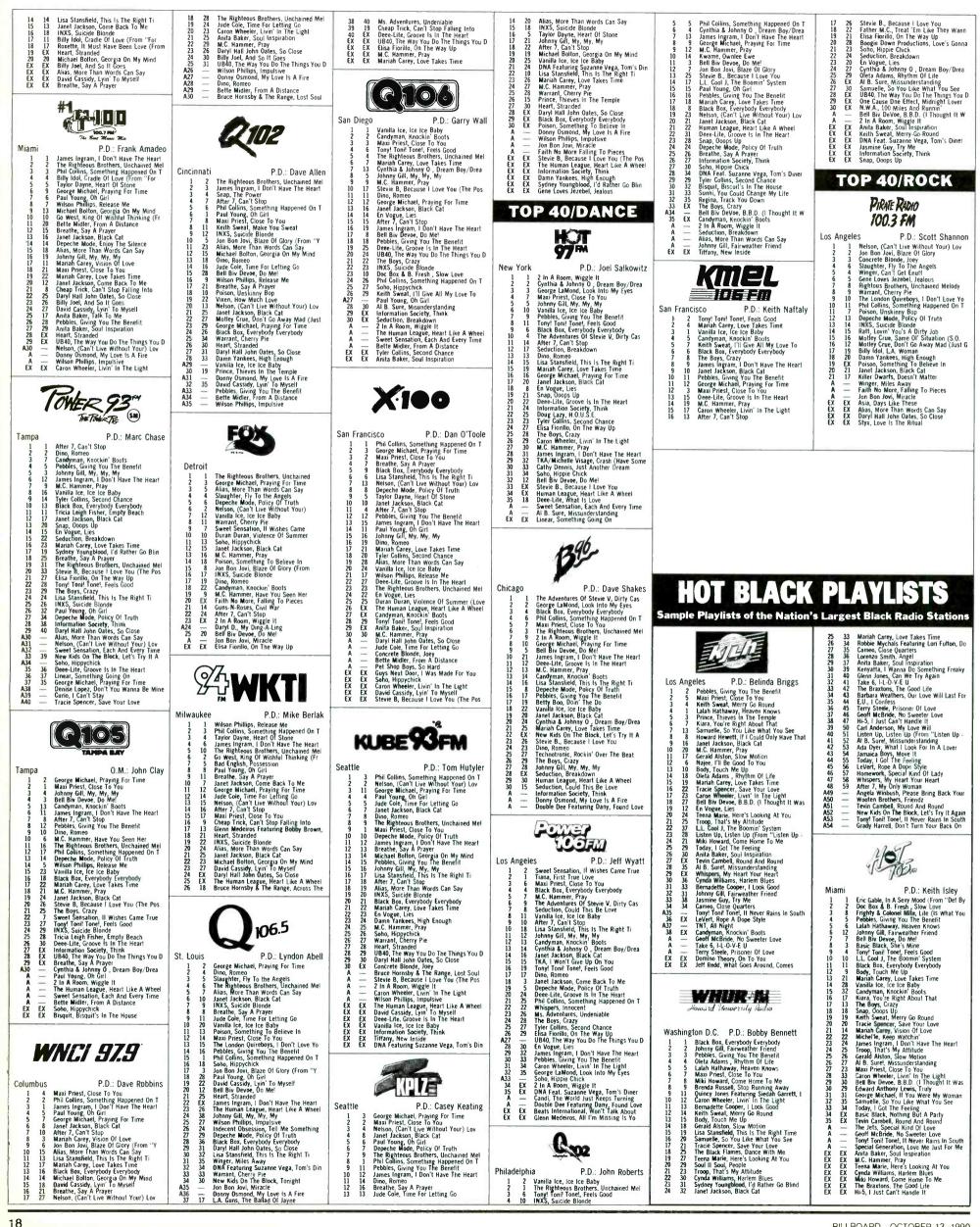
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# RADIO

# **Christian Stations Face Unique Marketing Challenges**

NEW YORK-Along with the usual radio marketing challenges, Christian ACs and top 40s face the additional burdens of limited budgets, misconceptions about the format. and outright bias from advertisers, agencies, and potential listeners.

Even Christian stations with significant ratings battle image problems. Consultant Brad Burkhart says their greatest challenge "is convincing advertisers and agencies that their listeners are normal, not some wild maniacs in the desert eating locusts

KSLR San Antonio, Texas, GM Bob Lepine says the stereotype of his typical listener is of someone "older, not well off financially, and gullible." In reality, he says, the typical listener is a 25-44-year-old married fe-male with two children. "We say the Beaver Cleaver family is alive and listening to our station.

'The biggest concern with any Christian station is getting people to take you seriously," says Roger Marsh, PD of KYMS (Eagle 106.5) Anaheim, Calif. "[People are] expecting a bunch of Bible-thumpers who are passing out tracts and protesting at abortion clinics. We're not a bunch of people in polyester pants up to our knees running around."

Unlike secular Eagle stations like KEGL Dallas or WEGX Philadelphia, KYMS' nickname refers to a scriptural passage. But, Marsh says, "the whole idea with the eagle is to disarm the objections that people have to listening to a Christian station [by] making people comfortable with it.

This is particularly important, Burkhart says, because "there is a certain amount of peer pressure. Some people who listen to a [Christian] station may be reluctant to report it because they don't want to be thought of as a religious fanatic.'

Lepine also notes that many sta-

tions in his format are "still working our way out of the mind-set that Christian stations don't have to mar-ket themselves," Lepine says. Al-though some do use normal outlets like outdoor, print, and direct-mail advertising in limited quantities, they all rely heavily on word of mouth and are very involved with local churches as an alternative to more conventional, and expensive, marketing vehicles

"Through focus groups we have discovered that [word of mouth] is far and away the way most people



by Phyllis Stark

find out about these stations," Burkhart says. As a result, many stations run contests that reward listeners for getting their friends to listen, such as WWDJ New York, which gives away daily prizes and larger grand prizes in the loyal-listener-of-the-day promotion

Almost all contemporary Christian stations look to the churches for both promotional tie-ins and new listeners. Burkhart calls it "invasion of the churches," and it involves everything from distributing church calendars, to providing jocks as speakers for church events, to printing up paper products with the station logo for use at church dinners. "Once a week we know where our listeners are," he savs

KSLR airs a church-of-the-week segment and invites that church's pastor to record a 60-second inspirational message. It also ties together individual churches for citywide pro-motional events. WWDJ's communi-

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ty-affairs director visits two or three churches each week to tell pastors about the variety of services it provides, including bulletin-board announcements, a church-concert hot line, and pastor luncheons. WWDJ also occasionally makes its van available for ministry uses such as delivering food to the homeless. So important is church involvement that KYMS recently hired a person to act as full-time liaison between the churches and the station.

Christian stations reject ads for alcohol, nightclubs, and even some Rrated movies. But sales promotions like live remotes and grocery grabs are as common on Christian as on secular stations. Also surprising is that most Christian broadcasters are not concerned that they may be compromising their stations' credibility. 'As long as it is done at a respectable merchant and done in a fun way, it doesn't jeopardize the station's credibility," Burkhart says. "They would never say, 'It is your spiritual duty to come down [to this store].

"Christian stations don't have to attach God to a promotion to make it work for their audience," he continues. "There is nothing inherently spiritual about a person with a cart running through a grocery store." Promoters of Christian stations

scoff at the idea that their promotions cannot be fun, although they admit that Jello Jumps, Louie Louie parades, and outrageous contests would never work. "I wouldn't want to encourage our listeners to eat a plate of worms to promote the station," says WWDJ director of communications and promotion Dave Jacobs. "I don't think that would be fun. We have good, clean fun here.'

"We're out to prove that you don't have to be gross to be fun," says Lepine, whose successful promotions include last year's Halloween-night Hallelujah Fest, a children's carnival that drew 4,000 people and local television coverage, and a songwriting contest in which finalists performed at a local mall. KYMS has done live remotes from parking lots and given away Amy Grant concert tickets to the first five people who brought the announcers a pogo stick.

#### IDEA MILL: ONE NIGHT IN BAGHDAD Top 40 WSNX (Sunny 104.5) Mus-

kegon, Mich., solicited listener suggestions for its Send Your Worst Enemy To Baghdad contest. The winner, who had exposed his kids to chicken pox during a weekend visitation and then sent them home for his ex-wife to nurse, won a trip to the copper-mining town of Baghdad, WSRZ-FM Sarasota, Fla., Ariz. and WXMX Columbus, Ohio, are among the stations organizing elementary school letter-writing campaigns for the troops in Saudi Arabia. WXMX is also collecting drawings from children not old enough to write

At Indianapolis Colts home games, top 40 WZPL distributes 60,000 racing forms with a serial number and the name of one WZPL jock circled. At half time, five jocks race on giant unicycles. Listeners with the winning DJ's name on their form can listen to WZPL the next morning to hear their serial number announced and win (Continued on next page)

#### **ALBUM ROCK STATIONS AIM TO SCORE WITH SPORTS** (Continued from page 12)

against Bills football on WGR (97 Rock). Unlike Moffitt, WUFX PD Ralph Cipolla does not discount the possibility of football winning for the station that runs it. "Initially, we both can come out winners," he says. "We both have the potential to benefit from it, but it remains to be seen what listeners accept. Will they accept play-by-play on a rock station? With all the games sold out so they will be televised, will they turn down the sound and listen to the rock station?

In the past, WUFX has held Billsrelated promotions. Although its rival is the official voice of the Bills, Cipolla says the Fox's "attitude toward the Bills hasn't changed at all." It broadcasts live from the parking lot of Rich Stadium with its 42-foot inflatable Fox mascot and frequently holds Bills-ticket giveaways. Cipolla says WUFX might be more suitable for pregame partying. "People running around the parking lot before the game want to listen to rock'n'roll.' 'he savs.

The Fox has also beefed up its sports programming. It recently moved sports personality Art Wander to the FM to host a three-hour Sunday-morning talk show after its AM sister station dropped oldies for hard rock. Although the move took place just before football season, Cipolla claims it was not a reaction to WGR. Rather than going music-intensive seven days a week to counteract WGR, Cipolla says sports makes sense for the Fox.

You can't categorically say sports are good or bad for any format. We don't try to be all things to all people. We are male oriented. Buffalo is a huge, feverishly dedicated sports town with three franchises. It is of interest to our listeners and we have the talent to make it more interesting than picking up the sports page or watching the 6 o'clock news." KRQR San Francisco PD Chris

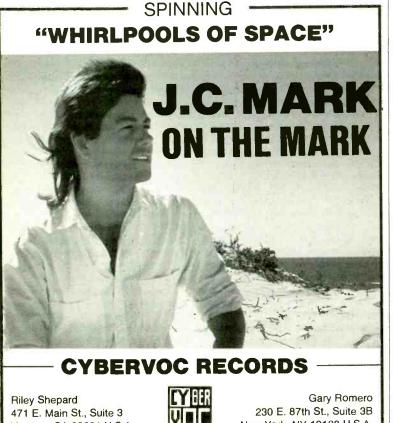
Miller does not have a sports franchise, but he still plays up KRQR's ties to the home teams with a 90-minute Sunday-night talk show hosted by Kevin The Rat. "We have the American League champion team, a [1989] National League champion, a soon-to-be three-time Super Bowl champion, and we just got a hockey team. Our audience is 65%-70% male. so it's natural that we try to reflect the sports aspect.

Having sports stars like Oakland A's shortstop Walt Weiss guest in mornings and doing frequent remotes from sporting events "is a real integral part of touching the audience," he says.

# FOR THE RECORD

In the Sept. 22 edition of PD of the Week, "Soul'ed Out" should have been credited to the Kays Band featuring Archie Bell, not the O'Kaysions.





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THIS	LAST	2 WKS. AGO	WKS. ON CHART	TITLE radio airplay reports. ARTIST
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	2	1	2	VARRER ROS.LP.CUT 1 VERT AND STEEL ZZ TOP WARRER ROS.LP.CUT 1 VERT AND 1 SUICIDE BLONDE INXS
3	4	6	5	ATLANTIC 4-87860 MANSION ON THE HILL NEIL YOUNG & CRAZY HORSE
4	9	11	6	REPRISE 4-19560 HIGH ENOUGH WARNER BROS 4-19595 DAMN YANKEES
5	6	5	6	TYPE LIVING COLOUR
6	8	9	3	THUNDERSTRUCK AC/DC
7	10	10	3	TICK TOCK VAUGHAN BROTHERS
8	3	2	9	DAYS LIKE THESE ASIA GEFFEN 4-19677
9	12	14	11	CAPITOL LP CUT ERIC JOHNSON
10	7	8	6	YOUNG LUST BRYAN ADAMS
	15	23	3	ABM 1525
12	5	4	11	A NIGHT ON THE TOWN BRUCE HORNSBY & THE RANGE RCALP CUT THE FORECAST THE ROBERT CRAY BAND
13	13	13 19	5	SEVEN TURNS ALLMAN BROTHERS BAND
15	17	3	5	BOYS CRY TOUGH BAD COMPANY
(16)	26	,	2	HARD TO HANDLE THE BLACK CROWES
	19	27	6	DEF AMERICAN LP CUT/GEFFEN CAN'T FIND MY WAY HOME HOUSE OF LORDS
18	11	7	10	SIMMONS LP CUT/RCA WHILE MY GUITAR GENTLY WEEPS THE JEFF HEALEY BAND ARISTALP CUT
19	18	20	4	I'M SEVENTEEN COLUMBIA 38-73500
20	16	15	11	FLY TO THE ANGELS SLAUGHTER CHRYSALIS 23527
(21)	ME	WÞ		***FLASHMAKER*** KING OF DREAMS DEEP PURPLE
(22)	22	30	1	UNBELIEVABLE BOB DYLAN
23	21	21	6	COLUMBIA LP CUT COLUMBIA 38-73510 WARRANT
24	20	18	8	LOVIN' YOU'S A DIRTY JOB RATT
25	27	33	5	STILL GOT THE BLUES GARY MOORE
26	29	31	7	MIRROR MIRROR DON DOKKEN
(27)	43		2	*** POWER TRACK *** SOMETHING TO BELIEVE IN POISON
28	31	38	4	ENIGMA 44617/CAPITOL QUEENSRYCHE
29	33	39	4	LAST PLANE OUT TOY MATINEE
30	23	12	14	CAN'T GET ENUFF WINGER
31	24	24	8	TALL, DARK HANDSOME STRANGER HEART
32	36	44	3	BACK 'N BLUE CHEAP TRICK
33	34	37	5	DOWN ON THE RIVERBED LOS LOBOS
34)	38	-	2	MIRACLE JON BON JOVI MERCURY 878 392-4
35	25	17	14	JEALOUS BEGGAR'S BANQUET 4-1968B/GEFFEN HEARTS ARE GONNA ROLL JOHNNY VAN ZANT
(36) (37)	37	-	2	THE OBVIOUS CHILD PAUL SIMON
38	<b>NE</b> 39	45	1	NEVER ENOUGH THE CURE
(39)	44	+5	2	ELEKTRA 4-64928 MILES AWAY WINGER
(40)	40	43	7	ATLANTIC 4-87824 I WOULD LOVE TO RELATIVITY LP CUT STEVE VAI
41	42	50	3	GIVE IT TO ME GOOD TRIXTER
42	32	25	11	CIVIL WAR GUNS N' ROSES WARNER BROS. LP CUT
43	NEV	NÞ	1	WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU THE CALL
44	NEV	NÞ	1	FALLING TO PIECES         FAITH NO MORE           SLASH 4-19563/REPRISE         FAITH NO MORE
45	41	29	16	TWICE AS HARD THE BLACK CROWES
46	35	32	15	GOOD CLEAN FUN ALLMAN BROTHERS BAND EPIC LP CUT
47	49	46	4	WHY DO YOU THINK THEY CALL IT DOPE LOVE/HATE COLUMBIALP CUT LOVE IS A ROCK REO SPEEDWAGON
(48)	NEV	-	1	EPIC 34-73540 HOW MUCH LOVE VIXEN
49	30 28	16 26	12	EMI 50302 LOVE AND AFFECTION NELSON
50	20	20	10	DGC 4-19689



Wishes Come True. KHQT (Hot 97.7) San Jose, Calif., APD/MD John Christian gets a boost from members of Sweet Sensation after the group participated in a celebrity softball game for charity. The Sweet Sensation team tied the Hot 97.7 team, 9-9.

#### PROMOTIONS

(Continued from preceding page) \$1,000.

WNCI Columbus, Ohio, is currently running the Morning Zoo death pool. Each Monday, zoo members announce the names of five celebrities who are likely to die that week. Five callers each choose a star. If their chosen celebrity passes away during the week, the listener wins \$100 ... WQEN (Q104) Gadsden, Ala., exchanged tickets for an REO Speedwagon concert in Birmingham, Ala., for Oreo cookies in the Oreos For REO promotion. Q104 then organized an Oreo feast in a parking lot with the cookies.

#### PRO-MOTIONS

Maggie Day is named promotion director at oldies KODJ Los Angeles from the same position at classical WNCN New York. Across town, Mona Lapides and Allen Nelson have been named promotion directors at KIIS. Lapides was promotion coordinator there; Nelson was traffic manager. They report to marketing director Karen Tobin. Former promotion director Cheryl O'Neil is pursuing a writing career.





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THIS	WEEK	2 WKS. AGO	WKS. ON CHART	Compiled from C College Radio Air LABEL & NUMBER/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	
	5	11	3	★ ★ NO. MERRY GO ROUND SIRE 4-19548/REPRISE	1 ★ ★ THE REPLACEMENTS 1 week at No. 1
2	1	1	4	NEVER ENOUGH ELEKTRA 4-64928	THE CURE
3	2	2	8	I'M FREE BIG LIFE 877 568-4/MERCURY	THE SOUP DRAGONS
4	3	5	6	TYPE EPic 34-73575	LIVING COLOUR
5	4	3	6	SUICIDE BLONDE ATLANTIC 4-86139	INXS
6	6	6	4	CANDY VIRGIN 4-98900	IGGY POP
	11	23	3	BEEN CAUGHT STEALING	JANE'S ADDICTION
8	9	9	5	ICEBLINK LUCK	COCTEAU TWINS
9	7	8	7		D.N.A. WITH SUZANNE VEGA
10	8	7	9	THE ONLY ONE I KNOW BEGGAR'S BANQUET 2690 /RCA	THE CHARLATANS UK
11	13	19	6	HIPPYCHICK ATCO 4-96428	S <mark>OHO</mark>
(12)	19	27	3	CRYSTAL CLEAR COLUMBIA LP CUT	THE DARLING BUDS
13	14	14	3	GOOD MORNING BRITAIN	AZTEC CAMERA
14	12	10	8	IT'S TOO LATE	BOB MOULD
15	15	15	6	SPINNIN' A&M LP CUT	SOUL ASYLUM
16)	21	21	7	DOWN ON THE RIVERBED SLASH LP CUT/WARNER BROS	LOS LOBOS
17	18	26	3	HEART LIKE A WHEEL	THE HUMAN LEAGUE
18)	28	_	2	SPECIAL ONE	ULTRA VIVID SCENE
19	17	22	4	A.D. 44-73534/COLUMBIA	PET SHOP BOYS
20	22	29	3	EMI 56195	MOJO NIXON
21	10	4	10	ENIGMA LP CUT DREAMTIME ELEKTRA 2-60961	THE HEART THROBS
22)	30		2	ALL FOR LOVE & LOVE FOR ALL	THE LILAC TIME
23	24	17	4	FONTANA LP CUT/MERCURY	DEPECHE MODE
24	25	28	5	SIRE LP CUT/REPRISE LOVE OR SOMETHING ATLANTIC LP CUT	BOB GELDOF
25)	NEV		1	WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU	THE CALL
26	NEV		1	MCA LP CUT CELEBRATE	AN EMOTIONAL FISH
27	26	20	4	ATLANTIC LP CUT EVERYBODY KNOWS	CONCRETE BLONDE
28	29	30	8		THE CAVEDOGS
29	16	12	9	ENIGMA LP CUT ONE LOVE	THE STONE ROSES
30	20	24	7	SILVERTONE 1399/RCA	JELLYFISH

Tracks with the greatest airplay gains this week. The Flashmaker is the highest-debuting track of the week The Power Track is the track on the chart that shows the largest increase in airplay over the week before.

# RADIO

# **Sanders Moving** With 'Cla'ence,' 'Ti-Rone,' 'Joyner'

LOS ANGELES-As host of Premiere Radio Networks' top 40 and urban shortform hits "The Cla'ence Update Of CBS' 'The Young And The Restless' " and "On The Phone With Ti-Rone," and writer of CBS Radio Networks' "On The Move With Tom Joyner," Brad Sanders is one of syndicated radio's most valu-

able players. "Cla'ence," which has been run-ning since 1986, boasts more than 180 affiliates, while the nearly 3-year-old "Ti-Rone" has more than 90 affili-ates. Ironically, "Ti-Rone" was aced out as top urban syndicated show in the 1990 Billboard Radio Awards by 'On The Move.'

Sanders' involvement with three syndicated shows leads to a busy work week spread across Los Ange-



by Craig Rosen

les. His daily routine includes either watching or reading scripts from "The Young And The Restless," writing his own "Cla'ence" synopsis, and going to Premiere's Hollywood headquarters to put the show up on satellite. Monday morning he faxes his "On The Move" scripts to Joyner. In the afternoon, he heads to Cutler Productions' Westwood, Calif., offices to record comedy bits for the show. Tuesday he phones Joyner to review the week's new records so he can write biographical information. Every other week, he tapes two weeks worth of "Ti-Rone" shows, which are then pressed on disk.

Sanders got his start in radio after Joyner saw him doing the Cla'ence character in his stand-up routine and invited him to guest on his show. It soon became a regular feature and Sanders also took the show to KJLH Los Angeles.

A friend passed a tape to Scott Shannon, then Zoo Master at WHTZ (Z100) New York, who liked it enough to have Sanders audition over the air. After Shannon gave him the nod, he soon added stations in Houston and Chicago. Rather than call each station on the phone to record the show, Sanders eventually hooked up with Premiere in 1986.

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His association with Joyner also led to the birth of Sanders' second hit feature. "Tom wanted something dif-ferent," Sanders says. "He didn't want something that would be identified with another station, so I came up with the Ti-Rone character, and subsequently 'On The Move' happened, and I was asked to write the show for Tom."

In the early days of "Ti-Rone," the character wrote open letters to stars such as Michael Jackson and Prince, which, Sanders says, were "in effect asking, 'what the fuck is wrong with you?'" The feature garnered interest (Continued on next page)



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#### NETWORKS AND SYNDICATION

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from other stations, so Sanders once again took an alter ego to Premiere, but there was one change. "Instead of letters to the stars, I realized it was more practical and I could get more material by having people send letters to me." Thus Ti-Rone became the hip answer to Dear Abby. "You can't write shit as funny as the shit people will send you," Sanders says.

Although "Ti-Rone" is first and foremost entertainment, Sanders says it is not all fun and games. "Some stations have given me flak. Like WHUR Washington, D.C., said, "We thought it was an entertainment show, and now you're answering serious questions.""

Sanders, however, "won't give an answer to a question that requires professional help," he says. "I suggest the proper professional help. There have been times when we have given out numbers to the abuse hotline for battered wives." Yet if listeners write "some stupid

Yet if listeners write "some stupid shit, I'm going to call them on it," he says. One listener wrote in that she broke up with one guy and started dating another, but was interested in her former boyfriend again. "She said he was so sweet and everything, and she mentioned in passing that he just signed a pro football contract," Sanders says. "I went on the air and told her, 'You are a female dog. I don't mean the "B" word. I mean a female dog. How did he all of a sudden become so attractive? Does the word zeros mean anything?""

"Cla'ence" hit a snag a few years back when ABC-TV filed suit against the show, which then featured an update of "All My Children." A settlement was reached and Sanders found a network that was more than happy to have its show exposed on the radio. "They really appreciate what I bring to the situation," Sanders says of CBS. "They treat me like an endangered species. They treat me great." The relationship with CBS-TV led to Sanders being hired to do promo spots for the network as well as a short on-camera feature, "Getting The Scoop With Cla'ence."

Sanders says because he owns "Ti-Rone" and "Cla'ence," he has a lot of freedom. "But even with freedom, you have a lot of responsibility," he says. "I don't believe in all this bullshit that is on the radio now. I don't like to hear people saying don't be a dickhead," he says. "I don't like that kind of shit."

#### AROUND THE INDUSTRY

Premiere was set to introduce its new "Comedy 25-54" network, customized for AC and oldies stations, on Monday (8) ... New York-based **ATG Network Communications** was set to launch "Soap Opera Radio," a new nationally syndicated talk show, on Sunday (7). The one-hour weekly show will be taped before a live audience each week. Heather Rattray of "As The World Turns" was set to guest on the first show. WBAB Long Island, N.Y., is the flagship station; for more information, call 516-491-8585.

"MTV News," the shortform feature distributed by Westwood One and produced by MTV: Music Television, now has more than 1 million listeners. Affiliates include WNEW New York, KQLZ Los Angeles, WMMR Philadelphia, WBCN Boston, KOME San Francisco, and KRBE Houston ... "American Country Countdown" host/producer Bob Kingsley has signed a new multiyear pact with ABC Radio Networks.

**CBS Hispanic Radio Network** will expand its programming by offering NFL football games (Billboard, Oct. 6). The network will broadcast the AFC and NFC Championships and Super Bowl XXV.

Unistar Radio Networks has "The Allman Brothers Band Story" set for Oct. 19-21. The three-hour special is hosted by WYSP Philadelphia air personality Ed Sciaky ... "The TDK New Music Report," an hour show produced by CMJ, made its debut Sept. 30. The show, hosted by Dan

Neer, is distributed on compact disk to more than 250 college radio stations and will run for 26 weeks.

KOMA Oklahoma City jock and jingle producer Richard Kaufman's "Ricky The K's Solid Gold Time Machine" has been picked up by Satellite Music Network's Pure Gold format. The six-hour weekend show re-creates mid-'60s top 40 radio complete with the original PAMS jingles from that time.



playing rap."

WHEN SUMMIT Broadcasting began its overhaul of urban WRKS (Kiss-FM) New York last November, the game plan was to get a five share, which, new PD Vinny Brown says, "would have made us No. 1 in the market." WRKS and rival WBLS were fighting it out in the high threes, largely on the assumption that with top 40/dance WQHT (Hot 97) in the market, there were only so many shares available to urban radio.

In recent months, however, WRKS has had to "set the bar higher," as Brown puts it. In the spring, Kiss was up 4.5-5.1 12-plus, compared to a 3.9 last summer. In the second summer Arbitrend, WRKS was up to a 5.8. In the summer book, it was at 5.5, putting it clearly on top of the market for the first time in five years.

Brown, who grew up in Queens, began at WKND Hartford, Conn., in the mid-'70s, then did mornings at WAMO Pittsburgh. He joined WOL Washington, D.C. in 1977, then ended up doing late nights at D.C. top 40 WRQX (Q107) and country WMZQ. In 1987, he landed his first PD job at urban WQOK Raleigh, N.C., and he joined WRKS two years later, first as a part-timer, then doing afternoons, then as MD.

Until last fall, "Kiss was basically a youth-appeal radio station," Brown says. "Rap played full-time including morning drive. We had a mix program in middays." When last profiled here two years ago, Kiss was virtually all-current, even in mornings. WRKS and WBLS seemed to be in the middle of a hipness war, especially as it pertained to house and other black club music.

Ironically, WBLS almost tightened up first. When Ray Boyd, PD of Summit's WVEE Atlanta came to WBLS, he cut back their playlist somewhat, added a lot of "oh wow" oldies, backed off the rap and moved toward the border of black AC. But several months later, WBLS brought back former PD Frankie Crocker for afternoons, and the station's music mix again became more eclectic.

Brown became WRKS' PD last fall when Tony Gray left to launch a consultancy, and it was ultimately Kiss that changed. It's now possible to hear two oldies back-to-back on WRKS, and that doesn't count songs such as Howard Hewett's "Show Me" that are still currents for WRKS. Only two raps have made it outside late afternoons and nights: "U Can't Touch This" and Heavy D's "Somebody For Me." In other words, Kiss became hipper by being less compulsively hip.

"We're not trying to force-feed people what we think they should know about," says Brown. "We need to reflect the needs and desires of people, not tell them they need to understand this or know the roots of this.

"I don't think the problem was that adults weren't coming over here. Our research showed that they knew about the station. We weren't a stranger to them. They just didn't use us for a long period of time. They'd try to come over and listen to us, and something would happen to send them away.

"We wanted to become broader in our approach toward the adult audience, but we didn't want to lose the teen audience. Fortunately, there are a lot of songs that we can walk the line with—'Vision Of Love,' 'My, My, My,' 'All I Do Is Think Of You' adults can relate to them but they perform well with the younger audience. Everybody has a relationship. Everybody can identify with those songs. The way to serve the youth audience is not always by This is WRKS in middays: Tony! Toni! Tone!, "Feels Good"; Whispers, "Innocent"; Al B. Sure!, "Off On Your Own (Girl)"; Force MDs, "Love Is A House"; Miki Howard, "Until You Come Back To Me"; Janet Jackson, "Black Cat"; M.C. Hammer, "U Can't Touch This"; Jody Watley, "Everything"; Pebbles, "Giving You The Benefit"; After 7, "Can't Stop"; the Winans, "A Friend"; Glenn Jones, "We've Only Just Begun"; and Lisa Stansfield, "You Can't Deny It."

Ironically, since WRKS' success, WBLS has tightened also—at least during the half of the day that isn't Crocker or the Quiet Storm—to the point where it rotates its A-stack faster than Kiss. "It's hard for me to understand everything they're doing, because I'm not sure they understand it. Their strategy seems to be emulating us. We do a reggae show on Sunday nights; they do a reggae show on Sunday nights. We do the Top Eight At Eight, now Frankie is doing a countdown on Thursday. They have a feature like our Jam It Or Slam It.

"I'm doing what's right for Kiss listeners. I don't think they can be successful by looking at what we're doing. What people expect [from WBLS with its progressive heritage] is different than what they expect from me."

Brown points out that WBLS' ratings have remained constant while WRKS' have risen, something he attributes to greater TSL among his existing listeners. "When I first sat in this chair, WBLS had a 3.8. Today they have a 3.9. Our increase was not their loss. I tell my staff that we should be proud of achieving what we have, and that it hasn't been at WBLS' expense."

As for fighting WBLS' entrenchment among black adults, and getting the message out that Kiss was a different station, Brown says, "We didn't buy a million dollars in TV time, go on to a full-blown direct mail campaign, and say it on billboards all over. All we did was make the adjustments and depend on the adult audience that already sampled us to recognize the difference and stick with us longer. In our latest perceptual research, we see that more people recognize the change. Now they hear two songs in a row that they like and feel like we're playing their kind of music now."

For the fall, WRKS is bringing back its money song contest, The Secret Song, with \$1,000 winners several times a day. It *will* be supported by direct mail.

During the two months that Brown was interim PD, WRKS staffers printed campaign buttons that read, "Vinny Brown for a kinder, gentler Kiss." Although Brown is reluctant to discuss it, he admits eventually that he might be more conciliatory than his predecessor. "Tony had very definite opinions about things, which I understood and accepted. I think I solicit a variety of opinions before I make my decision. I think I explain to people what our objectives are."

That philosophy is reflected in the overhaul of WRKS' morning show that has taken place over the last year. Morning man Mike Love and night jock Jeff Foxx have switched places, the latter teaming with Ken "Spider" Webb and Wendy Williams. "The morning show was very heavily structured. Now we've loosened up the reins. Jeff is the youth appeal and Ken brings a certain comfort level for older listeners." SEAN ROSS

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- 2. Woman In Love, Barbra Streisand, Upside Down, Diana Ross, MOTOWN 3.
- All Out Of Love, Air Supply, ARISTA
- Drivin' My Life Away, Eddie Rabbitt, elektra
- 6. Late In The Evening, Paul Simon,
- 7. I'm Alright, Kenny Loggins, COLUMBIA Xanadu, Olivia Newton-John/ Electric Light Orchestra, MCA 8.
- 9. Real Love, Doobie Brothers, WARNER
- 10. Give Me The Night, George Benson, QWEST/WARNER BROS.

#### POP SINGLES-20 Years Ago

- 1. Cracklin' Rosie, Neil Diamond, UNI
- I'll Be There, Jackson 5, MOTOWN
- Candida, Dawn, BELL Ain't No Mountain High Enough, 3
- 4. Diana Ross, MOTOWN
- 5. All Right Now, Free, A&M
  6. Julie, Do Ya Love Me, Bobby Sherman, METROMEDIA
- Lookin' Out My Back Door/Long As I Can See The Light, Creedence Clearwater Revival, FANTASY
- Green-Eyed Lady, Sugarloaf, LIBERTY We've Only Just Begun, 8 9. Carpenters, A&M
- (I Know) I'm Losing You, Rare Earth, Rare Earth 10.

#### TOP ALBUMS-10 Years Ago

- 1. The Game, Queen, ELEKTRA
- Diana, Diana Ross, MOTOWN 3.
- Give Me The Night, George Benson, warner Bros.
- 4. Soundtrack, Xanadu, MCA
- Panorama, Cars, ELEKTRA
- 6. Crimes Of Passion, Pat Benatar, CHRYSALIS 7. Soundtrack, Urban Cowboy, FULLMOON/ASYLUM
- Hold Out, Jackson Browne, ASYLUM
   Emotional Rescue, Rolling Stones, Polytopations
- 10. Back In Black, AC/DC, ATLANTIC

#### TOP ALBUMS—20 Years Ago

- 1. Cosmo's Factory, Creedence Clearwater Revival, FANTASY
- Mad Dogs & Englishmen, Joe Cocker, A&M
- A Question Of Balance, Moody Blues, THRESHOLD
   Soundtrack, Woodstock, COTILLION
- Third Album, Jackson 5, MOTOWN Tommy, Who, DECCA 6.
- 7. Chicago, columbia 8. Abraxas, Santana, columbia
- 9. After The Gold Rush, Neil Young, REPRISE
- 10. Sweet Baby James, James Taylor,

#### COUNTRY SINGLES-10 Years Ago

- 1. Loving Up A Storm, Razzy Bailey,
- 2. I Believe In You, Don Williams, MCA Faded Love, Willie Nelson & Ray Price, Columbia
   Theme From The Dukes Of
- Hazzard, Waylon Jennings, RCA 5. On The Road Again, Willie Nelson,
- 6. Do You Wanna Go To Heaven, T.G.
- heppard, wARNER/CUR 7. I'm Not Ready Yet, George Jones,
- 8. Old Habits, Hank Williams Jr.
- 9. Put It Off Until Tomorrow,
- 10. Yesterday Once More, Moe Bandy,

#### SOUL SINGLES-10 Years Ago

- 1. Funkin' For Jamaica, Tom Browne,
- 2. Another One Bites The Dust, Queen, ELEKTRA
- 3. More Bounce To The Ounce, Zapp,
- 4. Wide Receiver, Michael
- Henderson, Buddah 5. Give Me The Night, George
- Benson, WARNER BROS / OWEST
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   Where Did We Go Wrong, L.T.D., AMM
- 8. Master Blaster, Stevie Wonder,
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70	72	77	18	MIDNIGHT STAR SOLAR 75316/EPIC (9 98 EQ)	WORK IT OUT
71	61	63	41	MICHEL'LE  RUTHLESS 91282/ATCO (9.98)	MICHEL'LE
72	55	57	64	THE 2 LIVE CREW ▲ LUKE 107 (9 98)	AS NASTY AS THEY WANNA BE
73	59	54	17	KWAME & A NEW BEGINNING ATLANTIC 821	00 (9.98) A DAY IN THE LIFE
74	68	66	8	STANLEY CLARKE/GEORGE DUKE EPIC 460	012 (9.98 EQ) 3
75	75	64	9	GEOFF MCBRIDE ARISTA 8543 (9.98)	DO YOU STILL REMEMBER LOVE
76	82	72	9	M.C. SMOOTH CRUSH 254/K-TEL (8 98)	SMOOTH & LEGIT
77	76	85	4	SOUNDTRACK CAPITOL 94244 (9.98)	RETURN OF SUPERFLY
78	79	97	4	TERRY STEELE SBK 94101 (9 98)	KING OF HEARTS
79	77	74	5	ARTIE WHITE ICHIBAN 1061 (8.98)	TIRED OF SNEAKING AROUND
80	85	93	3	DWIGHT SILLS COLUMBIA 46089* (9.98 EQ)	DWIGHT SILLS
81)	NE!		1	DEEE-LITE ELEKTRA 60957 (9 98)	WORLD CLIQUE
82	78	78	49	SIR MIX-A-LOT   NASTY MIX 70150 (9 98)	SEMINAR
83)	98		2	TRACIE SPENCER CAPITOL 92153 (9 98)	MAKE THE DIFFERENCE
84)	89	87	3	FORCE M.D.'S TOMMY BOY 25893/REPRISE (9.9	
85	69	60	25	MELBA MOORE CAPITOL 92355 (9.98)	STEP TO ME
86	90		2	MICHAEL STERLING ON TOP 1060/JOEY BOY (	
87	73	67	27	MELLOW MAN ACE CAPITOL 91295 (9 98)	ESCAPE FROM HAVANA
88	73 86	86	5	NAYOBE WTG 45163/EPIC (9 98 EQ)	
89	84	71	5 13	LYNN WHITE CHELSEA AVE 7003 (8 98)	PROMISE ME
89 90	_				THE NEW ME
	80	73	29	LITTLE MILTON MALACO 7453 (8 98)	TOO MUCH PAIN
91	81	68	20	ALEX BUGNON ORPHEUS 75615/EMI (9 98)	HEAD OVER HEELS
92	95	75	24	THE DOGS JR 2003/JOEY BOY (8.98)	THE DOGS
93	71	62	26	LONNIE LISTON SMITH STARTRAK 4021/ICHIB	
94	94	92	13	THE BLACK FLAMES COLUMBIA 44030 (9.98 E	
95	88	83	50	EPIC 45320 (13 98 EQ)	THE BEST OF LUTHER VANDROSS: THE BEST OF LOVE
96	91	82	26	ABOVE THE LAW RUTHLESS 46041/EPIC (9.98 B	EQ) LIVIN' LIKE HUSTLERS
97	96	76	14	K-SOLO ATLANTIC 82108 (9 98)	TELL THE WORLD MY NAME
<u>98</u>	NE\	NÞ	1	ROBIN HARRIS WING 841 960/POLYDOR (8 98 8	EQ) BE-BE'S KIDS
99	92	80	41	TYLER COLLINS RCA 9642 (8.98)	GIRLS NITE OUT
	97	58	7	PERRI MCA 6386 (9.98)	



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COULD BE A TRIP! "Giving You The Benefit" by Pebbles (MCA) holds easily at No. 1 again this week. It remains at No. 1 on 13 playlists; 27 other stations report it at No. 1 for the first time. It holds at WLWZ Greensboro, N.C., for the third week. "Benefit" retains reports from the entire radio panel of 109 reporters.

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"Fairweather Friend" by Johnny Gill (Motown) continues to develop strength at radio. Radio playlists are beginning to reflect top chart posi-tions. Six stations post No. 1 reports for the second week: WHJX Jackson-ville, Fla.; WJTT Chattanooga, Tenn.; WILD Boston; KKDA-FM Dallas; WMHG Grand Rapids, Mich.; and KPRS Kansas City, Mo. Sixteen other stations move it into No. 1. Two stations report new activity: WEBB Baltimore and WBLK Buffalo, N.Y. Its retail ranking lags behind its development at radio, even though "Fairweather" received 11 new dealer reports.

HREE GO 'ROUND: At the top of the chart, "Merry Go Round" by Keith Sweat (Vintertainment) is on 102 stations, gaining four: WAAA Winston-Salem, N.C.; WJMO-FM Cleveland; WGPR Detroit; and KBLK Tulsa, Okla. Five stations show it at No. 1, including WVKO Columbus, Ohio, and KMJQ Houston. WRKE Ocean City, Md., holds it at No. 1 for a second week. Leaping 85-51, "Round And Round" by Tevin Campbell (Paisley Park) is this week's Power Pick/Airplay record, gaining 43 stations for a total of 73. At No. 75, "What Goes Around, Comes Around" by Jeff Redd (Uptown) gets the nod at 16 stations, totaling 45 radio reporters

RAPPIN' TO THE TOP: "The Boomin' System" by L.L. Cool J (Def Jam) has performed consistently and continues to build steam, gaining six station reports. Three of the six list it new with numbers: WXOK Baton Rouge, La., at No. 8, and KKBT Los Angeles and WTLZ Sagninaw, Mich., both report it at No. 38. It is on 78 stations and ranks No. 1 in total retail points. "Ice Ice Baby" by Vanilla Ice (SBK) vaults 18-12 with a strong retail surge. It is on 77 stations and picks up 12 new reports. Some of the new stations are WKYS Washington, D.C.; WXYV Baltimore; WJLB Detroit; and XHRM San Diego.

RIDLOCK: Records listed from No. 15-22 are all bulleted and battling for position. Three records earn bullets but are not able to move up. Even this week's Power Pick/Sales winner, "Here's Looking At You" by Teena Marie (Epic)' is held in place. It is on 97 stations, earning five adds: WBLK Buffalo; WZAZ Jacksonville, Fla.; KMJM St. Louis; KIDZ Kansas City, Mo.; and KBLK Tulsa, "B.B.D. (I Thought It Was Me)?" by Bell Biv De-Voe (MCA) leaps into the pack. It is on 96 stations and makes a good increase in radio points, but the surge is the result of retail catching up, with 54 new dealer reports.

ASMINE GUY GETS a 30-point advance-the largest move on the chart-with "Try Me" (Warner Bros.). The single has a total of 74 station reports and gains 14 adds at radio, including WOWI Norfolk, WJLB Detroit, KMJM St. Louis, KHUL Memphis, and KMJQ, KCOH, and KHYS, all in Houston. Retail points add to the chart-burst, with 24 new reports.

# HOT BLACK SINGLES ACTION

	PLATINUM/		BRONZE/		
	GOLD ADDS 24 REPORTERS	SILVER ADDS 29 REPORTERS	SECONDARY ADDS 56 REPORTERS	TOTAL ADDS 109 REF	TOTAL ON PORTERS
IT NEVER RAINS.					
TONY! TONI! TONE! wing	8	11	31	50	55
ROUND AND ROUND					
TEVIN CAMBELL PAISLEY PARK	10	12	21	43	73
ROPE A DOPE STYLE					
LEVERT ATLANTIC	5	5	15	25	83
MY ONLY WOMAN					
AFTER 7 VIRGIN	4	7	12	23	49
DON'T TURN YOUR BACK.					
GRADY HARRELL RCA	2	6	14	22	41
LOVE ME JUST FOR ME					
SPECIAL GENERATION CAPITOL	5	9	7	21	39
THING CALLED LOVE					
THE BOYS MOTOWN	4	8	8	20	20
CHOCOLATE					
THE TIME PAISLEY PARK	3	8	8	19	20
MY HEART YOUR HEART					
WHISPERS CAPITOL	4	5	8	17	89
FRIENDZ					
WOOTEN BROTHERS A&M	1	7	9	17	27

Radio Most Added is a weekly national compilation of the ten records most added to the playlists of the radio stations reporting to Billboard. The full panel of radio reporters is published periodically as changes are made, or is available by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Billboard Chart Dept., 1515 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10036.

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#### FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 13, 1990

#### Billboard. Hot Black Singles SALES & AIRPLAY A ranking of the top 40 black singles by sales and airplay, respectively, with reference to each title's composite position on the main Hot Black Singles chart

SALES FOS1 THIS WEEK WEEK ARTIST TITLE 1 4 THE BOOMIN' SYSTEM L.L. COOL J 7 2 3 **GIVING YOU THE BENEFIT** PEBBLES 1 BLACK BOX 5 EVERYBODY EVERYBODY 3 1 MAXI PRIEST 4 4 7 CLOSE TO YOU 56HEAVEN KNOWS69FAIRWEATHER FRIEND LALAH HATHAWAY 3 JOHNNY GILL 2 RHYTHM OF LIFE OLETA ADAMS 9 7 8 VANILLA ICE 12 8 12 ICE ICE BABY 9 10 SO YOU LIKE WHAT YOU SEE SAMUELLE 6 YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT KIARA 10 10 11 11 16 SAVE YOUR LOVE TRACIE SPENCER 11 12 2 CRAZY THE BOYS 23 PRINCE 14 THIEVES IN THE TEMPLE 13 5 KEITH SWEAT 8 14 18 MERRY GO ROUND THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME LISA STANSFIELD 13 15 17 SNAP 19 16 20 OOOPS UP JANET JACKSON 18 17 23 BLACK CAT 18 19 IF I COULD ONLY HAVE THAT DAY BACK HOWARD HEWETT 24 HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU TEENA MARIE 21 19 26 CARON WHEELER 20 20 35 LIVIN' IN THE LIGHT I DON'T GO FOR THAT QUINCY JONES 15 21 29 22 KNOCKIN' BOOTS CANDYMAN 28 31 MARIAH CAREY 17 23 40 LOVE TAKES TIME THAT'S MY ATTITUDE TROOP 22 24 32 BELL BIV DEVOE 16 B.B.D. (I THOUGHT IT WAS ME)? 25 TONY! TONI! TONE! 33 26 15 FEELS GOOD EN VOGUE 30 27 14 LIES A TRIBE CALLED QUEST 56 BONITA APPLEBUM 28 33 LOVE'S GONNA GET'CHA BOOGIE DOWN PRODUCTIONS 46 29 30 34 THE MAC BAND 27 SOMEONE TO LOVE 31 SLOW MOTION GERALD ALSTON 25 M.C. HAMMER 26 32 PRAY 33 I GOT THE FEELING TODAY 31 34 38 NOW'S THE B TURN LAOUAN 61 SPECIAL ED 35 THE MISSION FATHER MC 54 36 22 TREAT THEM LIKE THEY WANT TO BE. 37 - STOP RUN 38 30 A FRIEND STOP RUNNING AWAY BRENDA RUSSELL 35 THE WINANS 48 39 28 D-NICE 78 CALL ME D-NICE CYNDA WILLIAMS 32 HARLEM BLUES

WEEK	WEEK		ARTIST	HOT BLACK
			-500.50	-
1	1	GIVING YOU THE BENEFIT	PEBBLES	1
2	3	FAIRWEATHER FRIEND	JOHNNY GILL	2
3	2	HEAVEN KNOWS	LALAH HATHAWAY	3
4	7	MERRY GO ROUND	KEITH SWEAT	8
5	5	CLOSE TO YOU	MAXI PRIEST	4
6	8	SO YOU LIKE WHAT YOU SEE	SAMUELLE	6
7	4	EVERYBODY EVERYBODY	BLACK BOX	5
8	11	SAVE YOUR LOVE	TRACIE SPENCER	1
9	10	YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT	KIARA	10
10	16	B.B.D. (I THOUGHT IT WAS ME)?	BELL BIV DEVOE	10
11	13	I DON'T GO FOR THAT	QUINCY JONES	1
12	17	LOVE TAKES TIME	MARIAH CAREY	T
13	14	RHYTHM OF LIFE	OLETA ADAMS	9
14	15	THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME	LISA STANSFIELD	1
15	19	THE BOOMIN' SYSTEM	L.L. COOL J	1
16	20	LIVIN' IN THE LIGHT	CARON WHEELER	2
17	18	THAT'S MY ATTITUDE	TROOP	2
18	24	SLOW MOTION	GERALD ALSTON	2
19	26	PRAY	M.C. HAMMER	2
20	22	HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU	TEENA MARIE	2
21	25	BLACK CAT	JANET JACKSON	1
22	23	OOOPS UP	SNAP	1
23	6	THIEVES IN THE TEMPLE	PRINCE	1
24	21	SOMEONE TO LOVE	THE MAC BAND	2
25	28	MISSUNDERSTANDING	AL B. SURE!	2
26	35	ICE ICE BABY	VANILLA ICE	1
27	31	SOUL INSPIRATION	ANITA BAKER	3
28	34	HARLEM BLUES	CYNDA WILLIAMS	3
29	12	IF I COULD ONLY HAVE THAT DAY	BACK HOWARD HEWETT	2
30	36	I GOT THE FEELING	TODAY	3
31	39	I JUST CAN'T HANDLE IT	HI-5	3
32	32	CLOSE QUARTERS	CAMEO	3
33	9	CRAZY	THE BOYS	2
34	-	MY HEART YOUR HEART	WHISPERS	4
35	_	KNOCKIN' BOOTS	CANDYMAN	2
36	27	LIES	EN VOGUE	3
37		LISTEN UP	LISTEN UP	3
38		DANCE WITH ME	THE BLACK FLAMES	3
39		I LOOK GOOD	BERNADETTE COOPER	4
40	33	STOP RUNNING AWAY	BRENDA RUSSELL	3

#### BLACK SINGLES A-Z PUBLISHERS/PERFORMANCE RIGHTS/SHEET MUSIC

TITLE (Publisher - Licensing Org.) Sheet Music Dist.

- 100 MILES AND RUNNIN' (Ruthless Attack 87 ASCAP/Dollarz-N-Sense, BMI/Stone Agate, BMI) ARE YOU REALLY REAL? (T-Boy, ASCAP/Natural Born 96
- Thing, ASCAP) B.B.D. (I THOUGHT IT WAS ME) ? (Ronestone, 16

- B.B.D. (I THOUGHT IT WAS ME)? (Ronestone, BMI/Your Mothers, BMI/Ais, BMI/Aishamighty, BMI/Sirong Island, ASCAP) BLACK CAT (Black Ice, BMI) BONITA APPLEBUM (Zomba, ASCAP) THE BOOMIN' SYSTEM (LL. Cool J, ASCAP/Marley Marl, ASCAP/Def Jam, ASCAP) CALL ME D-NICE (Zomba, ASCAP/Longitude, BMI/Doratlo, BMI/High Concept, ASCAP) CANT STOP (Hip Trip, BMI/Kear, BMI) HL CAN WE TRY AGAIN (Luella, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP/Zomba, ASCAP) CIGARETTE IN THE RAIN (Ensign, BMI/Ruth McCartney, BMI/Barty Coffing, BMI) CPP
- 78
- 47
- 100
- 38
- CIGARETTE IN THE RAIN (Ensign, BMI/Kuth McCartney, BMI/Barty Coffing, BMI) CPP CLOSE QUARTERS (Better Nights, ASCAP/Pri, ASCAP/Better Days, BMI/Pri, BMI) CLOSE TO YOU (E.G., BMI/W.S., BMI/Chappell & Co., ASCAP/Level Vibes, ASCAP/Coigems-EMI, ASCAP/Forever, PRS) WBM COME BACK TO ME (Black Ice, ASCAP) WBM COME HOME TO ME (Chicago Bros, BMI) CRAPY (Buif Man, BMI)
- 23 CRAZY (Buff Man, BMI)
- DANCE FLOOR OF LIFE (Baby Ann, BMI/Crystal Isle 63
- DANCE FLOW OF LIFE (Baby Ann, Binl/Gystariste, BM/Bubba Gee, BMI) DANCE WITH ME (Mi Bro, ASCAP/Raw As Hell, ASCAP/Yah Ya Sykes, ASCAP/Major Mo, ASCAP/Del Jam ASCAP) 37
- Jam, ASCAP) DIRTY CASH (MONEY TALKS) (MCA, ASCAP/Warner 91
- 79 DO FOR YOU, DO FOR ME (Pelio, BM1/Lamant

- 79 DO FOR YOU, DO FOR ME (Peljo, BMI/Lamant Coward, BMI)
  60 DO MEI (Willesden, BMI/Low Key, BMI/Baledat, BMI/Slik Star, ASCAP/Uncity, ASCAP)
  90 DON'T TURN YOUR BACK ON ME (Color Free, BMI/Juby Laws, BMI)
  90 DO YOU REALLY WANT MY LOVE (Pic N Choose, ASCAP/Colgems-EMI, ASCAP)
  5 EVERYBODY (VLRYBODY (Lambardoni Edizioni, ASCAP/Colgems-EMI, ASCAP)
  6 FAIRWEATHER FRIEND (Kear, BMI/Epic/Solar, BMI/Greenskirt, BMI)
  33 FEELS GOOD (Tony Toni Tone, ASCAP/Pri, ASCAP)
  WBM

- A FRIEND (Donril, ASCAP/Zomba, ASCAP) 48 GIVING YOU THE BENEFIT (Kear, BMI/Hip Trip, BMI) 81
- 69
- GIVING YOU THE BENEFIT (Kear, BMI/Hip Ting) THE GOOD LIFE (CBS, ASCAP/Warner-Tamerland BMI/Eleksylum, BMI/Philesto, BMI) GO OUTSIDE IN THE RAIN (Sutjack, ASCAP/Donesha's, ASCAP/Nato/Visions-USA, AS HALE (No Face, ASCAP/Rushtown, ASCAP) USA, ASCAP) 62
- HARLEM BLUES (Not Listed) HAVE YOU SEEN HER (Unichappell, BMI/Bust-It, 76
- BMI) HL/CLM HEAL OUR LAND (Zomba, ASCAP/Empire, ASCAP/Windswept Pacific, ASCAP) 70

- HEAVEN KNOWS (Virgin, ASCAP) CPP HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU (EMI April, 21
- 12
- HERE'S LOURING AT YOU (EM April, ASCAP/Midnight Magnet, ASCAP) CPP ICE ICE BABY (Ice Baby, ASCAP/QPM, ASCAP) I CONFESS (Aimo, ASCAP) I DON'T GO FOR THAT (EMI April, ASCAP) I DON'T HAVE THE HEART (Music Corp. Of America, BMI/Nelana, BMI/Music By Candelight, ASCAP/PSO Itd, ASCAP) CPP/HI 64 Ltd., ASCAP) CPP/HL
- Ltd., ASJAP J CPF/HL I'D RATHER GO BLIND (ARC, BMI) IF I COULD ONLY HAVE THAT DAY BACK (Geffen, ASCAP/Streetwise, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP) I GOT THE FEELING (HI-Frost, BMI) I JUST CAN'T HANDLE IT (Zomba, ASCAP/Mom And Dol ASTOR
- 31
- Dad, ASCAP) I'LL BE GOOD TO YOU (Spruill, ASCAP/MCA, ASCAP) 50 41 I LOOK GOOD (Portrait/Solar, ASCAP/Slap Me One!

- ASCAP/ I LOVE THE WAY YOU LOVE ME (Donril, ASCAP/Zomba, ASCAP/Go Left, ASCAP) I-L-O-V-E U (Warner-Elektra-Asylum, BMI/Mervyn 52 Warren, BMI/Winston Kae, BMI)
- Warren, BMI/Winston Kae, BMI) INNOCENT (Whole Nine Yards, ASCAP/Itself And Macdadi, ASCAP/Tabrayiah, ASCAP/Haynestrom, ASCAP/Les Etoiles De La Musique, ASCAP/Must Be Marvelous, ASCAP) WBM/CLM IN SUMMER I FALL (Loesun, ASCAP/EMI April, ASCAP) 67
- 57
- IN THE GHETTO (EMI Blackwood, BMI/Eric B & 84 ASCAP)
- IT NEVER RAINS (IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA) (Tony 71
- IT NEVER KAINS (IN SUUTHEEN CALIFURNIA) (Tony Toni Tone, ASCAP/Pri, ASCAP) KEEP WATCHIN' (Ruthiess Attack, ASCAP) KNOCKIN' BOOTS (Diabetic, ASCAP/Mille Miglia, ASCAP/Windswept Pacific, ASCAP/D/B/A Longitude, Durother Arthouse DNI)
- BMI/Stone Agate, BMI) CPP 39
- BMI/Stone Agate, BMI) CPP LIES (2 Tuff-E-Nuff, BMI/Irving, BMI) CPP LISTEN UP (FROM LISTEN UP THE LIVES OF QUINCY JONES) (Warner-Tamerlane, BMI/Shakin' Baker, BMI/Deniz, BMI/WB, ASCAP/Black Chick, ASCAP/Pocketrock, ASCAP) LIVIN' IN THE LIGHT (Orange Tree, ASCAP/Motherman, ASCAP) LOVE ME JUST FOR ME (Bust-It, BMI) LOVES COMMA CETE/LA (Zoneb, ASCAP/Houre C 20
- 85 LOVE'S GONNA GET'CHA (Zomba, ASCAP/House Of
- 17
- Fun, BMI) LOVE TAKES TIME (Vision Of Love, BMI/Been Jammin', BMI) LUV-U-UP (Epic/Solar, BMI/Saba, BMI) MERRY GO ROUND (Keith Sweat, ASCAP/Bobby D., ASCAP/WB, ASCAP/E/A, ASCAP/MCA, ASCAP/ UKE MISCION (Docume BMI/Concil of BMI/A
- 43 THE MISSION (Promuse, BM1/Special Ed, BM1/Howie
- BMI) MISSUNDERSTANDING (AI B. Surel, ASCAP/EMI April, ASCAP/Across 110th Street, ASCAP/Frank Nitty, ASCAP/Velie Int'l, ASCAP/Ness, Nitty, & Capone, 29
- ASCAP 42 MY HEART YOUR HEART (Virgin, BMI/Morning Crew RMD.
- MY LOVE WILL (Lorna Lee BMI/Beau Di O Do. BMI) 82
- MY, MY, MY (Kear, BMI/Epic/Solar, BMI/Tree BMI/Greenskirt, BMI) HL
   MY ONLY WOMAN (Epic/Solar, BMI/Kear,

BMI/Greenskirt, BMI) NO SWEETER LOVE (WB, ASCAP/Silver Sun, ASCAP) NOTHING BUT A PARTY (Said, BMI) NOW'S THE B TURN (Island, BMI/Original Dirt, 61 ASCAP/Farewell To Arms, BMI/Totally Mental

- ASCAP/Fareweil to Arms, Bmi/ totally mental, ASCAP/Zohar, BMI) 19 000PS UP (Taking Care Of Business, BMI/Hanseatic, ASCAP/Intersong U.S.A., ASCAP/Willesden, BMI) 72 0UR LOVE WILL LAST FOREVER (Too Sweet Muzik,
- 44 PEOPLE (Jazzie B, ASCAP/Virgin, ASCAP/Soul II Soul
- PEUPLE (JAZZIE B, ASCAP/VIrgin, ASCAP/Souli II Soul Mad, ASCAP) CPP PRAY (Controversy, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP/Bust-It, BMI) CLM/WBM PRISONER OF LOVE (Ollie Brown Sugar, SCAP, Grad Les DRU 26
- 74
- ASCAP/Tokyo Joe, BMI) RHYTHM OF LIFE (Virgin, ASCAP) CPP ROPE A DOPE STYLE (Trycep, BMI/Willesden, BMI) ROUND AND ROUND (Controversy, ASCAP/WB,
- ASCAP) SAVE YOUR LOVE (Virgin, ASCAP/Dream Dealers, ASCAP/BMG, ASCAP/Tocep, BMI/Jumpin' Off, BMI) 11
- 98 SECOND CHANCE (He Gave Me, ASCAP/Almo

- 35
- SECOND CHANCE (He Gave Me, ASCAP/Almo, ASCAP/Hip To Hip, BMI) CPP SHE'S MINE (Cal-Gene, BMI/Virgin, BMI) CPP SLOW MOTION (Stanton's Gold, BMI/Island, BMI/Tracye One, BMI/Maypop, BMI) SOMEONE TO LOVE (Not Listed) SOUL INSPIRATION (Myaze, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP/Cood Single, PRS/Irving, BMI) CPP/WBM SO YOU LIKE WHAT YOU SEE (Two Tuff-Enuff, BMI/Irving, ASCAP) CPP STOP RUNNING AWAY (Rutland Road, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP/Gratitude Sky, ASCAP) STREETS OF NEW YORK (Kool G Rap, ASCAP/Cold Chillin', ASCAP/WB, ASCAP/Lynn Star, ASCAP) TALK TO ME (All Baker's, BMI/Monteque, BMI/Delvon, BMI) CPP 92
- 97 BMI/Delvon BMI) CPP
- n
- THAT'S MY ATTITUDE (Trycep, BMI/Willesden, BMI) THAT'S MY ATTITUDE (Trycep, BMI/Willesden, BMI) THIEVES IN THE TEMPLE (Controversy, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP) WBM THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME (Big Life, PRS/BMG,
- 13 ASCAP
- TOUCH ME UP (Avid One, ASCAP/Unicity, 55
- 54
- TOUCH ME UP (Avid One, ASCAP/Unicity, ASCAP/ZUBAIdah, ASCAP/Zoabby Ninny, BMI) TREAT THEM LIKE THEY WANT TO BE TREATEO (Second Generation Rooney, ASCAP/Ent April, ASCAP/Across 110th Street, ASCAP/Enther MC, BMI) TRY ME (Forceful, BMI/Willesden, BMI) TURN OUT THE LICHTS (International, ASCAP/Hit and Hold ASCAP)
- 99 And Hold, ASCAP) UP WITH HOPE, DOWN WITH DOPE (Bust-It, BMI)
- 80 73 VISION OF LOVE (Vision Of Love, BMI/Been Jammin' WE LIKE IT (Bust-It, BMI) WHAT GOES AROUND, COMES AROUND (Jeff Redd, ASCAP/Across 110th Street, ASCAP/EMI April,

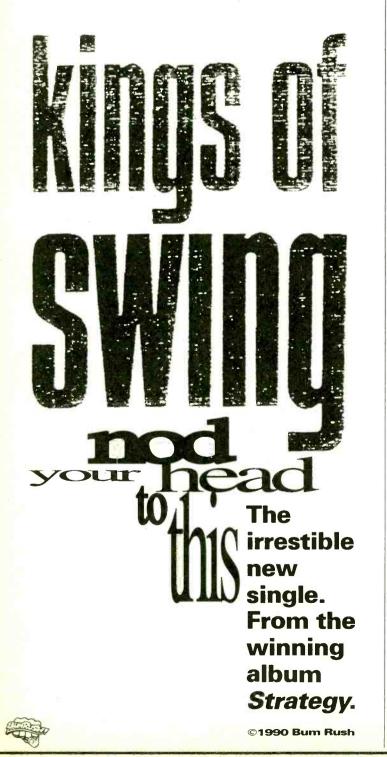
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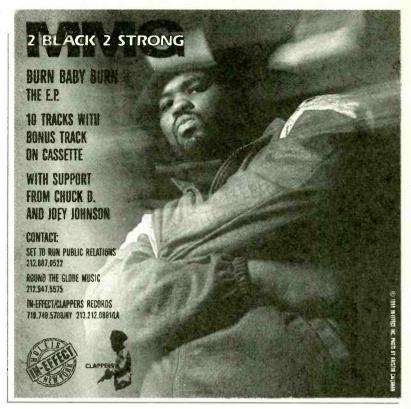
#### **RHYTHM & THE BLUES** (Continued from page 25)

Battle Of New York City." The tape is a historic account—through recorded speeches, rallies, and marches—of New York's racial un-rest from 1987-90, focusing on the murders that sparked confrontations in the Bensonhurst; Howard Beach; Teaneck, N.J.; and Bush-wick areas. It is the first compilation of speeches by Sharpton, president of the United African Movement, and Fulani, leader of the New Alliance Party. CIT was formed by the community-funded Castillo Cultural Center and Tony Rose, a 15-year music industry veteran who serves as the project's producer. The tape is \$5.95 plus \$1 postage. Write the center: Suite 201, 500 Greenwich St., New York, N.Y. 10013; or call Rose or Grace Testani at 212-941-8340.

Y.E.S. GOES TO COLLEGE A&M Records and minority-owned Morgan Orchid Rhodes have expanded their music biz summer internship for high schoolers to include college students all year round. The new Y.E.S. To Jobs-College Expansion plan will train minority college seniors for careers in the industry, placing them as full-time interns in MOR's four offices (Atlanta, Chicago, New Jersey, Los Angeles). The pro-gram provides intensive and practical experience for college-educated young people serious about an entertainment business career. The program is fully funded by A&M; for information call MOR's Vivian Funn at 201-843-2050.

IDBITS: Great news! Now that Marvin Gaye has a star on the Hollywood Walk Of Fame, Motown has released a four-CD (or four-cassette) boxed set called "The Marvin Gaye Collection." This definitive package was compiled and produced by George Solomon, who was sent into the Motown vaults by Motown prez Jheryl Busby and chief operating officer/executive producer Harry Anger. It contains all his hits from his 25-year career, and includes 34 previously unreleased tracks (including duets and concert performances). The four sections are themed "20 Top 20s," top 20 hits in their original 45 rpm versions; "The Duets"—Mary Wells, Kim Weston, Tammi Terrell, Diana Ross, etc., "Rare, Live, And Unre-leased"; and "The Balladeer." It is a sheer treasure trove ... Profile is fi-nally releasing the next **Run-D.M.C.** package, "Back From Hell," on Nov. 19. The first single from these multiplatinum rappers is "What's It All About" b/w "The Ave." Remember the def "Pause"? ... Johnny Gill has signed on as

opener for Janet Jackson on the European leg of the "Rhythm Nation" tour, which kicked off Oct. 4 in Rotterdam, the Netherlands .... Freddie Jackson and Stephanie Mills are expected to perform at the star-studded fourth Essence Awards, Oct. 19 at Radio City Music Hall in New York. The affair will be hosted by Bill Cosby and special guest Oprah Winfrey; part of the proceeds will go to the United Negro College Fund. For info, call the Terrie Williams Agency at 212-489-5630.



FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 13, 1990

Billb	oar	d.	10	<b>TRAP SINGLES</b>
THIS	LAST WEEK	2 WKS. AGO	WKS. ON CHART	Compiled from a national sample of retail TITLE and one-stop sales reports. ARTIST LABEL & NUMBER/DISTRIBUTING LABEL
1	1	2	7	<b>* * NO. 1 * *</b> <b>THE BOOMIN' SYSTEM</b> DEF JAM 44-73457/COLUMBIA (C) (T) 2 weeks at No. 1
2	3	5	6	ICE ICE BABY SBK 19724 (C) (M) (T)
3	5	9	5	KNOCKIN' BOOTS EPIC 49-73437 (C) (M)
4	2	1	11	TREAT THEM LIKE THEY WANT TO BE
5	7	7	8	BONITA APPLEBUM JIVE 1368/RCA (M) (T)
6	4	4	10	LOVE'S GONNA GET'CHA  BOOGIE DOWN PRODUCTIONS JIVE 1367/RCA (C) (M) (T)
7	8	10	8	SLOW LOVE ODC BOX & B. FRESH
8	13	17	5	000PS UP ARISTA 2071 (M) (T)
9	6	3	16	CALL ME D-NICE  D-NICE  D-NICE
10)	14	16	5	100 MILES AND RUNNIN' RUTHLESS 7229/PRIORITY (C) (T) N.W.A.
11)	12	15	6	STREETS OF NEW YORK COLD CHILLIN' 0-19762/WARNER BROS. (C) (T)
12)	15	19	5	CAPPUCINO FIRST PRIORITY 0-96454/ATLANTIC (T)  MC LYTE
13	10	12	9	TIC-TAC-TOE
14	9	6	16	ROCK DIS FUNKY JOINT PROFILE 7302 (M) (T) POOR RIGHTEOUS TEACHERS
15	11	13	13	LA RAZA VIRGIN 98947-1 (C) (M) (T)
16)	29	-	2	THE MISSION SPECIAL ED PROFILE 7311 (M) (T)
17	19	27	4	THE VERDICT LUKE 150 (C) (M) (T)
18)	22	26	4	THE ORIGINATORS THE JAZ
19	17	8	10	ME AND THE BIZ COLD CHILLIN 0-21559/REPRISE (C) (T)
20	16	11	13	HAVE YOU SEEN HER ● CAPITOL 15586 (C) (T) ● M.C. HAMMER
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22)	26	_	2	IN THE GHETTO MCA 53901 (C) (M) (T) (V) ◆ ERIC B. & RAKIM
23	24	29	3	BALLAD OF A MENACE CAPITOL 15599 (M) (T)
24	25	28	3	PLEASE DON'T CRY MOTOWN 4728 (C) (T) ◆ RED BANDIT FEAT. RICKY BELL
25	18	20	9	RUFF RHYME (BACK AGAIN)
26	21	21	9	WE LIKE IT         OAKTOWN'S 3-5-7           CAPITOL 15596 (C) (T)         OAKTOWN'S 3-5-7
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30	30		2	NASTEMIZ 70990 (C) (II) SEATOWN BALLERS NASTEMIZ 76990 (C) (M) (T) ◆ KID SENSATION

Records with the greatest sales gains this week. 
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# **BLACK**

# Special Ed Boasts Own Lyrics On 'Legal' Album

BY JANINE MCADAMS

NEW YORK—"A real rapper doesn't have to buy raps," states Special Ed, whose second Profile album, "Legal," is gaining a foothold on the heels of the first single, "The Mission." While Ed, whose real last name is Archer, takes pride in writing his own material (the album trumpets "all lyrics by Special Ed"), he doesn't feel any need to pen material for others.

As a personal statement, "Legal" is a project he's clearly proud of. For one thing, it marks Ed's maturation as an artist. The title is a reflection of his 18-year-old status. "The difference between this album and the last one, 'Youngest In Charge,' is that I've matured lyrically and vocally," he says. "That album came out three years ago, and on some of the tracks my voice is really high. On some of them my voice got higher because they speeded them up."

Ed also points to his professional growth, having co-produced four tracks with his brother, Wayne Archer. Hitman Howie Tee, Ed's neighborhood homeboy who produced his demo and got him his Profile deal, took care of the other tracks.

As anyone who has peeped at the album cover can attest, Special Ed's personal style has also matured. The rapper assumes a sleeker profile—no more gold chains, no more baseball caps. "Everybody should be satisfied when they look in the mirror," is how he responds when asked about his teen-dream, loverboy image. "I'm an artist first. It's nice that women respond to me, but the fellas like my lyrics, too. I feel I have talent. No one else is writing for me, no one else is rapping for me."

Released July 23, "Legal" has managed to vault into the Top Black Albums chart's top 20, well ahead of progress made by a single. Profile chose to release the album, then a video for "Mission," in advance of the single's release to radio to create a demand for the record, says Fred Feldman, national media director.

"Mission" is Special Ed's vivid account of a secret-agent-type adventure, and describes some fairly startling action sequences. Ed deflects accusations that he is promoting violence: "I knew there would be problems with people objecting to "The Mission' because of its content, but that's my sense of humor," he says. "It's a cartoon and I'm a character like Bugs Bunny."

The video, directed by M.A.E. Griot (Moses Edinborough), plays off the humor intended, placing Ed as an entrant in a World's Greatest Liar Contest. "MTV is airing it, and 'Pump It Up' and BET are really playing it up," says Feldman, who places sales of the album at about 300,000.

Special Ed has been performing at selected track dates with the Poor Righteous Teachers; there are no national tour plans as yet. "Come On Let's Move It" is expected to be the second single. Billboard writes the book on Rap in our ANNUAL RAP SPOTLIGHT ISSUE DATE: November 24 AD DEADLINE: October 30

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### DANCE ENER

# **Inner City On 'Fire'; Capitol Catches Disco Fever**

SETTING THE HOUSE ON 'Fire': Now that Virgin recording duo Inner City's innovative blend of techno-funk and house has become the prototype for numerous other chart-topping acts, it's about to re-enter competition with 'Fire,' the long-awaited follow-up to its popular 1989 debut album, "Big Fun."

While out-of-the-box club play is imminent before even a casual listen, careful examination of the set hints that the group is aiming for a little bit more this time around.

"I wanted to leave an opening to do a lot of different sounding mixes," says the group's musical mastermind, Kevin Sanderson. "It was important for this album to offer a wider variety of sounds

and grooves than the last one." The first single, "That Man, He's All Mine," which has just shipped to retail, is a strong indication that Sanderson may well have succeeded in his goal. The track deftly glides along an R&B/house trail, with singer Paris Grey offering a warm and silky performance. The song's groove has tough, urban radio muscle, while pumped redressings by Kevin McCord will sound great in a club setting.

Although retail received the single before dance jocks, a second set of DJ-only remixes by Sanderson, Carl Craig, Andrew Ko, and Marc Kinchen will be shipped shortly.

The range of singles choices runs deep, with "Lovelight" and the title cut, a pair of frenetic house raves destined for dance floor domination. The best option for radio breakthrough comes via the mid-tempo, jack-styled "What Does It Take," an irresistibly catchy tune kicked into gear with some spicy rapping by Sanderson's sister LaTanya.

If we had to quibble about anything, it would have to be the fact that "Fire" will not be available on vinyl. Such a move limits programming options at club level, and sends out a message from the label to the still vinyl-dominated dance community: You are being warned.

EVERYONE TWIRL! Disco diehards throughout the land will be delighted to learn that Capitol

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- LEAGUE A&M Breakouts: Titles with future chart potential, based on club play or sales reported this week

Records has dipped into its ar-chives to release a series of '70sera club classics on 12-inch vinyl.

Issued under the heading "Capitol Gold Cuts," the singles have been remastered, increasing mixing possibilities with current records. Among the tracks available are "Trans-Europe Express," by Kraftwerk, George Clinton's "Atomic Dog," "Boogie Oogie Oo gie," by A Taste Of Honey, "On The Beat," by BBQ Band, "Haven't Stop Dancing Yet," by Gonzalez, and two tracks from Tavares, "Heaven Must Be Missing An Angel" and "It Only Takes A Minute." Future releases are planned . . . we can't wait.

**C**OMING BACK: One of the surprise treats of this week came via a limited-edition CD album from Man Parrish, available on Man Made Productions (718-232-2430). Parrish is best known for his early-'80s hit, "Hip-Hop Rebop," and as the producer and writer for hi-NRG icons like Paul Parker and Paul Zone. He is currently shopping the set for major label distribution.

The music glides back and forth between retro-vibed NRG and mainstream-viable house and hiphop. Particularly noteworthy is "Apache (In The Mix)," a kickin' beat-n-sample jam that makes inspired use of snatches from Don-na Summer's "Bad Girls." Euroconscious spinners should find Parker's cover of Giorgio Moroder's "Here To Eternity" loads of fun, as well as "Angel," fronted by Beth Rudesty. A most welcome return.

U.K. BEAT: Urban Records is being established as a new, separate



by Larry Flick

A&R division of Polydor Records in the U.K. The label will seek out and develop its own acts as well as oversee dance product from Polydor and new labels Slam and Love. Heading the division will be Eddie Gordon, with Johnny Walker as A&R manager and Suzanne Jeoffroi as promotion executive. There are no plans for stateside distribution vet.

BBC-2 has signed a former magazine publisher and two journal-ists from U.K. teen fanzine Smash Hits to launch a 10-part dance mu-sic radio series, "Dance Energy," beginning Oct. 15.

The 40-minute program, launched by Activate Productions, will be club-based with guest jocks offering reports on the dance scene and club fashions throughout Europe. Jacqui Doyle, director of Activate, says the program will maintain a pure club slant while appealing to mainstream audiences.

"We perceive dance as attracting a very wide audience," she says. "The fact that the British dance market so dominates the top 40 shows that it's not restricted to clubs."

SINGLES SCENE: We've been quite impressed with the musical output of SBK-One from its start several months ago, but it has outdone itself this time with "Surrender," by Love & Laughter.

The track, which has already garnered kudos from jocks in the U.K., is an appetizing blend of hiphop, swing, and R&B influences. Dig into the dub and let the natural drum sounds and understated bass line take over. Wicked.

Hip-house fans will need to investigate "Pump That Thang," by Queen T Featuring Crystal Blake, on Hit Clockin' Records (213-464-4681). The track is a frenetic wriggler that kicks hard with peak-hour potential. We're also fond of the jerky staccato hip-hop mix on the flip. Jump on it.

A potential sleeper could be in the offing for Sam recording artist **Richard Rogers** with "Spread A Little Love." Originally produced by house-master Marshall Jefferson, this lyrically optimistic tune strikes a bright disco stance, thanks to postproduction by Paul Simpson. Contact: 718-335-2184.

We're happy to hear that A&R Records (212-643-7179) has picked up "How Do You See Me Now" by Extortion Featuring Dihan Brooks for American club consumption. This hypnotic, string-laden deep houser has been burning in the U.K. underground club scene for a while now. Acid-washed "40 Worth" mix has early-a.m. playability, while "New Born" version works anytime.

TID-BEATS: When Chrysalis Rec-ords issues "It's A Jungle Out There," by Julian Jonah, in two weeks, it will mark the first joint effort by the label's club and new R&B promotion departments. The 12-inch single is produced by Jonah, with additional production and remixing by Frankie Knuckles.

Former Tommy Boy Records exec Ed Strickland will head up the R&B arm of the label, coordinating promotion strategies with Laura Kuntz, Chrysalis' manager of club promotion. Future projects include the major label debut of rapper Gangstarr and newcomer Next School.

Two reasons to look forward to the upcoming greatest hits compilation from Madonna: fresh material written and produced with the fab Shep Pettibone, and a curiosity-piquing collaboration with rocker Lenny Kravitz.

Atlantic dance music exec Mojo Nicosia has been keeping busy with various remixing projects. He's in the studio with production partner George Morel postproducing future releases by Tricia Leigh Fisher and 2 In A Room.



Raging For Rights. Andy Bell, lead singer for Sire/Reprise act Erasure, and Pathfinder recording artist Lene Lovich take a break from recording "Animal Rage," a duet that will appear on a forthcoming compilation album to benefit People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. The album will be released on Rhino Records' "New Artists" label in early 1991. Also included on the album will be a duet featuring Chrissie Hynde and Jeff Beck, who have recorded "Skin Thieves," a house track produced by JFT Hood.



ARTIST DEVELOPMENTS

D'BORAH PUMPS IT UP D'borah's successful recording debut as featured vocalist on Louie Vega's Freestyle Orchestra single, "Keep On Pumpin' It Up," has club music fans looking eagerly to her next project.

This single, the first from the new SBK-One Records, offers a smooth counter in techno-house instrumental style to D'borah's emotional delivery.

Vega further frames the young singer's voice in an arrangement that has only a hint of his trademark hip-hop sound. Here, he combines street-level house beats with ambient elements, generated with flute and sax lines. Unlike a lot of its competition, the 12-inch single has five highly varied mixes, including an a cappella version, featuring backup vocals by Jocelyn Brown and Connie Harvey, that demonstrates the full power of

D'borah's voice. Written by Vega with Derek Whitaker and Todd Terry, "Keep On Pumpin' It Up" recently peaked in the top five of Billboard's Club Play chart.

"When a DJ produces, he has an

automatic feel for what will work on the club scene," D'borah says of Vega, and further expands her point by citing DJ/producer Tony Humphries' work on the "Zanzibar" mix.

Humphries, along with Troy Patterson and Joe Smooth, is now involved in producing the singer's debut album, which she hopes will include some of her own material.

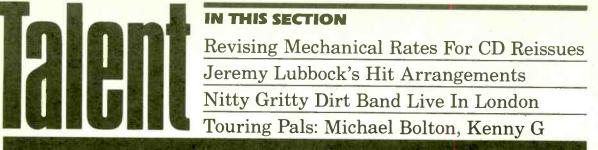
But D'borah is not tied exclusively to dance music. Influenced by her mother, New York jazz and gospel singer Yvonne Rivers, who exposed her to Bessie Smith and Sam Cooke, D'borah says her own material includes upbeat ballads.

D'borah completed the studio session for the vocals on "Keep On Pumpin' It Up" in spite of an accident that day in which she crashed her car into a brick wall on Brooklyn, N.Y.'s Interboro Parkway. The wheels were still able to roll, so I said I can make it," she says.

The incident illustrates the quality she feels will separate her from other aspiring singers. Without hesitation, she pegs it as "determi-

nation."

BILL CASTLE



# **'Pie' A Sweet Success For Warrant Band Giving Fans A Slice On Poison Tour**

#### BY CHRIS MORRIS

LOS ANGELES-The members of Warrant are being road warriors again. The L.A.-based hard rock band revved up its touring machine Sept. 19 in Green Bay, Wis., beginning a nearly four-month U.S. sortie that will find the band playing five shows

'If I have my way, there won't be a censored version'

a week opening for Poison.

The quintet is supporting its new Columbia Records album, "Cherry Pie." The sequel to the band's doubleplatinum debut, "Dirty Rotten Filthy Stinking Rich," has already entered the top 15 on Billboard's Top Pop Albums chart after only a month in release.

That album has also already

sparked some talk-and an alternative version of the disk-with a highly profane "ode" to the Parents' Music Resource Center's Tipper Gore, drawn from the band's live shows.

Warrant is familiar with the grind of touring: according to vocalist Jani Lane, the group played 282 dates-175 of them in clubs-over a 16month period supporting the last album

While Warrant's rapid rise to popularity has probably qualified the act as a bill-topper, Lane says there's no big hurry in that direction. "You don't want to rush into head-

lining," he says. "If you don't do business, the promoter can be unforgiving." But Lane hopes that the band will

do a second leg of headlining dates after the first of the year. There is also the possibility that Warrant will do a 45-day European swing with Robert Plant and the Scorpions early in 1991, but that project remained unconfirmed on the eve

of Warrant's American trip.

One of the rawer aspects of "Cherry Pie"-which bears a parental advisory sticker-is "Ode To Tipper Gore," a 54-second cut culled from the group's concert sets. The track is essentially one long string of undeleted expletives.

Lane explains that an engineer assembled the track while cutting a radio show: "They were editing all the profanity out of a live broadcast ... They made a kind of cussing collage.

The group decided to use the track on "Cherry Pie" with the liner annotation "Freedom of speech-what a concept." That decision excited de-(Continued on page 34)



U Can't Touch Him. M.C. Hammer, whose Capitol Records disk "Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em'' has topped the pop albums chart for 17 consecutive weeks, was honored with three awards for his record and video releases, including the international success of his No. 1 single, "U Can't Touch This," the multiplatinum sales of his home video, "Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em: The Movie," and the quintuple-platinum domestic sales of his album-which has since topped 6 million in sales. As two more hits, "Have You Seen Her" and "Pray," climb the Hot 100, Hammer is on the second leg of a Pepsi/Club MTV-sponsored tour, headlining a multi-act bill. Pictured at a Capitol reception at the Inglewood Forum, standing, from left, are Mike Kleber, VP, music video; Art Jaeger, executive VP; John Fagot, promotion VP; Hale Milgrim, president of Capitol; Hammer; Lou Mann, VP, sales; and Step Johnson, senior VP/GM, black division, Capitol. In the front row, from left, are Jeremy Hammond, VP of international artist development, and Ron McCarrell, VP of marketing.

# **Charts Tasting Country-Style Crossover: AC Picks Up Joel; Ritz Throws World Party**

by Thom Duffy

T WAS A WEEK for crossover dreams, country-style. As the Beat has previously opined, the '90s seem ripe for a new wave of country-rock and country-pop success, a wave with far more talent depth than the Urban Cowboy fad of a decade ago or Nashville's MOR sound of the late '70s

Consider first Arista artist Michelle Wright, who made her New York debut at the Lone Star Roadhouse Sept. 25, opening for label mate Lee Roy Parnell. Arista prez Clive Davis and Nashville chief Tim DuBois led the label applause for both acts.

And the confident, seasoned Wright, who hopes to translate the success in her native Canada to the U.S., showed she can do so on her own terms. She grew up with a country sensibility in a small Ontario farm town. But the music of Motown beamed across the border and this farm girl—who recalls hours "in heaven" listening to the family tractor's radio-developed pop and soul instincts as well.

Then there was Rodney Crowell's date at the Marquee in Manhattan on a bill with Carlene Carter before a packed, enthusiastic crowd. Crowell earned his pop credentials penning tunes like "Shame On The Moon" for **Bob Seger**, and songs in his Sept. 26 set such as "The Faith Is Mine" and "Let Freedom Ring" show the pop potential of Crowell's work. (Crowell and wife Rosanne Cash, incidentally, have put themselves on the line more than most defending artists' rights in this pro-censorship climate.) In new disks by Cash and Mary-Chapin Carpenter, Columbia has two other potential pop win-

Granted, given the dominance of dance and rap on the Hot 100 nowadays, no country promotion VP is going to attempt a straight assault on top 40. But as alternative acts have discovered (Billboard, June 30), AC outlets can be a bridge to pop radio-particularly for tracks as richly melodic as many on the country chart today. Yet current wisdom says you can't go to radio without

a story at retail, right? Which brings us to the remarkable Garth Brooks, whose second Capitol Records re-lease, "No Fences," has taken only three weeks to hit No. 23 on the chart-the Top Pop Albums chart.

Pop fans are buying country. But will labels and pro-

grammers fully tap that potential? For too long, Nashville labels, artists, managers, and others have been content with country's comparatively modest share of the overall market. Perhaps-to borrow a song title from Brooks-it's time for them to discover a "New Way To Fly.

ON THE BEAT: Speaking of AC as a pop proving ground, that format picked up on Billy Joel's "And So It Goes" when it was released as the B side to "That's Not Her Style" months ago. While "Style" peaked at pop, "And So It Goes" quietly climbed to top five on the AC short and a now consistor

the AC chart-and is now crossing over to top 40 radio ... After Charisma Records act Jellyfish shook up a Ritz crowd in New York Sept. 27 with its colorful, '70s-meets-'90s power pop (loved that Supertramp cover), World Party carried on with a wonderfully buoyant, retro-tinged

set. Touring to support its Chrysalis disk, "Goodbye Jumbo," Karl Wallinger's Party lineup was even tighter and brighter than during its earlier U.S. summer swing. And Sinead O'Connor joined the Party as the show closed ... Radio and retail reps got more than they expected at a listening party at Tramps for Arista's new Hall & Oates album, "Change Of Season," when Daryl & John stopped by to play a short acoustic set ... Belated congratulations to former CREEM editor Bill Holdship, who's been named editor of the Southern California edition of BAM ... Grateful Dead drummer Mickey Hart, celebrating the release of his Rykodisc album "At The Edge" and companion book "Drumming At The Edge Of Magic" at a recent New York bash, was pleased those invited included Alan Lomax. Hart told the Beat Lomax's pioneering recordings of folk and blues were an early influence. Rykodisc earlier this year released the moving spoken-word and music set "Blues In The Mississippi Night," recorded by Lomax.

ON THE ROAD: As '70s revivalism surges, Sweet returns to the road with a two-month club tour opening Oct. 25 at the Bayou club in Washington, D.C. The run coincides with the Tuesday (9) album release of "Sweet: (Continued on page 36)

# **Milsap On Georgia's Mind As He Joins Music Hall Of Fame**

#### BY RUSSELL SHAW

ATLANTA-Ronnie Milsap, who was born in North Carolina but attended college in Georgia and made his professional performing debut in Atlanta in the early '70s, is the newest member of the Georgia Music Hall of Fame.

Milsap's selection in the performing category of the Georgia Music Awards was announced at a Georgia Music Hall of Fame awards ceremony Sept. 22. The ceremony is an annual feature of Georgia Music Week, a 12-year-old statewide pageant held in September

Other Hall inductees are country music producer and La Grange, Ga., native Chips Moman in the nonperforming category; gospel singer and comedian Wendy Bagwell, Mary Tallent Pioneer Award; and Statesboro, Ga.-born blues legend "Blind Willie"

the proposed Georgia Music Hall of Fame building in Macon was un-

McTell in the posthumous category.

At the ceremony, a scale model of

veiled. Last week, the City of Macon deeded 3.5 acres for the estimated \$4 million project, which will include a museum, exhibit hall, library, recording studio, and performance facility. State senators will introduce funding legislation in next year's Georgia legislative session in January.

Earlier, the Atlanta Songwriters Assn. gave out several awards. Recipients were Babyface, Georgia recording artist and songwriter; L.A. Reid, Georgia songwriter; Alan Jackson, Doug Stone, and Travis Tritt, new Georgia recording artists; Louis Brown and William E. Pickard, songwriter of the year; Jan Smith, Georgia's best-talent-search winner; and Betty's Not a Vitamin, Georgia's best-talent-search runner-up.



#### TALENT

# Freedman Sings Like A Byrd In Lucrative New Pub Biz

BY IRV LICHTMAN

AT LEAST I DON'T HAVE to answer a call from a song at 3 a.m., says Len Freedman, who entered the music publishing industry fulltime in 1988 after two decades as a top business manager with clients like Tina Turner, Steely Dan, Lionel Richie, and James Garner.

Now, with a staff of five in Los Angeles, he operates Len Freedman Music, through which he has purchased-most recently the Byrds catalog—or acquired admin-istration rights to such writer catalogs as those of Richie, Leiber & Stoller, Donald Fagen, and Steely Dan, among others.

Freedman says his business dealings with Richie and his songs in particular stimulated his desire to

into move copyright ser-vices. "The vices. more I found out about publishing, the more I wanted to be in it. Being in it,

Freedman says, means day-to-day overseeing of songs in a manner consistent with dealing with highprofile artists-full-time, day-to-

day care of catalog needs. "I've been around, but I'm basically a trusting and naive person. But with the Byrds, for instance, I discovered that there were sources of income the previous owners, despite decades of control, never thought of."

At the moment, for example, he's having a confrontation with CBS Records over Byrds' CD reissues, mechanicals from which, he claims, CBS has been paying at the rate existing at the time the material was originally released-at 2 cents a side rather the higher current rates established in recent years. Freedman claims no new mechanical licenses have been taken out on the CD versions of the Byrds' songs despite his contention that they are required. He saw the reissues at a Tower Records store in Los Angeles shortly after buying the catalog. "Labels want a free ride on CD reissues without exploiting the material," he says.

His experience with the Byrds naturally draws Freedman's reference to the highly charged con-trolled-composition clause. "Labels want talented, self-contained acts and then penalize them for recording their own material. This creates a condition of them-vs.-us. With a coalition of business and creative people there wouldn't be so much mistrust."

WHAT'S A COMPACT DISK got to do with advancing the cause of a music print company's catalog? Well, easy access to tracks is one, especially when you're dealing with a 99-song sampler on a 55-minute promo CD. Music Sales Corp. has

just made available the first volume in an "Imagination!" series, which surveys the copyrights in 30 seconds or less on separate bands. An accompanying booklet details writer credits and a few lines of the opening lyrics. A second volume is due soon. The songs are mostly standards from the Big Band era to Broadway to rock'n'roll, and are performed by established performers.

IS SONGS FOR HIS occasion: The family and friends of Henry The family and friends of henry Tobias, the co-author of such stan-dards as "Sweet And Lovely," "Sail Along, Silv'ry Moon," and "Miss You," gathered Sept. 2 at his home in Sherman Oaks, Calif., to cele-bate his 05th bithday, his actual brate his 95th birthday-his actual birthday is Sept. 11. Words & Music hears that in-

stead of others penning tributes to him it was To-bias himself who celebrated the occasion with two

"Zei Gezunt-Be Healthy," songs, and "It's Great To Be Alive-At 95." Harmonica player Eddy Man-son performed "Sweet And Lovely.

Among the attendees was brother (and fellow writer) Henry Tobi-as, a mere 85. Another collaborator was brother/writer Charles Tobias, who died in 1970 at age 72. Fred Tobias, the son of Charles, is also a songwriter ... Forty-five years To-bias' junior, Sandy Feldstein, chief of CPP/Belwin, the music print company based in Miami, had a surprise 50th birthday party Sept. 15 at the home of Jack Riles, VP of operations.

A BIG ADVANCE: Alert Words & Music (and, for that matter, Chart-beat) reader Arlo Chan, who is a contract administrator in the legal department of Warner/ Chappell Music in Los Angeles, noticed that in the Sept. 22 issue of Billboard reference was made (in Chartbeat) to the Sept. 25 release date of Paul Simon's new album, "The Rhythm Of Saints," while the Words & Music column in the same issue listed the matching folio of that album as the No. 2 best seller at Music Sales. No, Music Sales didn't jump the gun, but, according to company president Barrie Edwards, its listing reflected a "pre-advance order. That's what made it a top seller." (Simon's album has since been pushed back to an Oct. 16 release).

**P**RINT ON PRINT: The following are the best-selling folios from Warner Bros. Music Publications: 1. Led Zeppelin Complete 2. L.A. Guns, Guitar Tab

- 3. ZZ Top Complete
- City Of Angels, Vocal Selections 4.
- 5. Michael Bolton, Soul Provider















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# There's Some 'Hanky Panky' Going On With Diverse Arranger Lubbock, Madonna

NEW YORK—When Madonna and her collaborators sought a '30s swing feel on "Hanky Panky" and other songs from the hit flick "Dick Tracy," Jeremy Lubbock was the man they called.

When Barbra Streisand recorded her "Broadway Album," when Chicago went after a hit with "Hard Habit To Break," and when teen idol Tommy Page wanted a touch of "class" for his album "Paintings In My Mind," each tapped Lubbock.

British-born and Los Angelesbased, Lubbock is one of pop music's premier arrangers, performing a collaborative role with producers and artists that is oftentimes overlooked and underrecognized in this age of sampling.

While he has also made his mark as a songwriter and producer, Lubbock's reputation has grown largely through his ability to arrange material for artists regardless of genre. Since leaving the U.K. for the U.S. in the late-'70s, he has worked with Joni Mitchell, Michael Jackson, Sting, Neil Diamond, Sheena Easton, Linda Ronstadt, Dionne Warwick, Kenny Rogers, the Brazilian vocalists Djavan & Simone, Manhattan Transfer, and dozens of others. He picked up one Grammy in 1984 for his arrangement of Chicago's

"Hard Habit To Break," another for the 1984 Olympic theme "Grace," and four more Grammy nominations and an Oscar nomination for his work with Quincy Jones on "The Color Purple."

Still, Lubbock admits, the call to arrange for dance-pop superstar Madonna was unexpected.

"People in this town do get put in a pigeonhole," he says, "so I ad-mit I was a bit surprised." But his earlier work with Stephen Sondheim on Streisand's disk apparently clinched the assignment, he believes.

For "Dick Tracy"-which is set for release this December as a home video rental title-Lubbock arranged the three Sondheim songs performed by Madonna in her role as Breathless Mahoney:

"Soon," "I Always Get My Man," and "Back In Business." He then arranged four more Pat Leonard/ Arranged four more Pat Leonard/ Madonna tracks that appeared on the "I'm Breathless" album, in-cluding "Hanky Panky," which hit the top 10 this summer. "We all agreed, for 'Hanky Panky,' on a Count Basie-style" setting says Lubbeak

setting, says Lubbock.

"That was one of the most enjoyable projects I've ever been in-volved with," he says. "Madonna knows exactly what she wants and

she's got courage to get it." After the swing feel of "I'm Breathless," says Lubbock, "she actually did say at one point, 'I don't want to go back to the other stuff.'"

THOM DUFFY

#### **'PIE' A SWEET SUCCESS FOR WARRANT** (Continued from page 32)

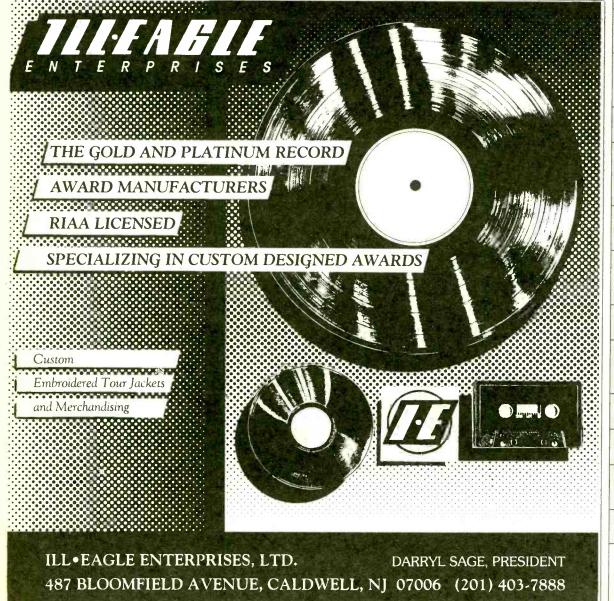
bate between Warrant and its label.

"If I have my way, there won't be a censored version of the record," says Lane. But the singer also admits that the band's first album sold 600,000 units to large retail accounts, which might balk at selling an unexpurgated "Cherry Pie." "I really believe if a kid can't find it

at K mart or Wal-Mart, he'll go some-

place else to buy," Lane asserts. "In theory, I think the sales we're going to lose are the casual parent shoppers."

In the end, however, Columbia disagreed with the band: Shortly after the initial release of the original "Cherry Pie," a second version was issued, sans the offending paean to the PMRC's Gore.



ARTIST(S)	Venue	Date(s)	Ticket Price(s)	Capacity	Promoter
GRATEFUL DEAD	Madison Square Garden New York	Sept. 14- 16 & 18-20	\$2,368,825 \$22.50/\$20	110,945 sellout	Metropolitan Entertainment
NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK RICK WES PERFECT GENTLEMEN	Dodger Stadium Los Angeles	Sept. 14	\$1,276,825 \$25	55,003 sellout	MCA Concerts
PHIL COLLINS	Starplex Amphitheatre, State Fair of Texas Dallas	Sept. 8-9	\$758,585 \$27/\$20	34,109 40,222 sellout	MCA Concerts PACE Concerts
ANIA ALL STARS: IRUPO NICHE YOPA LUCCA & SONORA YONCENA IOS HERMONOS MORENO IRQUESTRA DE LA LUZ	Meadowlands Arena East Rutherford, N.J.	Sept. 2	\$451.630 \$35/\$30/\$25	16,273 18,014	Ralph Mercado Jerry Massuci Metropolitan Entertainment
HIL COLLINS	The Summit Houston	Sept. 7	\$416,867 \$25.75	16,574 sellout	PACE Concerts
RANDY TRAVIS SHELBY LYNNE	Star Plaza Theatre Merrillville, Ind.	Sept. 21- 23	\$408,000 \$24	17,000 seliout	in-house
UTHER VANDROSS	Fox Theatre St. Louis	Sept. 21- 23	\$319,529 \$27.50	<b>12,</b> 491 12,897	Fox Concerts Steve Litman
ANET JACKSON HUCKII BOOKER	Meadowiands Arena East Rutherford, N.J.	Aug. 30	\$317,168 \$22.50/\$20	15,686 sellout	Metropolitan Entertainment
EORGE STRAIT ATTY LOVELESS	Frank Erwin Center Univ. of Texas, Austin Austin, Texas	Sept. 28	\$297,639 \$18.50/\$16.50	16,945 sellout	Varnell Enterprise in-house
ILLY IDOL AITH NO MORE	Meadowlands Arena East Rutherford, N.J.	Sept. 21	\$297,375 \$20/\$18.50	16,254 sellout	Metropolitan Entertainment
ISS TINGER LAUGHTER	Alpine Valley Music Theatre East Troy, Wis.	Sept. 29	\$297,337 \$29.50/\$24.50/ \$17.50/\$10	18,862 20,000	Joseph Entertainment Group
HE ALLMAN BROTHERS And Eat loaf	Madison Square Garden New York	Sept. 24	\$253,553 \$22.50	<b>11,269</b> 15,510	Ron Delsener Enterprises
LLY IDOL ITH NO MORE	Miami Arena Miami	Sept. 29	\$239,627 \$19.75	12,133 sellout	Cellar Door Prods
C. HAMMER ANILLA ICE N VOGUE	Centrum In Worcester Worcester, Mass.	Sept. 27	\$225,630 \$22,50	10,800 seilout	A.H. Enterprises
HE HIGHWAYMEN: IILIE NELSON- AYLON JENNINGS DHINNY CASH RIS KRISTOFFERSON	Shoreline Amphitheatre Mountain View, Calif.	Sept. 29	\$212,375 \$22.50/\$18.50	<b>9,941</b> 20,000	Bill Graham Presents
DBERT PLANT HE BLACK CROWES	Rosemont Horizon Rosemont, III.	Sept. 30	\$201,260 \$20	10,063 12,271	Jam Prods.
NNY G CHAEL BOLTON	Hearst Greek Theatre Univ. of California- Berkeley Berkeley, Calif.	Sępt, 30	\$187,670 \$25/\$21_50	8,500 sellout	Bill Graham Presents L.B. Presentations in-house
DISON ARRANT	Sandstone Amphitheatre Bonner Springs, Kan.	Sept. 29	\$182,252 \$23.50/\$21.50	7.877 18,000	Sandstone Entertainment Group
NNY G CHAEL BOLTON	Thomas & Mack Center Univ. of Nevada, Las Vegas Las Vegas	Sept. 25	\$166,028 \$23.50/\$22.50	7,379 sellout	Evening Star Prods.
IDA RONSTADT E NEVILLE BROTHERS	Fox Theatre St. Louis	Sept. 16	\$166,011 \$22.50/\$20.50/ \$18.50	8,389 10,235	Fox Concerts Steve Litman
E HIGHWAYMEN: LLIE NELSON YLON JENNINGS HNNY CASH IS KRISTOFFERSEN	Concord Pavilion Concord, Calif.	Sept. 28	\$163,702 \$23.50/\$19.50	8,142 8,725	in-house
MESTAYLOR	Met Center Bloomington, Minn.'	Sept. 25	<b>\$161,140</b> \$20	8,057 11,010	Jam Prods. Company 7
E MCGUIRE SISTERS	Fox Theatre St. Louis	Sept. 7-9	\$143,423 \$22.90/\$19.90/ \$16.90/\$10.90	8,011 12,897	Fox Concerts Steve Litman
E ALLMAN BROTHERS NO AT LOAF	Darien Lake Amphitheatre Darien Center, N.Y.	Sept. 21	\$130,139 \$17.50/\$16.50	8,500 sellout	Metropolitan Entertainment
AES TAYLOR	Mud Island Amphitheatre	Sept. 30	\$127,600. \$25	5,104 sellout	Mid-South Concerts

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# I TALENT



#### NITTY GRITTY DIRT BAND Town & Country Club, London

IN ITS 25TH YEAR, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band can boast an immense catalog of more than 20 alhums. On a rare but welcome appearance in Britain, the quartet concentrated on more recent material that is less well-known outside the U.S., but the group's sheer musical quality and professional approach made up for any unfamiliarity.

A respectably large audience turned out, perhaps hoping for some kind of live reprise of last year's triple-Grammy-winning "Will The Circle Be Unbroken, Vol. II." The few whose applause was grudging rather than ecstatic may have felt the show ought to have included a greater amount of material from the group's more critically acclaimed era of the early '70s, when its classic neo-bluegrass sound evolved from jug-

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band roots.

After temporary changes during the late '70s in name (to the Dirt Band) and musical style (to ersatz country-pop), final acceptance from Nashville, and, crucially, the departure of fun-loving founding member John McEuen in 1986, the band is now in the control of singer/guitarist/fellow-founder Jeff Hanna, who shares lead vocals with multi-instrumentalist Jimmy Ibbotson

Original member Jimmie Fadden's lonesome harmonica played while drumming-and Bob Carpenter's bank of keyboards provided instrumental diversity that only a brass section could possibly augment.

If it is true that country radio avoided "From Small Things (Big Things One Day Come)," from the band's new MCA album, "The Rest Of The Dream," because it was written by Bruce Springsteen, that's lamentable. Please allow this writer from the U.K. talent capital to note that we have, sadly, never produced a band like the Nittv Grittv Dirt Band. Please share them with us more often.

JOHN TOBLER

#### **KENNY G MICHAEL BOLTON**

Saratoga Performing Arts Center Saratoga, N.Y.

MICHAEL BOLTON and Kenny G are the current golden boys of pop/soul and pop/rock, but at this Sept. 1 date at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center their music seemed made of pyrite-the duo had all the right moves but not quite the right stuff.

The pair, who joked about the fact that they look like twin sons of different mothers, drew the biggest applause of the evening when

they joined in Bolton's set for his own hit version of "How Am I Supposed To Live Without You?" and again in G's set for Bolton's reading of "Georgia On My Mind."

Those tunes, however, clearly defined the problematic element of the show. Standing next to each other, Bolton and G oozed craft, but real soul was lacking.

After Bolton's previous bids as a rocker, songwriter, and balladeer, Columbia Records broke him as a pop/soul stylist. But onstage, at this show, he was just too stiff and melodramatic to cut it as a soul man. His rock numbers fared better.

Kenny G, who has replaced David Sanborn as the yuppie saxophonist of choice, suffers from similar miscasting. You'll find him in the jazz section of most record shops but this is clearly a pop musician spreading his wings.

He is also a pop musician who knows the entertainment value of grandstanding for his audience.

Tricks like holding a single note for more than two minutes (technically impressive but in this case musically static) and running through the hall worked wellperhaps drawing some attention away from the fact that he makes an awfully lot of music out of an awfully small vocabulary.

Simply as entertainment, Bolton and G did an admirable job, and a healthy crowd of about 15,000 appreciated them in kind. As musicians capable of really touching the heart and moving the soul, they fell a little shy of the mark. MICHAEL ECK

#### LINDA RONSTADT THE NEVILLE BROTHERS

Great Woods Center For The Performing Arts Mansfield, Mass.

LINDA RONSTADT'S performance here Labor Day weekend had two parts: lovingly performed material from her current Elektra release, "Cry Like A Rainstorm, Howl Like The Wind," and versions of her '70s and early '80s rock and country hits, which were rushed and uneven.

Eight mechanically rendered "oldies" were followed by five "oldies" were followed by five Jimmy Webb ballads from "Cry." Then Ronstadt-who had been cold and aloof, never saying hello and only once whispering thank you—welcomed Aaron Neville for a tour-de-force "Cry," and the Grammy-winning "Don't Know Much." Neville's soaring falsetto overshadowed Ronstadt, but finally she seemed to be enjoying herself.

This show had added tension because it was her first here since last summer's all-Spanish "Can-ciones de Mi Padre" tour, during which hundreds booed and demanded refunds. Perhaps Ronstadt was still sore about that reception. Maybe she was cold and travel-weary, as she complained. But ultimately, the singer, who turned her back during the setclosing "Heat Wave," came across as having little regard for the 10,000 paying customers.

In contrast, the Neville Brothers' opening set was heavenly. Their crisp New Orleans funk spanned the years: from Aaron's still-innocent 1966 hit "Tell It Like It Is" to the political dynamite of "Sons And Daughters," "Jah Love," and others on their new A&M release "Brothers Keeper."

The Nevilles' lyrics plead for racial harmony, freedom, and justice. Their street-smart musicwhich has even more guts live than on record-proves they mean it. GREG REIBMAN

#### LONDON QUIREBOYS BROKEN HOMES The Palace Hollywood, Calif.

THE SOUND OF '72 rock'n'roll

has been the subject of a strange sort of revival this past year, with the old musical blueprints of the Rolling Stones and Rod Stewart's Faces guiding newer acts like the Black Crowes. But the London Quireboys have taken things to an even more blatant degree.

At this Sept. 16 show with the equally retro-minded Broken Homes, the five-man Quireboys fell into many of the familiar pitfalls of strict revivalism. Performing songs from their Capitol disk "A Bit Of What You Fancy," the band creaked stiffly through a collection of good-time rockers and ballads on which they could have cut loose.

Instead, the Quireboys miss the point of their idols' loose passion by simply mimicking Stewart's heavy rasp, the Faces' saloon rock, and stage banter that seemed to come straight from the pages of old rock magazines.

In some contrast was the Broken Homes, a heavily Stones-influenced act whose first two overproduced albums obscured the priceless raw energy displayed at their early local club shows. Their new "Wing And A Prayer" album on MCA does much to change that with a more natural sound. But at the Palace show, singer Mike Doman was trying too hard, leading the band in a frilly black shirt that could have come from Frederick's of Hollywood, with spasms of the Jagger-esque moves he must figure fans expect.

Certainly, it could be argued that the Stones and Faces themselves were little more than blues copyists on their first records. And in that lies the main hope for the future of such bands as the Quireboys and Broken Homes, who've found their own valuable musical launching point. It's just up to them to move on beyond the level

of "Beatlemania"-style tribute. STEVE APPLEFORD

#### OBNETTE COLEMAN **CHARLIE HADEN & BILLY HIGGINS**

**Orpheum Theater** Los Angeles

HERE WAS A certain poetic justice in planning a reunion of the original Ornette Coleman quartet as part of the recent multicultural Los Angeles Festival, Saxophonist Coleman, along with trumpeter Don Cherry, bassist Charlie Haden, and drummer Billy Higgins, forged a new jazz direction in L.A. during the late '50s but were relatively ignored, if not sneered at, by the resident jazz establishment. The quartet went east to New York, won instant acclaim, and literally altered the course of jazz history.

To hear the quartet back in L.A. -and on Broadway, the same street where Coleman once worked as a freight elevator operator during his lean years heremore than 30 years hence would have been a historic moment. As it turned out, Cherry was absent due to illness, but the trio played on with a remarkable, expressive fluidity. Herbie Hancock introduced Coleman, saying, "He's like a can opener. He opened us all up."

Whereas his sax is often swallowed up in the busy mesh of his electric Prime Time band, Coleman's distinctive style-somewhere between folk music's simplicity and avant-garde conceptsrang out with crystal clarity in the generous space of a sensitive trio setting.

During the two hours' worth of Coleman's infectious folk-bop, oblique calypsos, and languid ballads (mostly newer material from the "In All Languages" album on the Caravan of Dreams label), the saxophonist rose to the occasion with his characteristic emotional vulnerability and torrential flow of ideas. For timbral contrast, he occasionally picked up the trumpet and violin. He had acute, empathic support, between Haden's rumbling and often texturally innovative foundation and Higgins' delicate pointillism. Higgins' solos were eloquent mini-monologues in rhythm.

An encore to the rueful "Lonely Woman'' and Haden's trade-marked Ozark medley easily leaped across the eras. Still moving after all these years. Instead of history being made that night, mere great music was made.

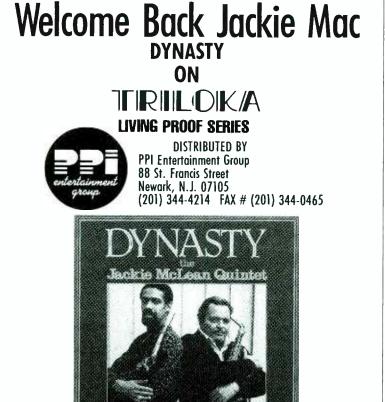
JOSEF WOODARD

#### THE BEAT

#### (Continued from page 32)

Live At The Marquee," and the new single "Reach Out"... Sting, ... Sting, Ruben Blades, Wynton Marsalis, Jackson Browne, and others will give a benefit performance for Amnesty International Friday (12) and Saturday (13) in the Santiago's National Stadium in Chile . . . With its recent six-night stand at Madison Square Garden, the Grateful Dead set a new record for the most Garden dates by one act in its career. The Dead has played the Gar-

den 31 times ... The members of Fleetwood Mac will open their fall U.S. tour Oct. 17 at the O'Connell Center in Gainesville. Fla. While **Christine McVie and Stevie Nicks** plan to continue recording with the group, they say this will be their last tour swing with Big Mac. No word yet if Mick Fleetwood will offer copies of his tell-all memoir to band mates to pass the time on the road.





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by Jeff Levenson

ALL THE INDUSTRY AND PRESS HOOPLA surrounding jazz's so-called next generation has made it difficult to determine who's real and who's not. It's as if the harvesting of youngbloods has become a dubious enterprise, confounded by an overactive hype mill that doesn't separate the wheat from the chaff. Best let your own ears do the threshing.

However, among this crop of players is Mark Whitfield, a 24-year-old guitarist whose inaugural effort on Warner Bros., "The Marksman," is a splendid example of jazz's ability to replenish itself utilizing time-honored ideas and elements. Whitfield's approach amounts to a kind of cultural recycling. He's a moody, blues-based player whose style draws from the bop tradition and emphasizes melodic invention. His sound is round, his solos shapely constructions.

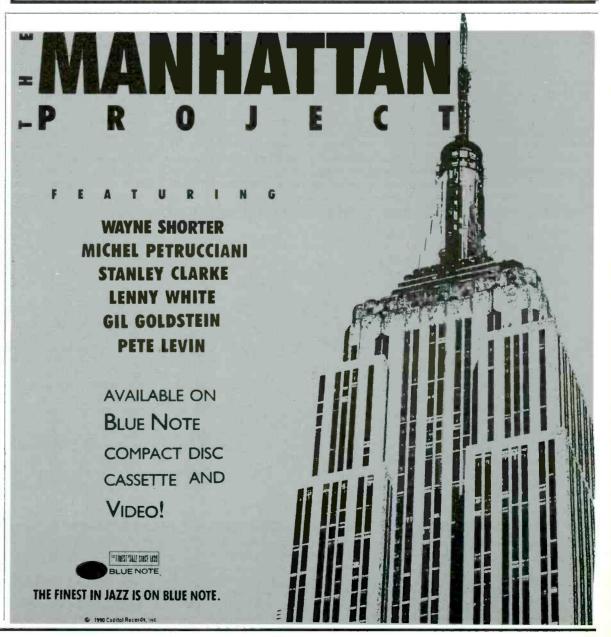
More to the point, he is unabashedly sincere about tapping *and* preserving the electric guitar tradition, in the process cultivating a place for himself alongside, say, **George Benson** on the instrument's developmental continuum. It's too soon to tell, for sure, but stay tuned. Youngbloods (even the most wily and resourceful among them) only stay young for so long.

**M**ORE: In a gesture of cross-generational continuity (sort of), Warner has just issued Benson's latest, "Big Boss Band," a showpiece effort featuring the **Count Basie Orchestra**. Here, Benson travels a road Whitfield is not likely to take—delivering pop vocals over richly arranged standards. Vintage polished pop, Bensonstyle. The album's outstanding miscue is a doozy, however. Its hokey, stiffly arranged treatment of **Jackie Wilson's** "Baby Workout," which should swing from the heels, instead sounds like aerobics music for seniors.

**S**TUFF: Nice to see that guitarist **Pat Metheny** has decided to take on Florida Gov. **Bob Martinez**. Martinez, who made lots of censorship noise during the 2 Live **Crew** controversy, reportedly used some of Metheny's music as background for a television campaign spot. Angered by this, Metheny is planning to sue. He says that any settlement or judgment monies will be donated to the Censorship is UnAmerican campaign ... What a pleasant surprise hearing violinist **Stephane Grappelli's** originals grace **Louis Malle's** new film, "May Fools." The music is lyrical, sweet, uplifting—much like the 82year-old composer himself. The soundtrack is available on **CBS**, as is an album of piano music Grappelli recently

#### Among jazz youngbloods, Mark Whitfield is a rare type

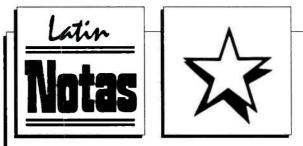
recorded under the direction of producer Bob Thiele The S.S. Norway's Eighth Annual Floating Jazz Festival will feature more than 100 musicians, Oct. 20 through Nov. 3, paying tribute one week to vibist Lionel Hampton, followed the next week by a salute to noted jazz shrine the Village Vanguard. Scheduled to perform: Hampton, Gary Burton, Terry Gibbs, Dorothy Donegan, Doc Cheatham, Jon Faddis, Kenny Barron, Stanley Turrentine, Milt Hinton, Clark Terry, and many more ... Pianist Muhal Richard Abrams, winner of this year's prestigious Jazzpar Award in Denmark, will showcase the American premiere of a new work at the opening concert of The American Jazz Orchestra's fall '90 season, Thursday (11) at Cooper Union's Great Hall in New York. Abrams, who has spent too many years having to defend his progressive music (including works he masterminded while founding the Assn. for the Advancement of Creative Musicians in the '60s), is finally getting the respect he deserves.



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This week's column was written by Ramiro Burr. Billboard's correspondent in San Antonio, Texas. Carlos Agudelo will return next week.

HE FEVER IS RISING: La Fiebre (The Fever), one of the hottest new acts in the Tejano music industry, has been turning heads in the Southwest for the last six months.

The band is talented, original, aggressive, and young (all the band members are in their early 20s). Musically, it combines the best of traditional polkabased Tejano music with strains of melodic rock, pop. and sometimes even the guitar-fueled, metallic burns of hard rock.

Based in the Houston suburb of Pasadena, the group is signed to San Antonio, Texas-based Cara Records, which has a promotion and distribution contract with CBS Discos. Distributors say the band is one of the top sellers in the industry

La Fiebre's latest album, "Out Of Control," is No. 19 in the "Regional Mexican" portion of Billboard's Top Latin Albums chart. The band's previous effort, "On The Right," is still on the chart after 47 weeks.

ALDITA VECINDAD SNIFFS THE U.S. market: The recent, brief excursion into the U.S. by Mexico City's Maldita Vecindad Y Los Hijos De Quinto Patio (Damned Neighborhood And The Sons Of The Fifth Patio) underscored again the importance of advance promotional work in the major markets, particularly for an unknown hand.

The group played in Los Angeles and Chicago in mid-September, but the hoped-for late-September dates in the Southwest in such cities as Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio fell through. October concerts for those and other Texas cities are currently being negotiated.

The group, though, still rolled through Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio last week for the usual hand-shaking, back-slapping, meet-the-radio and talkup-its-music sessions. Musically, the group is an eclectic mix of punk, funk, ska, reggae, and cumbias.

MELODIC & BITTERSWEET: International Latin pop singer Rocio Durcal's new album on BMG, "Si Te Pudiera Mentir (If I Could Lie To You)," is an elegant blend of melodic and lyrically rich tunes accentuated by Durcal's lush vocals. Lyrically, songwriter Marco Antonio Solis is to be commended for the fertile imagination that produced these touching yet bitter-

#### La Fiebre is heating up the Tejano music scene

sweet tales of lost love. Producer Homero Patron also shines here, punking up the tunes with full, nicely textured, symphonic-like arrangements.

Durcal is equal to the task as she conveys the gripping emotions and passion in her elegant style, complete with the cries and innate sobs that are sometimes a part of the balladas romanticas genre.

Durcal's current tour dates include Miami, Oct. 26-27; San Carlos, Calif., Nov. 3; Salinas, Calif., Nov. 4; and Anaheim, Calif, Nov. 10.

WAITING FOR GABRIEL: Most of the Latin music world is waiting with much anticipation for the new album due out by singer/songwriter Juan Gabriel. There is no word yet on a title for the album, which should be out within a few weeks. Gabriel is currently hopscotching the U.S. on tour. Stops include Los Angeles, Nov. 9-11; New York, Nov. 30; and Miami, Dec. 1.

Gabriel is considered one of the premier singers and composers in modern Mexican history. Through the years he has scored with dozens of hit singles and alhums

# **Tex-Mex Act Hits The (Mexican) Road**

#### BY RAMIRO BURR

MONTERREY, Mexico-Oscar, Leonard y La Mafia, one of the top Tejano music acts in the Southwest, recently headlined an outdoor festival here, performing before 30,000 people.

The group's Sept. 29 performance at the Super Baile (Super Dance) was part of La Mafia's tour of northern Mexico. The band headlined alongside the immensely popular Los Tigres del Norte, perhaps the biggest norteno act in Mexico. Other featured acts included Pegasso and Grupo Flash.

La Mafia is the only Tex-Mex act that has extensively toured the interior of Mexico, and its move into this market signals a new trend in the Tejano music industry. The few groups that have toured Mexico in the past have usually stuck to the border cities.

Another group poised to begin touring Mexico is Grupo Mazz, of Brownsville, Texas, whose latest album, "No Te Olvidare (I Won't Forget You)," is still No. 1 in the "regional Mexican" portion of Billboard's Top Latin Albums chart after 39 weeks. La Mafia's latest album, "Enter The Future," is No. 4 on the same chart, and the group is also enjoying steadily increasing sales in Mexico.

Henry Gonzales, La Mafia's manager and brother of band leaders Oscar and Leonard, said the group has quietly been making inroads in eliminating the bureaucratic problems most groups encounter on first tour-

ing Mexico. "We've been working with Servando Cano, one of the biggest promoters in Mexico, and he has really helped facilitate our paperwork for customs," Gonzales said after their performance here.

In the past, groups have had problems dealing with the extensive and tedious documentation procedures required by the Mexican customs offices at international border crossings

However, a new spirit of cooperation by the Mexican government and the coordination of CBS Records representatives from the U.S. and Mexico have facilitated border crossings and led to a streamlining of the attendant paperwork.

La Mafia's entourage includes its tour bus and a tractor-trailer hauling more than 20 tons of light and sound equipment. Few groups bring their own equipment into Mexico because of customs red tape and/or the threat of bribery, a widely accepted custom here

Like most of the top Mexican groups. La Mafia now hauls its own two-ton generator to provide electric power. Most concert facilities in Mexico are primitive by U.S. standards and have limited electrical capacities. They are unable to handle the huge power demands of the top bands, particularly at outdoor venues.

The Super Baile performance started at 8 p.m. and continued until 5 a.m. with entertainment on four stages in a roughly three-city-block area. Admission was 15,000-20,000 Mexican

pesos (roughly \$6-\$8). Los Tigres received 50% of the gate, which was the equivalent of about \$100,000. La Mafia received approximately \$15,000, not bad for two one-hour sets.

Gonzales says that, to cut back expenses, the band hires local roadies to help set up and tear down its equipment. The band performed on a stage about 120 feet wide with towering

speaker banks on each side. "We don't always bring all our equipment with us," Gonzales said, 'but in big outdoor festivals like these, we're competing with the best groups here. It's important for us, as a group from America, to put on a great light and sound show.

Mexican concerts, though, have distinct differences from their American counterparts.

The levels of concert security and emergency first-aid service at such outdoor festivals here are crude by U.S. standards. There were several dozen people, mostly women, being carried out from in front of the stage when Los Tigres performed. The huge crowds surged forward several times, crushing the people below the stage front. The most serious injury, though, was a broken leg. Most were treated for exhaustion.

The day before, La Mafia had performed in Sabinas Ridalgo, about 60 miles north of here. On Sept. 30, the group headlined another dance in Matamoros, about 80 miles southwest of the Texas border. Later this month. La Mafia returns for several dates in Guadalajara and San Luis Potosi.



# TOP CROSSOVER ALBUMSTM

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by Is Horowitz

**K**ISSIN FEVER: **Evgeny Kissin** week peaked in New York Sept. 30 with his U.S. solo recital debut in Carnegie Hall, only days after four concerto appearances with **Zubin Mehta** and the New York Philharmonic. It's been a long while since the appearance of a young artist has generated as much advance excitement, or postconcert raves.

Record companies did not sit on their promotional hands either. Deutsche Grammophon timed the release of Kissin's long-delayed live recording of the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1, with **Herbert von Karajan** and the Berlin Philharmonic, to appear just before the concerts. Yes, it's the same artist, even if DG bills him as "Yevgeny," as do a number of publications.

Sony Classical also had a "new" Kissin album, a live taping of a concert in Japan held several years ago.

BMG Classics, of course, has the bulk of Kissin repertoire on disk so far, and it timed the release of a two-CD pickup album to bask in the Kissin-week glow.

More importantly, BMG recorded the Carnegie recital live (with "cover" sessions before and after) and expects to release the two-CD set in November. Other recording sessions are planned by both BMG and DG.

Trade talk has it that BMG would also have recorded the New York Philharmonic/Kissin concerts, but that Sony Classical refused to grant permission. Sony is said to have a temporal lock on Mehta's services in the repertoire performed, the two Chopin's Piano Concertos.

**B**Y ANY OTHER NAME: Like its parent company, WEA International Classics has changed its name to better reflect its broad international status. The division, headed by senior VP **Peter Andry**, now known as Warner Classics International, continues its main function as coordinator of the activities of Teldec, Erato, and Nonesuch everywhere outside the U.S.

On the video side, Warner Classics has licensing deals with National Video, Allegro, and Metropolitan, all producers of classical films. Originally slated for release here and abroad this summer, first titles have been set back until next spring to accommodate laserdisk fulfillment problems, says Andry.

Andry, meanwhile, has announced a long-term agreement with the BBC Symphony and its principal conductor, **Andrew Davis**. Major British orchestral works will be recorded by Teldec, says Andry. First sessions, to be held this month, will be devoted to Vaughan Williams (Symphony No. 6, and "The Lark Ascending"), and works by Bitten. The disks will be released next year.

# Kissin kisses rave reviews hello; BMG, DG, Sony riding the wave

**WARD BOTTSFORD** has sold his interest in Arabesque Records to his partner, **Marvin Reiss**. Bottsford, who created the Arabesque catalog during his association with Caedmon Records, acquired the division from Caedmon's parent company, Raytheon, in 1987. In the record business since 1948, he says he will announce further plans shortly.

Arabesque executive **Dan Chriss** says the label will resume new releases in November, after a hiatus of almost a year. Final production chores on four new CDs, all produced by Bottsford, are being handled by **Cynthia Herbst**. They include a set of Rachmaninoff Preludes performed by Ian Hobson, Sarasate selections played by violinist **Mark Kaplan**, Saint-Saens sonatas with violinist **Andres Cardenas**, and a Mozart program with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center.

Jeral Benjamin, formerly with Chesky Records, has joined Arabesque as managing director. She says a schedule of new recordings is now being developed.



Classics presents the Centennial Collection, a three CD set containing digitally remastered performances of the orchestra with each music director except Thomas. The orchestra has attracted some of the world's greatest musicians as guests, and their performances are represented as well: Rubinstein, Heifetz, Leinsdorf, Gould, Ozawa, Levine,

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# PRO AUDIO

# **'Postproduction' Talk Takes Pre-Eminence** As AES Confab Exhibitors Unveil New Gear

BY SUSAN NUNZIATA

LOS ANGELES—Audio for film and video postproduction is fast becoming an area of expansion for many professional audio recording facilities. With this in mind, exhibitors at the 89th Audio Engineering Society Conven-

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of gear aimed at

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duction needs.

In addition to digital audio workstations available in many different price ranges, there were a number of consoles geared toward the postproduction environment. The most notable development in the postproduction arena, however, was the introduction of SMPTE-timecode capable DAT recorders (see story, this page).

Other areas of development included the introduction by Soundcraft of improved automation on consoles for sound-reinforcement applications, and the U.S. debut of the Cedar audio restoration system.

The convention, which had approximately 270 exhibitors and nearly 15,000 attendees, was judged a success by most exhibitors, who were pleased at the caliber of attendees and the convenience of the venue.

"The convention was great," says Jack Kelly, president of Klark-Teknik Electronics Inc., Farmingdale, N.Y. "It was a very facility-focused show. Most of the people we saw were decision-makers at facilities."

Klark-Teknik and its subsidiary, DDA, were among the companies introducing gear aimed at the postproduction market. "The general recording studio market is not as buoyant as it used to be, and everybody's turning to post," says David Neal, marketing manager with DDA. "There's been a growing consumer demand for betterquality audio, and stereo TV helped influence that demand. As quality gets better, it's a natural marriage."

DDA debuted the DCM224V, incorporating the design of its DCM 232 board but offering expanded equalizers and auxiliary system. The board has four stereo subgroups in addition to 24 normal routing buses, and the stereo groups have advanced facilities for routing to other subgroups and both mono and stereo matrix sections.

Klark-Teknik introduced a solidstate recorder designed to record and play back short passages of stereo audio in sync with other devices via an externally applied SMPTE timecode, thus adding two extra tracks of audio to standard VTRs.

Music Animals has taken delivery of the first of five 224Vs ordered for its new recording rooms, which are geared toward postproduction and audio-sweetening work.

At Neve, the spotlight was also on audio-for-video postproduction with the AES debut of the VRP postproduction console with flying faders. The 60-input board was shipped to Secret Recording's PolyMedia Studio in Tallahassee, Fla., immediately following the convention.

The board offers mix-down buses that can handle up to four ste-

'The general market is not as buoyant as it was, and everybody's turning to post'

reo pairs for simultaneous combinations of dialog, music, and effects.

Seeking to accommodate recording, audio-for-video postproduction, teleproduction, and motionpicture program origination, Harrison debuted its SeriesTen B automated console, an update to its SeriesTen board, designed to enable engineers to store and retrieve all console settings in less than two seconds, including the complete reconfiguration of all operational parameters.

Training workshops on the con-

sole will be held Oct. 20-21 at New York's Eastside Sound, the East Coast's first studio to install the SeriesTen.

Otari unveiled its Premiere film console, designed to be fully compatible with both sprocket-driven and tape-based machines, and its Sound Workshop Series 54/Film console.

Premiere offers integrated machine control and comprehensive monitor system computerization via the company's virtual monitor/ listen computer system. It also offers Diskmix 3/Film moving fader automation providing switch automation on each input module in addition to fader and mute automation.

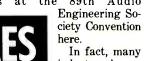
LucasArts Entertainment, a newly formed company consisting of former Lucasfilm Ltd. divisions, has announced four Premiere boards for its new Skywalker Sound South audio postproduction facility in Santa Monica, Calif.

The Sound Workshop 54/Film board is identical to a standard 54 console but incorporates several of Premiere's features, including four-channel panning for mixing both four-channel film and fourchannel video. In the area of digital audio workstations, a networkoriented approach was introduced by both Solid State Logic and New (Continued on page 42)

# **Timecode DAT Debuts At AES** *IEC Standard Near Ratification*

## BY SUSAN NUNZIATA

LOS ANGELES—R-DAT is poised to enter the realm of audio-for-video postproduction with the introduction of SMPTE timecode-capable recorders by several manufacturers at the 89th Audio



**REPORT** industry observers note that the format is well on its way to replacing analog two-track recorders.

Sony, Otari, JVC, and Stellavox, a Swiss manufacturer, presented timecode-capable DAT recorders that conform to a proposed International Electro-Technical Institute (IEC) timecode standard that is near ratification. The standard—in development since 1988—has been under review by IEC members since April (Billboard, May 12).

The IEC standard represents an attempt by pro audio manufacturers to ensure compatibility of tapes from machine to machine. IEC members have agreed with the standard and there are a few more steps to take before it is formally ratified.

The standard is based on helical scan four-head design and involves recording timecode data within the subcode area of DAT. It converts timecode into time of day and allows for full synchronization.

At AES, Fostex presented its timecode-capable DAT unit—first introduced about two years ago that does not conform to the standard but served as the design basis for some of the proposal. The company plans to modify its systems to be compatible with the proposed standard once it is officially ratified.

"Timecode is going to allow pros to put DAT into a lot of applications where they were limited in the past," says John Carey, marketing manager with Otari Corp.

The most obvious advantage of timecode-capable DAT is that it presents a relatively inexpensive digital recording medium with editing capabilities that can be synched to other audio and video machines. Most timecode-capable DATs will retail between \$5,000-\$12,000, and the first units will begin shipping by year's end.

Slated to ship in December, JVC's deck has a suggested list price of \$4,500 and offers a variety of editing features as well as internal and external sync operation, and two remote-control interfaces.

Sony's line, which made its AES debut after an introduction earlier this year at the National Assn. of Broadcasters convention, ranges inprice from \$4,500 to \$12,000 and in (Continued on page 42)

# EUROSOUNDS

One of a series of occasional columns on the European professional audio industry, this week's column was compiled by Gary Hopkins in the U.K.

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**A**TTENDANCE AT THIS YEAR'S **International Broadcasting Convention** exhibition, in the seaside resort of Brighton, was down about 4,000 from the previous show held there two years ago. A total of 16,903 people attended the four-day event, compared with the 21,000 who came to the 1988 convention.

A total of 2,298 visitors came from outside the U.K., with only 98 coming from the U.S. The dates of the show conflicted with the AES exhibition in Los Angeles, and that is being cited as the main reason for the attendance shortfall.

HE VISUAL HIGHLIGHT OF the IBC exhibition was the massive pavilion erected by Sony on Brighton's beach.

Designed by **Firbank Jempster**, it was the largest external exhibition stand ever put on a British beach, encompassing 100 square meters.

Electricity company **Seeboard** provided the electricity from a temporary 1MW substation running from a 11kV feed. Everyone was relieved there were no high tides during the show's duration.

The pavilion housed the entire range of broadcast and audio products, with the company's broadcast vehicles situated outside.

**T**OP LONDON STUDIO **Swanyard** is going to sue the notorious British satirical magazine **Private Eye** after an article appeared that examined the City dealings of its former chairman, **RAI Hamilton**.

Swanyard was the first studio in the U.K. to float on the stock exchange, and since its birth in England further money was raised to fund a New York studio complex that is now being planned.

Under the control of **Margarita Hamilton**, Swanyard has always enjoyed a "combative" relationship with the media.

ASCAM IS THE FIRST manufacturer to introduce a pro audio product that incorporates **Dolby S** noise reduction. The company included S-Type in its **MSR24** 24-track 1-inch multitrack tape recorder, and Dolby S will also be used on the company's 16-track **MSR16** with deliveries in Europe anticipated early next year.

THE LATEST PART IN THE jigsaw at Nomis Studios in London is now complete with the finishing of its new preproduction suite that incorporates a Synclavier 9600 system with MIDInet.

Nomis is one of Europe's top rehearsal and recording setups, and it has a unique deal with music publisher **Warner Chappell** that sees the studio developing new talent alongside the publishers. The new suite will be used mainly by Warner Chappell under this arrangement, although it will be available for Nomis' other customers.

Designed by Nomis technical manager **Roger Hayler**, the suite will be operated by engineers **Mark Willie** and **Ben Darlow**.

**AGM DIGITAL ARTS** IS TO install what is thought to be the world's first ambisonic disco at the **First Leisure Complex** in Swindon, U.K.

Due for completion in November, the eight-way Stage Accompany Performer System allows for computer-controlled surround sound on the dance floor with potential for special effects. The first commercial use of the AGM Digital Arts CSP 'A' ambisonics processor was seen at a launch of a range of IBM compatible microcomputers at the Graphit Microsystems headquarters in the Netherlands.

Following the purchase of the ambisonics patents by Nimbus Records, AGM became one of the sublicensees and is applying its own interpretation and enhancement of the technology to auditoria, cinema, and live sound use.

HE LONDON-BASED hire company Hilton Sound has taken over the London Sound Center, the musical instrument hire company formerly owned by Paul Hope.

All staff are being retained while Hope stays on as a consultant. Hilton's **Simon Bohannon** will become GM of the new operation, and the two companies will operate separately in the U.K., while Continental Europe will continue to be served through the existing Hilton operations in Paris and Hilversum.

The capacity for expansion offered by the construction of a new Hilton Sound complex could be the driving factor behind the takeover, according to the company. "Our investors suggested it was sensible for us to acquire a complementary company," Andy Hilton says.

The new complex is expected to house both companies by the middle of 1991, when interior building work will be completed.

#### BELGIUM

HE BELGIAN TAPE Importers And Manufacturers Assn. has embarked on a national campaign against two separate proposals for the introduction of a levy on blank tape.

The IFPI Belgium has called for a levy of about 30 cents on each hour of recording tape sold, while an alternative proposal put forward by a (Continued on page 42)

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TITLE Artist/ Producer (Label)	CLOSE TO YOU Maxi Priest/ G.Chung; S.Dunbar; H.Tucker (Charisma)	GIVING YOU THE BENEFIT Pebbles/ L.A.Reid;Babyface (MCA)	FRIENDS IN LOW PLACES Garth Brooks/ A.Reynolds (Capitol)	THE BOOMIN' SYSTEM LL Cool J/ M.Marl (Def Jam/ Columbia)	THIEVES IN THE TEMPLE Prince/ Prince (Paisley Park/ Warner Bros.)
RECORDING STUDIO(S) Engineer(s)	ROUNDHOUSE/ LILLIE YARD Phil Bodger/ Jeremy Allen; Julian Gordon Hastings	SOUNDSCAPE/ CHESHIRE/ ELUMBA/ ENCORE Jim Dutt/Tom Kidd/ Barney Perkins/ Ryan Dorn; Rick Caughron	JACK'S TRACKS Mark Miller	HOUSE OF HITS Marley Marl	PAISLEY PARK Michael Koppelman; Tom Garneau
RECORDING CONSOLE(S)	SSL 4000-E Series/ DDA AMR	SSL 4000-E&G Series/ SSL 4060-E&G Series	Quad Eight Coronado	TAC Matchless	SSL 4000-E&G Series
MULTITRACK RECORDER(S)	Studer A-827/ Otari MTR-90	Studer A-800/ Ampex ATR-120/ Studer A-800/ Studer A-820	Scny MCI JH-24	Studer A-800	Studer A-800
MASTER TAPE	Ampex 456	Ampex 456	Ampex 456	Ampex 456	Scotch 250
MIXDOWN STUDIO(S) Engineer(s)	ROUNDHOUSE Phil Bodger; Leo Grant	SKIP SAILOR Jon Gass	JACK'S TRACKS Mark Miller	SOUNDTRACK David Kennedy	PAISLEY PARK Prince
CONSOLE(S)	SSL 4000-E Series	SSL 4000-E Series	Quad Eight Coronado	SSL 4000-E&G Series	SSL 4000-E&G Series
MULTITRACK/ 2-TRACK RECORDER(S)	Studer A-827/ Studer A-80	Studer A-800/ Ampex ATR-102	Sony MCI JH-24/ Sony MCI 3402	Otari MTR-90/ Studer A-820	Studer A-800/ Studer A-820
MASTER TAPE	Ampex 456	Ampex 456	Ampex 456	Ampex 456	Scotch 250
MASTERING HOUSE (ALBUM) Engineer	DB PLUS Joel Kerr;Dennis King	FUTURE DISC Eddy Schreyer	GEORGETOWN Denny Purcell	MASTERDISK Howie Weinberg	MASTERDISK Howie Weinberg
PRIMARY CD REPLICATOR (ALBUM)	Nimbus	DADC	Capitol-EMI Music	CBS Manufacturing	WEA Manufactuing
PRIMARY TAPE DUPLICATOR (ALBUM)	WEA Manufacturing	MCA Manufacturing	Capitol-EMI Music	CBS Manufacturing	WEA Manufacturing
PRIMARY DUPLICATION TAPE	Agfa	Aurex	Agfa/Aurex/ Basf/Sunkyong	CBS Ultra 4	Agfa

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# PRO AUDIO

# Audio Industry Consolidation Apparent At AES Convention

BY SUSAN NUNZIATA

LOS ANGELES—The continuing consolidation of the professional audio industry was evident at this year's Audio Engineering Society Convention, Sept. 21-25 at the Los Angeles Convention Center and Hilton Hotel

where several acquisitions were announced. In the week

prior to the convention, Siemens Austria an-

nounced plans to purchase London-based AMS Industries for approximately \$16.7 million (Billboard, Sept. 29). Siemens will place AMS alongside Neve within its structure and, according to Hans Haider, president of Siemens' audio video group, the two companies' research and development will be linked to ensure there is no duplication of work. AMS managing director Mark Crabtree-who held a 74.2% share of AMS along with partner Stuart Nevison-will join the Neve board of directors and Neve managing director Laci Nester-Smith will sit on the AMS board.

"It's a wonderful dovetail of products and markets," says Nester-Smith. "The two companies truly complement each other, and there will be a great deal of coordination where there is mutual benefit."

Continuing along the acquisitions vein, at the start of the convention AKG Acoustics announced its purchase of Quested Monitoring Systems, a London-based speaker manufacturer. Roger Quested, who founded the company in 1985 to supply custom-designed and -built studio monitors, will continue to play a major role in the company's future expansion. The current range of 11 systems, from passive to active monitors, will continue to be available.

Earlier this year, AKG gained a controlling interest in Edge Technology Ltd., which includes BSS Audio, Turbosound, and Precision Devices. In the U.S., the three companies will operate under the AKG umbrella, which also covers Orban and dbx Professional Prod-

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ucts. The new AKG division will be headed by marketing and sales manager Dave Talbot.

The most surprising news for many, however, was Otari's agreement to acquire the assets and operations of King Instrument Corp., Westboro, Mass. Earlier this year, the two companies settled a patent-infringement suit brought by King against Otari for its loader design, and the purchase makes Otari one of the largest manufacturers of audio- and videotape loading machinery in the world.

No immediate changes to the staff or operation of King are planned, but, according to Otari, several organizational possibilities are being considered, including a scenario in which the King operation would serve as a manufacturing source for Otari worldwide. This is Otari's second major acquisition; the company purchased Sound Workshop Inc. and its affiliate, Digital Creations Corp., in June 1989.

Assistance in preparing this story was provided by Gary Hopkins in the U.K.



**Solid State Sting.** Sting, right, has been working with producer Hugh Padgham on a new album on the 56-channel SSL SL 4000 console at Studio Guillaume Tell in Paris. The company debuted a range of EQ options for the G Series console at the Audio Engineering Society meet, including designs that feature both the classic Bell EQ and G Series EQ, which Padgham calls "a great idea, giving users more flexibility and a wider range of tones to work with."

## **POSTPRODUCTION SPOTLIGHTED AT ANNUAL AES MEET** (Continued from page 40)

#### England Digital.

SSL debuted its SoundNet digital audio network, a multi-user system for its ScreenSound digital audio-for-video editor designed to allow up to seven operators to share and copy work on multiple working disks without the need to download and upload projects. It also provides central mass storage of audio and a database of all sound clips.

Howard Schwartz Recording in New York is one of the latest facili-

#### **TIMECODE-CAPABLE DAT** (Continued from page 40)

cludes an edit-controller unit. Delivery is scheduled to begin in February 1991.

Otari's unit, due to ship in the middle of 1991, is expected to retail for less than \$6,000 and features heavyduty transport and long-life head drum cases originally designed for computer data applications.

The StellaDat, from Stellavox, was the only portable timecode DAT officially introduced. The unit is scheduled to ship in January and will have a suggested list price of less than \$10,000. Additional options will be available, including editing and chase synchronization features.

Fostex had a private showing of a new portable unit due out in mid-1991 that features timecode, although the company did not have pricing available.

Also in the DAT arena, Panasonic displayed two of its new DAT machines that do not have timecode capabilities but offer a variety of synchronization and editing features for postproduction users. ties to purchase a ScreenSound system, and the studio plans to create a network of units.

NED's MultiArc technology is also designed to offer an open system for multitasking and multiuser capabilities (Billboard, Sept. 29).

In the sound-reinforcement arena, improved automation features for live sound consoles were offered by Soundcraft.

"There's a lot of people interested in automation," says Bill Threlkheld, spokesman for JBL/Soundcraft. "It's a hot buzzword right now. People are finding it's not just automation for volume, but you can do snapshots, automated mutes; it's making the mixer's job more precise and effective."

George Massenburg Labs' Moving Faders system was incorporated into the Soundcraft 3200 board, and new automation systems are also available for the Soundcraft 6000 and 8000 boards.

Gotham Audio has begun distributing the Cedar sound-restoration system developed by Cedar Audio Ltd., in Cambridge, U.K., and first introduced at the AES in Montreux in the spring (Billboard, April 7). The system is designed to address all classes of degradation.

BMG/RCA Recording Studios in New York is one of the first U.S. facilities to order the system, slated for delivery in early October.

Cedar runs on a PC using proprietary DSPs with floating point processors, and source material can be provided by any digital tape player. The system can run older analog recordings with an added digital-to-analog converter.

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senator calls for an 8% levy. Revenue from both proposals would be divided between a mixture of artists, authors, and producers. The president of the BTIMA says that both proposals did nothing to

The president of the BTIMA says that both proposals did nothing to protect authors, as they would receive only a small part of the monies collected and that "it was just another way of paying tax."

The anti-levy campaign will involve cooperation between national and international consumer groups, and a "parliamentary lobbyist" has been appointed to feel the pulse of the various ministries involved.

## THE NETHERLANDS

**D**ESPITE PRESS speculation, **Philips** declined to show its **Digital Compact Cassette** at the **Firato** consumer trade show in Amsterdam in September.

Sources within the company now indicate that the launch may coincide with a major Japanese show in the spring of 1991. The nonappearance of DCC came at a time when consumer DAT got its belated introduction to the European market at the end of September in Paris.

# MUSIC VIDEO

# **Jackson Leads List Of Music Vid Awards Nominees**

(Continued from page 1)

#### black/rap genres.

Within the Latin area, three artists-Gipsy Kings, Daniela Romo, and Margareth Menezes-are nominated for two awards each. In the country format, Alabama, Clint Black, Kentucky Headhunters, Travis Tritt, Mark Collie, and Carlene Carter are all up for multiple awards.

Last year's big nominees, Paula Abdul and Madonna, are each nominated for two awards in the pop/rock category. The 25 awards, including best-di-

rector honors in each musical genre. will be presented Nov. 9 at The Palace in Los Angeles, at the close of the 12th Annual Billboard Music Video Conference. In addition, there will be a Billboard/Tanqueray Sterling music video award for artistic achievement in longform video. For the first time, this year's awards ceremony will feature live performances; the acts have yet to be named. KIIS is the exclusive radio station promoting and hosting the event.

The Billboard Tanqueray Sterling Music Video Awards nominees were selected in a multistage process. First, more than 100 major and independent labels were invited to submit a list of clips for consideration. Individual videos were eligible in only one genre, although artists could be nominated in any applicable category.

In the next stage, the names of potential nominees in the five genres were submitted to separate nominating panels comprising music video industry professionals from programming outlets, production companies, and media who specialize in those specific areas.

The top five votegetters in each category (six in the event of a tie) were placed on a final ballot, which will be mailed to more than 250 music video programmers, label representatives, journalists, and producers. This group will decide the winners.

#### **MUSIC VID CONFAB**

The Nov. 7-9 Music Video Conference will be held in conjunction with the Fourth Annual American Video Conference and Awards at the Westwood Marquis Hotel and Gardens in Los Angeles.

The concurrent conferences feature seminars and panels covering issues related to the music video and special-interest video markets. For the first time, the music video conference will have forums devoted to specific music genres.

Registration is still open for the conference. For more information, contact Anita Daly or Peggy Dold at 212-473-4343 or 212-353-2752, or write Billboard Music Video Conference, 9th Floor, 632 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10012.

A complete list of the music video nominees follows.

#### POP/ROCK

POP/ROCK Best Duo or Group: B-52's, "Love Shack" (Re-prise); Aerosmith, "Janie's Got A Gun" (Geffen); UB40, "The Way You Do The Things You Do" (Virgin); Faith No More, "Epic" (Reprise); Living Colour, "Type" (Epic); Midnight Oil, "Blue Sky Micro" (Clumbia) Mine" (Columbia).

Best Female: Janet Jackson, "Black Cat (A&M); Sinead O'Connor, "Nothing Compares 2 U" (Chrysalis); Madonna, "Vogue" (Sire/Warner Bros.); Paula Abdul, "Opposites Attract" (Vir-gin); Kate Bush, "This Woman's Work" (Colum-bia); Mariah Carey, "Vision Of Love" (Columbia). Best Male: Billy Idol, "Cradle Of Love" (Chrysa-lis); Billy Joel, "We Didn't Start The Fire" (Co-lumbia); Lenny Kravitz, "Mr. Cab Driver" (Vir-gin); Iggy Pop, "Home" (Virgin); Jeff Lynne, "Every Little Thing" (Reprise/Warner Bros.); Rod Stewart, "Downtown Train" (Warner Bros.)

Best New: The Sundays, "Here's Where The Sto-ry Ends" (DGC); Wilson Phillips, "Hold On" (SBK); del Amitri, "Kiss This Thing Goodbye" (A&M); Lenny Kravitz," Mr. Cab Driver" (Vir-gin); Jane Child, "Don't Want To Fall In Love" (Warner Bros.); the Beloved, "Hello" (Atlantic).

Best Director: B-52's, "Love Shack" (Adam Bernstein, director) (Reprise); Madonna, "Vogue" (David Fincher, director) (Sire/Warner Bros); Janet Jackson, "Alright" (Julien Temple, director) (A&M); Paula Abdul, "Opposites Attract" (Michael Patterson, Candace Reckinger directors) (Virgin); Faith No More, "Epic" (Ralpi Ziman, director) (Reprise); Billy Idol, "Cradle O Love" (David Fincher, director) (Chrysalis). dle Of

#### BLACK/RAP

BLACK/MAP Best Duo or Group: 3rd Bass, "Gas Face" (Def Jam/Columbia); Bell Biv DeVoe, "Poison" (MCA); Public Enemy, "911 (Is A Joke)" (Def Jam/Columbia); Soul II Soul, "Get A Life" (Vir-gin); Digital Underground, "The Humpty Dance" (Tommy Boy). mmy Boy).

Best Female: Janet Jackson, "Rhythm Nation" (A&M); Queen Latifah, "Ladies First" (Tommy Boy); Michel'le, "No More Lies" (Ruthless/Atco); Anita Baker, "Talk To Me"(Elektra); M.C. Lyte, "Cappucino" (First Priority/Atlantic); Regina Belle, "This Is Love" (Columbia).

Best Male: Young M.C., "Principal's Office" (De-licious Vinyl); M.C. Hammer, "Have You Seen Her?" (Capitol); Prince, "Thieves In The Temple" (Paisley Park/Warner Bros.); Babyface, "Whip Appeal" (Solar/Epic); Johnny Gill, "Rub You The Right Way" (Motown); Quincy Jones, "Tomor-row" (Qwest/Warner Bros.)

Best New: Bell Biv DeVoe, "Poison" (MCA); Dig-ital Underground, "The Humpty Dance" (Tom-my Boy); En Vogue, "Hold On" (Atlantic); Queen Latifah, "Ladies First" (Tommy Boy); Michel'le, "No More Lies" (Ruthless/Atco).

Best Director: Janet Jackson, "Rhythm Nation Best Director: Janet Jackson, "Rhythm Nation" (Dominic Sena, director) (A&M); Digital Under-ground, "The Humpty Dance" (Brian Good, di-rector) (Tommy Boy): Soul II Soul, "Get A Life" (Big TV, director) (Virgin); Bell Biv DeVoe, "Poi-son" (Lionel Martin, director) (MCA); En Vogue "Hold On" (Tarsem, director) (Atlantic); Ziggy Marley & the Melody Makers, "Black My Story" (Chuck Stone, director) (Virgin).

Best Duo or Group: Deee-Lite, "Groove Is In Heat Duo or Group: Dece Die, Groove Is In The Heart" (Elektra), Technotronic, "Get Up" (SBK); Glenn Medeiros & Bobby Brown, "She Ain't Worth It" (MCA); 3rd Bass, "Brooklyn Queens" (Def Jam/Columbia); Adventures Of Stevie V, "Dirty Cash" (Mercury); Indecent Ob-session, "Tell Me Something" (MCA).

Best Female: Janet Jackson, "Alright" (A&M); Queen Latifah, "Come Into My House" (Tommy Boy); Alisha, "Bounce Back" (MCA); Martika, "I Feel The Earth Move" (Columbia); Pebbles, "Giv-ing You The Benefit" (MCA).

Best Male: M.C. Hammer, "U Can't Touch This" (Capitol); George LaMond, "Bad Of The Heart" (Columbia); Bobby Brown, "Every Little Step" (MCA); Adam Ant, "Room At The Top" (MCA); Bootsy Collins, "Disciples Of Funk" (4th & Bootsy B'way).

Best New: Bell Biv DeVoe, "Do Me" (MCA); Deee-Lite, "Groove Is In The Heart" (Elektra); Nine Inch Nails, "Down In It" (TVT); Adven-tures Of Stevie V, "Dirty Cash" (Mercury); Queen Latifah, "Come Into My House" (Tommy Boy); the Chimes, "Heaven" (Columbia).

Best Director: M.C. Hammer, "U Can't Touch This" (Rupert Wainwright, director) (Capitol); Deee-Lite, "Groove Is In The Heart" (Hiroyuki Nakano, director) (Elektra), Janet Jackson, "Al-right" (Julien Temple, director) (A&M); Nin-Inch Nails, "Down In It" (Eric Zimmerman, Ben-jamin Stokes, director) (TVT); Technotronic, "Get Ua" (Linet Kehr director) (SU) jamin Stokes, director) (TV1); Tecr Up'' (Liam Kahn, director) (SBK).

Best Duo or Group: Gipsy Kings, "Volare" (Elektra); Julio Iglesias/ Placido Domingo, "Son-ares de Espana" (CBS); Los Bukis, "Como Fui A Enamorarme de Ti" (Fono Visa); Pandora, "Ni Tu Ni Yo" (Capitol/EMI); Pimpinela, "Cuanto te Quiero" (CBS).

Best Female: Yuri, "Me Tienes Que Querer" (CBS); Rocio Durcal, "Te Amo" (BMG); Myriam Hernandez, "Peligroso Amor" (Capitol/EMI); Daniela Romo, "Quiero Amanecer Con Alguien" (Capitol/EMI); Isabel Pantoja, "Que Voy a Hacer Contigo" (BMG); Margareth Menezes, "Eligibo" (Island) (Island)

Best Male: Chayanne, "Completamente Enamor

ados" (CBS); Willy Chirino, "Amigo de la Luna" (CBS); Luis Enrique, "Mi Mundo" (CBS); Cae-tano Veloso, "Rai Das Cores" (Elektra); José José, "Amnesia" (BMG).

Best New: Miguel Mateos, "Obsession" (BMG); Azucar Moreno, "Bandido" (CBS); Kid Frost, "La Raza" (Virgin); Eros Ramazzotti, "Si Basta-sen un Par de Canciones" (BMG); Los Mier, "Amame" (Pono Visa); Margareth Menezes. "Tendo do Amor" (Island).

Best Director: Jose Feliciano, "Por Que Te Tengo Que Olvidar" (Angel Garcia, director) (Capitol); Gipsy Kings, "Volare" (Markus Blun-der, director) (Elektra); Daniela Romo, "Quiero Amanecer Con Alguien" (Luis de Llano, director) (Capitol); Mijares, "Para Amarnos Mas" (Pedro Torres, director) (Capitol).

COUNTRY Best Duo or Group: Alabama, "Pass It On Down" (RCA); Desert Rose Band, "In Another Lifetime" (Curb/MCA); Kentucky Headhunters "Oh Lonesome Me" (Mercury); Tanya Tucker w/ T. Graham Brown, "Don't Go Out" (Capitol); Texas Tornados, "Who Were You Thinkin' Of (Benvise/Warper Bros) (Reprise/Warner Bros.).

Best Female: Carlene Carter, "I Fell In Love" (Reprise/Warner Bros.); Kathy Mattea, "Wher-e've You Been" (Mercury); Reba McEntire "You Lie" (MCA); Mary-Chapin Carpenter, "This Shirt" (Columbia); Robin Lee, "Black Velvet" (Atlantic).

Best Male: Garth Brooks, "The Dance" (Capitol); Clint Black, "Walkin' Away" (RCA); Mark Collie, "Something With A Ring To It" (MCA); Alan Jackson, "Here In The Real World" (Arista);

Travis Tritt, "Help Me Hold On" (Warner Bros.); Vince Gill, "When I Call Your Name" (MCA).

Best New: Clint Black, "Walkin' Away" (RCA); Doug Stone, "Better Off In A Pine Box" (Epic); Kentucky Headhunters, "Oh Lonesome Me" (Mercury); Kevin Welch, "Till I See You Again" (Reprise/Warner Bros.); Mark Collie, "Some-thing With A Ring To It" (MCA); Travis Tritt, "Help Me Hold On" (Warner Bros.).

Best Director: Carlene Carter, "I Fell In Love" (Gerry Wenner, director) (Reprise/Warner Bros.); Alabama, "Pass It On Down" (Jack Cole, director) (RCA); Randy Travis, "He Walked On Water" (Mark Coppos, director) (Warner Bros.); Corbin/Hanner Band, "Work Song" (Marius Penczner, director) (Mercury); Prairie Oyster, "Lonely You, Only Me" (Deaton Flanigan, direc-tor) (RCA).



by Melinda Newman

TUNE IN: It worked so well in the morning, that The Nashville Network has now added a three-hour evening block of video programming. "Video PM," which debuted Oct. 1, basically follows the same format of "Video-Morning," which the channel started last January.

"'VideoMorning' is doing so well that we thought a 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. slot would be a good block—we have a morning and evening drive time, if you will," says **Paul** Corbin, TNN's director of programming. The evening show replaces "Video Gold" and "Music

Row Video" as well as some repeat programming. Like "VideoMorning," the evening program features hosts, Cathy Martindale and Gary Beaty, who introduce the videos and keep the whole show flowing. "The evening show is a little perkier and a little more businesslike as opposed to the morning show, which is just trying to wake everyone up," says Corbin. Programming-wise, "Video PM" concentrates more on the hit videos rather than breaking artists.

The program is an alternative to news and other preprimetime programming that Corbin hopes will draw people in for TNN's non-music primetime programs. "We hope to get at least a 1 [Nielsen] rating," he says. "Right now we're at about a .5. We'd like to double our ratings as we did with 'VideoMorning,' as well as bring in younger viewers."

Corbin hopes this move will lay to rest rumors that TNN will no longer program videos since its parent company purchased rival Country Music Television. (Bill-board, May 16). "This is hosted video, CMT is not. We think hosted video with a lot of other program elements makes better sense for our service," he says, adding that at more than 40 hours of videos a week, TNN has reached its music programming saturation point.

EYE saw a fascinating demonstration of interactive television of the future Sept. 27, courtesy of ACTV. The system, which is being tested in Springfield, Mass., as well as parts of Canada, allows the viewer to personalize music programming. ACTV previewed the pilot of a new program called "Cuts," featuring Peter Gabriel. The viewer, aided only by a four-button remote control and a box similar to a cable box on the television, could then pick camera angles during Gabriel's concert sequences. Another segment allowed the viewer to see the lyrics to 'Biko" or see scenes of the the South African strife that inspired the song. There was even a fun "Peter Paper Doll" segment in which the viewers selected what clothes to put on a Ken doll with Gabriel's head. The closing was a performance of "Sledgehammer," with viewers offered the choice of hearing isolated instruments, various arrangements, lyrics, scenes from the video, or different concert camera angles.

Obviously, the applications go far beyond music here, but we can't wait to see the first music video that takes advantage of the technology, offering the viewer the standard version of the clip as well as an uncensored edi-

tion, the lyrics, and a performance version. ACTV officials expect the system to be widely available when the cable systems open up to more channels, allowing the four bands that ACTV would need. For more information about the system, call ACTV at 212-355-5049.

VIDEO VERITÉ: Truth is sometimes stranger than fiction. A few months ago we wrote about how the new Compton's Most Wanted clip captured a robbery and arrest in progress. Well, this time it took a little bit longer for the police to solve the crime. The alleged event took place nearly a year ago when a farmer in Burr Oak, Mich., found a camera attached to a helium balloon in his cornfield. The videotape in the camera featured a disturbing scene of a dead body, which the Michigan State Police feared was the result of a ritualistic satanic slaying. After determining that the scene was from Chicago, the FBI was called in to analyze the individual frames in the film. Eleven months later, pathologists finally discovered that the decaying effect on the body in the video was nothing more than corn starch, and finally, two weeks ago, the FBI discovered the fake victim was actually Trent Reznor of TVT group Nine Inch Nails. The scene captured in the camera was shot for its video "Down In It." And that's where our tax dollars are going ....

PLANET PICTURES had added Todd Gray to its directors roster. Gray is best known as a record-cover photographer and has more than 100 albums to his credit. He will continue to operate his photo studio concurrent with his directorial duties at Planet.

HE MAN OF THE MOMENT: MTV czar Tom Freston is putting the finishing touches on his costume for Oct. 19's "Night Of A Thousand Heroes," where he'll be honored by the AMC Cancer Research Center. And he's pleased to report that "it already appears that the evening will be a virtual sellout." Performing at the annual fund-raising ball will be Paul Simon and Bonnie Raitt. This marks the second time that an MTV Networks chairman has received the honor. Past president Bob Pittman was honored in the 1984 campaign.

READ ALL ABOUT IT: Speaking of MTV, this month's Esquire offers a look at the channel and praises it for innovative graphics and station IDs that are often more creative than the videos. The piece, written by Michael Hirschorn, offers our favorite definition of the channel (If only we understood what it meant): "MTV was-and to some extent remains-a narcotic microcosm of a whole vapid, hype-and-gratification-obsessed era." And our favorite backhanded compliment: "MTV has introduced such programming as Buzz, a visually driven infotainment program so hip it is all but unwatchable.

IDEO OPPORTUNITY: A new alternative dance show that will air videos as well as feature performances and interviews is being shot in the U.S. and the U.K. Pilots for "Bust A Move/Los Angeles" and "Bust A Move/London" are being produced by Chris Bearde Entertainment. The Los Angeles program, which will be targeted for U.S. markets, is being shot at trendy night spot Mayan, and it being hosted by Sunny Gorg and Tyler Bearde. The U.K. edition is being shot at Subterrania and will be hosted by Maddie Kitchen and Anthony Corriette. For more information on the show, call Melinda Slade at Slade Media Group, 212-274-6480.

# MUSIC VIDEO

# **VIDEO TRACK**

# LOS ANGELES

THE TRAVELING WILBURYS hooked up with the Limelight crew to lens "She's My Baby," the first video from the second Warner Bros./Wilbury Records album, "The Traveling Wilburys, Vol. III." David Leland directed the clip with producer Peter Kohn. Other Limelight clips include the **Replacements'** "Merry Go Round," from the new Sire release "All Shook Down," and Steve Winwood's Virgin clip, "I Will Be Here." Jesse Dylan directed the Replacements with Eli Miller producing, and Alex Proyas directed Winwood with Tony Shiff produc-

ing. The Company's Wayne Isham has wrapped another Jon Bon Jovi "Young Guns II" soundtrack video. This time it's "Miracle," and in the clip we see Jon and friends motorcycle into a rocking Mexican fiesta. Jeff Tannebring and Curt Marvis produced. Meanwhile, the Company is finishing its much an-ticipated longform, "Bon Jovi: Access All Areas," slated for Christ-mas release. The home video includes all new footage reeled during tour stops in England, Australia, Japan, Brazil, the U.S.S.R., and the U.S.

**NEW YORK** 

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**NEW VIDEOCLIPS** 

Soul," its new Classic Concept video directed by Pam Jenkins. Sabrina Gray and Ralph McDaniels produced. Jenkins also reeled "This Is A Recording" for Cold Chillin's latest rap discovery, Grandaddy I.U. McDaniels and Raphael Valentin produced the performance clip.

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#### **OTHER CITIES**

N K.T. OSLIN'S "Come Next Monday" video, the singer shows the viewer the type of video she would have made had her tour schedule been less demanding. Director Jack Cole has Oslin done up as a '30s era Bride Of Frankenstein. He weaves a story line that incorporates a takeoff on the Mel Brooks classic "Young Franken-stein" and it just gets crazier from there. Ed Silverstein produced for Flashframe Films, Adam Kimmel directed photography.

The Man In Black is back. Johnny Cash and the team from Studio Productions Inc. recently reeled "Goin' By The Book," a new Poly-Gram clip staged at the video studio's new headquarters. Director Coke Sams and DP Larry Robertson shot the performance clip and intercut footage of world events.

Tom Neff directed the sensual and surreal Scene Three video "It Wasn't You, It Wasn't Me" for Daniele Alexander and Butch Baker's PolyGram duet. The clip uses mirror imagery to relay two versions of a relationship breaking up. Marc Ball produced the Nashville-based concept piece.

MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY

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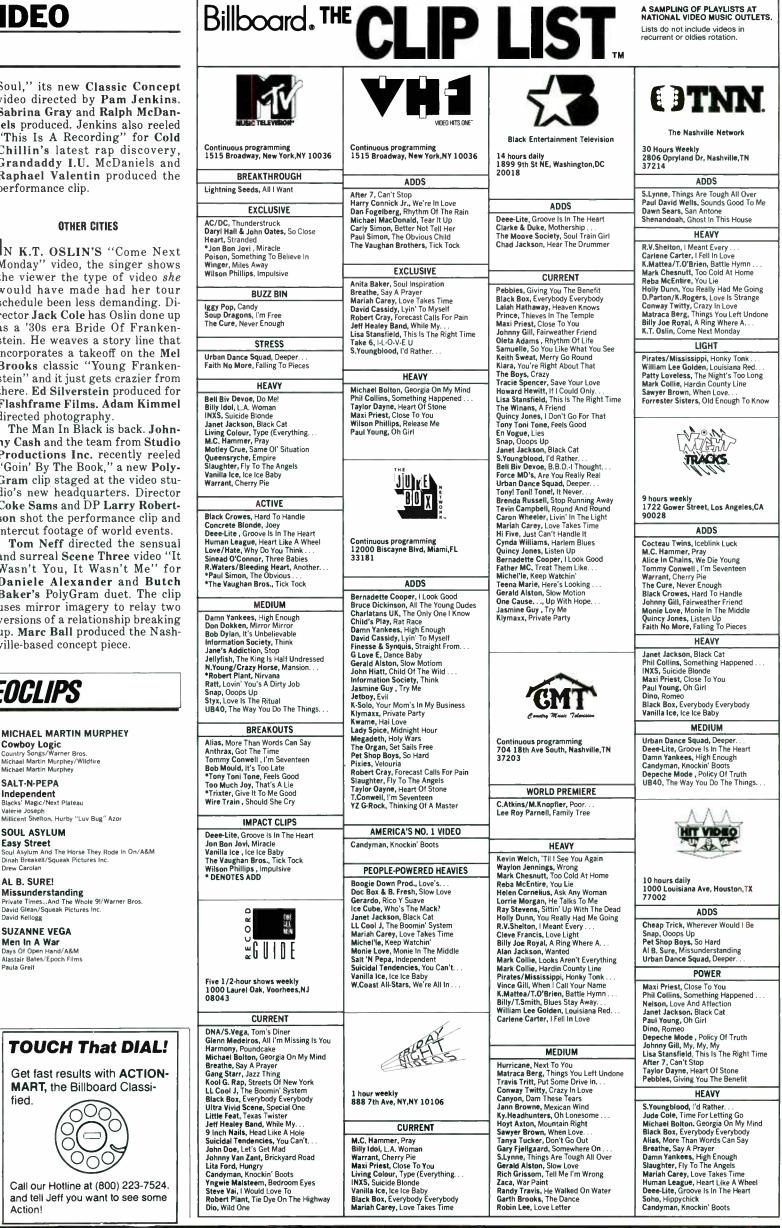
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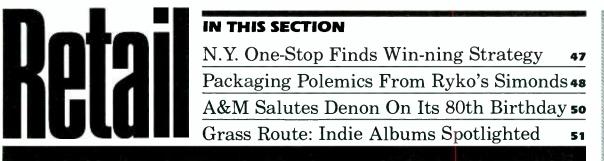
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# **Retailer Davidson Rocking Into '90s** *Business Booming At Sound Shop Chain*

## BY DEBBIE HOLLEY

NASHVILLE—Randy Davidson, president of Central South Music Sales, the Sound Shop retail chain, and several other music-related businesses here, anticipates a decade of growth and expansion.

During the last year, Sound Shop grew by five stores. Expansion plans call for the opening of six to 10 stores a year for each of the next three years, and a stretch into one or two more states. "Right now," says Davidson, "we feel that there is a good

# 'We have put a lot more emphasis on training personnel'

possibility that we'll be expanding into Illinois."

Davidson opened the Central South wholesale record company in February 1970.

Among his other operations are Central South One-Stop for jukebox operators, and two distribution arms—Central South Black Gospel and Central South Christian. Two other divisions, Central South Rack and Central South Special Products, which handles mainly cutouts, overruns, and other special products from the various labels, have just been sold to Artec Distributing Inc., a video distributor based in Shelburne, Vt. (Billboard, Sept. 22).

In addition, Davidson, his company, and artists Ronnie Milsap, Helen Cornelius, Dave & Sugar, Larry Gatlin, Earl Thomas Conley, Conway Twitty, and Deborah Allen are investors in the Treasure Island Resort hotel in Grand Cayman Island, British West Indies, where Sound Shop conventions are held.

In fact, at the recent Sound Shop convention in Grand Cayman (Billboard, July 21), The Nashville Network taped the artist showcases for airing on the "On Stage" show, which will broadcast performances by Mary-Chapin Carpenter, Patty Loveless, Baillie & the Boys, and Lacy J. Dalton on consecutive nights beginning Oct. 18 and running through Oct. 26.

Sound Shop will capitalize on the broadcast by running a promotional tie-in. Point-of-purchase materials will include yellow ribbons suspended from the ceiling into special bins positioned in the front of each store for each of the five artists. In addition, posters will be prominently placed and banners will drape each store pronouncing October Sound Shop/TNN month.

Davidson started the Sound Shop chain when he took over the lease on one location of a three-store Meridian, Miss., record chain to satisfy a large debt the operation had accumulated with Central South. Fifteen years later, Sound Shop has grown to 70 stores in the Southeast, reaching from southern Indiana down to Mexico and from Oklahoma to the Atlantic Ocean.

Last year, Sound Shop's total revenues were up approximately 15% over the previous year. But Davidson declines to disclose a dollar figure.

Strictly a mall operation mainly in suburban areas, the chain has no plans for freestanding or strip mall locations. In a marketplace pretty well saturated with mall stores, Davidson claims he has no trouble finding new or renovated locations.

Camelot Music in N. Canton, Ohio, Musicland Stores Corp. in Minneapolis, and The Record Bar in Durham, N.C., compete head-on with the Sound Shop. To help maintain his market share, Davidson explains, "We have put a lot more emphasis on training personnel." An extensive training program, he says, covers the full spectrum of working in the stores—from clerking to managing. There is also a 33-minute training video that is required viewing for new employees.

A typical Sound Shop store comprises 2,000-3,000 square feet and projects a hi-tech image, with generous use of chrome and glass. Color coordination of white, gray, and maroon is tied in to the decor—updating the previous bumblebee yellow and black color scheme. Nearly all Sound Shops have been remodeled during the past two years, according to Davidson.

Besides CDs and cassettes, David-(Continued on page 51)



**Dart's Incredible.** Jim Skoog, center, is named Dart Records sales/service representative of the year by Dart Records Inc. president Merrill Kirsch, left, and Dart VP Ken Hegstrom. The presentation took place at Dart's annual three-day sales meeting at the Raddison Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria, Minn. Aside from the awards banquet, the conference featured workshops, presentations, contests, cocktail parties, and a golf tournament. Dart Records is based in Minneapolis.

# Spec's Sees Profit Dip For Quarter, Year

#### BY DON JEFFREY

NEW YORK—Despite healthy increases in revenues from newly opened stores, the expansion of Spec's Music Inc.'s retail music and video chain caused profits to fall in the fourth quarter and the fiscal year.

For the quarter that ended July 31, Spec's posted a net profit of \$320,000, 24.7% lower than in the same period last year, on revenues of \$12.4 million, a 23% increase. For the entire year, net profit declined 10.5% to \$1.99 million on a 22.9% rise in revenues to \$49.3 million.

"Expenses associated with expansion rose significantly," says Peter Blei, chief financial officer of the Miami-based chain. "We're taking a long-term approach to the business. Expansion for the long term means a little bit of sacrificing of short-term profits."

Spec's opened two stores in the three-month period, resulting in a total of 55 at quarter's end. Blei says "nearly 90% of the money" for the expansion was provided by cash flow from operations. In addition, Spec's borrowed \$800,000 from banks.

Same-store sales—a measurement of volume at units that have been open at least one year—rose only 3% in the fourth quarter and 4% in the year. Blei says those numbers were "pretty much as expected," adding, "It's no different from what other retailers are reporting. We're fortunate to get what we've gotten." Peter McMullin, senior VP at Southeast Research Partners, a Florida investment firm that trades in Spec's stock, says, "All things being

equal, the results were not so bad." McMullin points out that Spec's "took an inventory hit" on prerecorded videocassettes that did not meet sales projections, and that shaved 2 cents a share off earnings in the final quarter. Spec's earned 6 cents a share in the quarter, down from 8 cents in the year-earlier period.

The sales mix in the fourth quarter shows a higher proportion of revenues from video rental and sellthrough—up to 25% of the total, from 23% in the third quarter. Music sales fell to 66% from 69%. Other revenues come from accessories.

On Oct. 4, Spec's was set to open what Blei calls the "largest music and video store in Florida"—a 20,000square-foot outlet in the Sawgrass Mills mall in Sunrise. That makes a total of 58 units for Spec's, all in Florida.

Spec's stock, like that of many retailers, has been languishing recently, at or near its 52-week price low of \$4.50 a share. The stock has traded over the counter as high as \$9.125 in the past.

McMullin attributes the lackluster performance of the stock to general market conditions. "Small stocks are being plummeted," he says.

# Schwartz Bros.' Profit Way Down Distrib Cites Interest, Overhead Costs

NEW YORK—Schwartz Bros. Inc., a leading independent distributor of home video and recorded music, says that secondquarter net profit tumbled 68% from last year's figure to \$52,538.

Among the reasons given by the Lanham, Md.-based company for the decline were higher interest costs, increased overhead costs, and a higher provision, or write-off, for "doubtful accounts related to certain retail customers." The company did not return calls seeking comment on whether the customers were video or music retailers. Some industry sources say the write-off may be an indication of how small video retailers are being squeezed by the expansion of huge chains like Blockbuster.

For the fiscal year ended Jan. 31, Schwartz Bros. reported that prerecorded videos and related products accounted for 71% of net sales, prerecorded music on *(Continued on page 49)* 



# RETAIL

# **N.Y. One-Stop Finds Winning Strategy In Focusing On Music**

BY JIM BESSMAN

NEW YORK-For New York's venerable one-stop Win Records & Video Inc., it's back to the future.

The 3-decade-old institution, which recently sold its 7-year-old domestic video distribution business to Star Video Entertainment (Billboard, Aug. 4), has reclaimed records as its top priority.

Aside from the refocus on onestopping prerecorded music, this entails the rejuvenation of the Sam Records in-house label, as well as a possible expansion into distribution. "People call and ask if we intend

'The record business is just jumping by leaps and bounds'

to get [into independent record distribution] and will give us their lines if we do," says Win president Sam Weiss, who pronounces the New York distribution scene "terrible."

"No distributor in the marketplace does any promotion-the manufacturer does everything himself. We used to speak to radio on a daily basis and do the right thing for labels, which you don't get today.'

The record one-stop business, though, is just fine by Weiss. "The record business is just

jumping by leaps and bounds," he says, noting a 25% increase in his record business in the month since Win dropped video.

Claiming a 1,200-account base and a \$25 million annual record onestop business, Weiss says that he is steadily picking up new customers, including "big accounts" that he declines to name.

But mom-and-pop stores are equally important. Weiss says that more indie outlets are opening all the time, and that those that survived the "mom-and-pop exodus" of a few years back make up much of his business.

Win, as Weiss notes, has long been a fixture in the New York marketplace. He traces its history back to Superior Records, a distribution company he ran in the '60s in midtown Manhattan.

"Win Records at the time was called Good One-Stop, owned by Sam Goody. It owed a great deal to Superior, and I was a distributor who wanted to be a one-stop. I said, 'Let me take over the [one-stop], and they said no. They went bankrupt, and I made a successful bid for the business at an auction. I opened the next day.

Weiss oversees the business with help from his brother George, who serves as VP.

Win's specialty remains oldies product, and here he boasts the "best inventory in the world," now including singles from the '40s through the '90s. "Smokie' (Continued on next page) No space. The Lift retail display system lets you

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by Geoff Mayfield

PUZZLING POSITION: More than a year ago, Robert Simonds, chief financial officer of Rykodisc and founder of the Ban The Box coalition, rightfully set on a course to eliminate disposable packaging on compact disks. At the time it seemed a difficult task, if not an impossible one, but the persistence of environmentally conscious industryites, artists, and consumers has moved the record business to the point where retailers and label executives who once seemed married to the 6-by-12-inch longbox are now willing to consider options that would either eliminate, or greatly reduce, disposable packaging on CDs (Billboard, Sept. 22, Sept. 29).

So, now that Simonds and like-minded individuals have succeeded in getting longbox proponents to be open-minded about alternatives, it seems curious that Simonds insists that the industry maintain either the jewel box or a like-sized package. His defense, as stated in a letter that ran in the Oct. 6 Billboard, is that "CDs are sold in jewel boxes in every other country on the planet."

All well and good, but the point is, a year and a half ago, Simonds demanded that this country's record industry be flexible enough to eliminate an es-tablished packaging standard. Now that it appears this part of Simonds' goal has been realized, those music traders on the National Assn. of Recording Merchandisers' Packaging Committee who are examining the issue have the right to evaluate the en-

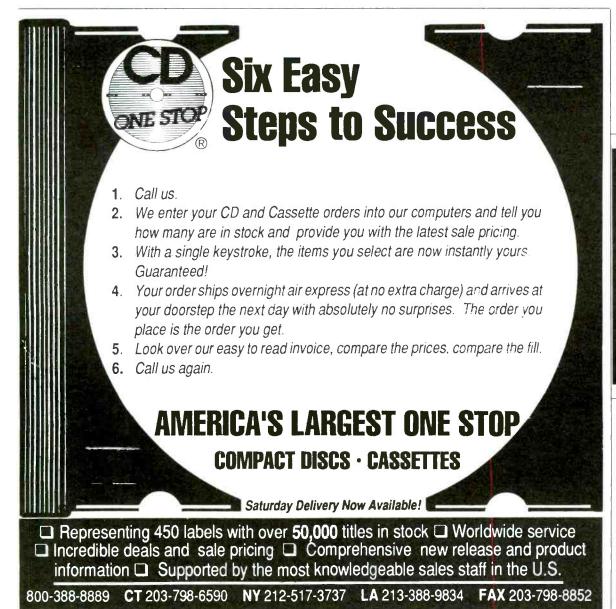
tire concept of CD packaging. If these parties succeed in developing a package that not only does away with the disposable 6-by-12, but also improves the configuration's sales impact over that which might be realized via jewel-box-only merchandising, then wouldn't that be a big win for everybody? Should the jewel box be any more of a sacred cow than the 6-by-12?

To be sure, despite all its faults (it's easy to damage, expensive for the average consumer to replace when it does break, and made of plastic), the jewel box has become an intergral part of the compact disk's perceived value in the mind of the consumer.

Four or five years ago, when the AGI Inc.-produced Digi-Pak was first used for commercially available CDs, some consumers complained that it was a "cheaper" package than the jewel box, al-though at that time, the opposite was true. Thus, any move away from the jewel box must be made with caution. But, if a change in the jewel box accommodates the American music market's move away from disposable packaging, that option should be left open.

NOVED: Lieberman Enterprises, the Minneapolis rack division of Los Angeles-based LIVE Entertainment, has moved from its longstanding Bloomington, Minn., address to a site 10 miles away in Minnetonka (blame it on the movie "Purple Rain," but I can't hear the name Minnetonka without thinking of Appolonia). Where Lieberman was previously spread out over

two buildings, the new location allows the rack to place all quarters under one roof. The company's new address: 10801 Red Circle Drive, Minnetonka, Minn. 55343. The new phone number is 612-945-3200.



WIN RECORDS ONE-STOP REFOCUSES ON MUSIC BIZ (Continued from preceding page)

Smokler, who developed the business for Win, oversees the department, making sure it maintains its competitive edge.

Vinyl album inventory is also extensive; the same is true of 12-inch singles. As for CDs, Weiss claims to be one of the top U.S. one-stops for the configuration.

The company operates out of a fully computerized, 44,000-squarefoot warehouse facility in the Elmhurst section of Queens. There are 50 employees now, down from more than 120 during Win's video heyday, when video accounted for \$35 million of a \$60 million annual business

Win enjoyed explosive growth as a video distributor. Initially, "we couldn't grow fast enough," Weiss says

But it was not all smooth sailing. For instance, some studios, including RCA/Columbia and Vestron, dropped Win as a distributor. Eventually, the video manufacturers reversed themselves and sold through Win, Weiss says.

Weiss says he sold the video por-tion because he "felt it was time to get out."

He was motivated to sell, he says, because he observed a trend developing in the video industry that he had seen before in the record business.

"Suddenly there were no more record distributors," he says. "A lot of companies started selling direct, and distribution became profitless-which is beginning to happen in video. Same as the record business. There's nothing to stop it.

"Manufacturers get sophisticat-ed and know how to handle sales on a direct basis. There's attrition of distributors with increased direct selling from manufacturers to retailers. The marketplace forms that way-it's a natural extension of the distribution business.

But Win did not leave video entirely. Weiss says he is doing "quite well" with music video product with music video product, which Win carries, along with laserdisk video in all genres.

Win also remains a full-service video distributor to military installations, although Weiss has just been informed that one group of PXs has closed, due to personnel being transferred to Saudi Arabia.

By quitting the bulk of its video business, however, Win has stemmed an admitted "neglect" of its original business-music.

Weiss says he is also excited about the reactivation of his Sam Records line a year ago, following expiration of a 10-year sales deal with CBS.

"We decided to pick up the gauntlet," says Weiss, whose label specialized in black music and hit big with "Keep On Dancing" by Gary's Gang, among others.

Currently, Sam Records is run by Weiss' son Michael, an attorney. Of the 10 records released since the label was reactivated, three have charted, including the Richard Rogers hit "Dream Lover."

Incidentally, Superior Records Sales may soon be reactivated as well. Weiss says that if Win does in fact move into distribution, that end of the business will be named after his original distribution company





DON JEFFREY



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## SCHWARTZ BROS.' PROFIT TUMBLES IN 2ND QUARTER (Continued from page 46)

vinyl and cassettes 14%, and music on compact disks 15%. For the full year, the company increased its doubtful-account provision by 134% over the previous year, citing, among other factors, "financial conditions" affecting the economy.

In the second quarter ended July 31, Schwartz posted revenues to-taling \$26.28 million, 21.9% higher than in the same period last year. For the first two quarters this

year, net profit declined 32.9% to \$182,449 on a 24.2% rise in reve-

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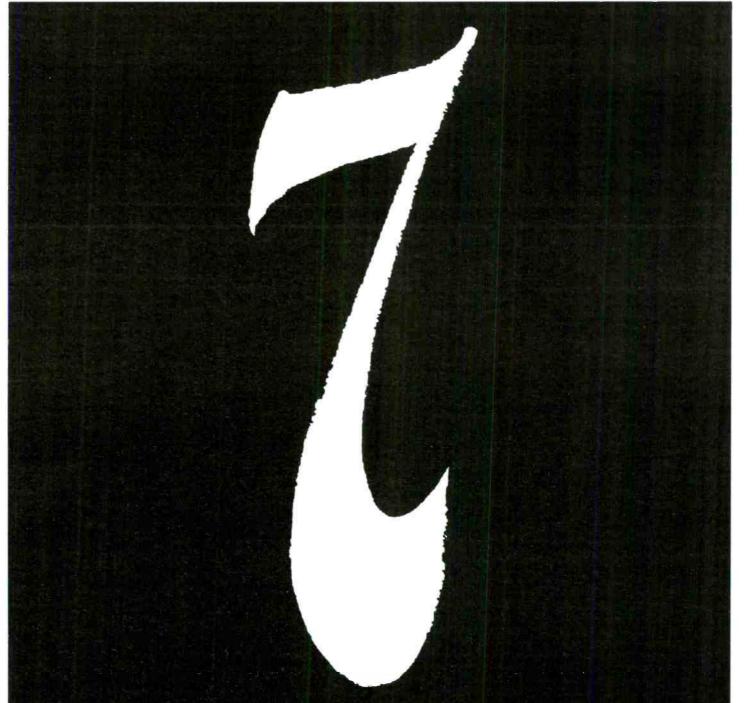
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# **NEWSMAKERS**



**Presence From The Past.** Executives from Philips Classics unveil the CD releases of the Mercury Living Presence series—rare recordings from the '50s and '60s—at a press event in New York. Shown, from left, are Richard Schneider, classical buyer, Tower Records; Ray Edwards, national classical manager, Tower Records; Is Horowitz, classical editor, Billboard; conductor Frederick Fennell; Dennis Drake, VP of studio and technical operations, PolyGram; Wilma Cozart Fine, producer of the original Mercury Living Presence recordings and musical supervisor of the project; and Nancy Zannini, VP, Philips Classics.



**New Deal For New Kids.** Recording artists New Kids On The Block celebrate their exclusive worldwide copublishing agreement with Warner/Chappell Music. Shown in back row, from left, are Dick Scott, manager of New Kids; Rachelle Fields, VP, creative, Warner/Chappell; Les Bider, chairman/CEO, Warner/Chappell; and Danny Wood and Donnie Wahlberg, New Kids On The Block. Front row, from left: Joe McIntyre, Jonathan Knight, and Jordan Knight, New Kids On The Block.



Hard Rock Helps Out. Hard Rock Cafe president Robert Earl, left, announces that the Hard Rock will underwrite the 1990 Silver Clef Award Dinner to benefit Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy. The third annual dinner will take place Nov. 15 at Roseland in New York. With Earl is Sunny Ralfini, secretary of the Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy Foundation.



Hill is Top of the Bill. Reunion recording artist Kim Hill, center, is congratulated as she prepares for her first headline concert in Nashville. Hill's most recent album, "Talk About Life," was nominated for a Grammy award; Hill was also nominated for two gospel music Dove Awards. Pictured, from left, are Richard Headen, A&R manager, Reunion Records, Nashville; Steve West, director, Go West Presents, and owner, 328 Performance Hall, Nashville; Hill; Terry Hemmings, president, Reunion Records; and Wayne Kirkpatrick, member of Hill's band and co-producer of "Talk About Life."



How Do You Spell Relief? R-H-I-N-O. Rhino president Richard Foos, left, presents charitable organization Comic Relief with a \$50,000 donation to benefit the homeless. Comedian Richard Lewis, right, accepted the check on behalf of the charity at a press conference in Los Angeles. Rhino has just released both the CD/cassette and home video versions of "The Best Of Comic Relief '90."



Janet's Sub-Pub. MCA Music International VP Merril Wasserman, left, and VP of international John Brands, right, congratulate Janet Jackson on her new subpublishing agreement with the company, which covers the world excluding the U.S., Canada, and Japan. The deal includes songs penned by Jackson from her current multiplatinum album, "Rhythm Nation 1814," and includes her newest single, "Black Cat."

## **NEW VID SERVICE OFFERS COUNTRY-MUSIC EXPOSURE** (Continued from page 6)

Retailers do not have to pay for the service, although they do have to agree to carry a certain number of the featured albums.

The first series of Selavision promotional videos, serviced in August, featured country releases from RCA, MCA, and Curb. The October reel features albums from Warner Bros., PolyGram, and Capitol/Nashville.

Each video has three five-minute segments in which the label can spotlight three albums. Each video shown in a Wal-Mart or a K mart also has footage of a featured artist standing in one of that chain's stores and extolling its virtues, particularly those of its music department.

Barbara Ann Brown, the creator and president of Selavision, hosts these customized in-store segments, which introduce and conclude the five-minute sales pitches.

During each pitch, the screen is divided into three parts. Displaying the CD cover of the album, lists the name of the artist and the album, and clips from music videos taken from the album.

Noting that the prices will rise as stores are added, Brown says she currently charges each label \$12,344 for five minutes on a video that goes in as many as 2,000 stores. After that, the charge is \$5.25 per store.

Artists who have appeared on camera to promote the mass-merchant music departments include Vince Gill, Ronnie McDowell, Mark Miller (of Sawyer Brown), and Doug Stone.

At Wal-Mart's request, Brown says, the Selavision identification is omitted from that chain's videos. In the other outlets, Selavision gets equal billing with the companies using the service. Brown says she also makes a generic video for smaller chains.

Besides promotional videos, Selavision supplies each store with shelftalkers and tent cards promoting the service. As a cross-promotion with Country Music Television, the signage carries the CMT logo, and the video asks viewers to tune into CMT or to urge their cable providers to add it to their offerings. In return, CMT will soon begin running four commercials a day, two advertising record sales at K mart and two at Wal-Mart.

Each store provides its own monitor and VCR. The spots are placed on two-hour loops that rewind and replay themselves.

#### **RACKJOBBER INPUT**

The featured albums are agreed on jointly by the rackjobber using Selavision and the labels buying exposure. "I cannot charge the labels," Brown explains, "for doing something that I don't already know the rackjobbers are going to carry." When the project was getting under way, she adds, Handleman provided her with letters promising it would put at least eight copies of each Selavision-featured album in every store using the service.

"We're also doing marketing surveys. We're calling these stores, taking three or four K mart and Wal-Mart stores out of every state. We're talking with store managers and department managers about such things as, 'How many hours a day are you playing it?,' 'Is it working?"—all these things." The information gathered, she says, is then shared with the labels and the rackjobbers.

Until about two months ago, Brown says she was Selavision's sole employee. She still does all the sales presentations, oversees the marketing surveys, and creates, produces, and appears in all the videos.

Her partner in the project is "infomercial" producer Ray Lindstrom, head of National Media Marketing. He has not, however, worked directly with the Selavision operation.

According to Brown and Powers, excitement about Selavision extends up the executive ladder. "The people at K mart and Wal-Mart and Rose and a number of my other accounts [saw the October video], and the first thing that came out of their mouths was, 'That's going to sell product,' and I'm talking about from executive VPs to chairmen of the boards." Brown says K mart will show the October reel in its satellite-conducted sales meetings and Rose recently displayed Selavision during a grand opening of one of its stores.

#### OTHER MUSICAL GENRES

While the focus so far is strictly on country product, Brown says some labels and chains have already inquired about whether Selavision will be extended to spotlight other formats: "Wal-Mart has already asked for rock/pop [videos]. Everybody's telling us now what they want to see. So what we're trying to do is set up how many projects a year, countrywise [to do]—say five or six—and then fill in the alternating months with pop, rock, and rap." Adds Powers, "If I was working

Adds Powers, "If I was working for CBS or any of the other labels, I think they'd be crazy not to jump on this bandwagon. Right now, it's the right way to go."

The next Selavision was originally scheduled to be in stores in January. However, Brown says, the success of the project may cause the company to move it to December.

The master tape goes to the duplicator a month before it goes into the stores, Brown says. The duplicated tapes are first sent to the rackjobber's branches, where the sales reps then pick up the copies and deliver them to the individual stores.

Selavision videos are duplicated by Video Treasures, a division of Handleman, in Batavia, Ohio.

Brown has already started making sales pitches for Selavision to record retail chains, she says.

#### **COMPETING SERVICE**

Another company, Video News Network of Clearlake, Iowa, says it has signed up more than 6,000 retailers for a point-of-purchase video service that will be delivered free via satellite to video, music, and convenience-store retailers in the U.S.

According to Allan Lord, VNN's president and CEO, the advertisersupported service—scheduled to go on line in February—consists of "MTV/CNN-style original news and entertainment programming."

VNN's clients, says Lord, range from such large video retail chains as Flagship Entertainment and West Coast/National Video to music retailers, including the Wherehouse, Hasting's, Record World, and Spec's chains, to convenience-store webs like 7-Eleven, Ralph's, and Kroger.

Lord adds that EMI and MCA have expressed interest in airing promotional videoclips from artists on their respective rosters.

Assistance in preparing this story was provided by Paul Verna in New York





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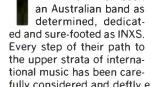
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fully considered and deftly executed. They have performed before gauchos in Buenos Aires, Royals in Melbourne, and teens in Tokyo, garnering respect and admiration at every turn.

INXS are a consummate '80s/'90s rock band with an exceptional breadth of vision and depth of talent who have come to embody all the most appealing qualities of antipodean music. Their musical distillation of strength, sensitivity, unity and intelligence has placed them outside the parameters normally used to praise Australian acts.

Toby Creswell, editor of Australian Rolling Stone, got close to the essence when he wrote: "There's something about seeing INXS live or hearing them on record, and feeling that interplay, bounce and flexibility that comes from six people working together over a long period of time. Those years and years of onenighters, travelling back and forth across the great plains of Australia, INXS have been over this territory time and time again and that's what I hear in their songs. The huge expanse of space, the sense of open-ended possibility. It's a music that is arrogant and free, and is also intuitive."

INXS have not undergone a single membership change. It is this element of obvious camaraderie and trust that pervades the strident, imaginative and eternally danceable INXS sound. "Novel in approach and stirring in execution" said one American reviewer of their third (but first stateside) album release "Shabooh Shoobah," an appraisal that could well describe every one of their releases. Unlike the other acts who could legitimately claim to have been "the biggest band in the country" in years past, INXS does not exist to pump out an endless stream of catchy singles. No matter how many sets of pubescent lungs scream approval, the band has no intention of modifying even slightly musical principles developed during more than a decade of relentless toil.

Quality product has been backed up by scintillating concert performances until, one by one, even the most prejudiced pun-

"I'm pleased that we've been able to build a career for ourselves and not just have one big album out of the blue with people saying 'hey, what's all this about?'" once explained vocalist Michael Hutchence. "A lot of

dits have been won over.

people all over the world know of the band, which is great. We seemed to be around the corner every month in America, it was hard to ignore us!"

INXS have carefully pursued a policy which enables them to be totally international without losing their Australianness. "I've been marketing them for years as an international band that lived in Australia but who worked the international circuit and deserved recognition," explained manager C.M. Murphy in 1987. "I've never allowed record companies to market us as 'Australia's No. 1 Band,' which is what you see stickered on most American albums released in the U.S. People seem to forget that most successful Australians don't come back to assist the industry they came out of. We haven't bought Hollywood mansions, we've largely stayed Australian residents.'

Although he has pointed out "we needed to circumvent our nationality. Otherwise we would have ended up stuck in a pocket, a convenient corner for overseas marketing," Michael Hutchence proudly boasts: "There is something intrinsically Australian about a bunch of brothers and school friends getting together as a band at a very young age and all pulling together as mates to make something happen. It has nothing to do with business or record companies or charts or anything like that. I was 17 when I started and Jon wasn't old enough to legally get into pubs for the first couple of years when we were playing to 200 people in little dives. That's why fans in Australia are friends first. Some have been with us since the beginning; they know us better than anybody. They also know what they want, in terms of professionalism and vitality, and are prepared to accept progression. We're not the sort of band that people buy like T-shirts and know it's going to be the same every time. We have shifts and changes.'

The INXS saga began in the late '70s at two Sydney schools-(Continued on page INXS-16)

reveals.

he success of INXS has as much to do with the tenacity and indefatigable efforts of their manager C.M. Murphy and his organization MMA as it does with the not inconsiderable musical talent of the band.

As Philip Mortlock, MD of

WEA International, who has worked with the band since the label signed them in 1982, says: "There are no weak links in the operation, and there's no doubt that Murphy's tenaciousness keeps everything rolling. Right from the beginning he had no doubts at all as to how far INXS would go internationally.

After only two moderately successful albums on the independent Deluxe label, Murphy was confident enough to take INXS to the rest of the world, even though they were hardly superstars in Australia.

He commented, half jokingly, back in 1982 that he was taking the band overseas, "whether they were wanted or not," and Gary Grant, his partner at MMA and former tour manager for INXS recalled: "We got off the plane in New York and we had no intention of

leaving town until we got what we wanted." Saxophonist Kirk Pengilly relates how the band had "all sat around in C.M.'s office and he said to us 'well, what do you guys want to do? Do you want to do what most Australian bands do and ignore the rest of the world or do you want to become an international act?' We all said 'Yea yea, an international act,' so it was decided then.

It was Murphy's acumen that realized he would first need to learn the American market before he could assault it, and over the years he has spent considerable time in the U.S. "The first year of launching INXS I lived with a family in New York and worked in an office of the record company, I got to under-

From top to bottom, INXS then and now. Below, clockwise from top left: Garry Gary Beers, Michael Hutchence, Tim Farriss, Kirk Pengilly, Jon Farriss, Andrew Farriss

C. M. Murphy of MMA: A **Global Management Vision** By KATHERINE TULICH

**Ten Years of INXS** 

By GLENN A. BAKER

their next album "Listen Like Thieves," INXS were headlining on a U.S. tour. "What You Need," the first single from the album, became the band's first top 10 single in the U.S.

'At the end of the day INXS made it because of their tenacity," said Murphy, "and because they had a maniac manager who wasn't going to stand for anything less than world dominance, so we went out and we starved, we bashed, we bit, we kicked, we smiled, we shook hands and we played and that's why."

Now at a mere 35 years of age, Murphy rules a musical empire under the banner of the MMA group of companies. It's a company that's

energetic and brash, as reflected in Murphy's insistence on a young staff (mostly between the ages of 19 and 26), and is vehemently committed to promoting Australian music here and overseas

The MMA group of companies include the "mother company" MMA International; MMA Europe; MMA U.S;, the independent label rooArt with its roster of new Australian talent; MMA Music, an independent music publishing company which operates in Australia and internationally, holding the Australian publishing for acts such as Phil Collins, Genesis, Bryan Ferry and Julian Lennon, as well as Australian artists such as Boom Crash Opera and Ollie Olsen; Ancorp, an independent financial services company with clients both inside and outside the entertainment industry; A.P.A. (Australasian Agency for the Performing Arts) a boutique agency/touring company which now represents most of Australia's top female talent including Jenny Morris and Kate (Continued on page INXS-22)



stand how they clicked," he

neered INXS' first U.S. re-

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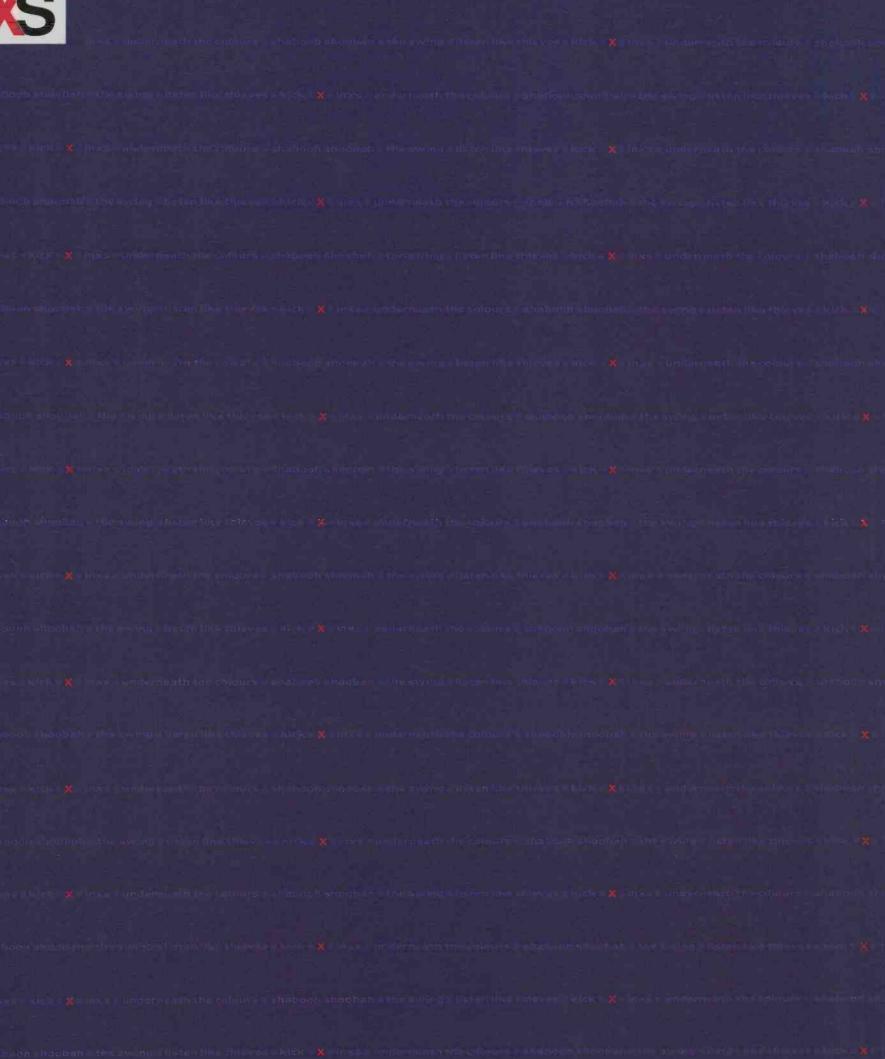
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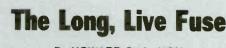
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In the U.S., initial releases on the Atco label such as "Under-neath The Colours," "Shabooh Shoobah," "Dekadance" and 'Swing" gathered a consistent following for the band.

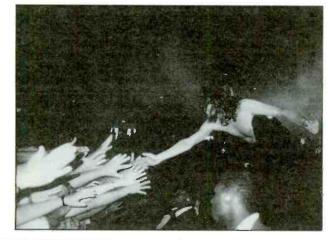
But it was their first Atlantic release "Listen Like Thieves" that would portend the success to come.

"After the album 'Listen Like Thieves' was released in the fall of 1985 we really knew we had something when the back catalog started selling," says Doug Morris, President and COO of Atlantic Records.

Morris seems to relish talking of INXS, a band he describes as being profoundly fond of, and one he personally places "on the top rung of successful bands in the U.S. today.

Morris gives the credit for signing the band to his then Atco records A&R chief Reen Nalli. "She was very instrumental in guiding the first few albums of their career," Nalli clinched the deal in Australia in 1980.

It was the early success on the Atco label that prompted INXS manager C.M. Murphy to ask Morris to move the band from



# **Touring the Global Village**

#### By GLENN A. BAKER

n 1982, INXS undertook a short tour of nearby New Zealand and have basically not stopped touring since. 1983 saw them first in the U.S., taking advantage of a top 30 hit single, "The One Thing," and in 1984 they embarked upon their first full-scale world tour. The following year they were out taking on the world once more and earning the praise of such peers as Keith Richards, who once uttered, "INXS, like all great rock stars, have it because they have something wonderful to say and they perform it in a completely unique style and sound.

"Like most other Australian bands," believes Kirk Pengilly, we have the advantage of being able to deliver the goods on stage. We took one way, the live way. I remember when the college network in America named us Best Live Act of 1986, we realized that just going back and playing and playing, even when we didn't have a single out, had really paid off for us. We could feel the loyality in the audiences, it was like football matches. There's a real strong bond that develops because the most personal thing a musician or band can do is to play live. Especially when you start off in smaller clubs and build up. The main thing is to take chances and work damn hard. If you don't put 100% into it, there's no way that you will get 100% out of it. Our whole American concept was to keep making ourselves available, to go back again and back again and keep knocking at the door.

At times, INXS the live act has preceded INXS the hit recording act into stubborn territories. Well before the U.K. "industry" accepted the band, they were selling out complete tours. "One gig that stands out in my mind," says Pengilly, "is a show we did in Glasgow on the 'Kick' tour. It was an exciting period for us there because we still hadn't had any real success with records in Britain but we had this huge live following. The whole audi-ence was jumping up and down, rising and falling a couple of feet, in time to the music. The enthusiasm was unbelievable, the PA was bouncing around, we thought the whole building was going to collapse, it was that wild.'

Hot, sweaty, intense live performance is an integral aspect of the Australian rock ethos and INXS, like so many fine bands beAtco to Atlantic. The switch came in early 1985.

"I guess he wanted to be with the mother company,' says Morris. "It worked very well for him because



as fate would have it, 'Thieves' was the album that busted-one million in the U.S. to date.

Catalog material continued to increase in sales. Releases that initially sold 60,000 shifted 300,000 plus. 'Swing' topped 900,000. "This is really the sign of a live band," claims the Atlantic chief.

Undoubtedly one of the keys to success for INXS in the overseas market has been their relentless touring schedule. They were never content to just sit back and let the records speak for themselves.

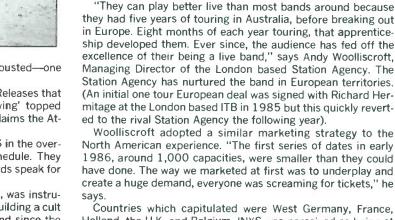
Bill Elson, North American booking agent at ICM, was instrumental in establishing the band at AOR radio and building a cult following on tour. "Bill, who has been with the band since the start, really has done a very good job

with them," says Morris. The bottom line in marketing has always been to undersell venues. After all, there is nothing better than a

fore them-including AC/DCwere honed and polished by a formative period which saw them travel 600 hundred miles between major cities to play night after night to spoiled audiences who'd just as readily stone a band with beer cans than applaud it; writing songs and working out arrangements in hotel rooms and buses, and aquiring their wherewithal and simple guts to tackle new and already overcrowded markets 10,000 miles away. By the time INXS got around to stepping into a recording studio, the six musicians had played live hundreds of times and developed a strong sense of purpose.

Keeping the masses dancing without compromising an overall integrity developed an exceptional level of self-discipline and forward thinking. "No matter where we were playing for the first few years," re-calls Hutchence, "we had to do it in front of a thousand pissed Aussies yelling 'Go man.' We had to go for it all the way." Keyboard player and co-writer Andrew Farriss soon realized that "the things you learn on stage, in high-pressure situations, are things that can't be learned any other way. When I'm recording and get to a difficult part, I always think that it must be much harder for a band that doesn't play live.'

Arriving on the world stage at a time when most new British and American hit bands were getting together in a practice room to land a recording contract and huge advance on the strength of a few strong riffs, INXS could walk onto



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Australia and North America.

In the summer of 1984 INXS played a major North American

tour on the back of the "Swing" album with venues of primarily 6,000 capacity. The single "Original Sin," from the album,

proved to be a crucial release. It made not only the U.S. charts

but broke internationally, particularly in France where it

Europe had lagged behind the U.S. by a good three years. Murphy, according to Morris, was not willing to accept failure in

breaking the rest of the world after seeing the experience in

America and Australia. This vital initial success in France was

largely due to Paul-Rene Albertini, then Marketing Manager

(now General Manager) at Phonogram, and Alain Levy who was

then President of PolyGram France and is now executive VP Po-

Europe pre-1985, though the continent's touring industry exec-

utives were certainly aware of INXS' potential. The band was al-

ready widely acknowledged as one of the best live acts around.

Released on the Mercury label, little was known of the band in

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INXS is signed to PolyGram International outside North

Holland, the U.K. and Belgium. INXS was perceived as being at the forefront of breaking Australian bands, with the associated hype feeding back into Europe. Then in the May of 1986, on

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any stage in the world and hold its own as a tough, tensile and vastly experienced outfit. "By playing live," contends Michael Hutchence, "you throw yourself up against popular opinion instead of sitting in a studio writing and getting \$50 a week from the record company. Unfortunately, the live route is starting to disappear here, just as it has overseas. These days record companies are signing bands for lots of money and big-budget videos. Personally, I don't like the results. By playing live you can get into the studio really hot. You've been playing a song for a couple of months and bang, you just go in and put it down.

Much of INXS' early American concert acceptance can be laid at the feet of the fledgling MTV Network, which took a liking to the quirky video clips of the promising young Australian band and supplied considerable exposure (INXS videos became so admired that the band was nominated for eight of the 17 statues at the 1988 MTV Music Video Awards, for the groundbreaking Richard Lowenstein-directed "Need You Tonight" clip). Guitarist Tim Farriss recalls: "When 'One Thing' was released in America in 1983, it was on MTV before the record was even available in the shops or the band had even been there. So we'd arrive in these towns on our first American tour without even an ad and we were amazed that (Continued on page INXS-20)

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"Kick" tour in 1988, from left: INXS' Andrew Farris, Jon Farriss and Garry Gary Beers; Atlantic Chairman

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was not an accident the the first two INXS albums were produced by musicians-1980's INXS by Duncan McGuire (fornerly of Doug Parkinson In Focus) and 1981's "Underneath The Colours" by singer/songwriter Richard Clapton. Both reflected an attention to musical values that was scarce on the ground for new bands of the day. The anthemic nature of such hits as "Just Keep Walking," "Stay Young," "Don't Change," " Send A Message" and "Burn For You" drew a fiercely loyal following which culminated with them winning an unprecedented seven trophies at the 1985 Countdown Awards (Australia's Grammys).

There was never a stumble or fall. Each album was a creative leap forward, each tour more exciting than the last. Early pioneers of video craft, they were seen in imaginative clips directed by Richard Lowenstein, Alex Proyas, Godley & Creme, Yashuiko Yamamoto, John Hillcoat, Soren Jensen and Scott Hicks. Album artwork was tasteful, challenging and often influential. Overall, the band had style . . . and determination.

Phil Mortlock, MD of WEA International in Australia, was the company's creative services manager when he first began catching INXS performances at such Sydney northern beach pubs as the Royal Antler and the Manly Vale Hotel. When C.M. Murphy brought them to WFA he

became closely involved with their development. "They needed somebody to help them put things together and I was in the right place at the right time," he recalls.

"They had a good idea of how they wanted to look and be presented, it was just a matter of providing some guidance. My most lasting impression apart from the fact that they were always open to new ideas and prepared to take chances all the time, is that they didn't have immovable ideas of how everything had to be done. Rather they came at everything from an attitude of: this is what we're not like and this is what we won't do, so let's take it from here. That's why I think they've continued to evolve.

"Andrew and I may write most of the songs but this is a real band," Michael Hutchence once insisted. "It's not two writers

"We've had this Three Musketeers, or Six Musketeers, attitude for so long and it's still very strong. There's never any talk or any question of ever replacing anybody or changing anything.

#### Michael Hutchence

eeping six musicians together in a cohesive unit for 10 years is an achievement which should not be appreciated lightly. Saxophonist Kirk Pengilly believes that the key to such longevity is the creative freedom that has existed from the first INXS single which, like all those that have followed, featured a non-album track contributed by a band member.

'Working as a band," he explains, "you're sort of stuck within certain parameters and a lot of things you do are, by necessity, more a compromise perhaps than a creative decision. So, as a result of that we felt that, if everyone had a go at doing their

own thing, on a B-side, it would make that release a lot more interesting and it would allow everyone to get rid of certain creative urges and ideas. They could be as inventive as they wanted without having to worry about whether or not it fit the flow of an album. You have a greater chance of longevity if nobody feels they are being squashed and have no outlet for their ideas."

From this reasoning have come such fascinating flipsides as "The Sax Thing," "Space Shuttle," "The Unloved One," Space "Lacavocal," "The Harbour," "Begotten," "Phantim Of The Opera," "I'm Coming (Home)," "Mechanical," "Move On," "Here Comes II," "Long In Tooth," and "Any Day But Sun-day." Some of which may be



and four dumb musicians; it's a very active, competitive, democratic group of people. None of us take a low profile and that's very important. We're a band that sounds very much like a band

but we fight strenuously to

but sometimes come out into things that are unusual.' There has only ever been three non-original songs recorded by INXS—"The Loved One"(twice), "Jackson," and The Easy-beats' "Good Times" (with Jimmy Barnes). The lion's share of what is left is primarily the work of Andrew Farriss, who is required to refine and improve his craft for every eagerly anticipated album, and has never let the band down, Brother Tim once recalled how Simple Minds leader Jim Kerr heard "Underneath The Colours," the title song to the second album, and

"It's incredible that a

bunch of friends should end up such good playersnever thrown anyone out, never needed help," muses Hutchence, "The worst thing that could happen to us would be for divisions to develop within the band. We could split off into three separate bands tomorrow

In early 1982, with two albums under their belt and fresh from their first session with hard-rock producer Mark Opitz (Cold Chisel, The Angels), which resulted in the single "The One Thing," the band took a hiatus in order to come up with a longterm overview. Hutchence, Kirk Pengilly and Andrew Farriss

running and running and running I'll go through all my lyrics and

work them into the melodies. I'm glad I'm not very well trained

musically because I hear things that are perhaps not correct or,

if I were trained I would immediately dismiss, and I fight my way

through some strange ideas that sometimes don't work at all

asked the band who wrote it. When Andrew humbly owned up,

Kerr said, "Oh I think it is really good." "I just remember that

Well before the Hutchence persona or the videos or the live

shows began to mold an international INXS image, it was the

music which drew attention. Asked to describe their own music,

the members would use such terms as "white boy dance mu-sic," "big, basic dirty noise," "intoxicating little songs," "songs that chug along like a train." Critics are more eloquent. They

speak of certain songs' "blend of instrumental colours, the silky

glide of vocal melody over sinewy rhythms." Or, as Pengilly suc-

cinctly puts it, "We only record songs we can play 300 times

making Andrew's night," laughed the guitarist.

over and not get sick of them.

embarked upon a "pilgrimage" to England and America, taking a tape and video of "The One Thing" with them. One of their tasks, apart from generating interest at any level they could, was to speak with "name" producers and make a balanced decision about who should take control of the third album, the one which Pengilly now hails as "locking in the INXS sound, getting on record what we were capable of live." What the three found, in meeting the likes of Bob Clearmountain, was a certain incredulity. "They all said 'what are you doing here? This is fantastic, what are you doing looking for another producer'?'

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gathered together on a bonus disk in a proposed Australian boxed set

As to whose composition manages to luck onto the flip of a major hit. Pengilly insists that the matter is never consid-

ered. "We just go in and try and get our B-sides together during the recording of an album and it's more like whoever's is finished first gets on the first single and it goes down the line from there

keep together. So far there have been no major rifts and we still

get along very well. We know each other so well. I find that rath-

On the surface, the writing team of Michael Hutchence and

Andrew Farriss is an odd mix—Hutchence the lithe, teasing sex-

symbol centerpiece, and Farriss the ever serious musician. But,

as with so many productive teams, it is their contrasts which

seem to draw the creative best out of each other. "Andrew

writes a lot of music; melodies, lyrics, sometimes he finishes

songs completely," Hutchence once detailed. "Otherwise he

sends me tapes and I sit around and listen to them and listen to

Apart from these virtual solo excursions tucked away on the back of singles, each member has pursued (and continues to pursue) outside activities, in such areas at acting, production, songwriting and guest playing. This is a summary of those sideline projects:

#### **MICHAEL HUTCHENCE:**

\*Sang two tracks, "Speed Kills" and "Forest Theme," on the 1981 film soundtrack "Freedom," backed by members of the

band Cold Chisel, A soundtrack album was released by WEA Australia. \*Co-produced and sang on a tongue-in-cheek 1985 Poly-Gram single "Sex Symbol/Jun-

gle Boy" for Fame Fortune. Took the lead role in the 1986 film "Dogs In Space" and sang four soundtrack songs (album on Chase Records label), one of which, "Rooms For The Memory," was a top 10 Australian hit.

\*Recorded a duet with Jenny Morris of the Nancy Sinatra/Lee Hazlewood hit, "Jackson," released only on an Australian cassette of INXS dance mixes.

\*Co-produced a single for Australian band Echo Home, "Motorcycle Baby.

\*Sang backing vocals on two tracks of the 1987 Richard Clapton album "Glory Road" (WEA Australia)--- "The Emperor's New Clothes" (with Jimmy Barnes) and "Angelou" (with Marc Hunt-

\*Undertook his second film role in Roger Corman's "Frankenstein Unbound," yet to be released.

\*Co-leader of the band Max Q with Ollie Olsen. Co-produced and did lead vocals on eponymous 1989 CBS Australia, Atlantic North America, and PolyGram Europe album which yielded up the hit single "Way Of The World."

#### ANDREW FARRISS

\*Produced and played on 1983 single "The Edge/Sacrifice" for Flaming Hands on Big Time label.

\*Creatively masterminded the platinum profile of Jenny Morris by producing cuts from her 1987 "Body & Soul" album and the entirety of her 1989 "Shiver" album. Also played guitar and keyboards on tracks and wrote such hits as "You're Gonna Get Hurt" and "She Has To Be Loved.

\*Produced 1984 "Shall We Go" single for WEA Australia act The Dropbears

#### KIRK PENGILLY

\*Part of 1982 one-off EP project by The Igniters.

\*Produced tracks for Australian band Crash Politics (rooArt) with Tim Farriss.

\*Session guitar for Shona Laing and sax for Martin Plaza. JON FARRISS

\*Produced 1987 Richard Clapton album "Glory Road" (WEA Australia) and co-wrote three tracks, having previously drummed (three tracks) on his 'The Great Escape'' (1982). (Continued on page INXS-16)



gan during filming of "Crocodile Dundee" in 1986.

Andrew Farriss and Michael Hutchence with Paul Ho-

Tim Farriss and Nile Rodgers.

them and listen to them. Then I'll say, well how do you imagine that this will end up, or what do you think that needs? I'll also say, I hate that, or I love that, or whatever. Then, with the tape

**On The Side: Solo Flights** 

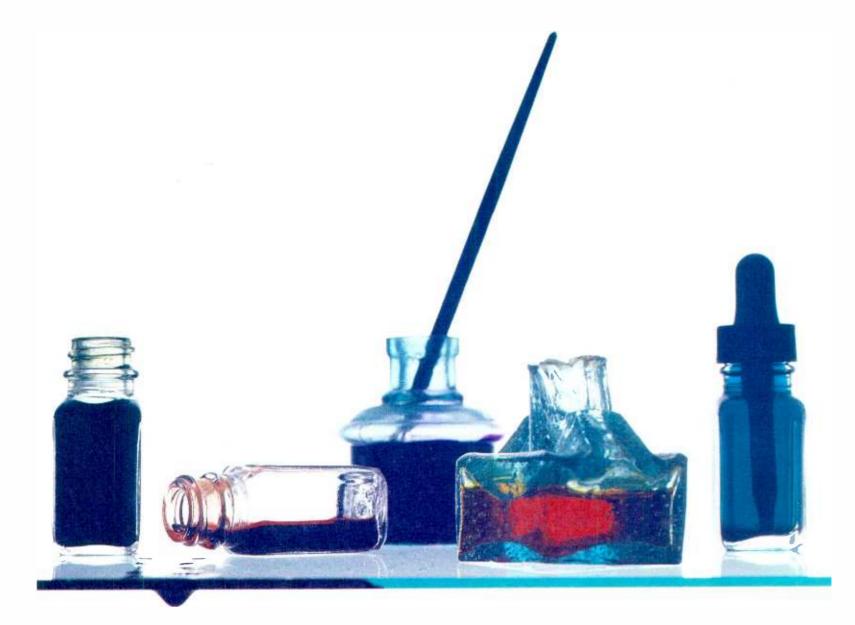
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**By GLENN A. BAKER** 





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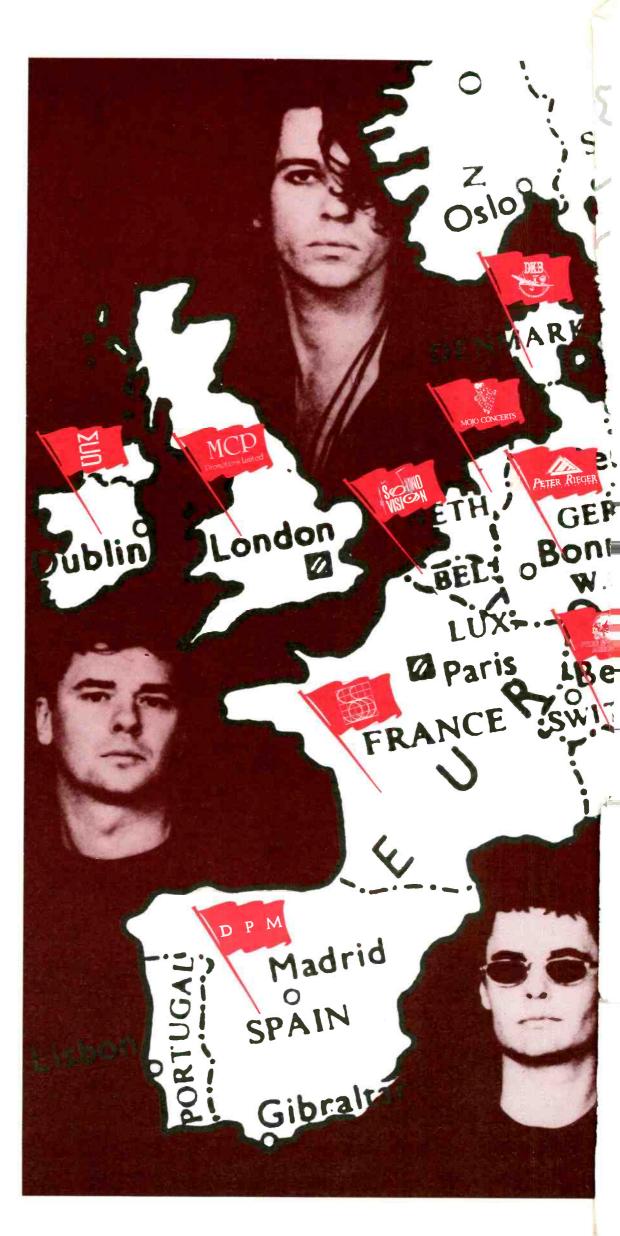
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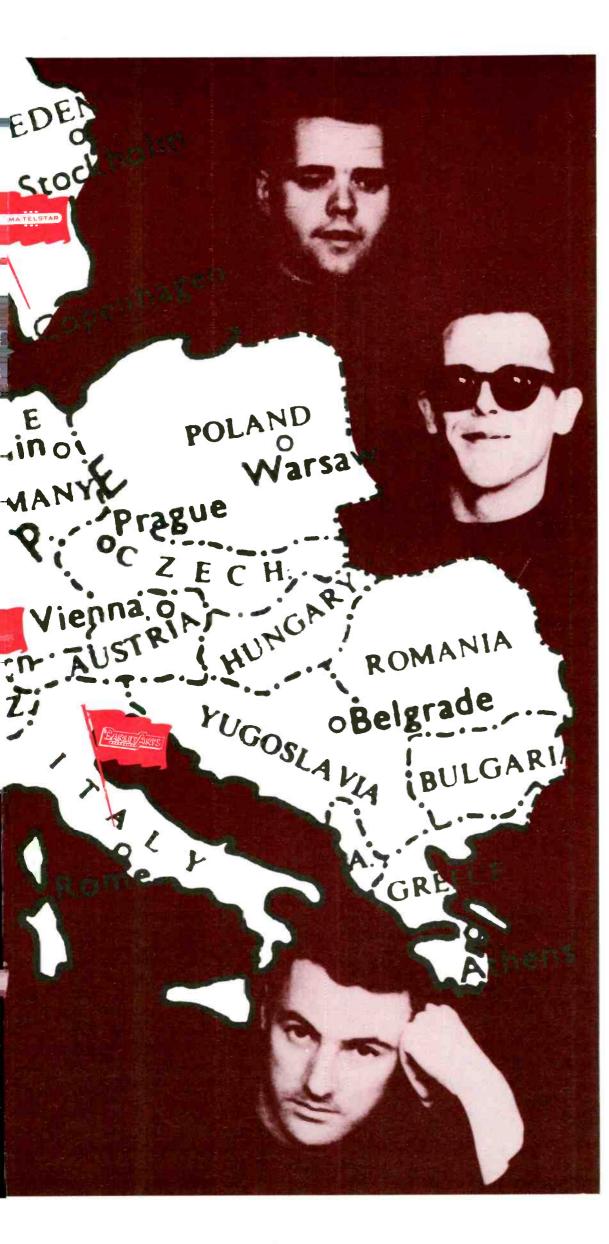




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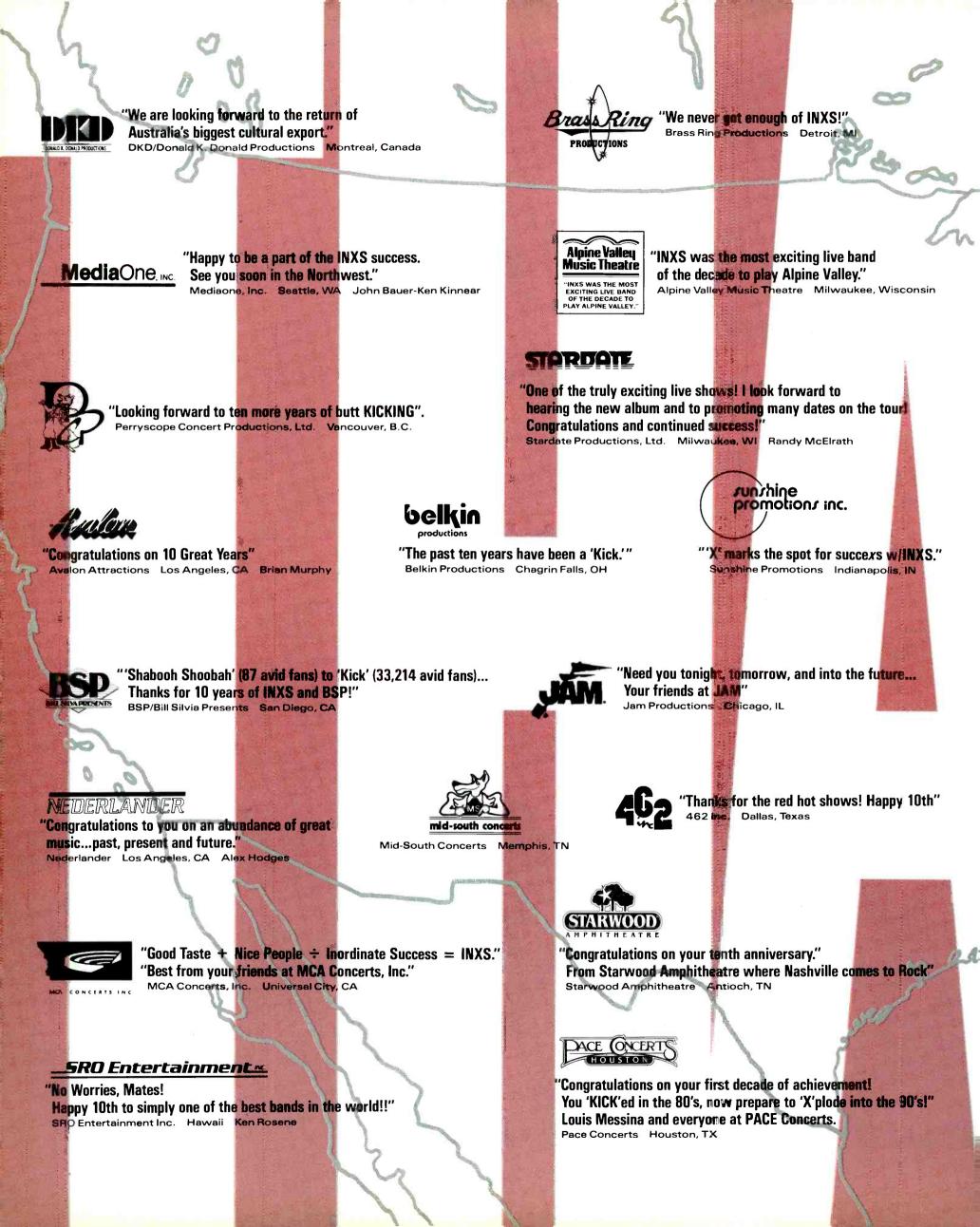
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# **TEN YEARS**

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Forest High and Davidson High. Tim Farriss, Kirk Pengilly and Garry Beers attended the former, while Michael Hutchence, Andrew Farriss and Jon Farriss attended the later. The band they formed, originally called The Farriss Brothers, followed an interesting Australian rock precedent of school-age siblings getting together to blaze a musical trail. Apart from INXS, Australian rock has had at least five other three-sibling bands of note—Col Joye & the Joy Boys, the Bee Gees, the Ferrets, the Cockroaches, and Avion.

The glue that has long held INXS together initially withstood a move 7,000km to Perth, the base of the Farriss family, where the young band spent the better part of a year playing pubs and any gig that came along. Back in Sydney in 1980, they came under the protective arm of Midnight Oil and manager Garry Morris, who suggested they change their name from The Farriss Brothers. Being a sextet in an era of synthesizer duos, INXS seemed apt. "We had a lot of fun," recalls Hutchence. "There was a lot of energy, aspirations and influences. The first years were a jumble of trying to put these things into some kind of perspective."

After Morris stepped out of the picture to further devote himself to Midnight Oil, the young band came to the attention of ing to gigs in a beat up old mini car," said Kirk Pengilly during the 1986-'87 national down under "Australian Made" tour. "I feel so pretentious when I'm in a limo. It's like being in a fish bowl. It's probably because we all grew up together. I mean, everyone's gone through their stages of balancing out egos, and it's been very difficult for Michael over the past four or five years, especially in America where they take stars pretty seriously, but the beauty of coming up together as sort of kids is that there is a family-ish situation and if someone gets a little out of hand, everyone else drags them down to earth a bit."

"I still haven't really come to grips with our success," insists Hutchence. "It's hard to know what image you create. I think INXS has always had a very natural image. We've tried many times to sit around and formularize something but it's impossible, we can never do it. What happens in the end happens naturally. Japan is a good example. The normal thing for bands going there is to put on a bit more makeup, buy Comme des Garcons outfits and the Japanese kids go crazy. When we toured there we were a bit scruffy, a bit unshaven and we went down really well because, for a change, we weren't plastic. The kids and the magazines would say 'Ah, you rough tough Aussie boys, not like Duran Duran, we like you.'

"If we are just a pop group, which I don't think we are for a minute, then we're a very natural one. It's not 'Showtime boys!,' it's not putting on this trip for world domination. It's just not that mercenary. That's not what I got into music for, to be a celebrity."

**Andrew and Michael** 

the status of the band. Then we did some special guest spots with Queen at the 72,000 capacity Wembley Stadium."

Woolliscroft says the band "never missed a leap. "They didn't go to too big a venue too soon. It was all carefully controlled so that their audience developed along with them."

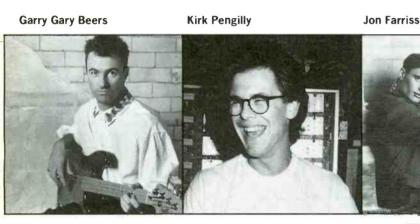
Estimates to date by Murphy's company MMA claim more than 2,000 live performances, probably more concerts than any other band.

With the release of the "Kick" album INXS was poised to clinch their position as one of the world's leading bands. "Kick" was released in all territories in the fall of 1987. It was, and still is, a major success, at one point enjoying an unbroken 18month stretch on album charts. North American tour dates followed immediately.

Japan, with a series of 15,000-capacity venue dates, boosted sales, and by the time the band reached Europe in February of 1988, projected sales were being revised daily. To date "Kick" has shifted 4 million in the U.S., an impressive 1 million in Canada, 1.2 million in the U.K. and 2.5 million in the rest of Europe.

France again typified the European market. As Woolliscroft recalls, "We sold out the 22,000-capacity Paris Olympia before the band moved back stateside for additional dates.

"Then in June/July 1988 they returned," he continues. "We had already been talking in February of booking a series of shows at the 12,000-capacity London Wembley Arena. Paris had the 6,000-capacity Zenith pencilled in, though we held the 16,000-seater Bercy for the same night." The Station moved venues.



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booking agent C.M. Murphy, who was involved in the setting up of an independent label, through RCA, called Deluxe Records. INXS did a deal with Deluxe and debuted on vinyl with the frantic single "Simple Simon." It was the only single they have ever released in Australia that did not make the charts. The second, "Just Keep Walking," made No. 25; the third, "The Loved One," reached No. 15. By 1983 they were in the top three with almost every release as a matter of course.

They then made a decision more momentous than they may have initially realized: to take their music to the world. "There is a stage when you're in a corner in Australia," Michael Hutchence once explained. "So we went overseas before we got to that stage, so that we didn't feel like there was a gun over our heads; that we'd better get big overseas right away or we'd die in Australia. We've always been ambitious. We're never floundering towards the next gig."

After the "Shabooh Shoobah" album established a foothold, they consolidated with "The Swing," which gave them two minor U.S. hits ("Original Sin" and "I Send A Message") and a number of European breakouts. Finally, in 1985, all the barriers were knocked over when the "Listen Like Thieves" album spawned the penetrating "What You Need," a No. 5 American hit. With 3.5 million global sales of this LP and a song on the hit "Pretty In Pink" soundtrack ("Do Wot You Do"), INXS were suddenly a major Northern Hemisphere musical force, poised to deliver all that they had promised.

And deliver they did, with "Kick," a 1987-'88 smash album which shifted almost eight million copies, gave the band its first American No. 1 ("Need You Tonight") and put them up on the level of recording acts like U2, Bon Jovi, Janet Jackson, Prince, Madonna, Bruce Springsteen, and Phil Collins.

Like Ireland's U2, INXS, for all their international success, have not succumbed to the superstar trappings so favored by many of their overseas peers. Visiting American rock performers who spend time with them express honest surprise at the low-key modesty of their lifestyles. "If I had my way I'd be driv-



INXS at release of "Shabooh Shoobah" in '82.



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the back of "Thieves" came a series of U.K. provincial dates. "We came back to play London to make a statement about the band," explains Woolliscroft. "We did sell out Royal Albert Hall and really turned people's heads. We wanted everyone to know



"The switch to Bercy was a huge status step up," says Woolliscroft. The 1988 "Kick" tour also took in two key European festivals, Torhout Varchter (in Belgium) and Roskilde (Denmark). Injury in the band, though, affecting drummer Jon Farriss led to cancellation of shows in Southern Germany, Switzerland and Italy.

The simultaneous worldwide release of INXS' new album "X" on Sept. 24 is on the back of a European tour only, with a second set due in the U.S. and Japan in the summer of 1991. Minimum European arena and sports hall capacity this November will be 12,000.

In the U.S. Morris at Atlantic is planning what he describes as an "every which way" U.S. marketing campaign. "They cross all boundaries of appeal," he says.

"I have a hunch they will be like the Rolling Stones—still around in 20 years, one of those legendary bands people talk about well into the next century. I'm very proud of them. A classy band."

Assistance in preparing this article by Katherine Tulich in Australia.

# **SOLO FLIGHTS**

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Then played on the double live 1989 Clapton album "The Best Years Of Our Lives" and played some shows with a makeshift band.

\*Drummed on the Jenny Morris hit "You're Gonna Get Hurt." \*Produced 1985 Mercury label single, "Work Until You Drop," for Kam Sha.

#### TIM FARRISS

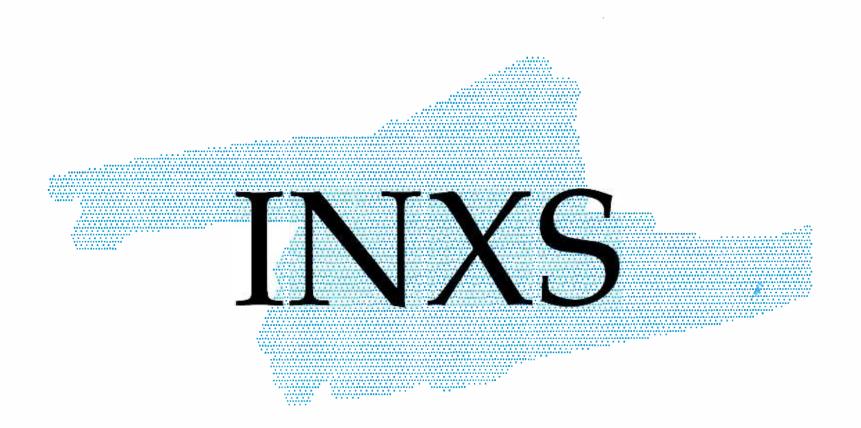
\*Created television documentary "Fish In Space," the first rock fishing extravaganza! Wrote and recorded soundtrack songs with Jon Farriss.

#### **GARRY GARY BEERS**

\*Member of group Absent Friends, with 1990 "Here's Looking Up Your Address" album and hit single "I Don't Want To Be With Nobody But You" on rooArt label. Co-wrote two songs and undertook live work.

\*Session bass playing for Flaming Hands, Jenny Morris and Richard Clapton (also live dates). GLENN A. BAKER

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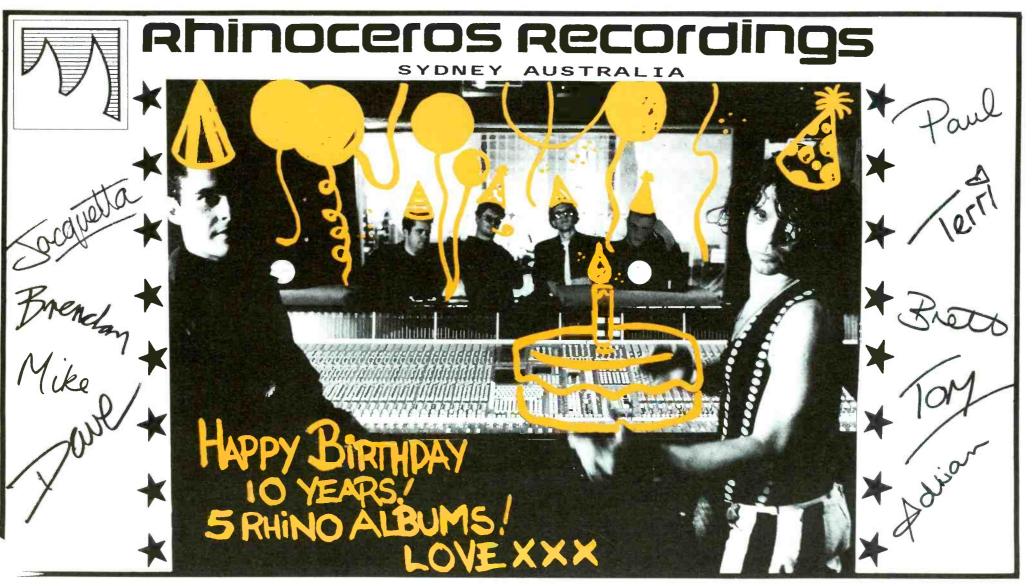


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Armed with this virtual seal of approval, the band went home and made the pivotal album of their career, the one which enabled them to transcend the invisible barriers that had long kept Australian acts out of more lucrative markets. They also began to write songs of such strength that they couldn't fail to be noticed. One of the most compelling was "Original Sin," a song which caused a spate of bomb and death threats at southern (U.S.) radio stations and hasty withdrawals from some playlists. The writing of the song had begun when the band was resting in a tour bus, waiting for their PA to be set up in the hall of some southern city they can no longer recall.

"We were watching kids playing on a front lawn of a house near the venue," recalls Hutchence. "It was a black neighborhood so there were a lot of black kids playing with just one white kid, and everybody was getting along fine. I thought, every day these kids wake up, the possibility is they'll be a little more prejudiced than the day before. There's a tendency to regard small children as not being wise but they seem more naturally aware than the normal pattern of so-called maturity." Out of this experience, Hutchence wrote the innocent and heartfelt lyrics: "Dream on black boy, dream on white girl, and wake up to a brand new day, to find your dreams have washed away." But, as Pengilly notes, "the trouble began when some people thought these words were about interracial marriage. There are fears that run deeper in America than most people outside realize."

Almost as controversial was the band's first American No. 1, "Need You Tonight," the first single lifted from the "Kick" album late in '87. This steamy, erotic outing scorched a few sensibilities on its way to the top. "Michael really has a way of putting things that are very sensual," says Pengilly. "It's sort of, I like women, I like music, let's put them together. It's as simple as that. I think its success surprised some of the members of the band, who were concerned that it may have been the wrong choice for the all-important first single. I know that I was almost in a state of shock when I heard that it had gone to No. 1."



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**GLOBAL VILLAGE** 

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there were people in the audience holding up little things they'd made saying INXS. We had people who knew all the individuals in the band by sight because they'd seen the video."

On that first American tour, the band headlined and filled the Ritz in New York and received an overwhelming response at the US Festival in California (two encore calls from over 300,000 people). They were back later in the year and by the time they mounted a third stateside tour in July-September 1984, they were able to sell out the Hollywood Palladium. They came home via Guam, where they became the first international group to play the country. In between and after were tours of Europe and Australia and concerts in Japan and Argentina. "We had a No. 1 hit in Argentina with 'Original Sin,' as we did in France, so we went to Buenos Aires for a concert," recalls Kirk Pengilly. "That was kind of scary, a very unusual situation. The ironic thing was, we never got to play 'Original Sin' because we decided to leave it until the end of the set and before we got to it the crowd started rioting and we were told we had to get off stage."

Apart from the US Festival, INXS have racked up a series of major performances over the past decade that they recall with a certain fondness. They include the Montreaux Music Festival, the Rockin' The Royals concert in Melbourne (after which they were presented to a beaming Prince and Princess of Wales), Tokyo's Budakan, London's Wembley Stadium with Queen, the ambitious "Australian Made" capital city extravaganza, and their satellite-beamed contribution to "Live Aid" from the Sydney Entertainment Center.

Apart from state-of-the-art audio and lighting, the bold, brassy, full-bodied INXS concert sound is not augmented or distracted by any excessive trappings or gimmicks. They have deliberately chosen not to go down the Pink Floyd or Genesis road with lasers, extravagant props or lights the blind could see. Instead, in a matter not unlike the Rolling Stones of the early '70s, they have created a lean, energetic punch-approach pivoted around the undeniable sensuality of vocalist Michael Hutchence, a rock star in the classic mode whose rich, soulful voice and plead with embittered passion." Hutchence himself has acknowledged the impact of his stage persona. "It's much more sensual than sexual. I'm not doing a male Madonna. It's not preorganized or choreographed. It's what I am."

It is worth noting that both Nile Rodgers and Chris Thomas were intent upon producing INXS after seeing them perform live. Rodgers saw them in Toronto and rushed them into a studio, with guest vocalists Daryl Hall and Dave Skinner, to record the controversial "Original Sin" just days before they were due to depart for England to commence recording "The Swing" album under Nick Launay. Chris Thomas saw them first at the Hollywood Palladium show and, marvels Pengilly, "still raves about that night. He just loved us."

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To a degree, Australians are unaware of the full scope of INXS' standing as an international concert act. When the band came home for an October 1988 tour, promoter Mark Pope told the Australian newspaper: "I don't think this country realizes what INXS means in other countries. That they have sold out Madison Square Garden, Nassau Coliseum, Meadowlands Stadium and Wembley Arena. No other Australian act has head-lined a 50,000 seat stadium in Dallas."

Touring has been a rewarding experience, feels Michael Hutchence. "First of all we were culture shocked by the differences. Then we started to spot the common threads." The most common of which would appear to be a deep appreciation for a band still prepared to connect honestly with a concert audience.

'This album ('X') is going to be very important for us, and it's not as though we've sold 20 million albums. We've still got a lot to do. This is a symbolic time for us as well. The new decade is starting and we're older, we're not 22 anymore. I think our energies, our attitudes have been directed into larger areas and I think the band is becoming more and more capable. There's a whole other side to INXS that hasn't been exposed. But above all there is an integrity to INXS, in the music, that makes it worthwhile.'

## **MICHAEL HUTCHENCE**

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Ceberano; plus MMA Management Australia which looks after Jenny Morris, Wendy Mathews and jazz band Monica & The Moochers.

Murphy's most recent excursion is into the book publishing arena with the company Belcris Publishing. It has recently published a book on the equine Australian sport Polocrosse (a particular passion for Murphy) and there are plans to publish a management book.

MMA celebrated its 30th anniversary last May, and Murphy still proudly displays in his office the handwritten license that was penned by his father Mark Murphy on May 16, 1960. Mark Murphy & Associates was a theatrical agency booking primarily cabaret acts. His father's premature death in 1970 led to Murphy's more active role in the company at a very young age.

Rock music was still a fledgling industry in Australia, but Murphy's passion for the music led him to shift the emphasis of the company from cabaret to rock. "My first entree into the rock world was that I created work. I started doing concerts at universities and schools. From there I developed an agency to handle different bands," he said.

Between 1975 and 1978 the Solo Premier agency was involved in the career developments of Australia's top bands including Cold Chisel, The Angels, Ol'55, Split Enz and Skyhooks. "That was an amazing time when the whole era of punk rock exploded. It was like a gold rush," said Murphy. "I always said that Australia had talent 20 years ago, some of the best bands in the world, but we didn't have the organization or professional qualities around that."

Murphy gave the agency away in 1978 when he discovered a fledgling pub band called INXS and concentrated his efforts on management.

A firm believer that Australian music's strength lies in its live delivery ("take the live side out of the Australian music industry and you take the lifeblood out of it," he says), Murphy worked his new band hard, some would say gruellingly so. In 1981 INXS had played 280 gigs, by 1985 they had played 1,500 gigs. Recalls Gary Grant: "Chris's idea was to put the band in front of people, no matter how small or how big an audience, and work it and work it and work it."

At the conclusion of the "Kick" world tour in 1989, INXS took its first long break from touring and recording, but for Murphy it wasn't a time to put his feet up and relax. "A lot of people said to me why don't you buy a yacht and have a good time for two years while INXS are off the road, but I think I've worked harder in these past years than ever before."

In that time he has nurtured the rise of another of his artists, Jenny Morris. Her album "Shiver" has now sold over 200,000 copies in Australia and she recently completed a tour of Europe supporting Prince.

"The intention for Jenny is to build a long-term career. I want her to still be able to record and tour when she's 50, and she has the character and the stamina to do it. She's already gone from playing pubs in Australia to playing in front of 80,000 people in Paris with Prince."

Last year also saw the development of the independent label, rooArt which has a worldwide distribution deal through Poly-Gram International; a deal which was unprecedented for an Australian label. It was Murphy's intention to found an Australian record label that would "foster, develop and deliver the best of new Australian talent to the international marketplace."

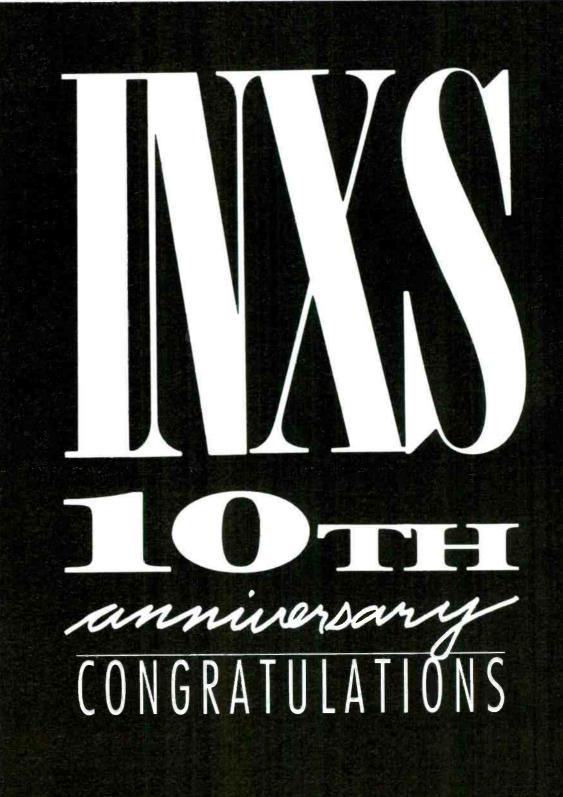
More recently, rooArt has launched its own jazz label. "I couldn't understand how Australian jazz musicians could tour around the world and Australians didn't even know about it, and I couldn't understand why the major record companies had decided there wasn't a market for jazz," said Murphy. "I wanted to develop something we could take to the rest of the world, and we will be launching the label in England and the U.S. shortly."

But for now Murphy's attention is firmly focused on the release of the new INXS album, "X." "That's the priority, and after 10 years it doesn't get any easier. 'Kick' sold 8 million albums and not many artists can do that," he said. "When 'Kick' was released we were the underdog band from Australia that should make it, now we're the band from Australia who has made it, and our competition is not up-and-coming Australian bands anymore. We're in the same arena as U2, Prince and Madonna."

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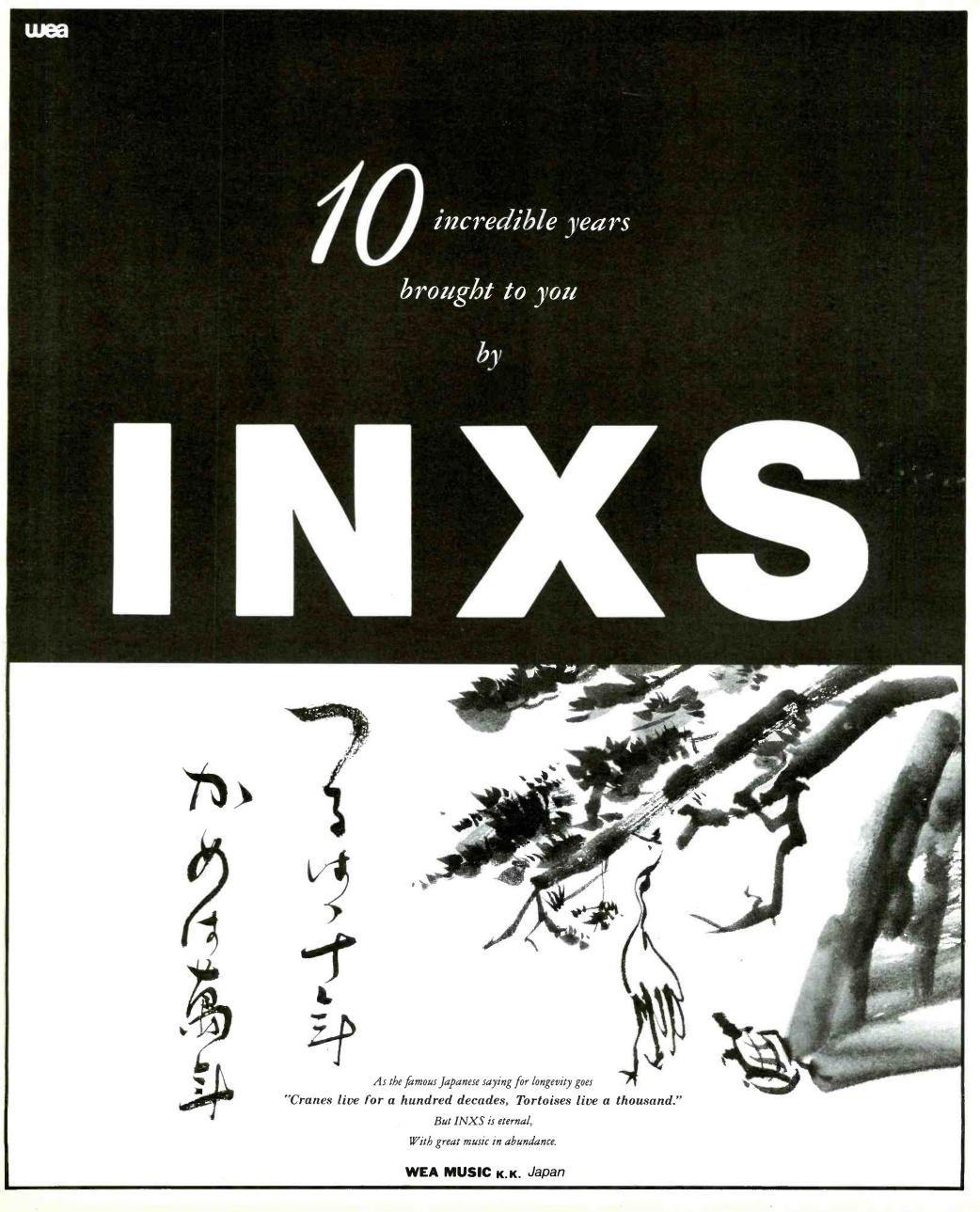


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# **Super Club Grows From Within** *Chain Draws On Divisions' Synergies*

### BY ED CHRISTMAN

NEW YORK—Although it continues to hunger for acquisitions, Super Club North America is aggressively pursuing internal growth by expanding chains, penetrating new markets, and implementing programs that exploit synergies within its various subsidiaries.

In the past year, the company's chains have opened about 70 new stores. The company's overall territory now covers 26 states, ranging from Ohio in the Midwest, down through Texas, over into Florida, and up the East Coast to New Jersey.

But the company also has worked hard on maximizing opportunities by leveraging its resources.

In July, it announced it was tapping into the expertise developed by Turtle's, its 114-unit combo chain based in Marietta, Ga., by having it oversee the addition of music to its video chains—the 102-unit, Dayton, Ohio-based Video Towne; the 36-unit, New Orleans-based MovieTime/Alfalfa; and the 10-unit, Kansas City, Mo.-based Movies-At-Home.

And in September, Super Club announced an ambitious program for its Oklahoma City-based Best Distribution subsidiary, which will see the video distributor draw on the music expertise of Turtle's and the 175-unit, Durham, N.C.-based The Record Bar to, in effect, get the company into the music rackjobbing business.

In 1989, the Belgium-based company, after more than three years of quietly studying the U.S. market, moved with lightning speed and in one month gobbled up Turtle's, The Record Bar, Video Towne, and Movie-Time/Alfalfa, which, combined, owned about 320 stores.

This year, Super Club has made three acquisitions—two of which were remnants of Vestron's retail chain, the other the 10-unit Movies-At-Home chain—which yielded 65 stores.

Darrell Baldwin, CEO of Super Club's North American operations, acknowledges that the company's acquisition pace has slackened, but he says that is only because the opportunities are not there.

"We have a lot on our plate and a lot to say grace over, but we are still looking," Baldwin says. "We are not satisfied with our position geographically or in terms of size, in either video or music." He adds that he expects Super Club to remain in its acquisition mode for at least another 18 months. Meanwhile, he projects that if Super Club does not make any more acquisitions by year's end, the company will still grow from its current 445 outlets to about 500, and will generate U.S. sales of about \$300 million.

While many expect Super Club to combine all the chains under one corporate headquarters, with central distribution, Baldwin discounts that option. "Certainly, we continually look at it," he says. "But it's not something we are considering in the short term. Even if we decided to do it today, it would take a year and a half to accomplish.

"There are economies to be gained, but the opportunity is greater for us this way. For them to be able to do things independently is better for us."

While Turtle's oversees all programs that add music to video stores, (Continued on page 56)



**'All Dogs' Has Its Day.** Jeffrey Barbakow, chairman and CEO of MGM/UA Communications Co., congratulates film maker Don Bluth on the runaway success of "All Dogs Go To Heaven," which has fetched sales of more than 350,000 units for MGM/UA, becoming the company's best-selling video title yet. Shown, from left, are Ralph Tribbey, VP of marketing; Herb Fischer, senior VP of sales and marketing; and Bud O'Shea, president and chief operating officer, all for MGM/UA Home Video; Barbakow; Bluth; Kevin Spivak, executive VP, MGM/UA Communications Co.; Jack Foley, president, MGM/UA Distribution Co.; and David Bishop, VP of sales, MGM/UA Home Video.

# **Jumbo Is Big Player In Canadian Vid Game**

### BY PAUL SWEETING

TORONTO—The U.S. is not the only country in which one specialty chain has begun to emerge as the clearly dominant retailer on the scene. In Canada, Oakville, Ontario-based Jumbo Video, with 58 locations in nine provinces, now accounts for 5.8% of the Canadian video business, according to Premiere magazine, Canada's leading trade publication.

A franchiser, Jumbo operates 13 corporate stores. The other 45 are franchised, with an additional 20 stores committed

Systemwide, Jumbo is projected to generate \$53.5 million (U.S.) this year, up from \$30.27 million in 1989, according to president/CEO Cliff Horwitz.

Jumbo stores average 6,500-7,000 square feet, stock 9,000-10,000 titles, and are open 24 hours a day.

Things were not always so rosy at Jumbo, however. When Horwitz took over in January 1990, only 40% of the franchisees were paying royalties and the company "was in dire straits," Horwitz says. Today, every franchisee is paying and is current in its royalties (Billboard, Aug. 4).

Having righted the company, Horwitz has begun to capitalize on Jumbo's pre-eminence. One recent example is a deal the chain worked out with Coca-Cola involving Disney Home Video's "Peter Pan." Coke is running a cross-promotion with Disney in Canada in which consumers are offered a \$3 (Canadian) mail-in rebate on purchases of "Peter Pan."

"We are currently heavily promoting 'Peter Pan,' " Horwitz says. "We (Continued on page 56)

# **Distributor-Racker Merger Gone Sour Results In Suit**

### BY PAUL VERNA

NEW YORK—A failed merger between two distributors—Video Products Distributors of Sacramento, Calif., and St. Louis-based Sound Disk-Tributors—and a rackjobber, Sight & Sound Distributors of Portland, Ore., has resulted in a lawsuit by VPD against Sight & Sound.

The deal broke down in the spring amid allegations that Sight & Sound had entered into merger negotiations with an unidentified firm (Billboard, April 14). Officials at Sight & Sound deny that they violated any agreement with VPD or Sound Disk-Tributors.

The suit, filed in San Mateo, Calif., Superior Court, alleges "breach of contract, promissory estoppel, fraud, and negligent misrepresentation" on the part of Sight & Sound. VPD seeks damages in excess of \$17.8 million.

Sight & Sound demurred on the

complaint, stating that VPD had "failed to set forth the nature or the terms of 'contracts' alleged to have been breached." The request for a dismissal was overruled, and the case is still pending.

Mary Barnes, attorney for VPD, says a deposition was taken from William Hall, head of Sight & Sound. A further deposition is scheduled from Steven Kumble of Lincolnshire Management Inc., a New York-based investment-banking firm, "regarding any proposed or actual acquisition of all or any part of [Sight & Sound]," according to the lawsuit. Also scheduled to be deposed is Chuck Smith, financial adviser to Sight & Sound.

Sound Disk-Tributors, though named in the court papers, is not a party to the suit. However, J.D. Mandelker, president of Sound Disk-Tributors, refuses to rule out the possibility of his firm filing a suit against Sight & Sound.



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### by Earl Paige

WHAT WALL? Despite the fact that suppliers are mumbling about the so-called "rental wall" on A titles, one analyst, Tom Adams of Paul Kagan Associates, says that 18 titles during the second quarter of this year went past the 150,000-unit level. That compares with 12 titles for the equivalent quarter a year ago. In addition, he says, the average units sold into the market on those 18 titles was about 264,000, up from 253,000 a year ago. "Some of that may be just a matter of timing," he says. "But not all." Adams attributes the A uptick to better studio marketing of those titles and fewer marginal dealers. Another factor is the depression in B titles. He says that average unit sales on lesser-known titles have dipped to about 23,000, down from 30,000 a year ago, as dealers gravitate more to A titles.

GHAPTER NOTES: What do you do when a meeting planned for months blows up in your face? Most Video Software Dealers Assn. chapter presidents can relate to this but for Elaine Zizas of the Chicago Chapter it was especially jolting: "Everyone who knows me knows how I plan six months in advance," says Zizas in the wake of a cancellation from John Farr, the popular lecturer and VP of sales at Commtron Corp., who exited there Sept. 27 to form his own consulting company (Billboard, Oct. 6). Zizas, who heads the Movies In Motion wing of Orland Video in the Chicago suburb of Orland Park, says she set up the Farr appearance in May. Local Commtron

people alerted her in early September that Farr would not be available, but by then the event had been promoted and it was too late to set up something else. "I'm going to plant my body in the lobby at the Holiday Inn in Willowbrook in case anyone shows up for the canceled meeting. At least I can buy them a drink for their trouble in coming by," says Zizas, who hopes to reschedule for around Oct. 25.

V'S HOTTEST FALL: A lot of video retailers will be glad to have September behind them, several noting that competition from television is more fierce than "There are 39 new shows, more than ever," says ever. Rich Thorward, president of Home Video Plus, Glen Rock, N.J., and also head of the New York/New Jersey Chapter of VSDA. Meanwhile, Texas retailer Herb Weiner, co-owner of 11-store Home Video Plus Music, says he believes the new TV season started two weeks earlier this year. Dusty Beals, branch manager at VPD in Ontario, Calif., echoes many when he says, "It's the stron-gest [TV] season in years," with even PBS scoring a rat-ings coup with its "Civil War" series. Baseball pennant and playoff fever and the onset of the football season are also taking their toll, as are an abundance of madefor TV movies and such other TV "events" as the muchballyhooed return of "Twin Peaks."

EWINDER REMINDER: One of the speakers lined up for the New York/New Jersey Chapter meeting may create a little stir in terms of the recent defectivevideocassette issue, according to Home Video Plus' Rich Thorward. Marvin Bernard, president of Filmlife, asserts that 50% of the problems with defectives come from the consumer rewinding the tape inside the VCR instead of using an outside automatic rewinder, a product offered by Bernard's company, according to a spokesperson. As for Thorward, he says, "I got to think-(Continued on page 64)

### JUMBO VIDEO THINKS BIG IN CANADA (Continued from page 53)

have a deal with Coke where we can redeem the coupons through our stores, so consumers don't have to mail them in. It's an exclusive to Jumbo, so we can sell the title cheaper than anyone."

The promotion fits into Horwitz's overall sell-through philosophy, a subject on which he can get positively evangelical. Video specialists "have no option but to compete aggressive-ly in sell-through," he said at a panel discussion on the future of the industry during Focus On Video '90, a trade show held here Sept. 15-17. 'Someone else will fill the void we leave if we don't.'

The problem for specialists, Horwitz said, "is the mind-set of the industry is totally geared toward a library. We have to start thinking more like retailers. It's pure folly to ignore that eventually we will be hard-pressed to sustain our growth with rentals alone."

To that end, Jumbo is reviewing what Horwitz calls "our whole sell-through modus operandi." The chain has been using rackjobbers to service it with sell-through product, but Horwitz says that will change

"I believe [being racked] is impractical and contradictory to our essence," he says. "We are a specialty store and we should carry the lines that are in demand.'

Amid the growing focus on sellthrough, Horwitz remains bullish on rentals, at least in the short term.

"The incidence of rental [in Canada] is increasing, especially among al-ready heavy users," he says. "The growth of the industry has now captured the attention of the studios. The lion's share of the dollars they get out of Canada now comes from video.'

Horwitz says he has no specific goal for the number of stores he would like to see in the Jumbo system. "I believe there will probably be around 200 stores within five years, but I don't want to get preoccupied with numbers," he says. "I don't want to open stores just to meet some arbitrary goal. I believe you should open stores when the opportunity presents itself."

Horwitz also eschews an effort to maintain a particular ratio of company-owned to franchised outlets. That sets Jumbo apart from Blockbuster Video, the largest franchiser in the U.S., with nearly 1,300 stores, which strives to maintain a roughly 50-50 ratio of company-owned to franchised outlets.

"We're a franchiser. That's what we do," Horwitz says. "We're committed to continuously improving the quality of our operations, which means we will continue to operate stores. But I'm not trying to hold to any particular ratio.

Horwitz expects that Jumbo's growth will come both at the expense of existing video outlets and from virgin territory.

### SUPER CLUB GROWS FROM WITHIN (Continued from page 53)

"The Record Bar is working on a project that concerns systems and point-of-sale and how we will end up managing automation over time, Baldwin explains

As each subsidiary pursues its individual projects, Super Club has also made a series of moves to strengthen itself financially. In late May, parent Super Club N.V. sold equity in the European private placement market, mostly to existing shareholders. That offering raised \$165 million.

In September, Super Club N.A. announced it had reached an agreement with First City Texas for a revolving credit line of \$115 million. Those funds will be used to provide capital for further expansion and to refinance debt assumed by Super Club in making its U.S. acquisitions (Billboard, Sept. 29).

Super Club sold equity and refinanced existing debt because "we are committed to make sure that the company stands on its own," Baldwin states. "We don't want to be a company that is dependent on the econo-

my." The private placement resulted in Maurits Defounder and chairman Maurits De-Prins' equity position dropping to about 50%-55%, while Philips, the electronics giant that owns Poly-Gram, increased its stake in Super Club to about 11%, and Euroventure, a venture capital fund, upped its piece to about 15%.

To underscore Philips' involvement in the company, last month Super Club named Jaap J. van Weezendonk. Philips' chief financial officer, to its board of directors.

Baldwin explains Philips' interest in Super Club by suggesting that the electronics manufacturer sees the Belgium-based company "as an avenue to be involved in retail—as a way of pushing and pulling product into the market. We can offer 700 stores on both sides of the Atlantic, and that's a hell of a test market.'

Super Club operates about 180 video rental stores in Europe, mainly in Belgium and France. Like its American counterpart, Super Club N.V. added a music component to its product offering, completing that program last May.

By adding music to its U.S. video chains, Super Club expects to reap an additional \$40 million in sales this year, according to Baldwin. But he declines to predict what impact the addition of music will have on Best's total sales volume.

That program is designed to induce Best customers, mainly video rental stores, to add music to their inventory. Super Club is providing what one source describes as very generous loan terms to retailers who want to participate in the program. Retailers would have a year, on an interestfree basis, to pay off the initial music inventory purchased from Best (Billboard, Sept. 22).

Some wonder, however, if the Best Distribution program is aimed at creating a farm team, which could create potential acquisitions for Super Club. Baldwin says that Super Club has given no consideration whatsoever to that possibility. "We are doing this to make money," he says. "That is the bottom line.

But Baldwin acknowledges that the program gives the retailers a chance to see what his company is all about and that, as a result, some of them may become interested in joining "the Super Club family.

As for the program itself, music product will be supplied to the video retailers by Best, Turtle's, and Record Bar. Baldwin says he is interested in getting the product into the stores as cheaply and quickly as possible.

On the flip side, while Best will supply video product to the Super Club chains where it makes economic sense, Baldwin says that, in general, he does not look at the distributor as a supplier to the company's stores.

Best is exploring other ways to grow its business, Baldwin notes. For instance, the company is test marketing the racking of grocery stores.

The Best role is much more important to Super Club than as a supplier." Baldin says. "It gets back to their relationship with the studios: Hopefully, the studios will start dealing more closely with us."

Super Club's involvement in both music and video "gives us a broader framework for conversation with labels and studios," he says. "There are some scenarios that [studios] may like to do more directly through distribution, and we want them to know we can take it on. For instance, if studios start to do more music, we will be looked at in a broader sense.

Another business strategy that Super Club wants to pursue someday also could bring the company closer to the studios. Super Club intially entered the U.S. with the intent of buying a movie theater chain but found such companies to be priced too highly. However, Baldwin says, wouldn't be surprised if we eventually wind up in film exhibition.'

In Europe, the company is building seven giant retail and entertainment complexes anchored by multiscreen movie theaters that will be owned and operated by Super Club.

Also, Super Člub is involved in producing movies and buying and selling rights in Europe. "Over time, [in the U.S.] we would like to be buying and selling rights, but I don't see us in production," Baldwin says.

# Super Club Busts Across The U.S.

NEW YORK-As Super Club continues to expand, it inevitably finds itself butting heads more and more with Blockbuster Entertainment, currently the largest video specialty chain in North America.

Blockbuster managers have long told analysts that they are surprised that another company has not risen up to challenge Blockbuster's march across the marketplaces of America.

Now, it appears that Super Club is positioning itself to compete with the 1,300-unit, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.based chain. "Blockbuster recognizes that we are there and are the only competitor not having financial trou-Baldwin says. "Other than ble. Blockbuster, we are the only wellcapitalized [video] chain in America.' In June, Super Club acquired Mov-

ies-At-Home, a 10-unit chain based in Kansas City, Mo., a market where Blockbuster had 12 stores. Super Club tried to follow up on that deal by acquiring the 22-unit Kansas City franchise of Applause Video but was beaten to the punch when Blockbuster bought the entire chain. That move gave Blockbuster 34 stores in Kansas City and market dominance.

"In Kansas City, we will have to be careful," Baldwin says. "We think there are other opportunities in that market and not necessarily in the city. They can concentrate on the city and I will go out into the suburbs.'

In general, Baldwin realizes that Super Club will not be dominant in every market. "It's all a matter of where you want to compete," he says. "Where a secondary market

has opportunities, I will go in there rather than challenge a strong franchise.

On the other hand, Baldwin says, "I don't think you will find a lot of markets that will only be serviced by one retailer. There may be some now but they better make hay while the sun shines.'

Baldwin notes that Super Club's Alfalfa/MovieTime chain "has really locked horns with Blockbuster in New Orleans." In New Jersey, where Super Club acquired 15 Vestron stores (Billboard, Aug. 18), Baldwin "Blockbuster hasn't done so says, well.

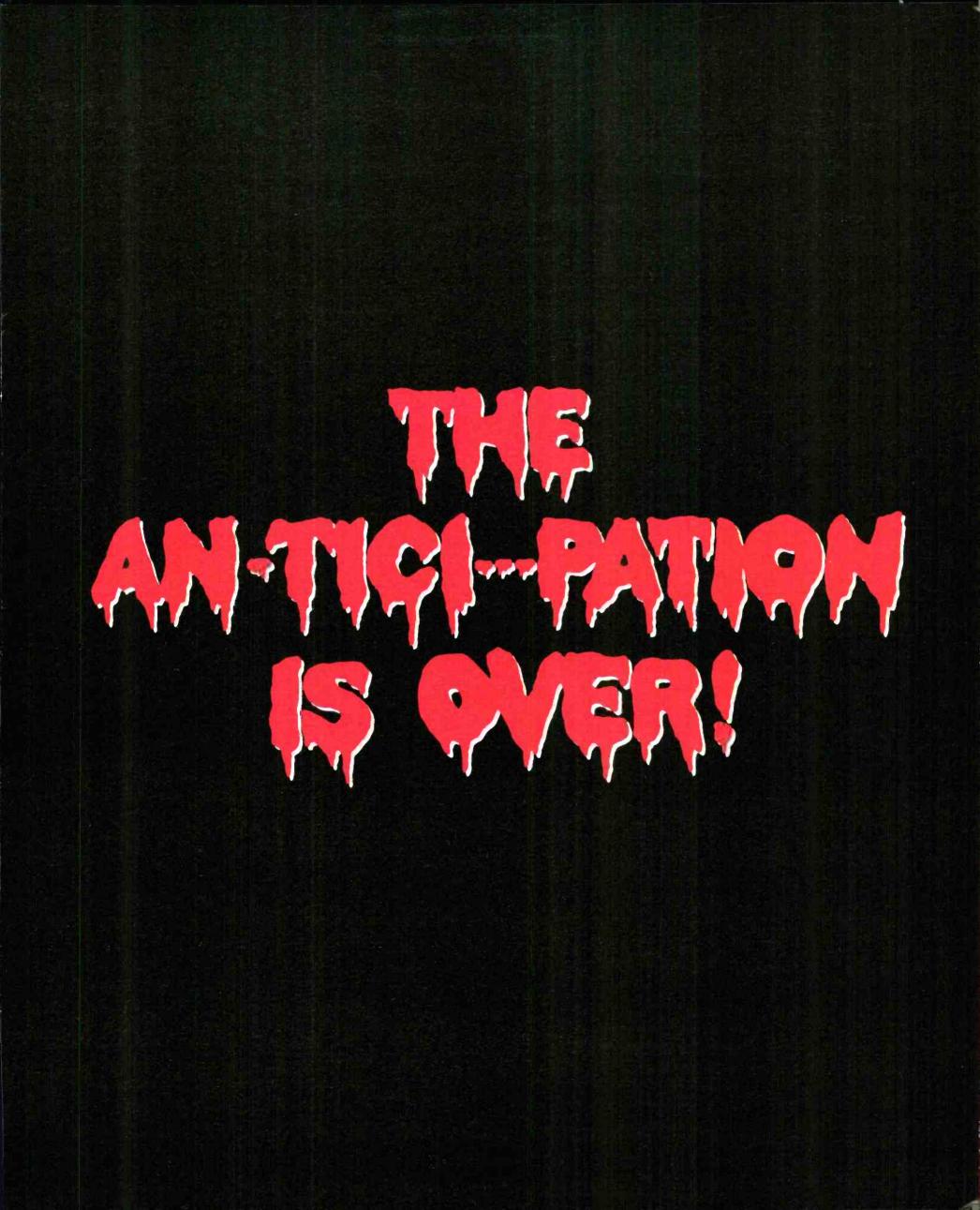
The Vestron stores have been placed under the supervision of the Video Towne chain, which now numbers 102 stores. ED CHRISTMAN



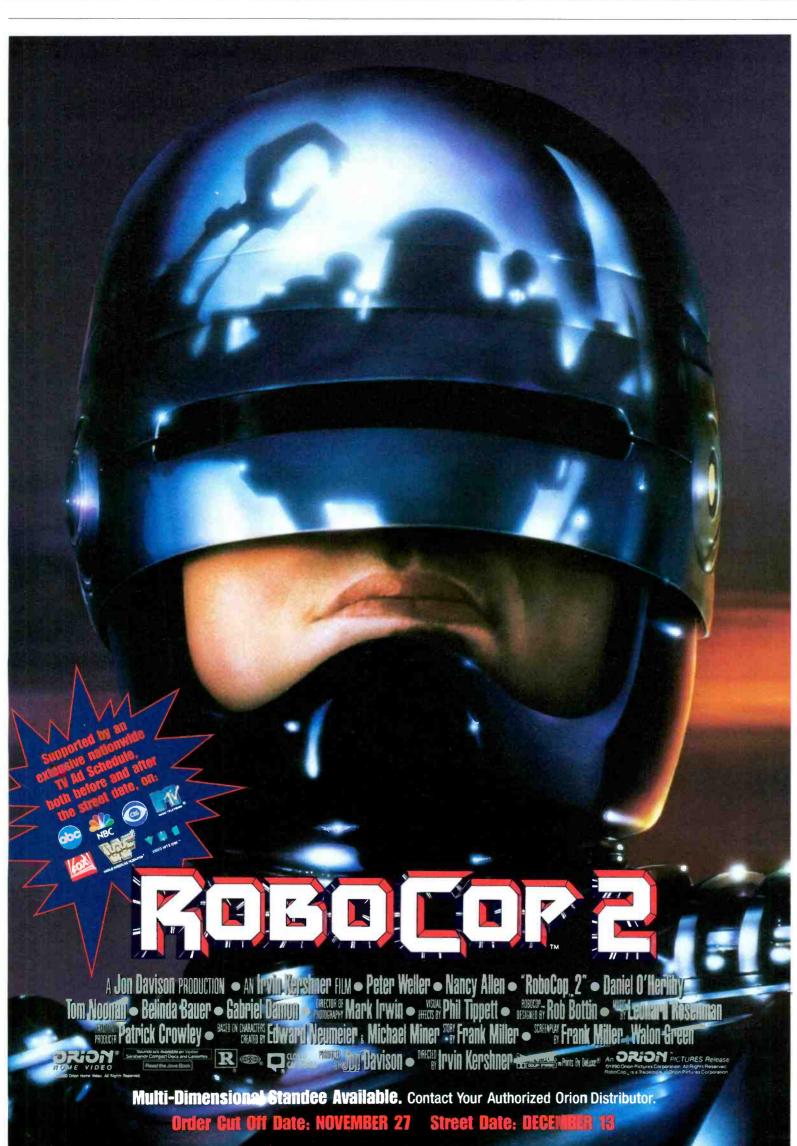


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Ì	23	5	BEACHES	Touchstone Pictures Touchstone Home Video 797	Bette Midler	1989	PG-13	19.9
Ī	17	37	DIE HARD	CBS-Fox Video 1666	Bruce Willis Bonnie Bedelia	1988	R	19.9
1	18	142	TOP GUN	Paramount Pictures Paramount Home Video 1629	Tom Cruise Kelly McGillis	1986	PG	14.9
İ	22	5	PLAYBOY VIDEO CENTERFOLD: KERRI KENDALL	HBO Video 392	Kerri Kendall	1990	NR	19.9
+	11	46	NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK: HANGIN' TOUGH LIVE A24	CBS Music Video Enterprises 19V-49030	New Kids On The Block	1989	NR	19.9
+	35	3	HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BUGS: 50 LOONEY		Animated	1990	NR	14.9
┦	28	35	YEARS	Warner Home Video 12054 Paramount Pictures	Harrison Ford	1989	PG-13	24.9
+	32	20	CRUSADE	Paramount Home Video 31859 Universal City Studios	Sean Connery James Stewart	1969	NR	19.9
	31	15		MCA/Universal Home Video 80321	Josephine Hull			
+			AEROSMITH: THINGS THAT GO PUMP	Amblin Entertainment	Aerosmith	1990	NR	16.98
	25	54	THE LAND BEFORE TIME TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES:	MCA/Universal Home Video 80864	Animated	1988	G	24.9
	33	25	HOT RODDING	Family Home Entertainment 23980	Animated	1989	NR	14.9
	27	22	SEXY LINGERIE II	HBO Video 0363	Various Artists	1990	NR	19.9
	RE-EI	NTRY	TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: KILLER PIZZAS	Family Home Entertainment 27314	Animated	1989	NR	14.9
	40	177	THE WIZARD OF OZ: THE FIFTIETH ANNIV. ED. ♦	Turner Entertainment Co. MGM/UA Home Video 60001	Judy Garland Ray Bolger	1939	G	24.9
	29	179		Callan Productions Corp. MCA/Universal Home Video 80429	Callan Pinckney	1986	NR	24.9
ĺ	24	29	HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS	Walt Disney Home Video 909	Rick Moranis	1989	PG	22.99
Ī	NE	W 🕨	FAITH NO MORE: LIVE AT THE BRIXTON ACADEMY	Warner Reprise Video 3-38187	Faith No More	1990	NR	19.98
t	37	101	CINDERELLA	Walt Disney Home Video 410	Animated	1950	G	26.99
t	30	61	NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK: HANGIN' TOUGH ▲21	CBS Music Video Enterprises 14V-49022	New Kids On The Block	1989	NR	14.95
$\dagger$	39	2	STATE FAIR	CBS-Fox Video 1348	Dana Andrews Jeanne Crain	1945	NR	19.98
+	34	2	OKLAHOMA!	CBS-Fox Video 7020	Gordon MacRae	1955	G	19.98
10		-	OKLAHOMA!		Shirley Jones			

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# **HOME VIDEO**



# Spend Time With Capra's 1st 'Lady' Or Old Pal 'Soupy'

BY MICHAEL DARE

This weekly column is provided as a guide through the wilderness of unfamiliar feature video titles.

• "Lady For A Day" (1933), Connoisseur Video Collection.

Director Frank Capra and writer Damon Runyon were a match made in heaven. Both had the same humanist sensibilities, with a genuine concern for the downtrodden and a sincere belief that the human spirit will prevail in the worst of circumstances. In this timeless fairy tale, a rag woman named Apple Annie borrows stationery from a fancy hotel to write lies to her daughter about her life in high society. When her daughter gets betrothed to a count, she decides to travel to New York to introduce her love to her mother.



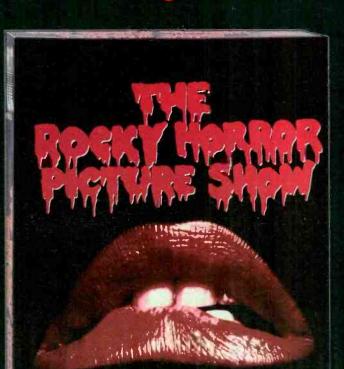
Soon, a fantastic collection of characters, street people with names like Louie The Lug and Cheesecake, conspire to help Annie appear to be the lady of her letters. Capra remade this in 1961 as "Pocketful Of Miracles," starring Bette Davis, but the original is more naive, more primitive, and far superior. Like all of Capra's work, it tugs at your heart in all the right places. A fantastic double bill with "Pretty Woman."

### • "Chattahoochee" (1990), HBO Video, prebooks 10/18.

Gary Oldman ("Sid And Nancy") stars in the true story of Emmett Foley, a mental patient in Florida in the late '50s, who, through perseverance, was responsible for reforming a state mental system overloaded with abuses. After an unsuccessful suicide attempt, Foley is put in the Chattahoochee state mental institution, where he is beaten and, through a peculiar set of Catch-22s, discovers there is no way out. What follows is sort of a cross between "One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest" and "Midnight Express." Except for the ending, this is an excessively downbeat piece of work that's made bearable by excellent performances by Oldman and Den-nis Hopper as another inmate with a lot of problems. This isn't for every-one, since mental institutions aren't particularly congenial places to be, but those interested in having their noses rubbed in it will love to spend some unpleasant time in "Chatta-hoochee." They should see it with "Marat/Sade" or "Frances."

#### • "The Fall Of The Berlin Wall" (1990), Warner Home Video, prebooks 10/4.

This well-made and reasonably comprehensive documentary on the (Continued on page 65)



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## HOME VIDEO

# **Public Media Bows Home Vision Cinema To Market, Distribute Foreign Home Vids**

BY CHRIS McGOWAN

LOS ANGELES-Public Media Inc., a Chicago-based multimedia marketing and distribution company, has formed Home Vision Cinema, a new video line that will specialize in classic and foreign film offerings.

Home Vision Cinema will be a

new division of PMI's label, Home Vision, which has until now specialized in fine arts and performing arts titles. Its sister label, Public Media Video, has a large catalog of special-interest programs that include nature, cooking, fashion, and new age fare.

On Nov. 7, Home Vision Cinema will bow its first 10 releases, which

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THIS WEEK	2 WKS.	WKS. ON	TITLE, Copyright Owner, Manufacturer, Catalog Number	Principal Performers	Type	Suggested
		-	* * NO.1 * *			
1	1	9	PLEASE HAMMER DON'T HURT 'EM Capitol Video C540001	M.C. Hammer	ŀ	19.9
2	2	17	STEP BY STEP ▲ <sup>20</sup> CBS Music Video Enterprises 19V- 49047	New Kids On The <mark>Bl</mark> ock	LF	19.9
3	3	7	BANNED IN THE USA A*Vision Entertainment 50162	The 2 Live Crew	D	14.9
4	4	5	ELVIS: VOL. 1-CENTER STAGE Buena Vista Home Video 1032	Elvis Presley	D	19.
5	NE	wÞ	LIVE AT THE BRIXTON ACADEMY Warner Reprise Video 3-38187	Faith No More	С	19.
6	9	11	VIDEO EXPOSURE Arista Records Inc.6 West Home Video SW-5702	Expose	SF	16.
7	5	5	ELVIS: VOL. 2-THE MAN AND THE MUSIC Buena Vista Home Video 1033	Elvis Presley	D	19.
8	6	45	HANGIN' TOUGH LIVE ▲24 CBS Music Video Enterprises I 9V-49030	New Kids On The Block	с	19.
9	12	13	THE BOB MARLEY STORY Island Visual ArtsIsland Video 440 082 373-3	Bob Marley And The Wailers	D	19.
10	NE	w	MAIDEN ENGLAND CBS Music Video Enterprises	Iron Maiden	С	19.
11	7	15	THINGS THAT GO PUMP Geffen Home Video 381.72	Aerosmith	LF	16.
12	14	7	CARLY IN CONCERT: MY ROMANCE Arista Records Inc. 6 West Home Video SW-5711	Carly Simon	¢	19
13	8	61	HANGIN' TOUGH ▲ <sup>21</sup> CBS Music Video Enterprises	New Kids On The Block	SF	14.
14	26	3	DAVID LYNCH-INDUSTRIAL SYMPHONY NO. 1 Elbow Music, Inc. Warner Reprise Video 3-38179	Julee Cruise	LF	19
15	10	9	HULMERIST Sire Records Warner Reprise Video 38175	Morrissey	LF	19
16	11	23	BARRY MANILOW: LIVE ON BROADWAY A Arista Records Inc. 6 West Home Video SW-5708	Barry Manilow	с	19
17	17	5	BORN TO SING A*Vision EntertaInment 50157	En Vogue	SF	14
18	13	11	SINGIN' & SWINGIN' CBS Music Video Enterprises 19V- 49045	Harry Connick, Jr.	LF	19
19	16	9	LIFESTYLES OF THE RAMONES Sire Records Warner Reprise Video 38178-3	The Ramones	LF	19
20	22	49	JANET JACKSON'S RHYTHM NATION 1814 4	Janet Jackson	SF	24
21	NE	WÞ	IN CASE YOU DIDN'T FEEL LIKE SHOWING UP Warner Reprise Video 3-38176	Ministry	с	19
22	20	5	IN THE HEART OF THE YOUNG A*Vision Entertainment 50156	Winger	SF	14
23	15	39	KENNY G LIVE ▲ Arista Records Inc. 6 West Home Video SW-5705	Kenny G	с	19
24	19	17	THE VALUE OF IGNORANCE PolyGram Music Video 440 081 321-3	Sinead O'Connor	LF	14
25	NE	w	THE THREE TENORS IN CONCERT London 223- 3LH	Carreras - Domingo - Pavarotti	C	24
26	21	25	PSYCHEDELIC SEXFUNK: LIVE FROM HEAVEN EMI Home Video 1627	Red Hot Chili Peppers	C	14
27	18	7	EVERY TRICK IN THE BOOK CBS Music Video Enterprises 19V-49049	Cheap Trick	LF	19
28	30	5	LONG TIME COMIN' MPI Home Entertainment MP6070	Crosby, Stills & Nash	D	19
29	RE-E	NTRY	ONE VOICE Barwood Films Ltd. CBS-Fox Video 5150	Barbra Streisand	c	19
30	28	114	MOTLEY CRUE UNCENSORED ▲ <sup>2</sup> Elektra/Asylum Records Elektra Entertäinment 40104-3	Motley Crue	LF	19

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are part of a recent deal whereby PMI licensed more than 60 titles from Janus Films, a leading distributor of classic foreign films. None of the movies in the Janus/PMI deal have been released on VHS before, although Janus has previously released a few of the titles on laserdisk through the Criterion Collection, its co-venture with Voyager Press.

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**Pacific Heights** 

The first 10 Home Vision Cinema releases are Samuel Fuller's "The Naked Kiss" and "Shock Corridor," Claude Goretta's "The Lacemaker," Vittorio de Sica's "Miracle In Milan," Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger's "A Canterbury Tale," Claude Jutra's "Mon Oncle Antoine," the D.H. Lawrence tale "The Rocking Horse Winner," the Scotland Yard thriller "Green For Danger," the romantic comedy "I Know Where I'm Going," and the acclaimed Israeli film "Late Summer Blues.

Home Vision national sales manager Jeff McGuire sees great potential for foreign film titles on video over the next few years. "I think the bloom is off the rose in the Bmovie business, and only a limited number of A titles are released in any given year. Stores are looking for alternative programming, and I think a foreign A-title has to be very appealing for these stores.

'We're setting up to get into it for the long haul, and we feel it's a good solid niche, an evergreen type of business, as are our fine arts titles. There will be a steady, day-in. day-out turn on these quality titles," he says. Home Vision's sister company,

Films Inc., has been a movie distributor for almost 60 years in such nontheatrical markets as schools, museums, libraries, hospitals, and prisons. "So we already have a lot of experience in this area. Home Vision Cinema is a natural progression for us," says McGuire

The release dates for the rest of the licensed Janus product have not yet been determined. "We'll bring the rest of the titles out in an orderly fashion," says McGuire. "But first, we will survey retailers and get some ideas from dealers who have been successful in this arena. Our release strategy will be based on what the marketplace tells us is most prudent.

"We'll get the first 10 titles out on the street, and then rely on feedback to tell us whether it should be one new title a month after that or three a quarter. But our releases will be ongoing and regular.

Home Vision Cinema may also license other titles from Janus beyond the initial deal. "They have licensed titles previously to Nelson, Connoisseur, and other labels. As rights revert back to Janus, we have told them that we'd be very interested in picking up more titles.

McGuire also plans to pick up foreign titles from companies other than Janus. "But Janus will be the cornerstone of the line," he says.

2	Goodfellas (Warner Bros.)	5,881,427	1,291 4,556	1	14,852,528
3	Ghost (Paramount)	5,435,657	1,766 <i>3,078</i>	11	155,272,432
4	Postcards from the Edge (Columbia)	4,101,237	1,323 <i>3,100</i>	2	23,225,598
5	Narrow Margin (Tri-Star)	1,958 <mark>,4</mark> 39	1,253 1,563	1	6,564,547
6	I Come in Peace (Triumph)	1,912,421	1,041 <i>1,837</i>		1,912,421
7	Death Warrant (MGM/UA)	1,882,769	1,077 <i>1,748</i>	2	11,811,501
8	Flatliners (Columbia)	1,674,686	1,435 <i>1,167</i>	7	53,653,737
9	Funny About Love (Paramount)	1,647,172	1,213 <i>1,358</i>	1	5,299,044
10	Presumed Innocent (Warner Bros.)	1 <mark>,364,</mark> 042	1,097 1,243	9	80,571,055
11	Pretty Woman (Buena Vista)	883,765	851 1,039	27	173,530,841
12	<b>Texasville</b> (Columbia)	823,534	354 2, <i>326</i>	_	823,534
13	Darkman (Universal)	739,935	783 <i>945</i>	5	31,575,015
14	Problem Child (Universal)	731,115	693 1,055	9	47,876,430
15	Men At Work (Triumph)	633,788	837 <i>757</i>	5	14,070,197
16	Young Guns II (Fox)	594,625	843 705	8	39,932,746
17	Hardware (Miramax)	556,930	597 <i>933</i>	2	5,072,970
18	King of New York (New Line Cinema)	411,597	115 <i>3,579</i>	-	411,597
19	Pump Up the Volume (New Line Cinema)	388,787	375 1,037	5	10,379,200
20	Taking Care of Business (Buena Vista)	380,389	493 772	6	18,438,088
21	Die Hard 2 (Fox)	361,913	446 811	12	113,255,810
22	Wild At Heart (Samuel Goldwyn)	341,432	288 1,185	6	13,314,390
23	Repossessed (New Line Cinema)	340,770	219 1,556	2	901,878
24	Jungle Book (Buena Vista re-issue)	<mark>339,920</mark>	557 610	11	42,948,864
25	Air America (Tri-Star)	333,900	477 700	7	29,708,418
26	The Witches (Warner Bros.)	289,869	483 600	5	9,109,940
27	White Hunter, Black Heart (Warner Bros.)	267,679	88 <i>3,042</i>	2	857,279
28	Exorcist III (Fox)	262,299	480 <i>546</i>	6	24,785,384
29	Arachnophobia (Buena Vista)	2 <mark>58,4</mark> 13	444 5 <mark>82</mark>	10	50, <mark>452,366</mark>
30	Don't Tell Her It's Me (Hemdale)	241,744	17 <u>1</u> 1,414	1	890,235
31	State of Grace (Orion)	233,122	192 1,214	2	1,155,452
32	The Freshman (Tri-Star)	231,660	297 780	10	20,989,487
33	Dreams (Warner Bros.)	226,320	94 <i>2,408</i>	5	1,244,719
34	Ducktales: The Movie (Buena Vista)	201,095	401 501	8	16,981,233
35	My Blue Heaven (Warner Bros.)	191,086	303 631	6	22,576,277
36	Slumber Party Massacre 3 (Concorde)	182 <mark>,85</mark> 2	68 2,689	3	1,016,280
37	A Cry in the Wild (Concorde)	172,280	59 <i>2,920</i>	4	1,044,039
38	Mo' Better Blues (Universal)	172,200	168 1,025	8	15,547,255
39	Def by Temptation (Troma)	166,497	57 2,921	25	1,993,987
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# **HOME VIDEO**

### STORE MONITOR

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ing about it as Marvin and I were going over his talk. I examined my VCR. If people hit 'stop' before hitting 'rewind,' there is less wear on the tape, less chance of damage, because the rewinding is occurring inside the videocassette. But if they do not hit the stop button and just hit rewind then the rewinding is occurring throughout the entire VCR head mechanism. But Marvin insists that the consumer should never rewind with a VCR." Thorward adds that Bernard's firm also offers a film-to-video transfer service for stores.

**S**OUTHERN SLOWDOWN: "They sure know about us in Alabama," says Jerry Donaldson, manager of the main office of 90-store Express Video, based just outside Birmingham in Bessemer, where the general

#### industry slowdown is finally being felt. Express has 35 stores in and around Birmingham, says Donaldson, who explains why so few people around the country know about the chain: "It's just that we've never tooted our horn." Also, Express is just now expanding outside Alabama, with five units in Mississippi. Express Video is also very much a family business. Bud Coleman, president, oversees about 32 stores; his wife, June, oversees five. Daughter Brenda Venz and her husband, Johnny, operate 30 stores. Son Bill operates 20 stores, and another son, Bobby, runs three stores. At one point, Express was opening four stores a month. "We've slowed down. Now what we're doing is going back and modernizing the older stores," says Donaldson. One difference he notes is that "it used to be

you opened a store and you were swamped with business. It was something new. Now people are so used to video stores it's no big deal. Now you have to promote and be aggressive."

**M**USIC AND MOVIES: Boasting that handling music along with video gives stores an edge, **Dawn** and Herb Weiner are offering two deals on "Pretty Woman" in their Austin, Texas, chain. New copies are offered on a presale basis at \$17.99 with an \$8.99-value music soundtrack tossed in for free. Or, 20 days following release, the movie can be purchased used for \$9.99 with a cassette single of the hit song as a bonus. As aggressive as their sell-through plans sound, the Weiners are going all-out in rental, too. "We'll put'75-100 into each store," says Herb.

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1	5	3	ALL DOGS GO TO HEAVEN	r ★ NO. 1 ★ ★ MGM/UA Home Video Pioneer/Image Ent. 101868	Animated	1989	G	24.9
2	1	7	DRIVING MISS DAISY	Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 11931	Jessica Tandy Morgan Freeman	1989	PG	24.9
3	NE	wÞ	THE LITTLE MERMAID	Walt Disney Home Video Pioneer/Image Ent. 913	Animated	1989	G	29.9
4	3	7	BLUE STEEL	MGM/UA Home Video Pioneer/Image Ent. M901885	Jamie Lee Curtis Ron Silver	1990	R	24.9
5	2	5	BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY 🛇	Universal City Studios MCA/Universal Home Video 80901	Tom Cruise	1989	R	39.9
6	14	3	LICENCE TO KILL	CBS-Fox Video Pioneer/Image Ent. 4755-80	Timothy Dalton	1989	PG-13	49.9
7	4	5	HARD TO KILL	Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 11914	Steven Seagal Kelly LeBrock	1990	R	24.9
8	NE	wÞ	GLORY	Tri-Star Pictures Pioneer/Image Ent. 70286	Matthew Broderick Denzel Washington	1989	R	39.9
9	NE	wÞ	SUPERMAN: THE MOVIE	Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 12030	Marlon Brando Gene Hackman	1978	PG	29.9
10	7	11	INTERNAL AFFAIRS	Paramount Pictures Pioneer LDCA, Inc. LV32245	Richard Gere Andy Garcia	1990	R	34.9
11	19	3	BAD INFLUENCE	Epic Home Video Pioneer/Image Ent. 59236	Rob Lowe James Spader	1990	R	34.9
12	NE	w►	THE BLUES BROTHERS •	Universal City Studios MCA/Universal Home Video 16020	Dan Aykroyd John Belushi	1980	R	39.9
13	RE-E	NTRY	BLUE VELVET	Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 692	Kyle MacLachlan Isabella Rossellini	1986	R	29.98
14	10	22	BLACK RAIN	Paramount Pictures Pioneer LDCA, Inc. 32220	Michael Douglas Andy Garcia	1989	R	29.9
15	NE	wÞ	LORD OF THE FLIES	Nelson Home Entertainment Pioneer LDCA, Inc. 7746-6	Balthazar Getty Chris Furrh	1990	R	34.9
16	6	17	BACK TO THE FUTURE PART II	Amblin Entertainment MCA/Universal Home Video 40914	Michael J. Fox Christopher Lloyd	1989	PG	34.9
17	11	17	THE ABYSS	CBS-Fox Video Pioneer/Image Ent. 1561-80	Ed Harris Mary Mastrantonio	1989	PG-13	49.98
18	NE	wÞ	THE BEAR	Tri-Star Pictures Pioneer/Image Ent. 70216	Jack Wallace Tcheky Karyo	1989	PG	34.9
19	20	3	BLAZE	Touchstone Pictures Pioneer/Image Ent. 915AS	Paul Newman Lolita Davidovich	1989	R	29.9
20	RE-E	NTRY	TOP GUN	Paramount Pictures Pioneer LDCA, Inc. 1629	Tom Cruise Kelly McGillis	1986	PG	29.95
21	9	9	TREMORS •	Universal City Studios MCA/Universal Home Video 40957	Kevin Bacon Fred Ward	1990	PG-13	34.98
22	8	13	STEEL MAGNOLIAS	RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video Pioneer LDCA, Inc. 70246	Sally Field Shirley MacLaine	1989	PG	24.95
23	NE	wÞ	PETER PAN	GoodTimes Home Video Image Entertainment 7001	Mary Martin	1960	NR	24.95
24	NE	WÞ		Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 11152	Rosalind Russell	1958	NR	29.98
25	13	13	ALWAYS	Amblin Entertainment MCA/Universal Home Video 40967	Richard Dreyfuss Holly Hunter	1989	PG	39.98
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Voyager Explores Interactive Realm With 4 New Titles

BY CHRIS McGOWAN

NTERACTIVE MAC ATTACK: The Voyager Company is releasing four new interactive laserdisk titles that can be purchased individually, or in tandem with accompanying HyperCard computer software (if you want to hook up your player to a Macintosh). With these four titles, Voyager continues to expand the horizons of special-interest video, and to make a convincing argument that its future (at least for the next two decades) may lie in laserdisk.

"Vienna: The Spirit Of A City" (CAV, \$99.95) is an extensive tour of the famed cultural center



and an immersion in its history, art, architecture, music, and everyday life. The disk features more than 15,000 still images and 25 minutes of motion video, including archival photos, 1938 newsreel footage of Adolf Hitler, a montage illustrating the theories of Sigmund Freud, scenes from "The Third Man" (the 1941 Carol Reed suspense film set in postwar Vienna), photos of the city's baroque palaces, Gothic churches, grand boulevards, and some 8,000 art objects from 20 different Viennese museums. Narration is provided in both English and German on the disk (available this month); the accompanying Laser-Stack will launch next year.

"Ancient Egypt: A Visual History" (CAV, price TBA) takes you to Karnak, the Sphinx, the ancient pyramids, and the Valley of the Kings. Due in December, this disk was designed by archaelogist Russ Gant. It explores the Nile civilization, artifacts, hieroglyphics, mummies, temples, tombs, and assorted arcane mysteries. Its accompanying software will be available in both Apple HyperCard and its Spinnaker Plus (a first for Voyager).

"Eadweard Muybridge: Motion Studies" (CAV, \$75) contains 700 plates of Muybridge's groundbreaking photographic studies of motion from the 1880s (and, yes, 'Eadweard'' really is his first name). The images include horses trotting, birds flying, and men running, with 132 of the plates having been edited for display as animated sequences. Included on the disk is an audio commentary, taken from Muybridge's letters and papers. The accompanying \$59.95 Hyper-Card LaserStack (now available) indexes the disk and includes articles on Muybridge's life, importance, and use of photographic equipment.

"TED2" (CLV, HyperCard Laser-Stack included, \$200) captures the "TED2—Technology Entertainment Design 2" conference held in February of this year in Monterey, Calif. The "TED2" confab brought together luminaries from graphic design, computing, architecture, music, communications, and other areas to discuss the new technologies that are transforming their industries (and our life styles). Among those included in the speeches, demonstrations, and documentary footage are Ted Nelson (father of HyperText). Herbie Hancock, architect Frank Gehry, Jaron Lanier (the creator of the "Virtual Reality" glove), Bill Atkinson (the creator of HyperCard and Mac-Paint), John Naisbitt and Patricia Aburdeen (the authors of "Megatrends 2000"), Marty Sklar (president, Walt Disney Imagineering), songwriter Kenny Rankin, Bran Ferren (an Oscar winner in special effects), and Voyager's own Bob

others. These disks and the rest of Voyager's titles will be listed in a new, full-color

catalog that the Santa Monica, Calif.-based company will publish in late November. The catalog will have some 100 pages, and will describe the Voyager interactive disks as well as offer extensive rundowns on each title in Voyager's **Criterion Collection** line, devoted to deluxe editions of classic American and foreign films.

**PIONEER ELECTRONICS** (USA) Inc. and Walt Disney Records have joined forces on a national consumer marketing campaign that will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Disney's "Fantasia," tout the animated film's digitally remastered soundtrack, and promote Pioneer's CD hardware and laserdisk combiplayers.

Through Nov. 15, consumers purchasing either a Pioneer multiplay CD unit or combiplayer will receive a free Disney CD sampler with 11 tracks. The 27-minute disk will include six selections from "Fantasia," as well as five tunes from such other Disney films as "The Jungle Book" and "Mary Poppins."

Also showcasing the movie and the hardware will be the Road To Fantasia sweepstakes, with entry forms available at in-store displays in participating retail outlets. The grand-prize winner will garner a trip for four to Walt Disney Studios in Burbank, Calif., for a private screening of "Fantasia." And a first-prize winner will receive a Pioneer home entertainment system (a hi-tech assemblage that includes the Pioneer CLD-3080 combiplayer). In addition, 25 second-prize winners will earn Pioneer CD players, and 500 will get limited-edition "Fantasia" posters.

The Pioneer-Disney promotion will be advertised in national magazines, on radio, and on TV. The inclusion of combiplayers in all the hoopla should give some valuable extra exposure to the laserdisk format this fall. The timing is perfect, with laserdisk hardware now widely available and reasonably priced. The curious consumer should be able to find the new Pioneer and Radio Shack \$500-list conbiplayers on sale for as little as \$350-\$375 during the yule season.

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# HOME VIDEO

# **FOP VIDEOCASSETTES** RENTALS

EK	EK	WKS. ON CHART	Compiled from a natio	nal sample of retail store rental reports.			
THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WKS. OF	TITLE	Copyright Owner, Manufacturer, Catalog Number	Principal Performers	Year of Release	Rating
1	1	9	RIVING MISS DAISY	★ NO. 1 ★ ★ Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 11931	Jessica Tandy Morgan Freeman	1989	PG
2	2	7	BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY $\diamond$	Universal City Studios MCA/Universal Home Video 80901	Tom Cruise	1989	R
3	3	4	BAD INFLUENCE	Epic Home Video RCA/Columbia Home Video 59233-5	Rob Lowe James Spader	1990	R
4	4	4	STELLA	Touchstone Pictures Touchstone Home Video 995	Bette Midler John Goodman	1990	PG-:
5	5	6	JOE VERSUS THE VOLCANO	Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 11912	Tom Hanks Meg Ryan	<mark>199</mark> 0	PG
6	NE	w IÞ	GLORY	Tri-Star Pictures RCA/Columbia Home Video 70283-5	Matthew Broderick Denzel Washington	1989	R
7	9	11	INTERNAL AFFAIRS	Paramount Pictures Paramount Home Video 32245	Richard Gere Andy Garcia	1990	R
8	6	9	HARD TO KILL	Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 11914	Steven Seagal Kelly LeBrock	1990	R
9	11	7	REVENGE	RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video 50213-5	Kevin Costner Anthony Quinn	1990	R
10	7	7	BLUE STEEL	MGM/UA Home Video M901885	Jamie Lee Curtis Ron Silver	1990	R
11	8	4	ALL DOGS GO TO HEAVEN	MGM/UA Home Video M301868	Animated	1989	G
12	10	15	STEEL MAGNOLIAS	Tri-Star Pictures RCA/Columbia Home Video 70243-5	Sally Field Shirley MacLaine	1989	P
13	12	13	THE WAR OF THE ROSES	CBS-Fox Video 1800	Michael Douglas Kathleen Turner	1989	F
14	14	4	LORD OF THE FLIES	Nelson Home Entertainment 7746	Balthazar Getty Chris Furrh	1990	F
15	16	4	MADHOUSE	Orion Pictures	John Larroquette	1990	PG
16	15	4	NUNS ON THE RUN	Orion Home Video 8758 Hand Made Films	Kirstie Alley Eric Idle	1990	PG
17		wÞ	PETER PAN	CBS-Fox Video 1830 Walt Disney Home Video 960	Robbie Coltrane	1953	
18	13	9	BLAZE	Touchstone Pictures	Paul Newman	1989	1
19	13	3	HOUSE PARTY	Touchstone Home Video 915 New Line Cinema	Lolita Davidovich Kid 'N Play	1990	
20	34	2	CRAZY PEOPLE	RCA/Columbia Home Video 75033 Paramount Pictures	Full Force Dudley Moore	1990	
	27	2		Paramount Home Video Warner Bros. Inc.	Daryl Hannah Theresa Russell	1990	
21	-			Warner Home Video 11887	Jeff Fahey Robert Duvall	1990	
22	26	3	THE HANDMAID'S TALE	HBO Video 431	Faye Dunaway Craig Sheffer	1990	
23	21	3	NIGHTBREED	Media Home Entertainment M012628 Tri-Star Pictures	Anne Bobby Sean Connery	<u> </u>	+
24	18	12	FAMILY BUSINESS	RCA/Columbia Home Video 70233-5 Universal City Studios	Dustin Hoffman Johnny Depp	1989	
25	36	2	CRY-BABY	MCA/Universal Home Video 80958	Ricki Lake Michael Caine	1990	PG
26			A SHOCK TO THE SYSTEM	HBO Video 378	Elizabeth McGovern Patrick Bergin	1990	
27	28	3	MOUNTAINS OF THE MOON	Live Home Video 68915 Paramount Pictures	lain Glen Dennis Hopper	1990	
28	20	8	FLASHBACK	Paramount Home Video 32110	Kiefer Sutherland	1990	-
29	NE	W	OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS	MCA/Universal Home Video 80964	Dana Carvey Anjelica Huston	1990	PG
30	23	9	ENEMIES, A LOVE STORY	Media Home Entertainment M012613 Universal City Studios	Ron Silver Kevin Bacon	1989	-
31	24	11	TREMORS	MCA/Universal Home Video 80957	Fred Ward Richard Dreyfuss	1990	PG
32	19	16	ALWAYS 🛇	MCA/Universal Home Video 80967	Holly Hunter Matthew Modine	1989	-
33	25	13	GROSS ANATOMY	Touchstone Pictures Touchstone Home Video 961	Daphne Zuniga	1989	P
34	29	10	MEN DON'T LEAVE	Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 11897	Jessica Lange	1990	PC
35	22	15	TANGO & CASH	Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 11951	Sylvester Stallone Kurt Russell	1989	
36	31	7	COUP DE VILLE	Universal City Studios MCA/Universal Home Video 80932	Alan Arkin Joseph Bologna	1990	PC
37	39	9	EVERYBODY WINS	Orion Pictures Orion Home Video 8763	Debra Winger Nick Nolte	1989	
38	38	16	MY LEFT FOOT	Miramax Films HBO Video	Daniel Day-Lewis Brenda Fricker	1989	
39	NE	wÞ	ROSALIE GOES SHOPPING	Vidmark Entertainment 5275	Marianne Saegebrecht Brad Davis	1990	1
40	37	22	SEX, LIES, AND VIDEOTAPE	Outlaw Productions RCA/Columbia Home Video 90483-5	James Spader Andie MacDowell	1989	

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# Kritzer, MCA Settle Out Of Court On Long-Stretching 'Callanetics' Case

Eddie Kritzer Productions says it has reached an out of court settlement with MCA over "Callanetics." The best-selling tape had been the subject of a protracted legal battle because Kritzer, an L.A.-based producer, claimed he had originally brought the idea to MCA/Universal Home Video. Kritzer says he will get 5% of "Callanetics" MCA income until 1996, while his attorneys say they have secured a settlement of \$200,000 plus a \$50,000 nonrefundable advance against future earnings.

### Ex-Commtron VP May Go Farr On His Own

John Farr, recently departed VP of video sales at Commtron Corp., has created a video consulting firm, according to a Commtron news release. The statement says the new company, tentatively titled Farr & Associates, will offer "educational seminars and personalized consulting services for video retailers." Also, the Video Software Dealers Assn. has confirmed that it has engaged Farr to speak at seminars and expos next year.

### **VSDA Wins Another Battle In Nintendo War**

The Video Software Dealers Assn. has scored another victory in its legislative battle against Redmond, Wash.-based Nintendo of America over the issue of video-game rentals. A software-protection bill that excludes cartridge games, approved by a subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee Sept. 18, has just passed the full House. In order to be signed into law, the House bill must be reconciled with a Senate version that was approved May 1.

### Will Video Censorship Go Local In Alberta?

The Alberta government is considering a law that would give municipalities strong powers to regulate the adult video trade, a move that even the province's Board of Censors says may not be needed. Culture Minister Doug Main says legislation is being considered to allow municipalities to wade into the home video business. Alberta laws are unique insofar as censorship may apply only to motion pictures intended for public viewing, not to home video titles.

Ross Height, co-owner of the four-store Adult Super Store chain in the province, says such legislation would put "tremendous pressure" on town officials to ban adult videos, which, in turn, would prompt court battles.

### **2ND FEATURES**

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infamous wall, produced for home video by German television, is a good collection of historical footage of the wall from construction to destruction. It's virtually impossible not to get emotionally involved with this momentous event in the history of freedom as Beethoven plays, fireworks fill the sky, and thousands of Germans join in the clamor while the wall comes tumbling down. History fanatics now have a perfect companion piece to go along with their actual chunk of the Berlin Wall that they bought at inflated prices last Christmas.

#### • "The Best Of The Soupy Sales Show" (1965 & 1979), Rhino Home Video.

I remember hating this show as a child, which doesn't explain at all why I watched it religiously each week. Maybe I couldn't believe that anything this ridiculously low budget and low rent ever made it on the air. I'm sure there are plenty of us who have been curious to see it again, so God bless Rhino for letting us relive a particularly inane part of our childhoods. Let's just say that the title of this tape is somewhat a contradiction in terms. All of Soupy's shows were imminently unwatchable, and flushes of embarrassment will wipe across your face as you realize you used to enjoy this stuff. Was your sense of humor ever this blatantly infantile, this incredibly moronic? White Fang, Black Tooth, they're all here and preposterous as always. Someday I'd like to meet the mystery man who laughs off camera at absolutely everything Soupy says or does. Never have so many bad jokes and puns been collected on one single tape. I loved hating this, but pun spelled backward is nup, and a nup is a nup.

• CHILDREN'S DOUBLE BILL OF THE WEEK: "Treasure Of The Swamp Castle" and "Cat City," J2 Communications, prebooks Tuesday (9).

These two well-made animated features have surprisingly sophisticated story lines. "Treasure Of The Swamp Castle" is a fascinating and somewhat complex fairy tale involving a king, a child in a bucket floating down a river, a forest woman who talks to animals, and a quest to regain a kingdom. In "Cat City," a gang of very bad pussycats try to turn Mousetropolis into Cat City. Though they've got none of Disney's elegance, these are fun, well-told stories full of wit and charm.





# **I COUNTRY**



Jukebox Friends. Maypop Music Group writers Dave Gibson and Ronnie Rogers are honored at a party celebrating their No. 1 hit, "Jukebox In My Mind," recorded by Alabama. A jukebox at the Maypop party was stocked with only the Alabama single and cued the hit song with every number pressed. Pictured, from left, are Cliff Williamson, Maypop director of creative services; Kevin Lamb, Maypop VP; Rogers; Devon O'Day, an air personality at WSIX Nashville; and Gibson. (Photo: Alan L. Mayor)

# **Group 'Rizes' To Top At IBMA Awards** Sellout Show Honors Bluegrass' Best

### BY EDWARD MORRIS

OWENSBORO, Ky.—The recently disbanded group Hot Rize was crowned entertainer of the year at the International Bluegrass Music Assn.'s first awards show, held here Sept. 27. Staged at the Executive Inn's Showroom Lounge, the sellout event drew an audience of more than 1,000, including many of the top names in the creation and marketing of bluegrass.

Alison Krauss, a 19-year-old fiddler and singer who has recently elicited A&R interest from several major country labels, won femalevocalist-of-the-year honors. And veteran bluegrasser Del McCoury was voted best male vocalist.

The awards show was hosted by MCA Records' Vince Gill and former Nitty Gritty Dirt Band mem-

'The awards show is helping to bring awareness to the rest of the country'

ber John McEuen—both of whom are veteran performers in the bluegrass idiom. Gill, who is up for three Country Music Assn. awards, told the crowd he credited his country successes to his background in bluegrass. McEuen lauded the institution of the awards show, saying, "It's helping bring awareness to the rest of the country and the rest of the world."

Unlike most awards shows, which are tailored for the demands of television broadcasting, this one had the zest and allure of a live concert. To demonstrate how well bluegrass has integrated women into its traditionally male canon, the festivities opened with an ad hoc band composed of stellar instrumentalists Krauss, Allison Brown, Lynn Morris, Andrea Zonn, and Missy Raines.

When pickers J.D. Crowe, Tony Rice, Doyle Lawson, Bobby Hicks, Vassar Clements, and Mark Schatz—performing as the Bluegrass Album Band—did their production number, the crowd begged for an encore—and got it.

Other awards and their winners: • Album of the year: "At The Old School House," the Johnson Mountain Boys.

• Instrumental recording of the year: "The Masters," Eddie Ad-

cock, Kenny Baker, Josh Graves, and Jesse McReynolds.

• Recorded event of the year: "Classic Country Gents Reunion," John Duffey, Charlie Waller, Eddie Adcock, and Tom Gray.

• Instrumental performers of the year: Bela Fleck, banjo; Roy Huskey Jr., bass; Jerry Douglas, dobro; Stuart Duncan, fiddle; Tony Rice, guitar; and Sam Bush, mandolin.

• Song of the year: "That Little Mountain Church House," recorded by Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver, and written by Carl Jackson and Jim Rushing.

Instrumental group of the year: the Bluegrass Album Band.
Vocal group of the year: the Nashville Bluegrass Band.

During the program, media citations for "outstanding contributions to bluegrass music" were presented to Orin Friesen, DJ at KFDI, Wichita, Kan., and Art Menius, IBMA's director of membership services and publications.

Prior to the show, certificates of merit were given to veteran festival promoter Carlton Haney; country music scholar and writer Dr. Charles Wolfe; pioneer string band leader and banjoist Wade Mainer; and to the family of the late Joe Stuart, a legendary "side man" for many early bluegrass bands.

According to Menius, about 830 registered for this year's trade show, the fourth IBMA has held. Nearly 80 instrument makers, bands, record labels, booking agencies, and other service groups had exhibits at the Sept. 25-28 meet. Following the four-day "World Of Bluegrass" show, IBMA sponsored the three-day Fan Fest, a series of bluegrass concerts.

Founded in 1985, the IBMA now has a permanent headquarters here, a full-time executive director, and a paid membership of 1,300 in 26 countries.



Whatta Crowd. Jann Brown visits with music biz buddies after performing at Zed's in Alexandria, Va., before a celebrity-filled audience. Pictured, clockwise from top, are John Jorgenson, Desert Rose Band; Mike Borchetta, VP of country promotion, Curb Records; Bill Bryson, Desert Rose Band; Brown; Mary-Chapin Carpenter; and Jay Dee Maness, Desert Rose Band. Jorgenson, who played on Brown's "Tell Me Why" album, took to the stage with Brown to contribute his guitar playing on "Mexican Wind" and other songs.

# **A Brief History Of Country Music Week** *More Business, Less Booze Through The Years*

by Gerry Wood

WELCOME TO COUNTRY MUSIC WEEK 1990. At the risk of giving away my ripe young age and sounding like an old-timer, it's time to add a historical perspective to this event that has evolved through five decades. Starting out as a couple of days devoted to country music air personalities, it gained the name of the "DJ Convention." You won't find many DJs attending this week's series of events, though some higher-echelon radio programmers will be rubbing elbows with the stars, leaders, and background movers/

shakers of this giant industry. The main action once

was centered in a midtown vortex that included the Hermitage Hotel, the Andrew Jackson Hotel, the Capitol Park Inn, and the Municipal Auditorium. Those lucky enough to get coveted invites to the **BMI** awards journeyed to the Belle

Meade Country Club. The BMI invitation list has always been a pretty accurate barometer of Nashville's pecking order. SESAC and ASCAP later joined the action, with ASCAP honoring its writers and publishers on the Wednesday following the Tuesday BMI awards, and SESAC completing the performing rights trinity ritual on Thursday.

Those hot, smoky, loud, packed corridors of the hotels remain a scene out of Dante's "Inferno." Scuba masks with windshield wipers would have been useful to fend off the fumes, buckets of cologne, and constant spray from opening beer cans. Country music's annual celebration has become much kinder and gentler since those days when a wild-eyed Jerry Lee Lewis, angered because the Mercury Records secretary refused to give him a key to the studio, threatened to toss her out of the Mercury hospitality suite on the seventh floor of the Hermitage Hotel. Or the years when the omnipresent world's first country music groupie, let's just call her Sue, somehow wrangled passes into the suites and shows, and occasional redneck fights broke out as brains became beer-battered.

The event grew in length as an increasing number of fans were attracted—and soon there was Country Music Week (the DJ got lost in the shuffle when his bosses heard about the fun and frolic and decided to attend themselves). Twenty years ago, the **Country Music Assn.** joined with the **Grand Ole Opry** in establishing the International Country Music Fan Fair—an attempt to siphon off the fan element from the week of awards and honors and increasingly glittering parties and banquets.

But, hey, if it works in a week, how about 10 days of events? That worked, so now there's talk about Country Music Month. The 1990 event comes at a high-water mark for country music popularity, especially with the incredible onslaught of hot new talent (see separate stories in the World Of Country Music). Handsome hunkytonk heroes like **Ricky Van Shelton**, **Clint Black**, **Garth Brooks**, and **Alan Jackson** join their forerunners such as **George Strait** and **Randy Travis** in elevating the popularity of a true, nonplastic country music. So black tie has replaced black eye and class has re-

So black the has replaced black eye and class has replaced crass as country music, in its more dignified persona of the '90s, is showing other music forms how to succeed with style, cre-



one of the most meaningful periods of time in country music history. **SRO READY TO ROLL**:

ativity, and substance.

And that's why Country

Music Week 1990 will be

Panelists and topics have

been confirmed for the Country Music Assn.'s

SRO '90 seminar and round-table discussions, scheduled for Oct. 6 and 7 at the Stouffer Hotel here.

Saturday's two-hour seminar, sponsored by the International Country Music Buyers Assn., will consist of two sessions: "The Evolution of Country Music As Live Entertainment-The Next Decade" will feature Jim Frost, of Follow 94 Inc., St. Paul, Minn. (modera-tor); Roy Wunsch of CBS Records/Nashville; Tim DuBois of Arista Records/Nashville: Bob Romeo of the Don Romeo Agency, Omaha, Neb.; and Ken Kragen of Kragen & Co., Los Angeles. The second ses-"Minimizing Risks Through Better Marketing," sion. is to include Al Antee of the Gehl Group, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (moderator); Jim McCormick of Valley Forge Music Fair, Devon, Pa.; Jim Powers of the Handleman Co., Troy, Mich.; Eric Marshall of WSIX Radio, Nashville; Larry Bonoff of Warwick Musical Theatre, Warwick, R.I.; and Steve Moore of Starwood Amphitheatre, Nashville.

Round-table discussions on Sunday, sponsored by the Nashville Assn. of Talent Directors, will feature 10 tables with discussions touching on "Why You Are Required To Buy A BMI, SESAC, or ASCAP License," "Artist-Manager-Agent; The Team," "How To Survive And Prosper In The Nightclub Business," and "Fairs and Amphitheaters/The Outdoor Market." Round-table discussion leaders confirmed include Bill Bachand, Toolies Country, Phoenix; Donnie McLamore, road manager for Hank Williams Jr.; Al Schiltz, road manager for K.T. Oslin; Carol Fargo, WFMS Indianapolis; Larry Stewart, Restless Heart; Chip Peay, Moress, Nanas, Golden, Peay, Nashville; Rick Shipp, Triad Artists, Nashville; and Dean Unkefer, Special Promotions Inc., Nashville.







by Marie Ratliff

#### BREAKOUTS

Kevin Welch—"Praying For Rain" (Reprise): WSIX, KCKC, WPOC, KEEN, WFLS, WDSY, WWYZ, WQDR, KFDI.

The Forester Sisters—"Old Enough To Know" (Warner Bros.): KASE, KSON, KVET, WUSY, WCTK, KFDI, KVOO, WWVA.

Shelby Lynne—"Things Are Tough All Over" (Epic): WCMS, KSOP, KASE, KVOO, KCKC, WTDR, KFDI, KVET, WFLS, WYYD, KTTS.

Mary-Chapin Carpenter-"You Win Again" (Columbia): WXTU, WSIX, WCMS, KCKC, KWDJ, WTDR.

Canyon-"Dam These Tears" (16th Avenue): KPLX, WSM, WFLS, KWDJ, KWJJ, WWYZ, KFDI.

Dwight Yoakam—"Turn It On, Turn It Up, Turn Me Loose" (Reprise): WAMZ, WYRK, KASE, WBEE, WGKX, WDAF, KVET.

Lee Roy Parnell-"Family Tree" (Arista): WIVK, WTDR, WWYZ, KFDI, KVOO, KASE, KIKK.

"LOW PLACES" PUTS LOCK ON TOP SPOTS: Garth Brooks locks up the No. 1 spot this week on both the Hot Country Singles & Tracks chart and the Top Country Albums chart. His "Friends In Low Places" (Capitol) hangs at No. 1 for the second week on the singles chart, showing more than 40 million gross impressions for the track-ing period. His second album, "No Fences" (which contains the "Low Places" aut) hences to the top in its third abart work Moanwhile his Places" cut), breezes to the top in its third chart week. Meanwhile, his debut disk, "Garth Brooks," hangs in at No. 4 after 74 weeks on the list.

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would like it," says MD Steve Gary, KASE Austin, Texas, of Alan Jackson, whose "Chasin' That Neon Rainbow" (Arista) jumps 67-46. "It's really kickin' in here," he adds. "Rainbow" is also kickin' in strong at KIKK Houston; WAMZ Lou-isville, Ky.; KILT Houston; KPLX Dallas; WDAF Kansas City, Mo; WNOE New Orleans; WCMS Norfolk, Va.; WTDR Charlotte, N.C.; WUSY Chattanooga, Tenn.; KRAK Sacramento, Calif.; KXXY Okla-homa City; and WWVA Wheeling, W.Va. Among the new adds show-ing this week are KCKC San Bernardino, Calif.; WPOC Baltimore; KYGO Denver; WSSL Greenville, S.C.; KVOO Tulsa, Okla.; WKJN Baton Rouge La KNIX Phoenix: WTOR Winston-Salem, N.C.; Baton Rouge, La.; KNIX Phoenix; WTQR Winston-Salem, N.C.; WBVE Rochester, N.Y.; KEBC Oklahoma City; KKAT Salt Lake City; WSIX Nashville; WYRK Buffalo, N.Y.; KSSN Little Rock, Ark.; and WIVK Knoxville, Tenn.

**C**ONWAY TWITTY has one of his best ballads in a long, long time with "Crazy In Love" (MCA), says MD Larry Pareigis, WSM Nash-ville. "Someone has hit on the perfect formula with this song," Parei-

ville. "Someone has hit on the perfect formula with this song," Parel-gis says. "It's going to be a huge hit."
"He continues to stick to the strength of the song," adds MD Jim Howie, WPCM Burlington, N.C. "This one fits him like a glove." Twitty moves 37-32 with key adds at KSAN San Francisco; WKHX Atlanta; WMIL Milwaukee; WKIS Miami; WWWW Detroit; and KUPL Portland, Ore.; and big moves at WAMZ Louisville, Ky.; WDOD Chattanooga; WQDR Raleigh, N.C.; KILT Houston; WUBE Cincinnati; WGKX Memphis; WOWW Pensacola, Fla.; WSOC Char-lotte: WFMS Indianapolis: and WHOK Columbus. Ohio. lotte; WFMS Indianapolis; and WHOK Columbus, Ohio.

**R**ECURRENT FACTS: Two older titles move into the top 25 of the Hot Country Recurrents chart: the Judds' "Why Not Me" (Curb/RCA), which was released in 1984, is at No. 22; and the Forest-er Sisters' "I Fell In Love Again Last Night" (Warner Bros.), which came out in 1985, is new at No. 24. Another perennial favorite, **Randy Travis'** "Forever And Ever, Amen" (Warner Bros.), from 1987, makes a big jump from No. 11 to No. 5.

Making the move from the singles chart to No. 20 on the recurrents chart after the maximum 21-week period is Patty Loveless' "On Down The Line" (MCA). It ranks at No. 70 in overall gross impressions combining both current and recurrent titles.

### COUNTRY SINGLES A-Z PUBLISHERS/PERFORMANCE RIGHTS/SHEET MUSIC 54 HONKY TONK BLUES (Acuff-Rose, BMI/Hiriam, BMI)

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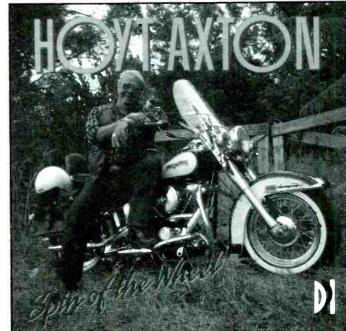
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- ASCAP/Macy Place, ASCAP) AMERICAN BOY (Eddie Rabbitt, BMI) HL BACK IN MY YOUNGER DAYS (Danny Flowers, 19
- ASCAP/Bug, BMI) THE BATTLE HYMN OF LOVE (MCA, ASCAP/Don 14
- Schlitz, ASCAP/Screen Gems-EMI, BMI/Scarlet Moon, BMI) HL/CLM
- 75
- BMI) HL/CLM BORDERTOWN (Pink Pig, BMI/Polygram Int'l, ASCAP/Ranger Bob, ASCAP) BORN TO BE BLUE (Aimo, ASCAP/Brio Blues, ASCAP/EMI April, ASCAP/Vancou, Ascap) CPP/HL 6
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- ASCAP/EMI April, ASCAP/Vancou, Ascap) CP7/HL CHASIN'THAT NEON RAINBOW (EMI April, ASCAP/Seventh Son, ASCAP/Mattie Ruth, ASCAP) COME NEXT MONDAY (Tri-Chappell, SESAC/Chappell & Co., ASCAP/Serenity Manor, ASCAP) HL COWBOY LOGIC (Cross Keys, ASCAP/Terrace, ASCAP) 56
- CPP/HL CRAZY IN LOVE (Screen Gems-EMI, BMI)
- DANCE IN CIRCLES (Cross Keys, ASCAP/Ensign, BMI) HL/CPP DON'T GIVE US A REASON (Bocephus, BMI) 61
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- DON'T GO OUT (BMG, ASCAP/Careers, BMI) HL DRINKING CHAMPAGNE (Acuff-Rose, BMI) CPP
- 17 15
- DRINKING CHAMPAGNE (Acuff-Rose, BMI) CPP FEED THIS FIRE (Careers, BMI) HL A FEW OLE COUNTRY BOYS (WB, ASCAP/Two Sons, ASCAP/Bamatuck, ASCAP/Mentor Williams, ASCAP) FOOL SUCH AS I (MCA, ASCAP) HL FOURTEEN MINUTES OLD (WB, ASCAP/Patrix Janus, ASCAP/Warner-Tamertane, BMI/Patrick Joseph, BMI) ENEMDS IN 10 WP ACES (Career, BMI/Munic Piden 16 21 1
- FRIENDS IN LOW PLACES (Careers, BMI/Music Ridge ASCAP) HI
- AGUATY HL GHOST IN THIS HOUSE (Careers, BMI) GOIN' BY THE BOOK (Chester Lester, BMI/Vidor, BMI/Warner-Elektra-Asylum, BMI) GOOD TIMES (Abkco, BMI) 42 69
- HARDIN COUNTY LINE (Songs Of PolyGram, BMI/Partner, BMI/Polygram Int'l, ASCAP/Partnership, 67 ASCAP
- HE TALKS TO ME (Lodge Hall, ASCAP/R.M.B. 47
- ASCAP) HL HE WAS ON TO SOMETHING (Tree, BMI) HL
- 36. 5 HOLDIN' A GOOD HAND (Songs Of Grand Coalition BMI/Marledge, ASCAP) 12 HOME (Texas Wedge, ASCAP)

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- CPP
   COULD BE PERSUADED (Bellamy Bros., ASCAP/Don Schlitz, ASCAP/Almo, ASCAP) CPP
   J FELL IN LOVE (Carlooney Tunes, ASCAP/Chrysalis, ASCAP/EMI, ASCAP/He-Dog, ASCAP/Twyla Dent, ASCAP/Blue Gator, ASCAP/Lamek, BMI/Laughing Dogs, BMI) CLM
   LIL LE MYSELE TO SLEEP (Millhouse, BMI/Cross
- 63 I'LL LIE MYSELF TO SLEEP (Millhouse, BMI/Cross
- 13
- I'LL LIE MYSELF TO SLEEP (Milhouse, BMI/Cross Keys, ASCAP/Miss Dot, ASCAP) HL I MEANT EVERY WORD HE SAID (Tree, BMI/Cross Keys, ASCAP/Joe Chambers, ASCAP) HL I'M GONNA BE SOMEBODY (CRGI, BMI/Edisto Sound, BMI/Colden Torch, ASCAP/Heart Street, ASCAP) HL JUKEBOX IN MY MIND (Maypop, BMI) LET'S CALL IT A DAY TODAY (Polygram Int'I, ASCAP/Gid, ASCAP) HL LIKE A HURRICANE (Warner-Tamerlane, BMI/Flying Dutchman, BMI) LOOKS ARENT EVERYTHING (Ha-Deb, ASCAP) CPP LOVE IS STRANGE (Ben-Ghazi, BMI) 30
- 71
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- 68 23 LOVE IS STRANGE (Ben-Ghazi, BMI)
- 66 MAYBE THAT'S ALL IT TAKES (Warner-Refuge,
- 45
- BMI) 73 MY PAST IS PRESENT (Coolwell, ASCAP/Rat Shoes,
- ASCAP ASCAP/Edge
- ASCAP) NEVER KNEW LONELY (Benefit, BMI) NEW KIND OF LOVE (Kinetic Diamond, ASCAP/ O' Woods, ASCAP/Rancho Bogardo, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP)
- NEXT TO YOU, NEXT TO ME (BMG, ASCAP/2 Kids. 34
- ASCAP/David 'N' Will, ASCAP) HL ASCAP/David 'N' Will, ASCAP) HL THE NIGHT'S TOO LONG (Lucy Jones, BMI/Bug, BMI) NOTHING'S NEWS (Howlin'Hits, ASCAP) CPP OH LONESOME ME (Acuf-Rose, BMI) CPP DECIDIDE TUME (Churd-Rose, BMI) CPP 52 20 41
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- UH LUNESUME ME (ACUT-KOSE, BMI) CPP PRECIOUS THING (Steve Wariner, BMI/Irving, BMI/Beginner, ASCAP) CPP PUT SOME DRIVE IN YOUR COUNTRY (Tree, BMI/Post Oak, BMI) HL RECKLESS HEART (Long Tooth, BMI/Endless Frogs, SCAP, Out 49
- ASCAP) CLM 51 A RING WHERE A RING USED TO BE (Great Shakes,
- BM1/Hidden Harbor, BM1/Coxboro, BM1/Warner-Tamerlane, BMI)

- ROCK 'N' ROLL ANGEL (Head Cheese, ASCAP/Pri, ASCAP)
   SOMEONE ELSE'S TROUBLE NOW (Tree, BMI/Cross
- Keys, ASCAP) HL SOMETHING OF A DREAMER (EMI April, 57
- SOMETHING UF A DREAMER (EMI APRIL ASCAP/GETARAID, ASCAP) HL STORY OF LOVE (Bar None, BMI/Bug, BMI) HL THE THINGS YOU LEFT UNDONE (Warner-Tamerlane, BMI/Samosonia, ASCAP) THIS AINT MY FIRST RODEO (Hookem, ASCAP/Co-THIS AINT MY FIRST RODEO (Hookem, ASCAP/Co-
  - 29
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- HIS AIM I WT HIST KODE (NOOKEII), SSAF/C Heart, BMI/Hardscratch, BMI/Irving, BMI) CPP THIS SIDE OF GOODBYE (WB, ASCAP/Pennig, ASCAP/Cac-Attack, ASCAP) WBM TIL A TEAR BECOMES A ROSE (EMI April, ASCAP/Swallowfork, ASCAP) HL TOO COLD AT HOME (EMI April, ASCAP/K-Mark, ASCAP. 3
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- WRONG (Love This Town, ASCAP/Endless Frogs, ASCAP/Bob-A-Lew, ASCAP) WBM/CLM YET (With Any Luck, BMI/Sun Mare, BMI) YOU LIE (Bobby Fischer, ASCAP/Fipe Bar-B, ASCAP/Chriswald, ASCAP/Hopi Sound, ASCAP/Krismik, ASCAP) HL YOU MADE LIFE GOOD AGAIN (Little Big Town, BMI/American Made, BMI/Love This Town, ASCAP) YOU REALLY HAD ME GOING (Careers, BMI/Edge O' Worde ASCAP/Maling Valley ASCAP/Interio 18
- Woods, ASCAP/Moline Valley, ASCAP/Kinetic Diamond, ASCAP) ZYDECO LADY (WB, ASCAP/Two Sons, 59 ASCAP/RavenSong, ASCAP)





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YOU LIE I.BROWN,R.MCENTIRE (B FISCHER,A.ROBERTS,C.BLACK) (V) MCA 79071	(40)	50	57	3	AIN'T NECESSARILY SO FFOSTER (B N.CHAPMAN) (C) (V) COLUMBIA 381-73518/CBS
TOO COLD AT HOME   MARK CHESNUTT	41	39	35	20	OH LONESOME ME THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS (D.GIBSON) C() (V) MERCURY 422 875 450.4
DRINKING CHAMPAGNE GEORGE STRAIT	42	55		2	GHOST IN THIS HOUSE SHENANDOAH R.HALLR.BYRNE (H.PRESTWOOD) (C) (V) COLUMBIA 381-73520/CBS
HOLDIN' A GOOD HAND	43	40	39	21	WRONG R.ALBRIGHT,B.MONTGOMERY (S.SESKIN,A.PESSIS) (C) (V) EPIC 38T 73352/CBS
BORN TO BE BLUE THE JUDDS	44	47	55	4	SOMEONE ELSE'S TROUBLE NOW HIGHWAY 101 P.WORLEY.E.SEAY (P.TILLIS.G.NICHOLSON) (C) (V) WARNER BROS. 4-19593
BMAHER (M.REID.B.MAHER.M.DAVID) (C) (V) CURB/RCA 2597-4-R.S/RCA JUKEBOX IN MY MIND ALABAMA	(45)	48	50	5	MOONSHADOW ROAD T. GRAHAM BROWN B.BECKETT.T.GRAHAM BROWN (BROWN, THOMPSON, NICHOLSON) CAPITOL, PRO. 79269
JLEO.LM.LEE.ALABAMA (D.GIBSON:R.ROGERS) (V) RCA 2643-7 PRECIOUS THING STEVE WARINER	(46)	67	_	2	CHASIN' THAT NEON RAINBOW ALAN JACKSON K.STEGALL.S.HENDRICKS (A.JACKSON,J.MCBRIDE) (V) ARISTA 2095
TBROWN (S.WARINER.M.MCANALLY) (C) (V) MCA 53854 MY HEART IS SET ON YOU LONEL CARTWRICHT	47	44	41	21	HE TALKS TO ME B.BECKETT (M.REID.R.M.BOURKE)
SSMITH.T.BROWN (L.CARTWRIGHT) (C) (V) MCA 53849 STORY OF LOVE THE DESERT ROSE BAND	(48)	57	60	6	THE THINGS YOU LEFT UNDONE
P.WORLEY.E.SEAY (C.HILLMAN.S.HILL) (V) MCA/CURB 79052/MCA 1 FELL IN LOVE CARLENE CARTER	(49)	54	73	4	PUT SOME DRIVE IN YOUR COUNTRY G.BROWN (T.TRITT) (V) WARNER BROS. 4/26094
HEPSTEIN (C.CARTER.HEPSTEIN,B.TENCH,PLAMEK) (C) (V) REPRISE 4-19915/WARNER BROS. HOME JOE DIFFIE	50	53	72	3	NEVER KNEW LONELY         ♦ VINCE GILL           1 BROWN (V.GILL)         (V, MCA 75.3092
BMONTGOMERY, JSLATE (A.SPOONER, FLEHNER) (C) (V) EPIC 3417/CBS	(51)	59	63	5	A RING WHERE A RING USED TO BE NLARKIN (G.CATHERLY, B.MOULDS,K.BERGSNES) (C) (CD) ATLANTIC 4.87367
SBUCKINGHAM (CPUTMANB.JONES.CCHAMBERS) (C) (V) COLUMBIA 38T 734 13/CBS THE BATTLE HYMN OF LOVE	(52)	58	61	4	THE NIGHT'S TOO LONG
A.REYNOLDS (D.SCHLITZ,P.OVERSTREET) (C) (V) MERCURY 875 692-7	(53)	56	58	3	WHAT WE REALLY WANT ROSANNE CASH
A FEW OLE COUNTRY BOYS KLEHNING (TSEALS.M.WILLIAMS) RANDY TRAVIS & GEORGE JONES (C) (V) WARNER BROS 4-19586 EOOL SLICH AS L	54	41	28	12	HONKY TONK BLUES
FOOL SUCH AS I KLEHNING (B.TRADER) CFED TUP FUP FUP FUP FUP FUP FUP FUP FUP FUP F	55	42	31	5	J.STROUD,R.ALVES (H. WILLIAMS,SR.) (C) CAPITOL 44579 DON'T GIVE US A REASON B.BECKETT.H WILLIAMS.J.R. (H WILLIAMS.J.R.) (CD) (V) WARNER/CURB 4492/WARNER BROS
FEED THIS FIRE ANNE MURRAY J.CRUTCHFIELD (H.PRESTWOOD) CAPITOL PRO-79189	56	61	65	6	COWBOY LOGIC MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY
YOU REALLY HAD ME GOING         HOLLY DUNN           H.DUNN.C.WATERS (H.DUNN.T.SHAPIRO.C. WATERS)         (C) (V) WARNER BROS. 4-1 9756	57	52	47	18	SOMETHING OF A DREAMER MADY CHADIN CADENITED
BACK IN MY YOUNGER DAYS D.WILLIAMS.G.FUNDIS (D.FLOWERS) (V) RCA 2677-7	58	60	54	21	THIS SIDE OF GOODBYE HIGHWAY 101
NOTHING'S NEWS J.STROUD.M.WRIGHT (C.BLACK) (C) (V) RCA 2596-4-RS	(59)	68		4	ZYDFCO LADY FDDY RAVEN
FOURTEEN MINUTES OLD         DOUG STONE           D.JOHNSON (D.KNUTSON.A.L OWENS)         (C) (V) EPIC 34T 73425/CBS	33	00	74	4	BBECRETT (TSEALS.E.RAVEN) CAPITOL PRO-79191
WANTED S.HENDRICKS.K.STEGALL (A.JACKSON.C.CRAIG) C) (C) (V) ARISTA CA5-2032	60	NEV	NÞ	1	ROCK 'N' ROLL ANGEL THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS (R.O.YOUNG) (V) MERCURY 878 214-7
LOVE IS STRANGE J.E.NORMAN,E.PRESTIDGE (E.MCDANIEL,M.BAKER,S.ROBINSON) (C) (V) REPRISE 4-19760/WARNER BROS.	61	45	42	11	DANCE IN CIRCLES  TIM RYAN B.KILLEN (T.RYAN.A.HARVEY) (C) (V) EPIC 34T 73372/CBS
'TIL A TEAR BECOMES A ROSE         KEITH WHITLEY & LORRIE MORGAN           B.MEVIS.G.FUNDIS (B.RICE.M.S.RICE)         (V) RCA 2619-7	62	65	_	2	WHEN LOVE COMES CALLIN'  SCRUGGSMMILLER (MMILLER R.SCRUGGS) CURB/CAPITOL PRO-79231/CAPITOL
I COULD BE PERSUADED THE BELLAMY BROTHERS E.GORDY.JR. (D.BELLAMY.H.BELLAMY.D.SCHLITZ) (C) (V) MCA/CURB 53824/MCA	63	64	49	16	I'LL LIE MYSELF TO SLEEP         SHELBY LYNNE           B.MONTGOMERY (T.MENSY, T HASELDEN)         (C) (Y) EPIC 34T 733 JPG6S
WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME T.BROWN (V.GILLT.DUBOIS) VINCE GILL (V) MCA 79011	64	66	67	7	YOU MADE LIFE GOOD AGAIN R.SCRUGGS.NITTY GRITTY DIRT BAND (B.DIPIERO,S.SESKIN) THE NITTY GRITTY DIRT BAND (V) MCA 79075
YET EXILE R.SHARP.T.DUBOIS (R.SHARP.S LEMAIRE) (C) (V) ARISTA 2075	65	NEV	NÞ	1	LIKE A HURRICANE  MARIE JSTROUD (M.CLARR) (V) CURB 76840
AMERICAN BOY R.LANDIS (E.RABBITT) EDDIE RABBITT CAPITOL PRO-79398	66	72	59	18	MAYBE THAT'S ALL IT TAKES D.WILLIAMS.G.FUNDIS (B.N.CHAPMAN) (V) RCA 2507-7
THIS AIN'T MY FIRST RODEO VERN GOSDIN B.MONTGOMERY (V.GOSDIN.H.COCHRAN.M.D.BARNES) (C) (V) COLUMBIA 38173491/CBS	67)	71	_	2	HARDIN COUNTY LINE D.JOHNSON.T.BROWN (M.COLLIE.R.SCAIFE) (V) MCA 29078
I'M GONNA BE SOMEBODY TRAVIS TRITT G.BROWN (S.HARRIS, J.COLUCCI) (C) (V) WARNER BROS. 4:19797	68	63	64	19	LOOKS AREN'T EVERYTHING   MARK COLLIE
WHEN SOMEBODY LOVES YOU         RESTLESS HEART           SHENDRICKS,T.DUBDIS,RESTLESS HEART (J. NEEL,R. GILES)         (C) (V) RCA 2663.7R	69	70	70	4	DJOHNSON, IBROWN (M.COLLIE)         (V) MCA 79023           GOIN' BY THE BOOK         JOHNNY CASH           JCLEMENT (CLESTER)         (V) MERCURY 878 292-7
CRAZY IN LOVE CONWAY TWITTY JBOWEN.C.TWITTY.D.HENRY (E.STEVENS.R.MCCORMICK) (V) MCA 79067	70	75	75	20	NEW KIND OF LOVE   MICHELLE WRIGHT
* * * POWER PICK/AIRPLAY * * *	71	69	68	7	SubORAPD.r.GILES (R.GILES.S.BOGARD) (V) ARISTA 2002 LET'S CALL IT A DAY TODAY B.MONTGOMERY (D.PFRIMMER.B.GALLIMORE) (C) (V) FIRIMAR B.GALLIMORE)
J.SCAFE, JOUTTON (K.LOSUNR-BOURKE, C.BLACK) (V) RCA 2667-7	(72)	NEV	VÞ	1	WHERE CORN DON'T GROW WAYLON JENNINGS
R.HALL.R.BYRNE (R.E.ORRALL.C.WRIGHT) (C) (V) COLUMBIA 38T 73373/CBS	73	62	48	14	MY PAST IS PRESENT RODNEY CROWELL
WESTERN GIRLS MARTY STUART, R.BENNE TT.T.BROWN (M.STUART,P.KENNERLEY) (V) MCA 79068 UE WAR ON TO SOMETHING	74)	NEV		1	WOMAN'S INTUITION MICHELLE WRIGHT
HE WAS ON TO SOMETHING RICKY SKAGGS R.SKAGGS.BUCKINGHAM (S.CURTIS) (C) (V) EPIC 347 73496/085	(75)	NEV	-	1	R GILESSBOGARD (SBOGARD.R.GILES) (CD) (V) ARISTA 2090 BORDERTOWN DAN SEALS
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14	18	_	4	BETTER MAN M.WRIGHT, J.STROUD (C.BLACK, H.NICHOLAS)	CLINT BLACK
15	20	_	6	I WATCHED IT ALL (ON MY RADIO) S.SMITH.T.BROWN (LCARTWRIGHT.D.SCHLITZ)	
16	15	19	7	FIVE MINUTES B.BECKETT (B.N.CHAPMAN)	LORRIE MORGAN RCA
17	22	16	7	LOVE ON ARRIVAL K.LEHNING (D SEALS)	DAN SEALS CAPITOL
18	16	13	7	HARD ROCK BOTTOM OF YOUR HEART K.LEHNING (H.PRESTWOOD)	RANDY TRAVIS WARNER BROS
19	14	12	7	HERE IN THE REAL WORLD K.STEGALL.S.HENDRICKS (A.JACKSON.M.IRWIN)	ALAN JACKSON
20	—	_	1	ON DOWN THE LINE T.BROWN (KOSTAS)	PATTY LOVELESS MCA
21	24	22	7	NO MATTER HOW HIGH J.BOWEN (E.STEVENS, J.SCARBURY)	THE OAK RIDGE BOYS
22		—	2	WHY NOT ME B.MAHER (H HOWARD,B.MAHER.S THROCKMORTON)	THE JUDDS RCA/CURB
23	13	21	7	KILLIN' TIME J.STROUD.M.WRIGHT (C.BLACK.H NICHOLAS)	CLINT BLACK
24	_	_	1	I FELL IN LOVE AGAIN LAST NIGHT J.L. WALLACE.T.SKINNER (POVERSTREET, T.SCHUYLER)	THE FORESTER SISTERS WARNER BROS.
25	19	25	4	PASS IT ON DOWN J.LEO.L.M.LEE.ALABAMA (T.GENTRY, R.OWEN, W.ROBINSON, R.ROGERS)	ALABAMA RCA

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(19)	29	38	5	BACK IN MY YOUNGER DAYS D.WILLIAMS.G.FUNDIS (D.FLOWERS)	DON WILLIAMS (V) RCA 2677-7		
20	17	14	15	NOTHING'S NEWS J.STROUD.M.WRIGHT (C.BLACK)	CLINT BLACK (C) (V) RCA 2596-4-RS		
21	12	6	14	FOURTEEN MINUTES OLD D.JOHNSON (D.KNUTSON.A.L OWENS)	DOUG STONE (C) (V) EPIC 34T 73425/CBS		
22	19	16	17	WANTED S.HENDRICKS.K.STEGALL (A.JACKSON.C.CRAIG)	◆ ALAN JACKSON (C) (V) ARISTA CA5-2032		
23	21	21	9	LOVE IS STRANGE J.E.NORMAN.E.PRESTIDGE (E.MCDANIEL.M.BAKER.S.ROBINSON)	KENNY ROGERS & DOLLY PARTON (C) (V) REPRISE 4-19760/WARNER BROS.		
24	14	13	12	'TIL A TEAR BECOMES A ROSE B.MEVIS.G.FUNDIS (B.RICE.M.S.RICE)	KEITH WHITLEY & LORRIE MORGAN		
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<b>2</b> 6	22	20	21	WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME T.BROWN (V.GILL.T.DUBOIS)	◆ VINCE GILL (V) MCA 79011		
27)	28	34	7	YET R.SHARP.T.DUBOIS (R.SHARP.S LEMAIRE)	EXILE (C) (V) ARISTA 2075		
28)	35	52	3	AMERICAN BOY R.LANDIS (E.RABBITT)	EDDIE RABBITT CAPITOL PRO-79398		
29)	33	37	7	THIS AIN'T MY FIRST RODEO B.MONTGOMERY (V.GOSDIN,H.COCHRAN,M.D.BARNES)	VERN GOSDIN (C) (V) COLUMBIA 38T 7 3491 /CBS		
30	25	24	18	I'M GONNA BE SOMEBODY G.BROWN (S.HARRIS.J.COLUCCI)	TRAVIS TRITT (C) (V) WARNER BROS. 4-19797		
31)	31	33	7	WHEN SOMEBODY LOVES YOU SHENDRICKS,T.DUBOIS,RESTLESS HEART (J.NEEL.R.GILES)	RESTLESS HEART (C) (V) RCA 2663-7R		
32)	37	43	6	CRAZY IN LOVE J.BOWEN.C.TWITTY.D.HENRY (E.STEVENS.R.MCCORMICK)	CONWAY TWITTY (V) MCA 79067		
33)	43	51	3	***POWER PICK/A	<b>AIRPLAY ★ ★ ★</b> • K.T. OSLIN (V) RCA 2667-7		
34	27	22	19	NEXT TO YOU, NEXT TO ME R.HALL.R.BYRNE (R.E.ORRALL.C.WRIGHT)	◆ SHENANDOAH (C) (V) COLUMBIA 38T 7 3373/CBS		
35)	38	44	7	WESTERN GIRLS R.BENNETT.T.BROWN (M.STUART.P.KENNERLEY)	MARTY STUART (V) MCA 79068		
36)	36	36	· 7	HE WAS ON TO SOMETHING R.SKAGGS,S.BUCKINGHAM (S.CURTIS)	RICKY SKAGGS (C) (V) EPIC 34T 73496/CBS		
37	34	27	19	GOOD TIMES K.LEHNING (S.COOKE)	DAN SEALS (C) CAPITOL 4JM 44577		
38	32	32	10	RECKLESS HEART SOUTHERN PACIFIC.J.E.NORMAN (J.MCFEE.A.PESSIS)	SOUTHERN PACIFIC (C) (V) WARNER BROS. 4-19871		
				Н	OT COUNTR'		
1	2	_	2	HE WALKED ON WATER K.LEHNING (A.SHAMBLIN)	RANDY TRAVIS WARNER BROS.		
2	1	1	3	THE DANCE A.REYNOLDS (T.ARATA)	GARTH BROOKS		
3	3	2	4	LOVE WITHOUT END, AMEN J.BOWEN.G.STRAIT (A.BARKER)	GEORGE STRAIT		
4				HELP ME HOLD ON	TRAVIS TRITT WARNER BROS.		
	8	_4	7	G.BROWN (T.TRITT.P.TERRY)	WARNER BROS.		
5	8	14	7 7	G.BROWN (T.TRITT.P.TERRY) FOREVER AND EVER, AMEN K.LEHNING (P.OVERSTREET.D.SCHLITZ)	WARNER BROS. RANDY TRAVIS WARNER BROS.		
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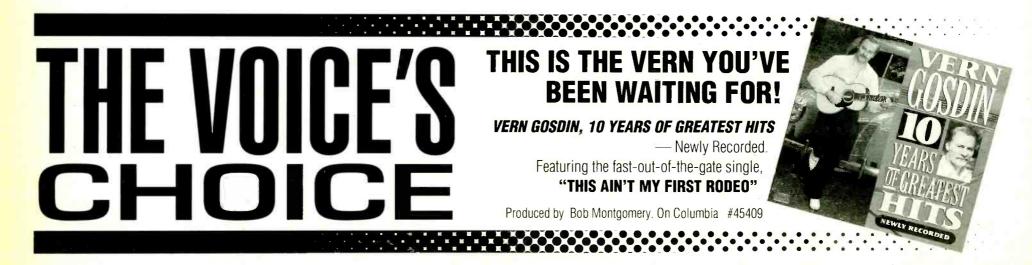
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	4	15	3	★ ★ NO. 1 ★ ★ GARTH BROOKS CAPITOL 93866* (9.98)     1 week at No.	1 NO FENCES
2	1	1	74	CLINT BLACK A RCA 9668 (8.98)	KILLIN' TIME
3	9	17	3	REBA MCENTIRE MCA 10016 (9.98)	RUMOR HAS IT
4	3	3	74	GARTH BROOKS CAPITOL 90897* (9.98)	GARTH BROOKS
5	5	5	7	KEITH WHITLEY RCA 52277* (9.98)	GREATEST HITS
6	2	2	40	VINCE GILL MCA 42321 (8.98)	WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME
7	7	6	48	THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS  MERCURY 838 744 (8.98 EQ)	PICKIN' ON NASHVILLE
8	6	4	18	ALABAMA • RCA 52108* (9.98)	PASS IT ON DOWN
9	11	11	5	KATHY MATTEA MERCURY 842 330* (8.98 EQ)	A COLLECTION OF HITS
10	10	7	19	GEORGE STRAIT  MCA 6415 (9.98)	LIVIN' IT UP
(11)	18	_	2	RANDY TRAVIS WARNER BROS. 26310* (9.98)	HEROES AND FRIENDS
12	8	9	37	RICKY VAN SHELTON COLUMBIA 45250 /CBS (8.98 EQ)	RVS III
13	12	8	30	ALAN JACKSON • ARISTA 8623 (8.98)	HERE IN THE REAL WORLD
14	13	10	29	TRAVIS TRITT • WARNER BROS. 26094* (9.98)	COUNTRY CLUB
15	14	12	69	LORRIE MORGAN ● RCA 9594 (8.98)	LEAVE THE LIGHT ON
16	15	14	52	RANDY TRAVIS A WARNER BROS. 25988 (9.98)	NO HOLDIN' BACK
17	16	13	13	WAYLON JENNINGS EPIC 46104*/CBS (8.98 EQ)	THE EAGLE
(18)	22		2		OVE CAN BUILD A BRIDGE
(19)	19	18	26	DOUG STONE EPIC 45303*/CBS (8.98 EQ)	DOUG STONE
20	17	16	18	SHENANDOAH COLUMBIA 45490/CBS (8.98 EQ)	EXTRA MILE
(21)	32	-	2	KENNY ROGERS REPRISE 26289*/WARNER BROS. (9.98)	LOVE IS STRANGE
(22)	24	29	5	CARLENE CARTER REPRISE 26139*/WARNER BROS. (9.98)	I FELL IN LOVE
23	21	20	19	PATTY LOVELESS MCA 6401 (9.98)	ON DOWN THE LINE
24	20	21	49	THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND   EPIC 45316/CBS (8.98 EQ)	SIMPLE MAN
25	23	24	177	<b>RANDY TRAVIS A</b> <sup>4</sup> WARNER BROS. 25568 (8.98)	ALWAYS & FOREVER
26	28	22	50	MARTY STUART MCA 42312 (8.98)	HILLBILLY ROCK
(27)	30	26	6		YEARS OF GREATEST HITS
(28)	35	36	31	WILLIE, WAYLON, JOHNNY & KRIS COLUMBIA 45240/CBS (8.98 EQ)	
29	29	32	8	TEXAS TORNADOS REPRISE 26251*/WARNER BROS. (9.98)	TEXAS TORNADOS
30	26	27	112	THE JUDDS & RCA/CURB 8318 /RCA (8.98)	GREATEST HITS
31	34	30	165	PATSY CLINE ▲2 MCA 12 (8.98)	GREATEST HITS
32	31	23	77	<b>KATHY MATTEA</b> • MERCURY 836 950* (8.98 EQ)	WILLOW IN THE WIND
33	25	19	34	HANK WILLIAMS, JR. • WARNER/CURB 26090/WARNER BROS (9.98)	LONE WOLF
34	27	28	70	K.D. LANG & THE RECLINES	LUTE TORCH AND TWANG
35	33	25	23	SIRE 25877/WARNER BROS. (9.98)	TENNESSEE WOMAN
36	38	31	12	BILLY JOE ROYAL ATLANTIC 82104* (9.98)	OUT OF THE SHADOWS
37	36	38	34	RESTLESS HEART RCA 9961 (8.98)	FAST MOVIN' TRAIN
38	39	34	85	HANK WILLIAMS, JR. ▲ WARNER/CURB 25834/WARNER BROS. (9.98)	GREATEST HITS III

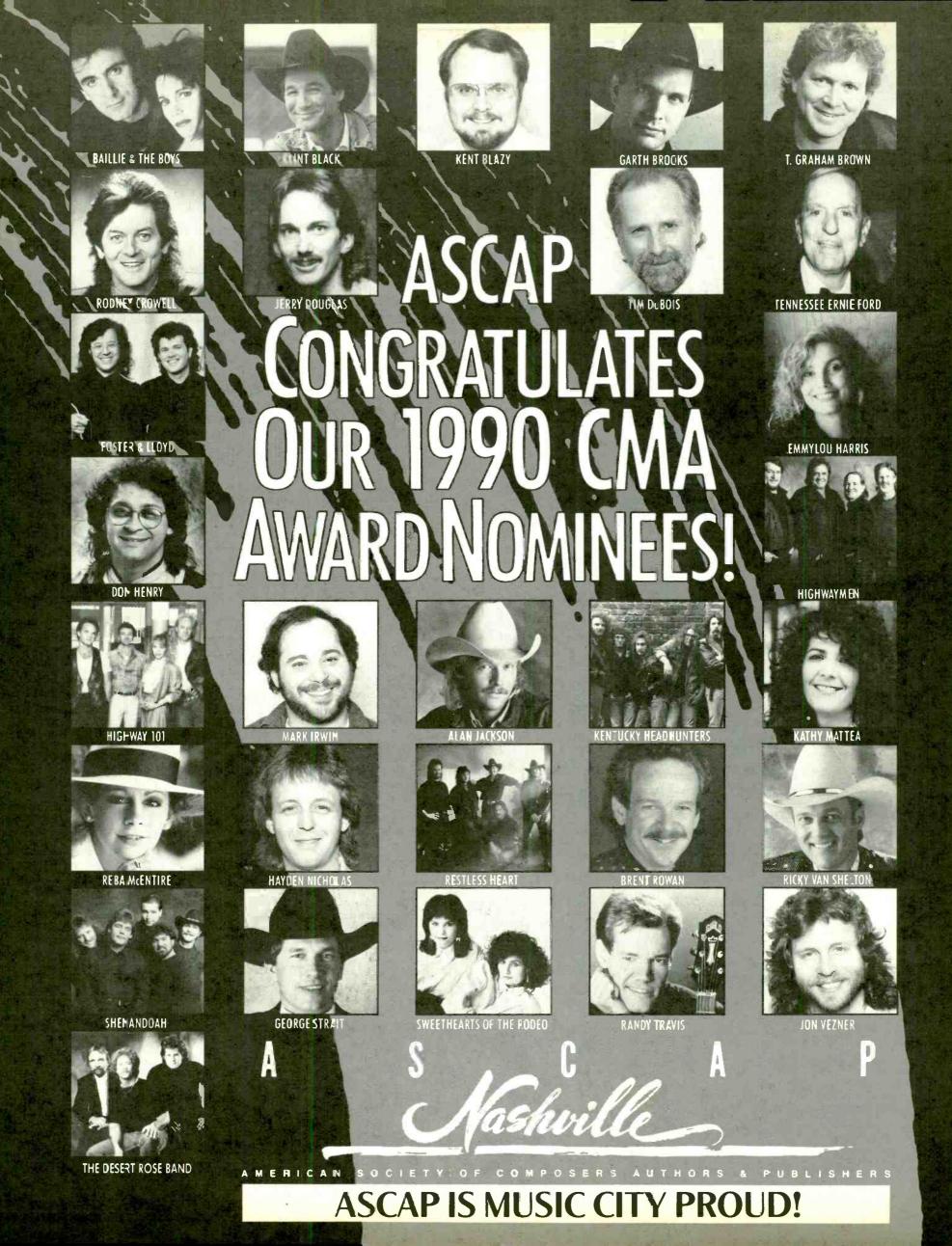
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39	71	-	2	GEORGE JONES EPIC 46028*/CBS (8.98 EQ)	YOU OUGHTA BE HERE WITH ME
(40)	70	-	2	SAWYER BROWN CURB/CAPITOL 94259*/CAPITOL (9.98)	GREATEST HITS
41	43	40	256	GEORGE STRAIT A MCA 5567 (8.98)	EORGE STRAIT'S GREATEST HITS
42	41	35	159	GEORGE STRAIT A MCA 42035* (8.98)	GREATEST HITS, VOL. 2
(43)	49	_	2	HIGHWAY 101 WARNER BROS. 26253* (9.98)	GREATEST HITS
44	37	33	9	EMMYLOU HARRIS REPRISE 25791* (9.98)	DUETS
45	42	37	7	SHELBY LYNNE EPIC 46066*/CBS (8.98 EQ)	TOUGH ALL OVER
46	44	41	12	THE STATLER BROTHERS MERCURY 842 518* (8.98 EQ)	MUSIC, MEMORIES AND YOU
(47)	54	60	4	ANNE MURRAY CAPITOL 94102* (9.98)	YOU WILL
(48)	57	55	16	BAILLIE AND THE BOYS RCA 2114* (8.98)	THE LIGHTS OF HOME
49	40	39	51	PAUL OVERSTREET RCA 9717-1 (8.98)	SOWIN' LOVE
50	45	45	55	REBA MCENTIRE • MCA 8034* (8.98)	REBA LIVE
51	56	48	115	K.D. LANG SIRE 25724*/WARNER BROS. (9.98)	SHADOWLAND
52	47	57	4	MERLE HAGGARD CURB 77313* (9.98)	BLUE JUNGLE
53	50	54	5	MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY WARNER BROS. 26308* (9.98)	COWBOY SONGS
54	61	71	64	VERN GOSDIN COLUMBIA 45104/CBS (8.98 EQ)	ALONE
(55)	63	70	362	WILLIE NELSON ▲2 COLUMBIA 237542*/CBS (9.98 EQ)	GREATEST HITS
56	53	47	188	RICKY VAN SHELTON A COLUMBIA 40602*/CBS (6.98 EQ)	WILD EYED DREAM
57	52	50	36	THE DESERT ROSE BAND MCA/CURB 42332/MCA (9.98)	PAGES OF LIFE
(58)	69	63	69	DOLLY PARTON COLUMBIA 44384/CBS (8.98 EQ)	WHITE LIMOZEEN
(59)	68	46	225	RANDY TRAVIS A <sup>2</sup> WARNER BROS. 25435 (9.98)	STORMS OF LIFE
60	59	59	333	HANK WILLIAMS, JR. A2 WARNER/CURB 60193/WARNER BROS. (9.98)	GREATEST HITS, VOLUME I
61	46	42	9	PIRATES OF THE MISSISSIPPI CAPITOL 94389* (9.98)	PIRATES OF THE MISSISSIPPI
62	51	43	86	SHENANDOAH COLUMBIA 44468*/CBS (8.98 EQ)	THE ROAD NOT TAKEN
63	75	69	541	WILLIE NELSON A3 COLUMBIA 35305*/CBS (6.98 EQ)	STARDUST
64	58	61	74	THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND A EPIC 38795*/CBS (6.98 EC	A DECADE OF HITS
65	64	53	72	LYLE LOVETT MCA/CURB 42263/MCA (9.98)	LE LOVETT AND HIS LARGE BAND
66	67	51	19	LIONEL CARTWRIGHT MCA 42336* (8.98)	I WATCHED IT ALL ON THE RADIO
67	48	44	242	ALABAMA A3 RCA 7170 (8.98)	GREATEST HITS
68	55	49	104	RICKY VAN SHELTON A COLUMBIA 44221/CBS (B.98 EQ)	LOVING PROOF
69	62	56	48	RODNEY CROWELL COLUMBIA 45242/CBS (8.98 EQ)	KEYS TO THE HIGHWAY
70	66	52	53	SAWYER BROWN CAPITOL/CURB 92358*/CAPITOL (9.98)	THE BOYS ARE BACK
71	60	65	61	MARY-CHAPIN CARPENTER COLUMBIA 44228/CBS (8.98 EQ	STATE OF THE HEART
72	74	64	28	JANN BROWNE CURB 10630* (8.98)	TELL ME WHY
73	NE	WÞ	1	BARBARA MANDRELL CAPITOL 94426* (9.98)	NO NONSENSE
74	72	66	10	THE NITTY GRITTY DIRT BAND MCA 6407 (9.98)	THE REST OF THE DREAM
75	73	74	15	CONWAY TWITTY MCA 6391* (9.98)	GREATEST HITS, VOL. III

ALBUMS

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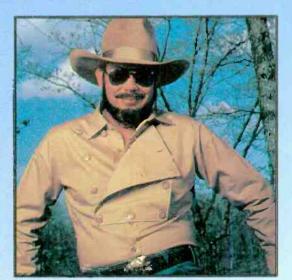
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**Ricky Van Shelton** 



Handicapping the Decade Derby of New Talent Has Become an Exercise in Joyous Futility, as New Entries Continue to Blow Through the Starting Gate Before the Race Even Begins.

### by Gerry Wood

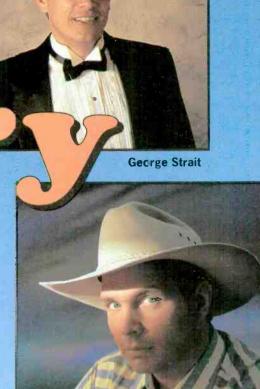
he first year of the decade of the '90s, galloping ahead to 1991. What has it meant to country music? In one word: Everything.

In one word: Everything. This is not a cheerleader capsule of country music, circa 1990-'91, though, at times, it might look like one. This is a report of where the genre is and where it appears to be headed. And the story is simple: Country music has gone through its most remarkable year in history—and the year ahead may very well lap the achievements of 1990.

The top story has to be the incredible surge of new talent. Just when you thought that Randy Travis was the newest kid on the block, replacing those oldtimers Ricky Skaggs and George Strait, along comes Ricky Van Shelton, and just as you thought Shelton was the bookend for this best-selling volume, along comes Clint Black, and just as we adjust to Clint becoming a platinum act within a one-year period, along comes Garth Brooks, and just as we accept Garth as a bona fide gilded great, here comes, down the far turn and headed into the stretch, Alan Jackson, Travis Tritt, Doug Stone, the Kentucky Headhunters, Pirates Of The Mississippi, Joe Diffie, Tim Ryan, Corbin/Hanner, Mark Collie, Shelby Lynne, Jann Browne, Lee Roy Parnell, and Michelle Wright.

The surge is translating into significant record sales. Unknown two years ago, Black is colored platinum. Unknown a year ago, Garth is gilded in gold and bound for platinum. Likewise, those bluegrass wonders who have emerged from last year's oblivion to 1990 gold status (and soon to be platinum): the Kentucky Headhunters. Country music needs to renew its mineral license with the amount of gold albums—George Strait, Alabama, Ricky Van Shelton, Lorrie Morgan, Kathy Mattea, Hank Williams Jr., Charlie Daniels, k.d. lang, Keith Whitley, Reba McEntire, and the Judds. Platinum lodes come from Randy Travis, the king of the country album charts, with two platinum, a double platinum, and a quadruple platinum. Perhaps it's time for Randy to, finally, take a bow as the Country Music Assn. entertainer of the year. More platinum product hails from Willie Nelson (double and triple), Alabama (triple), Hank Jr. (double and single), and the late, lamented Patsy Cline (double). Reaching single platinum status are Black, the Judds, Shelton (two), Strait (two), and K.T. Oslin (two). Country music and its artists are once again tickling the fancy

Country music and its artists are once again tickling the fancy of the national and international media, becoming the darlings of Carson, Letterman, Hall, Oprah, and other laugh & yak shows. From "Today" to "Entertainment Tonight," the exploits of country music stars are covered with an intensity not seen since the Urban Cowboy daze when media overhype resulted in *(Continued on page C-8)* 



Garth Brooks



Kathy Mattea



# ALREADY A POWERFUL FORCE IN COUNTRY MUSIC. ARISTA NASHVILLE. THE PROOF IS ON THIS PAGE.

Nominated for four CMA Awards, Alan Jackson is one of the most exciting country artists to emerge in years. His debut album <u>HERE IN THE REAL WORLD</u> has already gone Gold, scored two consecutive #1 hits and is on gone your, scored two consecutive with intra and is on its way to Platinum. Truly the beginning of a superstar success story.

# **Rob Crosby**

A powerful songwriter and talented musician, watch for Rob Crosby's impact on country music. The buzz has already begun on his eagerly anticipated debut album <u>SOLID GROUND</u> and first single Love Will Bring Her Around.

# Michelle Wrigh

Winner: "Female Vocalis" Of The Year" at the 1990 Canadian Country Music Awards, Michelles critically acclaimed album includes "New Kind Of Love, " the highest charting debut single by a Canadran country artist in over 20 years. The excitement continues with ner new single "Waman's Intuition."

The career comeback story of

1990. Their debut Arista album STILL STANDING has reclaimed their

popularity among radio and fams able with three Top 10 cits,

including their current smash "Yet."

Exile

Lee Roy Parnell USA TODAY chose hum as their "Pick To Click" among country newcomers, pronouncing him "bound for glory" Lee Roy's electrifying debut album includes the chart hit "Oughta Be A Law" and the a ARISTA.

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new radio-active breakthrough single

Asleep At The Wheel Celebrating their 20th Anniversary as one of country music's premier touring bands. Their debut Arista album <u>KEEPIN ME UP NIGHTS</u> is being embraced by radio and video outlets everywhere.

### THE NEW ARTIST SUCCESS QUOTIENT: Talent Plus Receptive Radio & Video Equals Bright Future

### **By KAY WEST**

he day the Country Music Assn. announced the final nominees for the 1990 CMA awards at a press conference in Nashville, the New Kids On The Block were in town to play a sold-out show that very night.

The coincidence wasn't lost on those gathered at the Grand Ole Opry House for the announcement. The slate of nominees read like a roll call of new artists, with just a few veterans making the cut.

Of the top five nomination-collectors, only one-Kathy Mattea-had more than one album under her belt at the time of the announcement. Top gun Garth Brooks, with five nominations, was flying high on the strength of his self-titled debut Capitol album. The Kentucky Headhunters, Alan Jackson, and Clint Black, also one-album wonders, notched four apiece

An astonishing five of the nine most nominated artists are first-time nominees. The success of these country music upstarts comes as no surprise to industry observers. It is merely a reflection of the story told this past year on the radio, in retail stores, on the charts, and at the box office.

"The degree of success of, and receptivity to, new artists is unprecedented in country music," says Ed Benson, associate executive director of the CMA. He considers three points vital to the phenomenon of the new artist success quotient. "First, we're getting some extraordinary talent in these new young people-their writing, record-

ing, and performing skills are very impressive. The growth of the coun-

try broadcast media has encouraged new talent, Benson points out. "We have 2,200 country radio stations. More than half are FM, and very importantly, we are in the top 100 markets. Further, in the broadcast market is the power and influence of video-The Nashville Network and Country Music Television.'

Finally, Benson cites a new breed in the industry itself. "We have a more sophisticated group of practitioners in the business than ever before. The industry is full of independent publicists, sav-

vy managers, and marketing experts." The CMA executive believes these professionals are "a group of people who can propel an artist fairly quickly along in his or her career.

Significantly, the Class of 1990 is succeeding on several levels: in sales, on the radio, and on the road. Three of the five Horizon Award nominees—Brooks, the Kentucky Headhunters, and Lorrie Morgan-had already earned gold record status. Since then, a fourth nominee, Alan Jackson, has followed suit, as almost certainly will the fifth hopeful, Travis Tritt, by the time the winner is announced Oct. 8.

Perhaps the most unlikely and unpredictable group of overachievers are the Kentucky Headhunters. But, the figures don't lie: "Pickin' On Nashville," a gold album, produced three hit singles, including the top 10 "Oh Lonesome Me." The shaggy musicians were named the Academy of Country Music's top new



Pirates Of The Mississippi BILLBOARD OCTOBER 13, 1990

vocal group, garnered four CMA nominations and are on their way to a platinum debut album that has hit both country and pop charts.

"From a marketing and promotion point of view," advises PolyGram Records VP & GM Paul Lucks, "we felt we might have some initial difficulty at ra-(Continued on page C-6)

Shelby Lynne



'The music is finally great."



**Reba McEntire** 

he '90s for country music is going to be the biggest

decade they've ever had—in sales, breaking new acts, and awareness by the general populace," predicts Jim-

my Bowen, veteran Nashville producer and record label head.

The Capitol Records/Nashville president, vinyl vilifier, digital

maven, and pop-turned-country producer, provided one of the

major music biz shocks of 1990 by switching from MCA Records to Capitol, taking with him most of the Universal Records

roster he had built up over the past year. Bowen states that the

most important development for country music, circa 1990, is

that: "We're finally making great records by new artists-just

like pop." Bowen recalls arriving in Nashville from Los Angeles:

"When I came here, the Chet Atkins/Owen Bradley era was over

and they hadn't trained any new people. Nobody was competi-tively fighting for great records like they were pop." Bowen be-

lieves that the conservative nature of country radio was caused

by a decade-long drought of hot new artists. He also points to

the emergence of "a dozen producers in this town who know

what they're doing. I had it easy for a few years, but no longer.

These guys are good—Josh Leo [RCA] makes good records,

Since coming to Capitol on April 1, Bowen has enjoyed the

success of Garth Brooks, "our first superstar," whose first al-

bum is in the platinum range, and hot product from such acts

as Pirates Of The Mississippi (helping establish a country band trend that Bowen believes will grow in the '90s), Anne Murray,

Lee Greenwood, and Dan Seals. "Nashville is turning out so many great records," says Bowen, "that country radio can now

add new acts and not lose an audience, but gain more [listeners]. You've seen the mix of 60/40 oldies over new switching to

1990 has been an equally important year in the career of

Jack Weston, recently named VP/GM of RCA Records following

former chief Joe Galante's ascension to the label presidency in

New York. "This has been a fruitful year as far as an artist's

ability to sell a lot of product on a debut album," Weston notes, referring to such scorching RCA newcomers as Clint Black and Lorrie Morgan. "The country format has evolved into that—and that's very refreshing." Noting that newcomer Black is a plati-

num act approaching double platinum on his debut album, Wes-

ton deadpans, "You'd like to have a lot of those happening to

Weston plans to boost his acts through two-stage advances.

55/45 and, in many cases, 50/50.1

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[Barry] Beckett makes good records. Jim Ed [Norman] .

# **RECORD COMPANIES:** New Pop to Country Records Stirring Enough Excitement to Last the Decade

By GERRY WOOD

"Take two brand new artists and break them into the recognition factor of radio, retail, and the press. And take two acts we've already done that with and that are in the developing stages, and advance them up to the gold level. Then take two of the gold level acts and advance them up to the platinum level." Among upcoming RCA releases are new albums by K.T. Oslin, the Oak Ridge Boys, and Clint Black.

PolyGram Records joined the hot new act game with its launch of the unlikely honkytonk heroes, the Kentucky Headhunters. The raucous'n'roll band could reach gold status by the middle of October, slightly over a year after the release of their debut album. "We'll have new product from the Headhunters and Kathy Mattea in the first quarter which will set up a great year next year for both of these acts," advises Paul Lucks, VP/ GM, PolyGram Records, Nashville. Mattea recently struck gold, and Lucks predicts success for such new PolyGram acts as Rich Grissom, Shane Barmby, and the Normaltown Flyers.

Curb Records joined the year of change in Nashville by evolving into a separate self-sustaining label while still maintaining its joint arrangements with such companies as RCA, Capitol, Warner Bros., and MCA. The first Curb Records talent to be launched was Jann Browne, and the dynamic singer was quickly out of the chute with three strong chart records, and a No. 1 video. Delbert McClinton, the journeyman country rocker, showed signs of kicking his career into high gear, while the signing of Merle Haggard became a highlight of 1990. "We've got some strong new product coming from the Vega Brothers and Dale Watson," reports Mike Borchetta, VP, national promotion, for Curb's country division.

Tim DuBois, producer of Restless Heart and other hit acts, took over the reigns of another new-for-Nashville label, Arista Records. Although no product was released until March, the Nashville office saw album sales soar into the 900,000 range, led by Alan Jackson with a debut gold album, Lee Roy Parnell, Exile, Michelle Wright, and Asleep At The Wheel. "It's most exciting being able to establish ourselves this quickly," DuBois comments. "Our goal is to keep the roll, keep it rolling.

The Arista chief wants a manageable roster of about 10 acts. "One of our goals has been to differentiate ourselves from the pack and not be considered just another startup label here,' advises DuBois. "We don't have any aspirations of doubling our roster size or anything like that, but we would like to continue the emphasis on great music." Forthcoming albums will feature (Continued on page C-11)

### **Billy Joe Royal**

**Patty Loveless** 

Shenandoah





## 211 MUSIC



**Clint Black** 

### **Top Singles**

Pos TITLE-Artist-Label 1 NOBODY'S HOME-Clint Black-RCA 2 HARD ROCK BOTTOM OF YOUR HEART-Randy Travis-Warner Bros 3 ON SECOND THOUGHT-Eddie Rabbitt-Capitol 4 OUT OF YOUR SHOES-Lorrie Morgan-RCA 5 WALKIN' AWAY-Clint Black-RCA 6 LOVE WITHOUT END, AMEN-George Strait-MCA 7 A WOMAN IN LOVE—Ronnie Milsap—RCA 8 I'VE CRIED MY LAST TEAR FOR YOU—Ricky Van Shel-

ton-Columbia 9 NO MATTER HOW HIGH-The Oak Ridge Boys-MCA 10 HELP ME HOLD ON-Travis Tritt-Warner Bros.

### **Top Singles Artists**

1 JANN BROWNE (4) Curt J TRAVIS THITT (4) Warne: Bros.



7 GEORGE STRAIT (6) MCA 8 REBA MCENTIRE (6) MCA

6 LORRIE MORGAN (4) RCA

1 CLINT BLACK (4) RCA 2 GARTH BROOKS (5) Capito

4 ALABAMA (4) RCA

Pos ARTIST (No. of charted singles) Label

9 PATTY LOVELESS (4) MCA 10 SHENANDOAH (4) Columbia

### **Top Singles Labels**

Pos LABEL (No. of charted singles) 1 RCA (51) 2 MCA (60) 3 CAPITOL (44) 4 COLUMBIA (41) 5 WARNER BROS. (41) 6 EPIC (24) 7 MERCURY (24) 8 ARISTA (10) 9 MCA/CURB (8) 10 ATLANTIC (11)

### **Top Labels--**Albums & Singles

Pos LABEL (No. of charted albums & singles) 1 RCA (76) 2 MCA (91) 3 COLUMBIA (65) 4 WARNER BROS. (60) 5 CAPITOL (57) 6 EPIC (34) 7 MERCURY (33) 8 WARNER/CURB (7) 9 REPRISE (21) 10 CURB/RCA (7)

### **Top Albums**

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5 LEAVE THE LIGHT ON-Lorrie Morgan-RCA 6 WILLOW IN THE WIND-Kathy Mettea-Mercury 7 SIMFLE MAN-The Charlie Daniels Barc-Epic 8 I WONDER DO YOU THINK OF ME-Keth Whitley-RCA 9 REBF LIVE—Reba M:Embre—MC<sup>a</sup> 10 WHITE LIN OZEEN—Dolly Parton—Columbia

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### Jann Browne



The Kentucky Headhunters

### **Randy Travis**



### **Top Album Artists**

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### **Top Album Labels**

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- 9 TOM COLLINS, BMI (7) 10 COLGEMS-EMI, ASCAP (6)

### Top Album **Distributing Labels**

Eligibility period for the World of Country Music charts is Sept. 16, 1989 to Sept. 8, 1990.

> Top Artists--**Albums & Singles**

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9 HANK WILLIAMS JR. (7) Warner/Curb

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10 LORRIE MORGAN (5) RCA

**1 CBS MUSIC PUBLISHING (53)** 2 EMI MUSIC (62)

3 WARNER/CHAPPELL MUSIC INC. (51) 4 POLYGRAM INTERNATIONAL (48)

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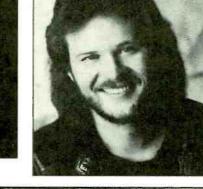
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- 2 MCA (82)
- 3 CBS (64) 4 CAPITOL (49)
- 5 WARNER BROS. (59) 6 MERCURY (24)
- 7 ARISTA (10) 8 ATLANTIC (11)
- 9 CURB (18)
- 10 16TH AVENUE (7)

### **Top Distributing Labels-**Albums & Singles

- Pos DISTRIBUTING LABEL (Charted albums & singles)
- 1 RCA (83) 2 CBS (98)
- 3 MCA (117) 4 WARNER BROS. (93)
- 5 CAPITOL (63)
- 6 MERCURY (33)
- 7 ARISTA (12)
- 8 ATLANTIC (16)
- 9 CURB (20) 10 16TH AVENUE (9)



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dio. We got the video out well in advance of the product release and it caught fire." Major markets leaped onto the record and other stations took a chance. "We felt the Headhunters had appeal and we knew they could sell records. The fact that we're nearing platinum wasn't something we could have predicted at that first meeting.

Arista Records Nashville national director of promotion Allen Butler points to country radio's changing format and acceptance of new artists as a key to the overall success of those artists. "In the last few years, radio has gone from an artist-based format to a song-based format," he points out. "Radio doesn't feel like they have to play a record because it's by an established star." Now, Butler believes, radio plays a record because it's a great song. "It also means that the same people who buy a Clint Black will also buy Alan Jackson and Garth Brooks.

Kevin O'Neal, PD of Milwaukee's WMIL and a second generation radio man, sees a changing of the guard as good for the genre. "We're getting more great songs than we have in the past decade, and country radio today is the only format that is fresh and new. The influence of young artists, along with the move away from an artist-based format, will force some of our veteran acts to make better records.'

Butler views the change in radio as beneficial for new female artists, too. 'There used to be an unwritten rule in radio that you never played two female artists back-to-back. That no longer holds true. Also, female artists have changed and are speaking more now to women, the traditional record buyer, than to men, as they did in the past.

He points to K.T. Oslin's success with "80's Ladies," Kathy Mattea's climb to the top, and new Arista artist Michelle Wright's immediate success.

Female artists still lag behind men in the touring business, but new male artists are doing some good box-office business, according to Paul Lohr, VP at Buddy Lee Attractions, the firm that books newcomers Garth Brooks, Lorrie Morgan, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Doug Stone, and Mark Chesnutt. "Our new artists have been extremely successful not only in terms of the number of dates but in the amount of money they are getting for each The success of their debut records is translating to their tours, Lohr notes, adding, "There is something to be said for striking while the fire is hot.'

Lohr credits smart marketing on the part of record labels as instru-

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mental in gaining name recognition amid such a large crop of youngsters. "With Doug Stone, we saw a huge push from the label [Epic]. They sent out mailers and took trade ads touting the coming of 'The Stone Age,' so by the time his record hit, an identity was already established.

Establishing identity and making an impression will be the challenge of the '90s for the new faces, believe industry veterans. "With the advent of the song-based format, we have more listeners than ever asking for a song, rather than an artist," comments WMIL's O'Neal. "More than ever, we hear people say 'Oh, I didn't know he sang that.' It will be imperative for new artists to establish an identity, but, at the same time, these new artists have more appeal from an image point of view than ever before.

The Kentucky Headhunters have no trouble getting recognized or being remembered. They have also encountered less difficulty than may have been expected as they were accepted by what has traditionally been a more conservative audience. "I'd like to think we might be bringing in a new type of listener," says Headhunt-er Ricky Lee Phelps. "I know there are young kids knocking on my door for autographs. Country radio, as it broadens its playlists, is bringing in new fans, younger fans-and in my fantasies, I'd like to see it open up

The shot in the arm the newcomers have given the industry the past year leads many to predict that country music could become the mass music

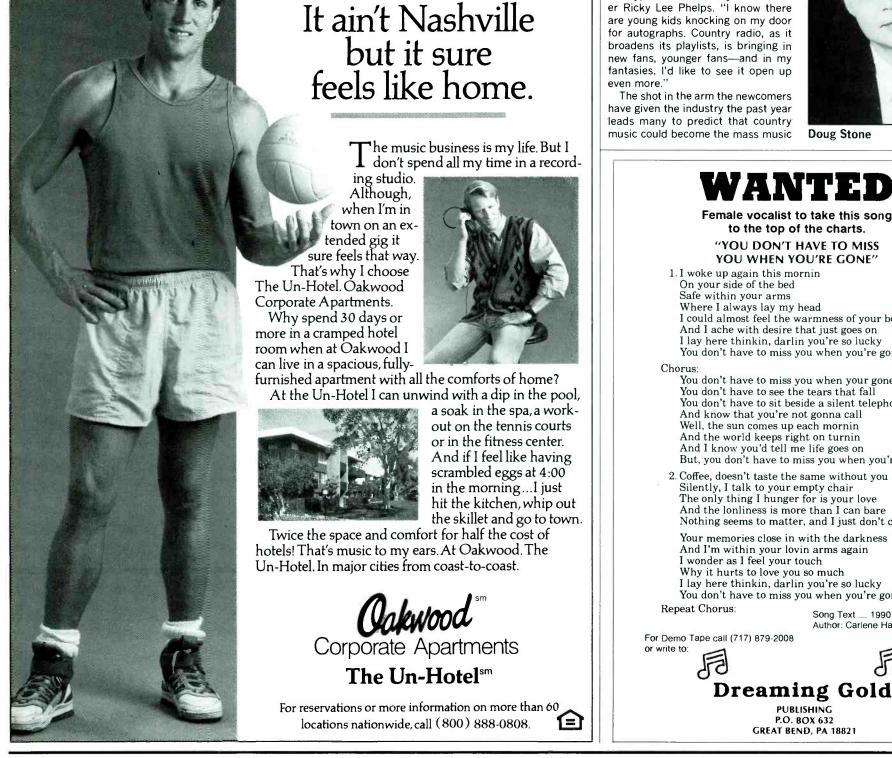
of the '90s. "We have a format that deals with real people, real issues, and artists that play real music," claims Arista's Butler. "That appeals to a lot more people than any other form of music.

An article in The New York Times just five years ago tolled the bell for Nashville. Now it seems that, as with Mark Twain, the reports of the death of country music were greatly exaggerated. Indeed, the future has never looked brighter.

There are a lot of new artists out there," comments Buddy Lee's Lohr, and that is great because a new, younger country fan is looking for something new, a different sound. Today, the industry and the public want an artist with a future, not a past."



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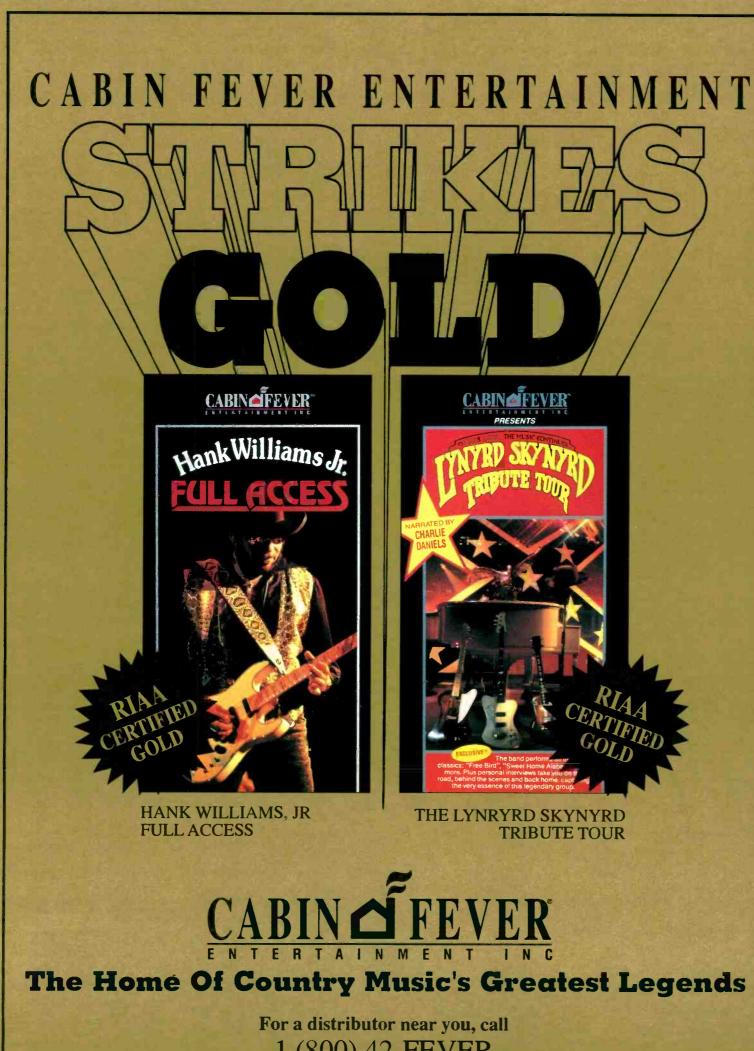
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a paralyzing Nashville euphoria that almost flushed this genre down the commodes of the music industry. Country radio is ecstatic with the quality of new music coming out of Nashville, and some stations have even, gasp, expanded their playlists to accommodate the surge of brilliant new songs and singers.

But it's not a problem-free environment yet. How many more new acts can radio, retail, and the consumers absorb? What happens to the established acts? Why can't country shed, once and forever, its hick, uneducated image? Will single sales ever mean anything again? What about cassette singles and CD singles ... and what was that black oily stuff they used to make records out of? Oh, vinyl. Will country music profit from its transition to a song-based format from an artist-based format? Can it survive the fiery competition in the concert marketplace? Why are the international frontiers so difficult to cross? Will country radio-and later the industry and consumers-become so fragmentized that dilution is the only alternative? And where goes video with the The Nashville Network/ Country Music Television merger bid? As the title and lyrics of a country song suggests, there are "No Easy Horses

The history of country music often mimics the lyrics of its songs: for every promise there seems to be a problem, and vice versa., For every new healing there's an old wound, and vice versa. And for every triumph, there's a tragedy, if not behind, at least ahead.

But Nashville's music moguls graduated with Ph.D.s in Hard Knocks, thanks to the rise and fall of the '80s, and they refuse to be seduced by the sweet sounds of success in the early '90s. They have reason to gloat and say I-told-you-so and get careless with rosters and budgets, but they aren't doing it. Instead they're intensifying their concentration, honing their operations, and steadfastly clinging to the principles, talents, and goals that have caused this renaissance.

And that could be the major telling difference in why the country music industry just might be poised to dominate the decade of 1990 and beyond.



Holly Dunn

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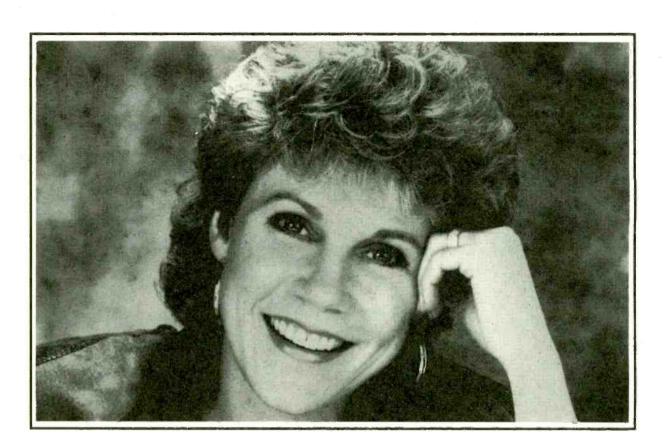




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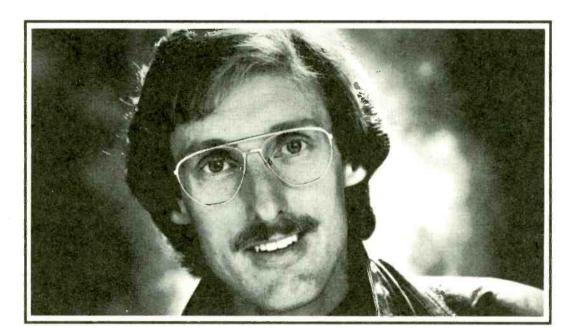
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### RECORDS (Continued from page C-3)

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new acts Rob Crosby, Pam Tillis, and the band Diamond Rio. The other new kid on the Nashville music block is Atlantic Records headed by former CBS/Nashville chief Rick Blackburn. "Our Billy Joe Royal project going gold sure was fun," Blackburn says. One of the most unusual and successful Atlantic events of the year saw the label covering itself as Robin Lee cut a country version of Atlantic's pop hit "Black Velvet." Six new acts have been signed, a product release schedule finalized, a new support system put in place, and Blackburn has integrated the operations with the WEA distribution system. Blackburn, VP of operations, wants to "break a couple more acts" in 1991 as Atlantic/Nashville heads into its second year. CBS Records is beaming over the bottom line. "The last fiscal year was the most profitable year in nine years for CBS/Nashville," claims Mike Martinovich, VP of marketing. The success, he notes, was spaced over many artists as opposed to a previous history of scoring heavily with a couple of big acts. Martinovich cites the artist development triumphs of four new hot acts—Shenandoah, Mary Chapin Carpenter, Doug Stone, and Shelby Lynne. And he believes brighter days are ahead., "The base for country music is expanding in terms of demographics through radio and media in general," Martinovich comments. "That's happening because of the audio/visual world in which we're living."

Bruce Hinton, president of MCA Records/Nashville, reports that four MCA acts enjoyed in 1990 their best selling studio albums in their careers: Patty Loveless, Steve Wariner, the Desert Rose Band, and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. And George



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Strait scored with his fastest selling album in his nine-year MCA history. Hinton is also high on the breakthrough of Vince Gill as a major artist and powerful marketplace and radio product from Marty Stuart, Mark Chesnutt, Mark Collie, McBride & the Ride, Lionel Cartwright, Kelly Willis, Reba McEntire, Conway Twitty. On the lighter side, new albums will be coming from Jerry Clower, Riders In The Sky, and Gerry House.

"In the whole country field, we have the strongest group of new names that broke this year that I can remember," says Vic Faraci, Warner Bros. Records senior VP. "The way they are achieving wonderful, great sales is the single most encouraging thing that has happened all year." He cites the goldmining WB newcomer Travis Tritt along with the "tremendous success" of such acts as Carlene Carter and the Texas Troubadors, combined with such established superstar acts as Hank Williams Jr. and Randy Travis. Upcoming releases include product by Williams and Dwight Yoakam.

A highlight of 1990 for 16th Avenue Records was a new manufacturing, sales, and distribution agreement with Curb Records, supplanting a prior distribution agreement with Capitol Records. Charley Pride, Canyon, and John Conlee are the big three acts that 16th Avenue will be focusing on come 1991, according to Jerry Bradley, president and GM of Opryland Music Group, the label's corporate entity.

Problem areas cited by the label leaders include the economy and increased competition. The Middle East situation with its oil undertow can have great impact on the bottom line of the travel-intensive record business, notes RCA's Weston. "Also," says Weston, "everybody has shrinking account bases—the big boys buying out the little ones." Hinton of MCA also points to the escalating cost of doing business: "Everything is going up and the margins aren't getting any wider. We're reducing the size of our roster and taking a much more focused market approach, targeting the market segments for the artists individually."

Adds PolyGram's Lucks, "The competition is increasing and I'm not so sure the pie is getting bigger." DuBois has an eye on the economy, observing, "Industry-wise—not just country business has been a little soft over the last half of the year. With the Gulf crisis, I hope we don't have the economy turn down on us."

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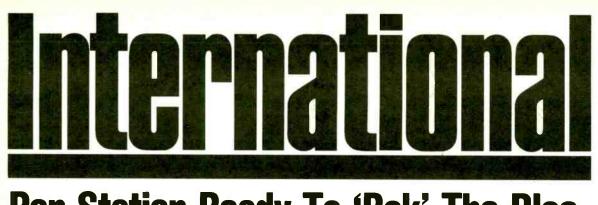
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# **Pop Station Ready To 'Rok' The Bloc Oslo-Based Broadcasts Target U.S.S.R.**

### BY DAVID ROWLEY

OSLO, Norway-A station claiming to be the Soviet Union's first genuine commercial pop radio station is set to begin broadcasting via satellite from this city Oct. 15.

Called Radio Roks, it has been established by a new Soviet media company called Interroks, with a staff of six who reportedly have "defected" from Radio Moscow.

It is understood here that the U.S. playlist supplied to the station, along with additional programming, is coming from Los Angeles-based Radio Express.

Radio Roks will run from 6-10 a.m. and 4-7 p.m. Central European Time every day, carrying predominantly Western pop in a top-40-style format with breaks for news and advertising

Station representatives have leased studio time for the next 12 months at private Norwegian sta-tion Radio Oslo.

Oslo-based advertising company Salgasvdelingen is actively looking for advertisers, and managing director Finn Norgvold says "considerable interest" has been shown from multinational companies eager to advertise in the Soviet Union-with Coca-Cola among them.

According to Norgvold, the station was set up in Oslo because it had proved impossible to get sufficient studio space in Moscow.

Radio Roks is to send its signal via satellite to a land-based transmitter in the Soviet Union, where it will be distributed to many cities, including Moscow, Leningrad, Kiev, and Minsk. Station executives claim it will be able to reach at least 8 million people once it gets properly under way.

Cosmic Award. Warner Bros./Reprise recording group the B-52's accept plaques commemorating Australian sales. The band got a double-platinum award for the album "Cosmic Thing," a platinum award for the single "Love Shack," and a gold award for the single "Roam." The presentation took place at Melbourne's Inflation Club after the band's 10-show sellout tour of Australia. Pictured, from left, are Kevin Strickland, Tracy Wormworth, Kate Pierson, and Pat Irwin, B-52's; Peter Ikin, managing director, Warner Records Group; Fred Schneider, Zachary Alford, and Cindy Wilson, B-52's; and Steve Jensen, Direct Management.

## **Festival Records Returns To The Top** Indie Benefits From Liberation, Mushroom Product

### BY GLENN A. BAKER

SYDNEY, Australia-Just nine months after being virtually written off as a significant chart force for 1990, following the loss-in swift succession-of its three major represented labels, Chrysalis, A&M and Island, independent Festival Records silenced its critics by seizing half of the top 10 album positions and three of the top five single positions on the national ARIA chart in the last week of September. Festival, owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., insisting "we may be down but we're definitely

not out," has been busy handing out gold and platinum disks at a time when many industry figures predicted it would be handing out redundancy slips.

No. 1, for the second week, with the double-platinum Jimmy Barnes al-bum "Two Fires." It also held No. 4 with the platinum "The Real Thing" by Faith No More, No. 6 with the platinum, formerly No. 1 "Beyond Salvation" by the Angels, No. 8 with the TV-advertised Creedence Clearwater Revival "Ultimate Collection" 21st anniversary double-LP set, and No. 9 with the gold "Bloodletting" by Concrete Blonde.

# **Finnish Viewers Say Yes** To The MTV-Style 'No TV'

BY KARI HELOPALTIO

HELSINKI, Finland-In a pioneering effort to make MTV-style programming acceptable in Fin-land, "No TV," the new, late-afternoon magazine show for teenagers and young adults, is using material originally seen on MTV and Music Box. This includes music box's "Vivid" and "Transmission" and MTV's controversial "Buzz."

Produced by Mediarodeo Oy, a company formed by a consortium of Headline, VipVision, City-lehti, and Radio City for this purpose, "No TV" is building a strong following on Kolmoskanava (Channel 3) on weekdays, with a mix of pop/ rock music, current affairs, and

short news bulletins. "No TV" is using some five to 10 videoclips per broadcast, one a "Clip Of The Week" that is repeated daily. First in this series was "Papa Was A Rolling Stone" by Was (Not Was); other artists featured on the launch shows were INXS, Chrissie Hynde, Bananarama, and Sinead O'Connor.

"Our current library of videoclips has only 120 titles, but we're adding around 20 every week,' says chief executive Saku Tuo-minen. "What we're offering is the first determined effort to introduce MTV-Music Box style programming to the 10-30 age brack-et, largely based on a home-fromschool entertainment principle.

"Our future largely depends on the amount of advertising revenue

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we can generate in the next couple of months," he adds. "So far, we've done well, but the project represents something of a challenge. Early advertisers have been the magazine Suosikki, hardware firm Renlund, and Fanta soft drinks."

That chart saw Festival holding

Down a little lower in the ARIA chart is the John Lee Hooker album "The Healer," which, at the gold level, has performed better per capita in Australia than in any other territory. Recently declared platinum is the A&M Canada album "Reason To Believe," by Rita MacNeil, which can also claim greater success Down Under than anywhere else in the world

Festival's three top five singles were Faith No More's "Epic" at No. 2 (previously No. 1), Concrete Blonde's "Joey" at No. 3, and Jimmy Barnes' "Lay Down Your Guns" at No. 5. All three are gold and are expected to go platinum soon.

Festival's new strength was also reflected on the alternative charts, where it had 50% of the singles and 62% of the albums

Integral to the recovery of Festival has been the strong flow of product, both domestic and foreign. from Michael Gudinski's Mushroom and Liberation labels, which now have offices within the Festival building.

Gudinski withdrew Liberation, his "utility" label for selected international product, from CBS early in the year to assist the resuscitation of Festival. The move proved to be a shrewd one as the distributor was able to focus energy it once directed to the likes of U2, Billy Idol, and Sting to relatively new acts such as Faith No More and Concrete Blonde.

The new partnership has become one of the most formidable hit-creating units in the country.

Says Festival managing director Bill Eeg, "I'm not the sort of guy to blow my own trumpet, but I have to say we're back to our old chart strength earlier than I expected. This sends out a clear signal that we intend to stick around and fight on.

'It hasn't been an easy year but our determination has got us through. We always said, give us the product and the Festival team will sell it."

# Virgin Music Named ASCAP/PRS Top Pub

### BY HUGH FIELDER

LONDON-Virgin Music (Publishing) was named PRS publisher of the year for the second year running at the Sept. 26 ASCAP pop awards ceremony at Claridges here.

But while ASCAP managing director Gloria Messinger was telling winners and members that its U.K. songwriters earned more than \$13 million from the U.S. in 1989 (an increase of 26% and more than twice that earned by BMI writers), guest of honor Richard Branson was more interested in discussing how the music industry is starting to display more of the '60s' positive aspects.

"We've shown that there is more to the music industry than making mon-ey," he said. "We have helped to break down the East-West barriers, the language barriers, the release of Nelson Mandela and the cause of South Africa, and created an awareness of AIDS. We can affect changes more than politicians."

And he had a simple message for those confronted by compassion fatigue. "Ignore it, get on, and do it."

Messinger forecast that 1990 would be an even better year for U.K. songwriters and publishers. But she sounded a warning note over proposed quotas in Italy and France designed to limit airplay of AngloAmerican songwriters

Roland Gift and David Steele of Fine Young Cannibals won the songwriter-of-the-year award for the greatest number of U.S. performances last year with "Good Thing," "Johnny Come Home," "I'm Not Satand "She Drives Me Crazy,' isfied," each of which topped the charts.

Guests at the dinner, which was hosted by ASCAP president Morton Gould, included the Cure, Simon Law on behalf of Soul II Soul, Breathe, Howard Jones, Simon Climie and Rob Fisher, and Stella and Mary McCartney on behalf of their father.

The full list of songs, writers, and publishers honored (as usual only ASCAP members have been credited) follows:

"Angel Of Harlem," by Paul Hewson, David Evans, Laurence Mullen, and Adam Clayton, published by Blue Mountain Music; "Another Day In Paradise," Phil Collins, Hit And Run Music (Publishing); "Armaged-don It," Phil Collen, Steve Clark, Joe Elliott, Rick Savage, and Robert John "Mutt" Lange, Zomba Music Publishers; "Back To Life," Law and Jazzie B, EMI Music Publishing and Virgin Music (Publishing);

"Buffalo Stance," Cameron McVey, Fiction Songs; "Crazy About Her," Jim Cregan, BMG Music Pub-lishing; "Don't Tell Lies," Ian Spice,

David Glasper, Michael Delahunty, and Marcus Lillington, Virgin Music (Publishing); "Everlasting Love," Jones, Howard Jones Music; "Forever Young," Cregan, Warner/Chappell Music;

"Healing Hands," Elton John, Big Pig Music; "How Can I Fall," Spice, Glasper, Delahunty, and Lillington, Virgin Music (Publishing); "Keep On Movin'," Jazzie B, Virgin Music (Publishing); "Little Respect," Bell and Vince Clarke, Sonet Publishing; "Lovesong," Porl Thompson, Boris

Williams, Roger O'Donnell, Robert Smith, Simon Gallup, and Laurence Tolhurst, Fiction Songs; "My Brave Face," Paul McCartney and Elvis Costello, MPL Communications and Plangent Visions Music; "My Heart Can't Tell You No," Climie, Chrysalis Music; "Rock On," David Essex, Rock On Music (GB); "Room To Move," Climie and Rob Fisher, Chrysalis Music and Rondor Music (London):

"She Drives Me Crazy," Gift and Steele, Virgin Music (Publishing); "Start Me Up," Mick Jagger and Keith Richards, EMI Music Publishing; "Wild Wild West," Johnnie Christo, Milan Zekavica, John Holliday, Trevor Steel, and Moss Shapiro, Virgin Music (Publishing) and EMI Music Publishing; "Wild World," Cat Stevens, Salafa.

### CANADA

# **CRIA, CMRRA Keep Talking As Agreement Runs Out**

### BY KIRK LAPOINTE

OTTAWA—The agreement between record companies and music publishers on Canada's compulsory mechanical royalty rate expired Sept. 30 without a new deal to replace it.

The Canadian Recording Industry Assn. (CRIA) and the Canadian Musical Reproduction Rights Agency (CMRRA) are continuing their talks, and while there are several significant issues to be settled, neither side appears willing at this point to submit the matter to the federal Copyright Board.

"We still have differences, but we are still talking," says CRIA president Brian Robertson.

"We have a lot of difficulties," says CMRRA general manager David Basskin. "But, how do I say it? I'm optiously caustomistic."

The new rate is still the biggest sticking point. The current rate of 5.25 cents per track was phased in over the past two years, after a twocents-a-song rate, in effect for 64 years, was abolished by the government.

By world standards, 5.25 cents Canadian is a low fee. Neither CMRRA nor CRIA will discuss the particulars of the negotiations, but the two sides are still believed to be a few cents apart on the rate.

Another key sticking point is the reserve system, by which labels retain mechanical payments until they determine the level of record returns. CMRRA says firms hold on to the funds for between 18 and 24 months. This is "significantly longer" than firms in other territories, Basskin notes. There are also unspecified problems over the administration of controlled composition clauses, under which labels secure lower-than-statutory rates from artists who write their own material.

Also at issue is the enforcement of the provisions of any new deal. Although CRIA has been highly supportive of CMRRA's efforts to force compliance with basic aspects of the old pact, some firms still fail to apply for permission to use copyrighted works before manufacturing recordings.

The result, in some cases, "has been albums certified gold before we're even notified," Basskin says. "This is just unacceptable."

CRIA's Brian Robertson and the record industry's negotiating team have been very sensitive to these problems, Basskin says. "CRIA has offered help in administration, but there are still some companies that are treating us like a subordinate, not a peer. Some just don't understand the sea of changes that has taken place."

Indeed, since 1988, Canada has had an updated Copyright Act, part of which abolished the two-cents-a-song rule and got the two sides to work out a new deal. The act established a Copyright Board, which has so far conducted limited work (its first-ever major ruling, on cable retransmission fees, was due imminently at press time). If negotiations break down, the two sides can refer the matter to the board.

For the time being, however, CMRRA has extended the deal for one week to ask its member publishers for more guidance on the talks. "The next week or two will be crucial from our side," Basskin says.

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# **CKIS Ups Canadian Content** *Plea For More Hard Rock Denied*

OTTAWA—CKIS-FM Winnipeg will increase its Canadian content, continue to comply with a 10-point plan to uphold its promise of performance, and not be able to infuse its playlist with more hard rock. In a good-news, bad-news decision by the federal broadcast regulator, the oft-delinquent Westcom Radio Group outlet was praised but put on a short leash.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) heralded CKIS' improvement in living up to its promises of performance. But a 10-point plan, laid out last year in a one-year renewal to ensure non-compliance would not reoccur, stays put.

And so does CKIS' format. In a cu-

rious move, CKIS applied for a format change to a harder rock sound. But at an earlier CRTC hearing into its license, it said its objective was to provide a softer sound; as such, the CRTC said the format stays, that it provides enough flexibility for CKIS to be even softer.

For its part, CKIS pledged to raise the percentage of Canadian content to 30% from 20%, a move the CRTC happily accepted (all FM stations are bound to go to 30% when the CRTC issues its new FM policy shortly).

CKIS will get to slash news content to three hours and 47 minutes a week from five hours and 25 minutes, but its level is still very high among Winnipeg FM outlets.



NELSON VIDEOVEND continues to lose, lose, lose money. Net losses for the quarter ended June 30: \$2.3 million, up from \$1.9 million a year ago despite a 47% revenue increase. The firm's Amazing Video Machines, automated rental video dispensers, are in many southern Ontario retail outlets. Its latest chain is the Petro-Canada gas station chain, of which the company plans to add 14 locations in the second half of 1990.

KAREN PATRICK of the West Edmonton II store was HMV Canada's manager of the year, HMV announced at its annual conference in early September.

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## POP

TOMMY CONWELL & YOUNG RUMBLERS Guitar Trouble PRODUCER: Pete Anderson Columbia 46235

Very, very strong follow-up to Philly band's major-label debut has Conwell & Co. returning to their tough, bluesy roots and veering slightly away from the mainstream rock that dominated "Rumble"-thanks to Anderson's sure hand. Title track is a toe-tapper from the first note and John Hiatt-like "I'm Seventeen" is already doing the trick at album rock radio. These guys have not only successfully avoided sophomore slump, they've graduated into a whole new league.

## IRON MAIDEN No Prayer For The Dying PRODUCER: Martin Birch Epic 46905

Bruce Dickinson returns from his solo outing with pipes in perfect pitch and the rest of the band raring to go on this, the band's first release for Epic. Opening track, "Tailgunner," blends melody and metal masterfully, and the rest of the album proceeds accordingly. Though vocals are mixed a little too low in some cases, it's a small complaint for an album that will no doubt continue the band's gold streak. Listen to those guitars scream.

#### DAVID CASSIDY

PRODUCERS: Phil Ramone & E.T. Thorngren: Rick Neigher; Clams Casino and Carter; Greg Edward; Jeff Silverman Enigma 73554

Is there life after the Partridge Family? Enigma definitely thinks so with Cassidy, and so far the public is proving the label right, for first single, "Lyin' To Myself," continues to climb up the Hot 100. Other tracks like "Labor Of Love," polished to a contemporary pop gloss by Ramone and Thorngren, could win nods as well. Through it all, Cassidy shows a sense of humor as well: Dig the "I Think I Love You" quote on hi-tech remake of "Hi-Heel Sneakers."

## **MARTIN STEPHENSON & THE DAINTEES** Salutation Road PRODUCER: Pete Anderson Capitol 94638

English singer/songwriter and his band are in excellent form on second American release, which betrays the jazz and roots leanings of producer Anderson (who worked a similar trick on Michelle Shocked's "Captain Swing"). Stephenson knows a strong melody when he pens it; excellent modern rock tracks include "Left Us To Burn," "Big North Lights," "Heart Of The City," and "We Are Storm.

#### HOUSE OF LORDS Sahara

PRODUCERS: Andy Johns & House Of Lords RCA 2170

Sophomore stint by the pop-oriented hard rock quintet may finally pay off on the promise exhibited on group's somewhat overlooked debut. Leadoff radio cut, a remake of Blind Faith's 'Can't Find My Way Home" that works both acoustic and electric sides of the street, is already a top 20 album rock track, while "Chains Of Love" has a murderous hook that

ultimately could be profitable at top 40. These boys could lord it over, given a chance.

#### LONESOME VAL

PRODUCERS: Knut Bohn & Stewart Lerman Bar None/Restless 72642

Contrary to her moniker, New Yorkbased singer/songwriter could find lots of company with this album of fine country-oriented tunes—backed by some of Gotham's best local musicians. Highlight tracks from a consistent outing include "To Be Young," "Hold On To Me," "It Ain't Me," "Front Porch," and "Quiet Desperation.'

## DAVID TORN

Door X PRODUCER: David Torn & Stephen Krause Windham Hill 1096

Torn is best known to listeners for his work with jazzers like Mark Isham, but his label is skewing him toward pop with this effort, which is split between rock-styled instrumentals and vocals. Torn's singing is often indifferent and wavering, but his brazenly played cover of Jimi Hendrix's "Voodoo Chile" could put him over with rock outlets already spinning the late Stevie Ray Vaughan's as a tribute.

#### JIMMY BARNES

## Two Fires PRODUCER: Don Gehman Atlantic 82141

The leathery-voiced Australian has made stronger records than this, but, while there's nothing here to rival his memorable version of Dylan's "Seven Days," there are some perfectly acceptable numbers here that stir up "Little Darling," and "Hardline" all can play at album outposts with a yen for shrapnel-larynxed rock.

THE BROTHERS FIGARO Gypsy Beat PRODUCER: Pat Moran Geffen 24295

Brothers Luigi, Giuseppe, and Guido

## NEW & NOTEWORTHY

#### **AN EMOTIONAL FISH** PRODUCER: Tin Atlantic 82150

Irish quartet whose first singles were released on U2's Mother Records unleashes its debut album, wearing its influences on its sleeves Combining the passion of U2 and the intensity of the Doors, the band should thoroughly delight alternative and college audiences with its evocative lyrics and emotional playing, especially on the slow-burning, dreamy "Colours," and the quirky, jangly "Celebrate."

## MATRACA BERG Lying To The Moon PRODUCERS: Wendy Waldman, Josh Leo RCA 2065

Berg sings in the self-aware, selfpossessed, never-entirely-vulnerable style of label mate K.T. Oslin. And, like Oslin, she writes her own material. Her poetic vision is so acute that even her defeats ring like victories.

MARK CHESNUTT Too Cold At Home PRODUCER: Mark Wright MCA 10032

Just when you think it's impossible for the world of country music to hold another supertalent, out of the gate comes 26-year-old Mark Chesnutt with 10 good ole country songs. His honky-tonk delivery is character-rich and personalized to each number. Favorites include "Brother Jukebox," "Your Love Is A Miracle," "Too Good A Memory, "Lucky Man," "Hey You There In The Mirror," and the current title cut.

## SPOTLIGHT



### PEBBLES

Always PRODUCERS: L.A. Reid & Babyface, Pebbles, Kayo & Daryl Simmons MCA 10025

Snappy first single "Giving You The Benefit" is already giving Pebbles a big hit and leaves little doubt that she's securing her spot on the pop and black charts. The advice-filled "Backyard" plays like "Girlfriend, Part II." Though the ballads are fine, the uptempo cuts are really the winners here, especially "Give It To Me" and "Good Thang." Stellar support from such guests as Salt-N-Pepa, Karyn White, Johnny Gill, and After 7.

(aka Bill Bonk, Phil Parlapiano, and Scott Babcock) bring their L.A. pub show to record, losing some intimacy and charm in the process. David Lindley and Nils Lofgren guest here, inflating the group's sound to no great effect. "Cross Your Heart" is among the stronger cuts, but whole enterprise could fall between format cracks.

## THE GLOVE Blue Sunshine PRODUCERS: Steve Severin & Robert Smith Rough Trade US 85

Collaboration by Severin of Siouxsie & the Banshees and Smith of the Cure, first issued in U.K. in 1983 and available only as an import previously, finally sees the light of day in the U.S. Music here is not nearly so bleak as that made by principals' bands, and is often downright psychedelic. Tuneful "Punish Me With Kisses" leads pack of tracks that are naturals for modern rockers.

RHINO BUCKET PRODUCER: Daniel Rey Reprise 26317

Two years ago, it was Led Zeppelin that went in for Xeroxing; this year it looks like it's AC/DC's turn, as debut albums by Nevada Beach and this L.A. quartet demonstrate. However for rockers with short memories and Bon Scott fetishists, this fairly rockin' set may play—songs like "One Night Stand" have some hard-riffing, if none too original, power.

#### VARIOUS ARTISTS L.A. Ya Ya

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PRODUCER: Dusty Wakeman Hightone 8022

Atmosphere of some of Los Angeles' smokier dives is handily conjured up on entertaining anthology of local roots-rock bands. Jimmie Wood, Juke Logan, Billy Bremner, Chuck E. Weiss, King Cotton, and Top Jimmy are among club scene notables on hand belting out R&B-styled covers. An entertaining guided tour of a hitherto little-documented sector of the L.A. music map.

JAZZ

## MARK ISHAM

PRODUCERS: Mark Isham & Stephen Krause Virgin 91293

Isham continues to flex his Miles Davis-inflected impressionism here, backed by such notables as David

#### Torn, Terry Bozzio, John Patitucci, Alex Acuna, and Chick Corea, and that's good news for his usual jazz and new age constituents. Big news is two vocal tracks featuring Tanita Tikaram (including a muted "Blue Moon") that could make the cross to pop if the hand is played right.

## MULGREW MILLER From Day To Day PRODUCER: Orrin Keepnews Landmark 1525

ILLBOARD

Top-flight pianist's trio date (with bassist Robert Hurst and drummer Kenny Washington) is a bracing showcase for Miller's solid style-which echoes both McCoy Tyner's dynamism and Bill Evans' harmonic density. Best of a delightful set chambre," the percussive punctuation of "One Notch Up," the midtempo swing of "Farewell To Dogma," and the bluesy shuffle of durable cover "What A Difference A Day Made."

## WORLD MUSIC

GILBERTO GIL The Eternal God Of Change PRODUCERS: Celso Fonseca & Vitor Farias Tropical Storm 56620

Newest set from this innovative "samba nova" pop artist shows a cosmopolitan songwriting perspective that may appeal to more than just Brazilophiles—such tracks as "Tie Your Plow To A Star" and "The Eternal God Of Change" could follow Tania Maria's lead onto contemporary jazz playlists. Other standouts from an enjoyable album are the gentle dub-inflected "Colonel's Wife," the cryptic, icon-smashing "From Bob Dylan To Bob Marley," the serene "Each Time In Its Place," and the sharp choral harmonies of "Baticum."

## COUNTRY

### MARY-CHAPIN CARPENTER

Shooting Straight In The Dark PRODUCERS: Mary-Chapin Carper Columbia 46077 ter, John Jennings

Of the growing number of uncannily perceptive female singer/songwriters in country music, Carpenter surely leads the march. To see her subdue rogue emotions with pure intelligence "When She's Gone," "Middle Ground," "The More Things Change," "You Win Again."

## ROSANNE CASH Interiors PRODUCER: Rosanne Cash Columbia 46079

Precisely titled, this album is a vivid guided tour of the apprehensions, fears, resentments, disdain, and calming recognitions of one who is trying to come to terms with the lures and betrayals of the heart. The writing is uniformly superb, particularly in "Dance With The Tiger," "Real Woman," and "I Want A Cure." In addition to the usual country push, label is making a strong pop effort with this one.

#### GARY MORRIS

These Days PRODUCERS: Jimmy Bowen, Gary Morris Capitol 94103

Morris never sings less than movingly, but there's a strange division here between the piggishly restricted vision of "Workin' Man Blues" and such socially expansive pieces as "Somebody Lives There" and the reflective and cautionary title cut. Where's the center?

#### BARBARA MANDRELL

No Nonsens PRODUCER: Jimmy Bowen, James Stroug Capitol 94426

Even new producers here seem unable to wean Mandrell from her addiction to the spongiest, most transparent of



SPOTLIGHT

THE BOYS PRODUCERS: The Boys Motown 6302

Pubescent quartet still may not be the Jackson 5 reincarnate, but it has managed to ring up some hefty numbers for Motown nonetheless. New album will appeal to the Boys' young listenership, with kicking Teddy Riley-styled productions like "Crazy" and "Thing Called Love" showing the ability to move up the charts. Some of the album is selfindulgently cute, but cute is what the group's fans are looking for, so what the hey.

sentiments. Although she sings sensitively of things that matter to the heart, they are trivialized by the cut-and-paste lyrics.

## CLASSICAL

TCHAIKOVSKY: PIANO CONCERTO NO. 1 SCRIABIN: PIANO PIECES Yevgeny Kissin, Berlin Philharmon Deutsche Grammophon 427 485 monic, Karajan

Current Kissin fever will direct lots of attention here. The disk has been available in Europe for some months, but was held back here for a while to benefit from anticipated (and realized) debut hoopla. It can be speculated that some of the broad and languishing tempi in the Tchaikovsky can be traced more to the influence of Karajan than to the instincts of the youthful soloist, who nevertheless provides some outstanding pianism for listeners to relish. A powerful retail contender.

## RESPIGHI: THE BIRDS; BRAZILIAN IMPRESSIONS; FOUNTAINS & PINES OF ROME London Symphony, Minneapolis Symphony, Dorati Mercury/Philips 432 007

Vintage recordings, meticulously processed to retain the attributes of the long-valued vinyl. "Birds" and "Impressions," recorded in 1957, are representative of the best in the initial series of 10 disks. Bass is full and orchestral weight substantial, but neither asset fudges the uncommon clarity and presence that distinguishes the pickup. If "Fountains" and "Pines," recorded several years later, are a mite less impressive, it's only by comparison with the former works' state-of-theart (then or now) achievement.

SPOTLIGHT: Predicted to hit top 10 on its appropriate genre's chart or to earn platinum

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## POP

WHITNEY HOUSTON I'm Your Baby Tonight (no timing listed) PRODUCERS: L.A. Reid, Babyface WRITERS: L.A. Reid, Babyface PUBLISHERS: Kear/Epic/Solar, BMI Arista ACS-2108 (cassette single: CD version also available, Arista ASCD-2108)

Engaging title track to pop diva's upcoming album kicks a firm beat under a retro-pop/R&B instrumental vibe. Most striking is Houston's relaxed and soulful performance. Expect a quick sprint to No. 1.

BILLY JOEL And So It Goes (3:36) PRODUCERS: Mick Jones, Billy Joel WRITER: B. Joel PUBLISHER: Jeel Songs, BMI Columbia 381-73602 (c/o CBS) (cassette single)

Flip side to previous single, "That's Not Her Style," went to No. 1 on the AC chart. Pensive ballad places Joel in his most effective context: alone at the piano.

JAYA One Kiss Per Minute (3:59) PRODUCER: Justin Strauss WRITERS: W. A. Brookes, D. Atabay, G. Gutierrez, Stevie B PUBLISHERS: SHR/Mya T, BMI MIXERS: Justin Strauss, Hugo Dwyer LMR/RCA 2713-4 (c/o BMG) (cassette single; 12-inch version also available, LMR/RCA 2713-1) Pop/freestyle touch of co-writer Stevie B is strongly felt on this percussive twirler. Influence of producer Strauss is most evident on the club-ready house mix on the 12inch.

INDECENT OBSESSION Say Goodbye (3:59) PRODUCER: Mark S. Berry WRITERS: D. Dixon, M. Szumowski PUBLISHER: not listed MCA 53939 (cassette single)

Second serving from Aussie popsters has the potential to go beyond the marginal chart success of "Tell Me Something," thanks to tune's insinuating, new wave-era pogo beat and an equally contagious chorus.

BELINDA CARLISLE (We Want) The Same Thing (4:10) (4:10) PRODUCER: Rick Nowels WRITERS: Nowels, Shipley PUBLISHER: not listed MCA 53910 (cassette single) Carlisle revisits recent "Runaway Horses" album and transforms this fluffy pop tune into a convincing arena-style rock anthem by cranking up the guitars and drums

BLUE PEARL Naked In The Rain (3:51) PRODUCER: Youth WRITERS: M. Glover, D. McBroom PUBLISHERS: Saraswati/Big Life Big Life 877-614-4 (c/o PolyGram) (cassette single; 12-inch reviewed Aug. 25)

## BLACK

GUY I Wanna Get With You (4:45) PRODUCER: Teddy Riley PRODUCER: Teddy Riley WRITERS: T. Riley, A. Hall, D. Hall PUBLISHER: not listed MCA 53925 (cassette single)

Masters of new jack swing return with a swaggering jam that leans more toward traditional funk and hiphop this time. A tasty appetizer to the group's forthcoming self-titled album.

► TEVIN CAMPBELL Round And Round (3:55) PRODUCER: Prince WRITER: Prince PUBLISHERS: Controversy/WB, ASCAP MIXEP: India Vasuuez MIXER: Junior Vasquez Paisley Park 4-19748 (c/o Warner Bros.) (cassette single; CD version version also available, Paisley Park 2-21740)

Young singer who scored with Tomorrow (A Better You, Better Me)," benefits from the Paisley One's funky production and vocal contribution—though Campbell's voice is so pure and soulful that it stands well on its own. Lifted from the "Graffiti Bridge" soundtrack.

► THE BOYS Thing Called Love (4:09) PRODUCERS: Daryl Simmons. Kayo Robersi WRITERS: D. Simmons. K. Roberson PUBLISHERS: Green Skirt/Kear, BMI Motown 2069 (c/o MCA) (cassette single)

Charming tot hip-hoppers dip into their new eponymous album and pull out a formulaic jack jam that emphasizes appealing harmonies

TONY! TONI! TONE! It Never Rains (In Southern California) (4:30) Southern Carlionita) (4:30) PRODUCERS: Tonyl Tonil Tonel WRITERS: R. Wiggins, T. Christian PUBLISHERS: Tonyl Tonil Tonel/PRI, ASCAP Wing 879-068-7 (c/o PolyGram) (7-inch single; cassette version also available, Wing 879-068-4; 12-inch version also available, Wing 879-069-1) No, it's not a cover of the Albert Hammond hit, but rather an original romantic ballad that is ripe for black AC and pop picking.

THE WINANS When You Cry (4:35) PRODUCER: Michael J. Powell WRITERS: C. Winans, L. Hyter PUBLISHERS: For Our Children/Zomba, ASCAP/Hyter, BMI Qwest 4-19566 (c/o Warner Bros.) (cassette single) Third shot from spiritual family act's fine "Return" album is a warmly sung, optimistic ballad that should generate yet another well-deserved chart hit.

PERRI It's Been You (4:40) PRODUCER: Jon Baker WRITERS: M. O'Hara, S. McKinney, M. Unobsky PUBLISHER: not listed MCA 53925 (cassette single) Why sibling quartet's flawless harmonies haven't stormed to the top

of several charts remains a mystery especially when they are wrapped in soothing, jazz-etched ballads like this one

GRADY HARRELL Don't Turn Your Back On Me

(4:20) PRODUCERS: James Allen, James Strong WRITERS: J. Strong, B. Goodrich, L. Dad PUBLISHERS: Color Free/Juby Laws, BMI MIXER: Goh Hotoda RCA 2718-4 (c/o BMG) (cassette single; 12-inch version also available. RCA 2718-1) Chugging swing/soul jam simmers with sweet synths and percussion, and is well-armed with Harrell's radiofriendly vocal presence.

KIPPER JONES Poor Elaine (4:09) NITTER JUNES FOOT Latile (4:09) PRODUCERS: Kipper Jones, Reggie Stewart WRITERS: R.Stewart, K. Jones PUBLISHERS: Somethin' Stoopid/Kip Teez/Pect/Virgin, ASCAP Virgin 4:98895 (c/o Atlantic) (cassette single) Slow and dreamy R&B package features a rich, mellow vocal arrangement and could revive interest in singer's debut album, "Ordinary Story.

## COUNTRY

► RICKY VAN SHELTON Life's Little Ups And



BISCUIT Biscuit's In The House (4:00) PRODUCERS: Biscuit, Romeo JD, R.O.B. Hathcock, Steve "Wiz" Arcand WRITERS: Biscuit, Romeo JD, R. Hathcock, S. Arcand, P. Rogers, A. Fraser PUBLISHERS: Shaman Drum/Island/PolyGram International, BMI/R.Da.B. Wiz/Biscuit, ASCAP Columbia 38T-73585 (c/o CBS) (cassette single) Former road-crew member with New Kids On The Block offers jolly,

lightweight rhymes over a pop-glazed hip-hop instrumental fueled with samples from Free's "All Right Now." A fun little ditty that is showing early signs of pop radio acceptance.

Downs (3:29) PRODUCER: Steve Buckingham WRITER: M.A. Rich WRITER, MAA INGU PUBLISHER: Makamilion/Warner-Tamerlane, BMI Columbia 38-73587 (c/o CBS) (7-inch single; cassette version also available, Columbia 38T-73587)

Superbly sensitive, Van Shelton sings about life's little trials. Production is quietly dramatic and promptly paced with a forceful drum presence

RODNEY CROWELL Now That We're Alone (3:58) (3:58) PRODUCERS: Tony Brown. Rodney Crowell WRITER: R. Crowell PUBLISHER: Coolwell, ASCAP Columbia 38-73569 (c/o CBS) (7-inch single) Although this performance is not as strong as on his previous efforts, Crowell's progressive style charms

over glittering guitar parts. LEE GREENWOOD We've Got It Made (3:22) PRODUCER: Jerry Crutchfield WRITERS: S. Ramos, B. Regan PUBLISHERS: Wrensong/Miller's Daughter/AMR, ASCAP Capitol 4JM-44576 (c/o CEMA) (cassette single) Greenwood continues down a path of snappy, boogie-flavored music, and tosses radio this hot little follow-up to the top five "Holdin' A Good Hand.

THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND Was It 26 (3:49) PRODUCER: James Stroud WRITER: D. Sampson PUBLISHER: Golden Reed, ASCAP Epic 34-73577 (c/o CBS) (7-inch single) Storytelling bad boy's fury drives through the window of a man's mid-20s Daniels effectively delivers this tale of blurry distinction between age 25 & 26 to those with an unquenchable thirst for redneck music

TAMMY WYNETTE I'm Turning You Loose Rimmi tritter in a second seco Down-home but uneventful delivery brightens during the hook. Instrumentation is basic, but tasty and semi-sprightly.

SUZY BOGGUSS. All Things Made New Again (2:48) PRODUCERS: Jimmy Bowen, Suzy Bogguss WRITERS: R. Vanhoy, D. Seals PUBLISHERS: Unichappell/Van Hoy/Pink Pig. BMI Capitol 7PRO-79380 (c/o CEMA) (7-inch promo only; CD promo also available, Capitol DPRO-7938.4) 79384)

Charming vocals are remarkably solid and gently nudge this ballad toward pure listening pleasure. Rootsy production highlights Bogguss execution

JAMES HOUSE You Just Get Better All The PRODUCER: Tony Brown WRITERS: T.J. White, J. Christopher PUBLISHER: Tennessee Swamp Fox, ASCAP MCA: S753934 (7-inch single)

Strong yet breezy guitar line haunts this controlled, dreamy surrender of a romantic compliment.

CORBIN/HANNER When You Love In Vain (4:02)

PRODUCERS: Harold Shedd, Bob Corbin, Dave

Hanner WRITER: B. Corbin PUBLISHERS: Bob Corbin/PRI, ASCAP Mercury 878-308-7 (c/o PolyGram) (7-inch single) Powerful production current surges through as roughed-up, mood-setting vocals caress this number with sincerity.

RONNA REEVES The Letter (2:59) PRODUCERS: Clyde Brooks, C. Michael Spriggs WRITERS: C. Swilley, G. Heyde PUBLISHERS: Ben Hall/Boonie Tunes/Texas Wedge,

ASCAP Mercury 878-058-7 (c/o PolyGram) (7-inch single) Reeves is hearty and melodic with her pristine vocals as she takes a sharply penned, picturesque theme to its potential.

## DANCE

NNER CITY That Man, He's All Mine (5:29) PRODUCER: Kevin "Master Reese" Sanderson WRITER: K. Sanderson PUBLISHER: not listed MIXERS: Kevin Sanderson, Kevin McCord, Goh, Anthony Shakir Virgin 0-96413 (c/o Atlantic) (12-inch single)

Preview into the upcoming "Fire" set takes house-based duo down a more R&B road than in the past, though myriad of mixes should entice play at various levels. Most club-accessible are Kevin McCord's "Shuffle Mix," and the "Phone Dub," by Goh.

BILLBOARD

► THE BELOVED The Sun Rising (5:30) ▶ THE BELOVED The Sun Risin PRODUCER: Martyn Phillips WRITERS: S. Waddington, J. Marsh PUBLISHER: Virgin, ASCAP MIXER: Tony Humphries Atlantic 0-86126 (12-inch single) Former U.K. club smash is given a deep, ambient house redressing that swirls, surrounds, and ultimately envelops the listener. Singer Jon Marsh's low-whisper vocals are a perfect complement. Flip side features a festive revamping of "Up, Up & Away" worth investigating.

ADEVA | Thank You (6:20) PRODUCERS: Smack WRITERS: Lewis, Patterson, Goode PUBLISHERS: MCA/Smackin', ASCAP PUBLISHERS: MCA/STRACKIT, ASCAR MIXER: Paul Simpson Capitol V-15647 (c/o CEMA) (12-inch single) Remixes of excellent track from the siren's "Warning!" album emphasize lush, disco-style strings and bodystirring percussion. Jam on it!

JOE SMOOTH I'm Not Givin' Up (8:45) PRODUCER: Joe Smooth WRITER: J. Smooth PUBLISHER: Popstar, BMI MIXER: Joe Smooth DJ International DJ-929 (12-inch single) DJ/remixer offers a slow-boiling, R&B-inflected house jam. Icing on the cake is acrobatic vocal courtesy of Renee Manahan. Contact: 312-559-1845.

LA DOLCE VITA Fools For Love (7:30) PRODUCERS: Clilly, Mike Rose WRITER: Clilly PUBLISHERS: Clilly/Robert James/Hit & Hold,

ASCAP Warlock WAR-084 (12-inch single) Perky freestyle cut needs a tougher bassline in order to ignite club interest, though Vita's solid performance could ignite interest at radio, given the proper edit. Contact: 212-979-0808.

DEE DEE WILDE Hooked On You (4:49) PRODUCERS: Steven Gray, Lester Me Wilde, Dee Dee Wilde WRITERS: D. Williams, R. Broomfield PUBLISHERS: Phelan/Dujuan, BMI ndez, Eugene MIXER: Cesar Sogbe Trans A 0201 (12-inch single)

A voice as provocative as the one showcased on this attractive '70sinspired knickknack deserves to reach ears everywhere. Spacious, straightforward production makes for a catchy retreat. Contact: 305-628-9964.



BRUCE HORNSBY & THE RANGE WITH BHAVE OLVIN Lost Soul (5:12) PRODUCERS: Don Gehman, Bruce Hornsby WRITER: B. Hornsby PUBLISHER: Zappo, ASCAP RCA 2704-4 (c/o BMG) Pairing these artists offers a measured and natural vocal compatibility. Midtempo second single from Hornsby's "A Night On The Town" set bears his trademark philosophical lyrics and lush piano interludes.

JIMMY RYSER Rain Came (no timing listed) ■ JIMMY NYSEK Kain Lame (no timing listed, PRODUCER: David Kershenbaum WRITERS: J. Ryser, D. Ryser PUBLISHERS: Ryser Songs/Bottom Dog, ASCAP MIXER: David Leonard Arista ACS-2106 (cassette single; CD version also available, Arista ASCD-2106)

Slow-building, acoustic-framed rock ballad is enlivened by Ryser's charming and earnest vocals. Track from his fine eponymous debut album would fit nicely in pop/AC and album rock radio formats



PAUL SIMON The Obvious Child (4:10) ODUCER: Paul Simor RITER: P. Simon

PUBLISHER: Paul Simon, BMI Warner Bros. 7-19549 (7-inch single; cassette version also available. Warner Bros. 4-19549)

First offering from the long-awaited 'Rhythm Of The Saints" album is an ingenious mixture of African tribal percussion and rockabilly melodies. Pop programmers should take note.

LAVA HAY Baby (4:17) PRODUCERS: Greg Reely, Lava Hay, Steve Berlin WRITERS: M. Gould, S. Little PUBLISHER: Lava Hay Polydor 877-888-4 (c/o PolyGram) (cassette single) Femme duo drops tight harmonies into a neo-folk/pop instrumental arrangement. A natural for college and alternative radio.

CHI MICHAELS Talk Is Cheap (timing not listed) PRODUCER: Chi Michaels WRITERS: C. Michaels, W. Morrison PUBLISHER: not listed ML 231 (cassette single) Track's pensive guitar riffs create a charged ambience for Michaels' philosophical queries. A portion of the profits from this single will be

donated to People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals. Contact: 718-384-6290

## RAP

► TOO SHORT The Ghetto (5:02) PRODUCERS: Too Short, Al Eaton WRITERS: T.Shaw, A.Eaton, D.Hathaway, L.Rutson PUBLISHERS Willesden/Zomba/Atco/Don-Pow. BMI/ASCAP Jive/RCA 1397-4 (c/o BMG) (cassette single; 12 inch version also available, Jive/RCA 1397-1) Street-blues rap remake of Donny Hathaway's 1970 social tirade is

tailored for the '90s, setting out to prove that historical poverty tends to repeat itself. Radio should get on this one immediately

THREE TIMES DOPE No Words (4:44)

PRODUCER: Chuck Nice WRITERS: W. Griggs, D. Beale, R. Waller, C. Mayfield PUBLISHERS: Acknickulous/MCA/Warner-Tamerlane, BMI/ASCAP Arista 2114 (c/o BMG) (cassette single)

Rap trio continues to dabble in "Live From Acknickulous Land" set with this melodically capricious follow-up to the top-five "Weak At The Knees." Friendly rhyme tickles the ear while Motown-esque backdrop proves to be quite refreshing.

TWO KINGS IN A CIPHER Movin' On 'Em (4:52) PRODUCER: Ron Lawrence WRITERS: D.Angelettie. R.Lawrence PUBLISHER: SQA, BMI Bahia/RCA 2702-1 (c/o BMG) (12-inch single)

Like X-Clan, philosophizing rappers look to Ancient Egypt for their image and direction, yet first single is anything but ancient-sounding. Chunky, hard-funk raw fillet hypnotically works itself over a chorus of seductive vocals, and a clean radio edit is offered for those who like it cooked.

NIKKI NIK Yo! Baby, Yo! Baby, Yo! (3:10) PRODUCE: The Jewel WRITER: M.H. Dixon PUBLISHERS: Boy Heaven/Matt JA. ASCAP MIXERS: R.J. Rice, The Jewel Ton Def TD-001 (cassette single) Female rhymer stomps out a tough party jam, taken from the rap side is the slow and sexy effort "If You Just Be Good To Me," by Don Q. Contact: 313-559-0880.

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## LIFELINES

#### RIBTHS

Girl, Rachel Julia, to Gary and Tere Rice, Aug. 24 in Valencia, Calif. He is president of Future Disc Systems Inc. in Hollywood.

Girl, Chelsea Dawn, to Perry and Susan Leopold, Sept. 8 in Bryn Mawr, Pa. He is owner of the Pan Network. She is associate director of the company.

Boy, Gino Anthony, to Tony and Moira Valenziano, Sept. 13 in Los Angeles. He is lead singer of Wonderland Records recording group the Stand, and radio tracking and promotions assistant at Spindletop Records.

Girl. Amber Nicole, to Mike and Lois Morrissey, Sept. 18 in Bethlehem, Pa. He is manager of Record World in Allentown, Pa.

Boy, Dashiel Harrison, to Chris Silagyi and Nikki Heber, Sept. 19 in Los Angeles. He is a producer and former member of recording group 20/20. She is a marketing representative at Image Consultants.

Boy, James William, to Dave and Langdon Schulps, Sept. 22 in Los Angeles. He is VP of production for MJI Broadcasting.

Girl, Alexa Paige, to Jim and Linda Cawley, Oct. 1 in Mineola, N.Y. He is senior VP of marketing at EMI Records

Boy, Kevin Thomas, to Tom and Joyce Cunningham, Oct. 2 in Stratford, N.J. He is radio editor of FMQB.

#### MARRIAGES

Cary Ginell to Gail Schulman, Sept. 2 in Warner Center, Calif. He is a music programmer for AEI Music Network in Orange, Calif.

Rick Freelin to Cathy Woodward, Sept. 8 in Richmond, Va. She is assistant booking agent for EastCoast Entertainment there.

Amir Aharanov to Patricia Digman, Sept. 9 in Los Angeles. She is a sales representative for Warner Home Video in Chatsworth, Calif.

Rick Kurkjian to Nancy Konjoyan, Sept. 22 in Oakland, Calif. He is president of California Music Channel (CMC Television Network) in San Francisco

Rex Tackett to Mariann Morris, Sept. 22 in Honolulu. He is GM of KHYS Houston.



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PAINE WEBBER RESEARCH, New York, N.Y. 1001			35	
	Sale/	Open	Close	
Company	1000's	9/24	10/1	Change
NEW YORK STO			10/1	Change
Blockbuster Entertainment	2352	18%	19	+ 1/4
CBS Inc.	527.8	155	1691/	+141/
Capital Cities Communications	178.4	445 %	480 1/.	+34 /
Carolco Pictures	129	7 1/2	81/2	+11/4
Coca-Cola	4875.4	383/	41 %	+31/4
Walt Disney	3249.5	881/2	96 1/2	+73/4
Eastman Kodak	5931.5	401/2	39%	-7/4
	435.2	101/2	101/2	
Handleman	435.2			+ 3/8
LIVE Entertainment		133/	123/4	-5/8
MCA Inc.	11939.5	341/2	591/2	+25
MGM/UA	191.1	131/8	13%	+ 1/2
Orion Pictures Corp.	168	7 1/8	7 1/8	-1/a
Paramount Communications Inc.	3106	31 1/	36 1/4	+ 4 1/8
Pathe Communications	25.2	3	2 1/8	- <sup>1</sup> /8
Polygram NV	164	161/2	17¼	+ 3/4
Sony Corp.				
ТДК				
Time Warner	1291.2	69 <sup>5</sup> /a	721/2	+ 2 <sup>7</sup> /a
Vestron Inc.	25.7			
Westinghouse	3188.6	26%	30 1/2	+31/8
AMERICAN STO	CK EXCHANG	F		
Commtron	50.1	61/	6 1/4	+ 1/.
Electrosound Group Inc.	.4	0 /8	0 /4	
Nelson Holdings Int'l	13.1		2 %	
Price Communications	53.6	1 1/	1 1/2	
Prism Entertainment	16.5	1 /8	1 %	
Unitel Video	9.6		6	
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Company		Ореп	Close	Change
OVER THE				
Acclaim Entertainment			6 1/2	
Certron Corp.				
Dick Clark Productions		. 31/2	31/4	-1/4
LIN Broadcasting		. 451/4	46	+3/4
Recoton Corp.				
Rentrak				
Shorewood Packaging		. 71/2	8	+ 1/2
Specs Music		: 4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	4 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	
Starstream Communications Group, Inc.				
Trans World Music			173/4	+ 1/a
Video Jukebox Network		. 4%	4%	
Wall To Wall Sound And Video				
Westwood One			27/2	
		Open	Close	
Company		9/24	10/1	Change
LONDON STOCK EXC			6.0	
Chrysalis			62	-5
Pickwick			236	-3
Really Useful Group			241	
Thorn EMI		. 583	590	+7

Nicholas Trevisick to Elizabeth Guscott, Sept. 23 in Marina del Rey, Calif. He is a songwriter and produc-

er.

Steve Davis to Cindy Schweizer, Sept. 30 in Woodburg, N.Y. He is an agent at Premier Talent Agency. She is assistant to the vice chairman of Chrysalis Records.

Don Componation to Joanne Roberts, Oct. 6 in Warren, Ohio. He is an assistant manager with The Musicland Group in Niles, Ohio.

#### DEATHS

Martin C. Haerle, 51, of a heart attack, Sept. 4 in Los Angeles. Haerle was president and owner of CMH Records and an ardent champion of bluegrass music. A native of Stuttgart, Germany, Haerle came to the U.S. in 1960 and began working for Starday Records. Later, he held posts at ABC and United Artists Records. In 1975, he established CMH Records, which went on to release Grammy-nominated recordings by Merle Travis, Lester Flatt's Nashville Grass, the Osborne Brothers, Johnny Gimble, and Joe Maphis. He is survived by his wife, Glenda, and son, David.

Ben Smathers, 62, of heart failure after a triple bypass operation, Sept. 13 in Nashville. With his dance group, Ben Smathers & the Stoney Mountain Cloggers, Smathers was a longtime member of the Grand Ole Opry The date of his death marked his 32nd anniversary with the WSM radio/TV show. During his long career he also toured with the Roy Rogers and Dale Evans Road Show and with the Charlie Daniels Road Show, entertained members of the United Nations, appeared at Carnegie Hall, and received the Founding Presidents award for outstanding service from the Country Music Assn. He was also inducted into the American Cloggers Hall of Fame and proclaimed dance master of country music by the governor of Tennessee, Jan 17, 1976. was proclaimed "Ben and Margaret Smathers Day" by the governor of North Carolina. Smathers is survived by his wife, Margaret; his daughters, Candy, Debbie, and Sally; his sons, Hal and Mickey, and adopted son, Tommy Crook; and several grandchildren. Donations may be sent to the Shriners Hospital in Lexington, Ky.

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## FOR THE RECORD

**Recording artist Richard Marx** is on EMI. A Lifelines announcement in the Oct. 6 issue misidentified his label.

The hand Nitzer Ebb is on Geffen Records. A concert review in the Sept. 22 issue misidentified the band's label.

Enigma recording artist Chris Poland's album, "Return To Me-talopolis," was listed incorrectly in the Sept. 29 issue.



Hyde in Plain Sight. Cherry Lane Music president/CEO Peter Primont, center, presents author/lyricist Leslie Bricusse, left, and composer Frank Wildhorn with plaques commemorating the printing of sheet music and a songbook featuring highlights from their musical "Jekyll & Hyde." The presentation took place at the show's opening in Houston.

## CALENDAR

A weekly listing of trade shows. conventions, award shows, seminars, and other notable events. Send information to Calendar, Billboard, 1515 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10036.

#### **OCTOBER**

Oct. 3-7, NewSouth Music Showcase '90, various locations, Atlanta. 404-892-2287.

Oct. 3-9, Professional Media Convention '90: First International Congress for Digital Audio and Video Production Technology, Center of Professional Visual Communication, Cologne, Germany, 011-49-0221-821-2494.

Oct. 8, Country Music Assn. Awards Show, Grand Ole Opry, Nashville. 615-244-2840.

Oct. 9, BMI Awards, BMI office, Nashville. 615-259-3625 Oct. 10, ASCAP Country Awards, Opryland Ho-

tel, Nashville. 615-320-1211.

Oct. 10-11, Second Annual Conference on Re gional and Local Event Marketing, Drake Hotel, Chicago. Sheryl Frankel, 212-826-3340.

Oct 11 "Beat The Odds" Benefit for the Children's Defense Fund, presented by Jessve Norman, Time Warner Inc., CBS Records, and Black Entertainment Television, Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Los Angeles. 818-995-6545.

Oct. 13-14, Fourth Annual West L.A. Music Keyboard Show, Los Angeles Airport Hilton, Los Angeles. 213-477-1945.

Oct. 15-17, East Coast Video Show, presented by Hampton International Communications, Trump Taj Mahal, Atlantic City, N.J. 212-682-7320

Oct. 16, MIDI Songwriting Workshop, presented by the Songwriters Guild of America, SGA office, Hollywood, Calif. 213-462-1108.

Oct. 18, International Radio & Television Society (IRTS) Newsmaker Luncheon, featuring Mayor David N. Dinkins, Waldorf-Astoria, New York. Alan Bailey, 212-490-7707.

Oct. 18-20, Friends of Old-Time Radio 15th Annual Convention, Holiday Inn-North, Newark, N.J. Jay Hickerson, 203-248-2887.

Oct. 19, Night of a Thousand Heroes Costume Ball to Benefit AMC Cancer Research Center, Presented by 1990 Honoree Tom Freston, chairman/ CEO of MTV Networks, Waldorf-Astoria, New York 212-977-4180

Oct. 19-22, Keynote '90, copyright and music convention, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center, Hong Kong. Roland Swenson, 512-477-7979

Oct. 21, Fall Music Conference, presented by Music Business Monthly, World Trade Center, Boston. Kimberley Jaeger, 617-728-1463. Oct. 22, "Black Music: An A&R Perspective,"

seminar presented by the National Academy of Songwriters, At My Place, Santa Monica, Calif. 213-463-7178

Oct. 22-24, "Negotiating Contracts in the Entertainment Industry," seminar presented by Law Journal Seminars-Press, Sheraton Hotel, New York, 212-463-5509

Oct. 23-25, DJ Times DJ Expo, Resorts Hotel, Atlantic City, N.J. Chuck Arnold, 516-767-2500.

Oct. 24-27, CMJ Music Marathon Convention: "The Discovery And Development Of New Artists," Vista Hotel, New York. Joanne Abbot Green, 516-466-6000.

Oct. 27-28, 14th Annual Songwriters Expo, presented by the Los Angeles Songwriters Showcase, sponsored by BMI. Pasadena Conference Center Pasadena Calif 213-654-1665

Oct. 27-31, Third Annual International Conference on Interactive Entertainment, co-sponsored by Alexander & Associates and NYNEX; Marriott Marquis Hotel, New York, Sally E. Chin, 212-382-3929, or Victoria Petrock, 914-644-7245.

#### NOVEMBER

Nov. 1-4, Southwest Music Expo '90, Sheraton Kensington Hotel, Tulsa, Okla. 918-628-1966.

Nov. 3-5. Special Interest Video Assn. Convention, Rye Town Hilton, Rye, N.Y. William Bradhurn 303-850-0688

Nov. 3-7. NARM Wholesalers Conference, Palm Springs Hilton, Palm Springs, Calif. 609-596-2221.

Nov. 4-6, Second Annual EPM Entertainment Marketing Conference—"Target Marketing: Reaching The Fragmented Entertainment Audi ence," Sheraton Grande Hotel, Los Angeles. 718-469-9330.

Nov. 7-9, American Video Conference & Awards and the Billboard Music Video Conference with the Billboard Tanqueray Sterling Music Video Awards, Westwood Marquis, Los Angeles. Peggy Dold 212-353-2752 or 212-473-4343

Nov. 9-11, Young Black Programmers Conference, Hyatt Regency, Houston, Lynne Haze, 214-263-9911

Nov. 13-14, Video Software Dealers Assn. 1990 Video Expo, Stouffer Austin Hotel, Austin, Texas. 609-596-8500.

Nov. 15-17, 21st Annual Loyola Radio Conference, Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, Chicago. Roy A. Pura, 312-915-6558.

Nov. 17, Big Sisters of Los Angeles Annual Fundraiser, honoring Dionne Warwick, co-chaired by Arista president Clive Davis, Bonaventure Hotel Los Angeles 213-933-5749

Nov. 28. Fifth Annual Salute to the American Songwriter Benefit Concert, presented by the National Academy of Songwriters, Wilshire Ebell Theater, Los Angeles. 213-463-7178.

Nov. 28-Dec. 1, Eighth Annual JazzTimes Convention, Fairmont Hotel, New Orleans, 301-588-4114.



#### by Michael Ellis

**\*\*P**RAYING FOR TIME" BY George Michael (Columbia) moves into the No. 1 spot by a razor-thin margin as "Close To You" by Maxi Priest (Charisma) slips slightly in points. "Praying" dislodges "Something Happened On The Way To Heaven" by Phil Collins (Atlantic) as No. 1 in airplay, while "Ice Ice Baby" by Vanilla Ice (SBK) dislodges "Close" as No. 1 in sales. "Ice" is within striking distance of the top for next week, as it picks up strongly on the airplay side (from No. 23 to No. 15 with 23 adds). It will fight it out with the singles by James Ingram and Janet Jackson—the latter zooms from No. 13 to No. 5—for No. 1 next week if "Praying" slows down.

HE POWER PICK/AIRPLAY goes to Poison's "Something To Believe In" (Enigma), and with it comes an 89% chance to repeat the topfive success of "Unskinny Bop." "Something" is also the fourth mostadded at radio and the fastest mover on the chart, up 23 places to No. 70. Early radio moves include 18-14 at WDFX Detroit and 13-11 at Q106.5 St. Louis. Right behind "Something" in the most-added box (see below) is "From A Distance" by **Bette Midler** (Atlantic), up 22 places to No. 53 on the strength of 50 radio adds and such early jumps as 20-11 at Y100 Miami. Right behind "Distance" is "Because I Love You" by **Stevie B** (LMR), with 37 adds and great early moves, such as 33-20 at Power 92 Phoenix and 17-10 at Q106 San Diego, fueling a 19-place chart jump to No. 61.

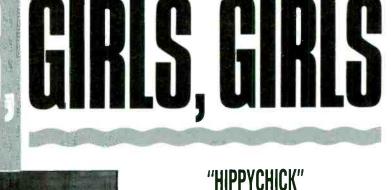
UICK CUTS: The **Righteous Brothers** cover battle continues as they compete with themselves. The new version of "Unchained Melody" (Curb) has almost all the sales points, exploding from No. 30 to No. 13 on the sales-only chart, while the old "Unchained" (Verve) has all the airplay points (No. 4 in airplay rank). The old version, bulleted at No. 15, has just enough sales points to possibly squeeze into the top 10 in one or two weeks while the new version, the Power Pick/Sales at No. 30, could hit the top 20 the same week!...."Miracle" by **Jon Bon Jovi** (Mercury) is the second most-added at radio but will not debut on the Hot 100 for about two more weeks. The commercial release of the single has been delayed by technical problems ... "Each And Every Time" by **Sweet Sensation** (Atco) nabs 35 radio adds but just misses hitting the Hot 100.

**M**ORE QUICK CUTS: "Can't Stop" by After 7 (Virgin) can't be stopped. After being pushed down to No. 16 last week, it turns around and jumps up to No. 11 with a bullet. The single is No. 1 at five stations, including Power 93 Tampa, Fla., X106 Kansas City, Mo., and Y108 Denver ... "The Boomin' System" by L.L. Cool J (Columbia) also regains its bullet, due to stronger sales-points gains, at No. 51. The pop radio picture remains spotty, but it's a hit at Q102 Philadelphia (17-14) ... Two records that lose bullets are strong in several markets. "Crazy" by the Boys (Motown) moves up to No. 29 without a bullet but is No. 1 at B95 Fresno, Calif., No. 2 at KS104 Denver, and top 10 at seven other stations. "Lies" by En Vogue (Atlantic), although unbulleted at No. 38, jumps 12-7 at 194 Honolulu and 5-4 at FM102 Sacramento, Calif.

RADIO MOST ADDED								
	PLATINUM/ GOLD ADDS 25 REPORTERS	SILVER ADDS 57 REPORTERS	BRONZE/ SECONDARY ADDS 167 REPORTERS	TOTAL ADDS 249 REF	TOTAL ON PORTERS			
IMPULSIVE								
WILSON PHILLIPS SBK	9	24	83	116	117			
MIRACLE	C	1.0	5.0					
JON BON JOVI MERCURY	6	16	58	80	82			
MY LOVE IS A FIRE DONNY OSMOND CAPITOL	8	17	45	70	70			
SOMETHING TO BELIEVE IN								
POISON ENIGMA	7	10	39	56	144			
FROM A DISTANCE	0		27	50	1.25			
BETTE MIDLER ATLANTIC	2	11	37	50	135			
BECAUSE I LOVE YOU STEVIE BIMR	3	7	27	37	94			
EACH AND EVERY TIME	0	/	27	57	54			
SWEET SENSATION ATCO	3	5	27	35	36			
HEART LIKE A WHEEL								
THE HUMAN LEAGUE A&M	0	7	18	25	137			
ICE ICE BABY VANILLA ICE SBK	1	6	16	23	182			
THE WAY YOU DO THE								
UB40 VIRGIN	3	6	14	23	92			

Radio Most Added is a weekly national compilation of the ten records most added to the playlists of the radio stations reporting to Billboard. The full panel of radio reporters is published periodically as changes are made, or is available by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Billboard Chart Dept., 1515 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10036.







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The follow-up to the #1 single "If Wishes Came True" from the album LOVE CHILD.

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## HOT 100 SINGLES ACTION RADIO MOST ADDED

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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	2 WKS. AGO	WKS. ON CHART	Compiled from a national sample of retail store, one-stop, and rack sales reports.				
THIS	LASI	2 Wł	WKS	ARTIST TITLE LABEL & NUMBER/DISTRIBUTING LABEL (SUGGESTED LIST PRICE OR EQUIVALENT)				
				* * NO.1 * *				
1	1	1	32	M.C. HAMMER A <sup>6</sup> CAPITOL 92857 (9.98) 18 weeks at No. 1 PLEASE HAMMER DON'T HURT 'EM				
2	2	2	27	WILSON PHILLIPS A2 SBK 93745 (9.98) WILSON PHILLIPS				
3	3	3	16	MARIAH CAREY & COLUMBIA 45202 (9.98 EQ) MARIAH CAREY				
4	5	22	3	GEORGE MICHAEL COLUMBIA 46898 (10.98 EQ) LISTEN WITHOUT PREJUDICE VOL. 1				
5	6	5	28	BELL BIV DEVOE ▲2 MCA 6387 (10.98)         POISON				
6	4	4	8	JON BON JOVI MERCURY 8464734 (10.98) BLAZE OF GLORY/YOUNG GUNS II				
$\bigcirc$	14	33	3	WARRANT COLUMBIA 45487 (9.98 EQ) CHERRY PIE				
8	9	15	7	SOUNDTRACK • VARESE SARABANDE 5276*/MCA (9.98) GHOST				
9	7	10	4	QUEENSRYCHE EMI 92806 (9.98) EMPIRE				
10	10	7	12	POISON A ENIGMA 91813/CAPITOL (9.98) FLESH AND BLOOD				
11	12	14	34	FAITH NO MORE & SLASH 25878/REPRISE (9.98) THE REAL THING				
12	11	8	65	MICHAEL BOLTON A3 COLUMBIA 45012 (9.98 EQ) SOUL PROVIDER				
13	46	_	2	INXS ATLANTIC 82140 (9.98) X				
14	8	6	6	PRINCE PAISLEY PARK 27493/WARNER BROS. (12.98) GRAFFITI BRIDGE				
15	13	16	5	LIVING COLOUR EPIC 46202 (9.98 EQ) TIME'S UP				
16	16	9	13	ANITA BAKER A ELEKTRA 60922 (9.98) COMPOSITIONS				
17	15	13	28	DEPECHE MODE & SIRE 26081/REPRISE (9.98) VIOLATOR				
18	19	17	46	PHIL COLLINS ▲3 ATLANTIC 82050 (9.98) BUT SERIOUSLY				
19	55	_	2	AC/DC ATCO 91413 (9.98) THE RAZORS EDGE				
20	20	18	13	NELSON  ODGC 24290/GEFFEN (9.98) AFTER THE RAIN				
21	21	20	35	SLAUGHTER A CHRYSALIS 21702* (9.98) STICK IT TO YA				
22	18	12	17	NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK A3 COLUMBIA 45129 (10.98 EQ) STEP BY STEP				
23	40	161	4	VANILLA ICE SBK 95325* (9.98) TO THE EXTREME				
24	17	11	16	KEITH SWEAT A VINTERTAINMENT 60861/ELEKTRA (9.98) I'LL GIVE ALL MY LOVE TO YOU				
25	42		2	L.L. COOL J DEF JAM 46888/COLUMBIA (9.98 EQ) MAMA SAID KNOCK YOU OUT				
26	23	32	4	GARTH BROOKS CAPITOL 93866* (9.98) NO FENCES				
27	22	19	24	JOHNNY GILL & MOTOWN 6283 (8.98) JOHNNY GILL				
28	28	58	3	TOO SHORT JIVE 1348/RCA (9.98)         SHORT DOG'S IN THE HOUSE				
29	47	_	2	JUDAS PRIEST COLUMBIA 46891 (9.98 EQ) PAINKILLER				
30	27	23	6	RATT ATLANTIC 82127 (9.98) DETONATOR				
31	24	21	28	SOUNDTRACK A <sup>2</sup> EMI 93492 (10.98) PRETTY WOMAN				
32	32	38	58	THE RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS THE RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS GREATEST HITS				
33	25	24	6	JANE'S ADDICTION WARNER BROS. 25993 (9.98) RITUAL DE LO HABITUAL				
34	26	26	54	JANET JACKSON ▲4 A&M 3920 (9.98) JANET JACKSON'S RHYTHM NATION 1814				
35	31	69	3	NEIL YOUNG & CRAZY HORSE REPRISE 26315 (9.98) RAGGED GLORY				
36	NE	WÞ	1	VAUGHAN BROTHERS ASSOCIATED 46225/EPIC (9.98 EQ) FAMILY STYLE				
37	39	72	3	SOUNDTRACK WARNER BROS. 26316* (9.98) TWIN PEAKS				
38	30	29	7	N.W.A. RUTHLESS 7224/PRIORITY (6.98) 100 MILES AND RUNNIN'				
39	29	27	10	WINGER ATLANTIC 82103 (9.98) IN THE HEART OF THE YOUNG				
40	33	25	6	ANTHRAX MEGAFORCE 846480/ISLAND (9.98) PERSISTENCE OF TIME				
41	35	37	18	SNAP ● ARISTA 8536 (9.98) WORLD POWER				
42	34	28	28	SINEAD O'CONNOR ▲ <sup>2</sup> ENSIGN 21759/CHRYSALIS (9.98)				
43	37	31	56	MOTLEY CRUE ▲3 ELEKTRA 60829 (9.98) DR. FEELGOOD				
44	57	100	3	RANDY TRAVIS WARNER BROS. 26310* (9.98) HEROES & FRIENDS				
45	36	30	55	AEROSMITH A3 GEFFEN 24254 (9.98) PUMP				
46	44	35	10	LUKE FEATURING THE 2 LIVE CREW  BANNED IN THE U.S.A.				
47	38	75	3	BOB DYLAN COLUMBIA 46794 (9.98 EQ) UNDER THE RED SKY				
48	41	36	22	BILLY IDOL ▲ CHRYSALIS 21735 (9.98) CHARMED LIFE				
49	43	44	13	HARRY CONNICK, JR. COLUMBIA 46146 (9.98 EQ) WE ARE IN LOVE				
50	63	61	11	MAXI PRIEST CHARISMA 91 384* (9.98) BONAFIDE				
51	51	55	4	RUSH MERCURY 838 936* (19.98 EQ) CHRONICLES				
(52)	61	50	6	SOUNDTRACK MCA 8039 (10.98) PUMP UP THE VOLUME				
53	48	40	25	EN VOGUE   ATLANTIC 82084 (9.98) BORN TO SING				
54	53	42	26	HEART & CAPITOL 91820 (9.98) BRIGADE				
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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	2 WKS. AGO	WKS. ON CHART	ARTIST	FOLIVALENT)
	54	52	19	CONCRETE BLONDE I.R.S. 82037*/MCA (9.98)	BLOODLETTING
(56)	70	112	3	PEBBLES MCA 10025 (9.98)	ALWAYS
	49	41	8	BOOGIE DOWN PRODUCTIONS JIVE 1358/RCA (9.98)	EDUTAINMENT
(58)	68	63	30	THE BLACK CROWES DEF AMERICAN DEF 24278/GEFFEN (9.98)	SHAKE YOUR MONEY MAKER
	56	47	32	LISA STANSFIELD A ARISTA 8554 (9.98)	AFFECTION
<b>(60)</b> 1	109		2	THE ROBERT CRAY BAND FEATURING THE MEMPHI MERCURY 846 652 (9,98 EO)	S HORNS MIDNIGHT STROLL
61 !	50	39	66	DON HENLEY A2 GEFFEN 24217 (9.98)	THE END OF THE INNOCENCE
62 (	64	64	10	BLACK BOX RCA 2221 (9.98)	DREAMLAND
63	45	34	19	MADONNA ▲ <sup>2</sup> SIRE 26209/WARNER BROS. (10.98)	I'M BREATHLESS
64	59	54	48	TAYLOR DAYNE A ARISTA 8581 (9.98)	CAN'T FIGHT FATE
65 (	65	43	23	GARTH BROOKS A CAPITOL 90897 (8.98)	GARTH BROOKS
66 :	58	53	4	REBA MCENTIRE MCA 10016 (9.98)	RUMOR HAS IT
67 !	52	46	15	BRUCE HORNSBY & THE RANGE ● RCA 2041 (9.98)	A NIGHT ON THE TOWN
68 (	60	51	18	THE JEFF HEALEY BAND ● ARISTA 8632 (9.98)	HELL TO PAY
	86	111	5	DEEE-LITE ELEKTRA 60957 (9.98)	WORLD CLIQUE
	NE\		1	BETTE MIDLER ATLANTIC 82129 (9.98)	SOME PEOPLE'S LIVES
	74	59	52	AFTER 7 • VIRGIN 91061 (9.98)	AFTER 7
	62	48	21	PAULA ABDUL ▲ virgin 91362 (9.98)	SHUT UP AND DANCE
	75	71	21	TONY! TON! TONE! • WING 841 902/POLYDOR (8.98 EQ)	THE REVIVAL
	73 81	137	3	TAKE 6 REPRISE 25892 (9.98)	SO MUCH 2 SAY
	71	56	4		
				ROGER WATERS MERCURY 846 611* (19.98 EQ)	THE WALL - LIVE IN BERLIN
	69	62	5	DON DOKKEN GEFFEN 24301 (9.98)	UP FROM THE ASHES
	73	60	79		NICK OF TIME
	79	79	29	DAMN YANKEES • WARNER BROS. 26159 (9.98)	DAMN YANKEES
	76	67	7	KEITH WHITLEY RCA 52277* (9.98)	GREATEST HITS
	66	57	16	BAD COMPANY ATCO 91371 (9.98)	HOLY WATER
	80	68	71	CLINT BLACK A RCA 9668 (8.98)	KILLIN' TIME
	78	65	21	VAN MORRISON MERCURY 841 970 1 (9.98 EQ)	THE BEST OF VAN MORRISON
	67	45	12	THE TIME PAISLEY PARK 27490/REPRISE (9.98)	PANDEMONIUM
	NE\		1	INDIGO GIRLS EPIC 46820 (9.98 EQ)	
		-		PRANEORD MARSALIS OLIARTET/T REANCHARD	NOMADS INDIANS SAINTS
	77	66	8	BRANFORD MARSALIS QUARTET/T. BLANCHARD ML COLUMBIA 46792* (9.98 EQ)	JSIC FROM "MO' BETTER BLUES"
86	83	66 77	8 20	ICE CUBE ● PRIORITY 57120 (9.98)	
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86 8 (87) 1 88 8	83 NE\	66 77	8 20 1	ICE CUBE         PRIOTY 57120 (9.98)           GRATEFUL DEAD ARISTA 8634 (19.98)	JSIC FROM "MO' BETTER BLUES" AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED WITHOUT A NET HANGIN' TOUGH
86 8 (87) 1 88 8 89 8	83 NEV 84	66 77 <b>N</b>	8 20 1 112	ICE CUBE ● PRIORITY 57120 (9.98)           GRATEFUL DEAD ARISTA 8634 (19.98)           NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK ▲ <sup>8</sup> COLUMBIA 40985 (9.98 EQ)	JSIC FROM "MO' BETTER BLUES" AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED WITHOUT A NET HANGIN' TOUGH
86         8           87         1           88         8           89         8           90         8	83 NEV 84 85	66 77 82 84	8 20 1 112 71	ICE CUBE ● PRIORITY 57120 (9.98) GRATEFUL DEAD ARISTA 8634 (19.98) NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK ▲ <sup>8</sup> COLUMBIA 40985 (9.98 EQ) BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS ▲ <sup>2</sup> TUFF GONG 422-846-	JSIC FROM "MO' BETTER BLUES" AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED WITHOUT A NET HANGIN' TOUGH 210/ISLAND (9.98 EQ) LEGEND
86         8           87         1           88         8           89         8           90         8           91         7	83 NEV 84 85 82	66 77 <b>N</b> 82 84 70	8 20 1 112 71 27	ICE CUBE ● PRIORITY 57120 (9.98) GRATEFUL DEAD ARISTA 8634 (19.98) NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK ▲ <sup>8</sup> COLUMBIA 40985 (9.98 EQ) BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS ▲ <sup>2</sup> TUFF GONG 422-846-3 DIGITAL UNDERGROUND ▲ TOMMY BOY 1026 (9.98)	USIC FROM "MO' BETTER BLUES" AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED WITHOUT A NET HANGIN' TOUGH 210/ISLAND (9.98 EQ) LEGEND SEX PACKETS
86         8           87         I           88         8           89         8           90         8           91         7           92         9	83 NEV 84 85 82 72	66 77 <b>N</b> 82 84 70 49	8 20 1 112 71 27 6	ICE CUBE ● PRIORITY 57120 (9.98)           GRATEFUL DEAD ARISTA 8634 (19.98)           NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK ▲ <sup>8</sup> COLUMBIA 40985 (9.98 EQ)           BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS ▲ <sup>2</sup> TUFF GONG 422-846-3           DIGITAL UNDERGROUND ▲ TOMMY BOY 1026 (9.98)           STRYPER ENIGMA 73527* (9.98)	JSIC FROM "MO' BETTER BLUES" AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED WITHOUT A NET HANGIN' TOUGH 210/ISLAND (9.98 EQ) LEGEND SEX PACKETS AGAINST THE LAW
86         8           87         1           88         8           89         8           90         8           91         7           92         9           93         9           94         9	83 NEV 84 85 82 72 96	66 77 82 84 70 49 96	8 20 1 112 71 27 6 6 6	ICE CUBE ● PRIORITY 57120 (9.98)         GRATEFUL DEAD ARISTA 8634 (19.98)         NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK ▲ <sup>8</sup> COLUMBIA 40985 (9.98 EQ)         BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS ▲ <sup>2</sup> TUFF GONG 422-846-3         DIGITAL UNDERGROUND ▲ TOMMY BOY 1026 (9.98)         STRYPER ENIGMA 73527* (9.98)         DINO ISLAND 846481 (9.98)	USIC FROM "MO' BETTER BLUES" AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED WITHOUT A NET HANGIN' TOUGH 210/ISLAND (9.98 EQ) LEGEND SEX PACKETS AGAINST THE LAW SWINGIN' EXTREME II PORNOGRAFFITTI
86         8           87         1           88         4           89         8           90         8           91         7           92         9           93         9           94         9	83 NEV 84 85 82 72 96 98	66 77 82 84 70 49 96 88	8 20 1 112 71 27 6 6 6 8	ICE CUBM (9.92* (9.98 C))           ICE CUBE ● PRIORITY 57120 (9.98)           GRATEFUL DEAD ARISTA 8634 (19.98)           NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK ▲ <sup>8</sup> COLUMBIA 40985 (9.98 EQ)           BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS ▲ <sup>2</sup> TUFF GONG 422-846-3           DIGITAL UNDERGROUND ▲ TOMMY BOY 1026 (9.98)           STRYPER ENIGMA 73527* (9.98)           DINO ISLAND 846481 (9.98)           EXTREME A&M 5313 (8.98)	USIC FROM "MO' BETTER BLUES" AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED WITHOUT A NET HANGIN' TOUGH 210/ISLAND (9.98 EQ) LEGEND SEX PACKETS AGAINST THE LAW SWINGIN' EXTREME II PORNOGRAFFITTI
86         8           87         1           88         2           89         2           90         2           91         2           92         9           93         9           94         9           95         1	83 <b>NE</b> 84 85 82 72 96 98 95	66 77 ₩ ► 82 84 70 49 96 88 88 95	8 20 1 112 71 27 6 6 6 8 8 44	ICE CUBE ● PRIORITY 57120 (9.98)         ICE CUBE ● PRIORITY 57120 (9.98)         GRATEFUL DEAD ARISTA 8634 (19.98)         NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK ▲ <sup>8</sup> COLUMBIA 40985 (9.98 EQ)         BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS ▲ <sup>2</sup> TUFF GONG 422-846-3         DIGITAL UNDERGROUND ▲ TOMMY BOY 1026 (9.98)         STRYPER ENIGMA 73527* (9.98)         DINO ISLAND 846481 (9.98)         EXTREME A&M 5313 (8.98)         THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS ● MERCURY 838 744 (9.9	JSIC FROM "MO' BETTER BLUES" AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED WITHOUT A NET HANGIN' TOUGH 210/ISLAND (9.98 EQ) LEGEND SEX PACKETS AGAINST THE LAW SWINGIN' EXTREME II PORNOGRAFFITTI I8EQ) PICKIN' ON NASHVILLE
86         8           87         1           88         8           90         8           91         7           92         9           93         9           94         9           95         1           96         9	83 <b>NE</b> 84 85 82 72 96 98 95 120	66 77 ₩► 82 84 70 49 96 88 95 129	8 20 1 112 71 27 6 6 6 8 44 40	ICE CUBM (9.92*(9.98 C))         ICE CUBE ● PRIORITY 57120 (9.98)         GRATEFUL DEAD ARISTA 8634 (19.98)         NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK ▲ <sup>8</sup> COLUMBIA 40985 (9.98 EQ)         BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS ▲ <sup>2</sup> TUFF GONG 422-846-3         DIGITAL UNDERGROUND ▲ TOMMY BOY 1026 (9.98)         STRYPER ENIGMA 73527* (9.98)         DINO ISLAND 846481 (9.98)         EXTREME A&M 5313 (8.98)         THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS ● MERCURY 838 744 (9.9         UB40 VIRGIN 91324 (9.98)	USIC FROM "MO' BETTER BLUES" AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED WITHOUT A NET HANGIN' TOUGH 210/ISLAND (9-98 EQ) LEGEND SEX PACKETS AGAINST THE LAW SWINGIN' EXTREME II PORNOGRAFFITTI INBEQ) PICKIN' ON NASHVILLE LABOUR OF LOVE II
86         4           87         1           88         4           89         8           90         8           91         7           92         9           93         9           94         9           95         1           96         9           97         8	83 <b>NE</b> 84 85 82 72 96 98 95 120 92	66 77 82 84 70 49 96 88 95 129 80	8 20 1 112 71 27 6 6 6 8 44 40 8	ICE CUBM (9.92*(9.98 C))         ICE CUBE ● PRIORITY 57120 (9.98)         GRATEFUL DEAD ARISTA 8634 (19.98)         NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK ▲ <sup>8</sup> COLUMBIA 40985 (9.98 EQ)         BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS ▲ <sup>2</sup> TUFF GONG 422-846-3         DIGITAL UNDERGROUND ▲ TOMMY BOY 1026 (9.98)         STRYPER ENIGMA 73527* (9.98)         DINO ISLAND 846481 (9.98)         EXTREME A&M 5313 (8.98)         THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS ● MERCURY 838 744 (9.98)         UB40 virgin 91324 (9.98)         THE NEVILLE BROTHERS A&M 5312 (8.98)	USIC FROM "MO' BETTER BLUES" AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED WITHOUT A NET HANGIN' TOUGH 210/ISLAND (9.98 EQ) LEGEND SEX PACKETS AGAINST THE LAW SWINGIN' EXTREME II PORNOGRAFFITTI INBEQ) PICKIN' ON NASHVILLE LABOUR OF LOVE II BROTHER'S KEEPER
86         8           87         1           88         8           89         8           90         8           91         7           92         9           93         9           94         9           95         1           96         9           97         8           98         1	83 <b>NE</b> 84 85 82 72 96 98 95 120 92 88	66 77 ₩ ► 82 84 70 49 96 88 95 129 80 76	8 20 1 112 71 27 6 6 6 8 8 44 44 40 8 8 9	ICE CUBE ● PRIORITY 57120 (9.98)         ICE CUBE ● PRIORITY 57120 (9.98)         GRATEFUL DEAD ARISTA 8634 (19.98)         NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK ▲ <sup>8</sup> COLUMBIA 40985 (9.98 EQ)         BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS ▲ <sup>2</sup> TUFF GONG 422-846-3         DIGITAL UNDERGROUND ▲ TOMMY BOY 1026 (9.98)         STRYPER ENIGMA 73527* (9.98)         DINO ISLAND 846481 (9.98)         EXTREME A&M 5313 (8.98)         THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS ● MERCURY 838 744 (9.9         UB40 VIRGIN 91324 (9.98)         THE NEVILLE BROTHERS A&M 5312 (8.98)         VIXEN EMI 92923* (9.98)	USIC FROM "MO' BETTER BLUES" AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED WITHOUT A NET HANGIN' TOUGH 210/ISLAND (9.98 EQ) LEGEND SEX PACKETS AGAINST THE LAW SWINGIN' EXTREME II PORNOGRAFFITTI I8EQ) PICKIN' ON NASHVILLE LABOUR OF LOVE II BROTHER'S KEEPER REV IT UP
86         4           87         I           88         4           89         8           90         8           91         7           92         9           93         9           94         9           95         1           96         9           98         1           99         1	83 <b>NE</b> 84 85 82 72 96 98 95 120 92 88 104	66 77 ₩ ► 82 84 70 49 96 88 95 129 80 76 97	8 20 1 112 71 27 6 6 6 8 8 44 40 8 9 9 45	COLUMBIA 46/32* (3:38 EQ)         ICE CUBE ● PRIORITY 57120 (9:98)         GRATEFUL DEAD ARISTA 8634 (19:98)         NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK ▲ <sup>8</sup> COLUMBIA 40985 (9:98 EQ)         BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS ▲ <sup>2</sup> TUFF GONG 422-846-3         DIGITAL UNDERGROUND ▲ TOMMY BOY 1026 (9:98)         STRYPER ENIGMA 73527* (9:98)         DINO ISLAND 846481 (9:98)         EXTREME A&M 5313 (8:98)         THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS ● MERCURY 838 744 (9:93)         THE NEVILLE BROTHERS A&M 5312 (8:98)         VIXEN EMI 92923* (9:98)         KENNY G ▲ ARISTA 13-8613 (13:98)	USIC FROM "MO' BETTER BLUES" AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED WITHOUT A NET HANGIN' TOUGH 210/ISLAND (9-98 EQ) LEGEND SEX PACKETS AGAINST THE LAW SWINGIN' EXTREME II PORNOGRAFFITTI ISEQ) PICKIN' ON NASHVILLE LABOUR OF LOVE II BROTHER'S KEEPER REV IT UP LIVE
86         4           87         I           88         4           89         4           90         5           91         7           92         9           93         9           94         9           95         1           96         9           97         4           98         1           99         1           1000         1	83 <b>NE</b> 84 85 82 72 96 98 95 120 92 88 104 102	66 77 ₩ ► 82 84 70 49 96 88 95 129 80 76 97 86	8 20 1 112 71 27 6 6 6 6 8 8 44 40 8 9 9 45 9	COLUMBIA 48/32* (3:38 EQ)         ICE CUBE ● PRIORITY 57120 (9:98)         GRATEFUL DEAD ARISTA 8634 (19:98)         NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK ▲ <sup>8</sup> COLUMBIA 40985 (9:98 EQ)         BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS ▲ <sup>2</sup> TUFF GONG 422-846-3         DIGITAL UNDERGROUND ▲ TOMMY BOY 1026 (9:98)         STRYPER ENIGMA 73527* (9:98)         DINO ISLAND 846481 (9:98)         EXTREME A&M 5313 (8:98)         THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS ● MERCURY 838 744 (9:9         UB40 virGin 91324 (9:98)         THE NEVILLE BROTHERS A&M 5312 (8:98)         VIXEN EMI 92923* (9:98)         KENNY G ▲ ARISTA 13-8613 (13:98)         WHISPERS CAPITOL 92957 (9:98)	JSIC FROM "MO' BETTER BLUES" AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED WITHOUT A NET HANGIN' TOUGH 210/ISLAND (9.98 EQ) LEGEND SEX PACKETS AGAINST THE LAW SWINGIN' EXTREME II PORNOGRAFFITTI BEQP PICKIN' ON NASHVILLE LABOUR OF LOVE II BROTHER'S KEEPER REV IT UP LIVE MORE OF THE NIGHT
86         8           87         1           88         2           89         2           90         2           91         2           92         2           93         2           94         2           95         1           96         2           97         2           98         1           99         1           100         1           101         2	83 84 85 82 72 96 98 95 120 92 88 104 102 105	66 77 ₩ ► 82 84 70 49 96 88 95 129 80 76 97 86 123	8 20 1 112 71 27 6 6 6 8 8 44 40 8 9 9 45 9 9 4	ICE CUBE ● PRIORITY 57120 (9.98)         ICE CUBE ● PRIORITY 57120 (9.98)         GRATEFUL DEAD ARISTA 8634 (19.98)         NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK ▲ <sup>8</sup> COLUMBIA 40985 (9.98 EQ)         BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS ▲ <sup>2</sup> TUFF GONG 422-846-3         DIGITAL UNDERGROUND ▲ TOMMY BOY 1026 (9.98)         STRYPER ENIGMA 73527* (9.98)         DINO ISLAND 846481 (9.98)         EXTREME A&M 5313 (8.98)         THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS ● MERCURY 838 744 (9.9         UB40 VIRGIN 91324 (9.98)         THE NEVILLE BROTHERS A&M 5312 (8.98)         VIXEN EMI 92923* (9.98)         KENNY G ▲ ARISTA 13-8613 (13.98)         WHISPERS CAPITOL 92957 (9.98)         KATHY MATTEA MERCURY 842 330* (8.98 EQ)	JSIC FROM "MO' BETTER BLUES" AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED WITHOUT A NET HANGIN' TOUGH 210/ISLAND (9.98 EQ) LEGEND SEX PACKETS AGAINST THE LAW SWINGIN' EXTREME II PORNOGRAFFITTI IBEQ) PICKIN' ON NASHVILLE LABOUR OF LOVE II BROTHER'S KEEPER REV IT UP LIVE MORE OF THE NIGHT A COLLECTION OF HITS
86         4           87         1           88         4           89         8           90         8           91         7           92         9           93         9           94         9           95         1           96         9           97         8           98         1           99         1           100         1           101         8	83 <b>NE</b> 84 85 82 72 96 98 95 120 92 88 104 102 105 87	66 77 ₩ ► 82 84 70 49 96 88 95 129 96 88 95 129 80 76 97 86 123 74	8 20 1 112 71 27 6 6 8 44 40 8 9 45 9 4 24	ICE CUBMBIA 48/32* (9:38 EQ)         ICE CUBE ● PRIORITY 57120 (9:98)         GRATEFUL DEAD ARISTA 8634 (19:98)         NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK ▲ <sup>8</sup> COLUMBIA 40:985 (9:98 EQ)         BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS ▲ <sup>2</sup> TUFF GONG 422-846-3         DIGITAL UNDERGROUND ▲ TOMMY BOY 10:26 (9:98)         STRYPER ENIGMA 73527* (9:98)         DINO ISLAND 846481 (9:98)         EXTREME A&M 5313 (8:98)         THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS ● MERCURY 838 744 (9:9         UB40 virgin 91324 (9:98)         THE NEVILLE BROTHERS A&M 5312 (8:98)         VIXEN EMI 92923* (9:98)         KENNY G ▲ ARISTA 13:8613 (13:98)         WHISPERS CAPITOL 92957 (9:98)         KATHY MATTEA MERCURY 842 330* (8:98 EQ)         THE LIGHTNING SEEDS MCA 6404 (9:98)	JSIC FROM "MO' BETTER BLUES" AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED WITHOUT A NET HANGIN' TOUGH 210/ISLAND (9-98 EQ) LEGEND SEX PACKETS AGAINST THE LAW SWINGIN' EXTREME II PORNOGRAFFITTI BEQ) PICKIN' ON NASHVILLE LABOUR OF LOVE II BROTHER'S KEEPER REV IT UP LIVE MORE OF THE NIGHT A COLLECTION OF HITS CLOUDCUCKOOLAND
86         4           87         1           88         4           89         8           90         2           91         7           92         9           93         9           94         9           95         1           96         9           97         2           98         1           99         1           100         1           101         2           103         1	83 <b>NE</b> 84           85           82           72           96           98           95           120           92           88           104           102           93	66 77 82 82 84 70 49 96 88 95 129 80 76 97 86 123 74 89	8 20 1 112 71 27 6 6 6 8 8 44 40 8 9 9 45 9 9 4 24 63	ICE CUBMBIA 46/32* (9:38 EQ)         ICE CUBE ● PRIORITY 57120 (9:98)         GRATEFUL DEAD ARISTA 8634 (19:98)         NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK ▲ <sup>8</sup> COLUMBIA 40985 (9:98 EQ)         BOB MARLEY AND THE WAILERS ▲ <sup>2</sup> TUFF GONG 422-846-3         DIGITAL UNDERGROUND ▲ TOMMY BOY 1026 (9:98)         STRYPER ENIGMA 73527* (9:98)         DINO ISLAND 846481 (9:98)         EXTREME A&M 5313 (8:98)         THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS ● MERCURY 838 744 (9:9         UB40 VIRGIN 91324 (9:98)         THE NEVILLE BROTHERS A&M 5312 (8:98)         VIXEN EMI 92923* (9:98)         KENNY G ▲ ARISTA 13-8613 (13:98)         WHISPERS CAPITOL 92957 (9:98)         KATHY MATTEA MERCURY 842 330* (8:98 EQ)         THE LIGHTNING SEEDS MCA 6404 (9:98)         NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK ▲ <sup>2</sup> COLUMBIA 40475 (6:98 EQ)	JSIC FROM "MO' BETTER BLUES" AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED WITHOUT A NET HANGIN' TOUGH 210/ISLAND (9.98 EQ) LEGEND SEX PACKETS AGAINST THE LAW SWINGIN' EXTREME II PORNOGRAFFITTI BEQ) PICKIN' ON NASHVILLE LABOUR OF LOVE II BROTHER'S KEEPER REV IT UP LIVE MORE OF THE NIGHT A COLLECTION OF HITS CLOUDCUCKOOLAND NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK
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11	97	83	7	PIXIES 4 A.D. 60963/ELEKTRA (9.98)	BOSSANOVA
11	110	106	12	VINCE GILL MCA 42321 (8.98)	WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME
11	117	102	64	GLORIA ESTEFAN ▲2 EPIC 45217 (9.98 EQ)	CUTS BOTH WAYS
1	114	109	50	BILLY JOEL A3 COLUMBIA 44366 (9.98 EQ)	STORM FRONT
1	107	91	117	PAULA ABDUL ▲ <sup>7</sup> VIRGIN 90943 (9.98)	FOREVER YOUR GIRL
E	152	_	2	COCTEAU TWINS 4 A.D. 93669/CAPITOL (9.98)	HEAVEN OR LAS VEGAS
1	108	93	52	LINDA RONSTADT (FEA.A.NEVILLE) CRY LII	KE A RAINSTORM, HOWL LIKE THE WIND
1	101	94	13	ALLMAN BROTHERS BAND EPIC 46144 (9.98 EQ)	SEVEN TURNS
1	91	87	47	ERIC CLAPTON A DUCK 26074/REPRISE (9.98)	JOURNEYMAN
1	125	101	10	D-NICE JIVE 12021/RCA (9.98)	CALL ME D-NICE
1	116	110	43	STEVIE RAY VAUGHAN & DOUBLE TROUBLE	EPIC 45024 (9.98 EQ) IN STEP
121	111	98	11	CHEAP TRICK EPIC 46013 (9.98 EQ)	BUSTED
122	106	99	12	BONNIE RAITT WARNER BROS. 26242* (12.98)	THE BONNIE RAITT COLLECTION
(123)	135	193	3	THE JUDDS CURB 52070*/RCA (9.98)	LOVE CAN BUILD A BRIDGE
124	121	108	14	GARY MOORE CHARISMA 91 369* (9.98)	STILL GOT THE BLUES
125	127	_	2	CARRERAS - DOMINGO - PAVAROTTI CARRE	RAS-DOMINGO-PAVAROTTI IN CONCERT
126	113	92	19	LONDON 430433*/POLYDOR (9.98 EQ)	PASSION AND WARFARE
127	123	139	9	GENE LOVES JEZEBEL BEGGAR'S BANQUET 24260/GE	FFFEN (9.98) KISS OF LIFE
128	112	107	33	BASIA ● EPIC 45472 (9.98 EQ)	LONDON WARSAW NEW YORK
120	103	115	4	DAN FOGELBERG FULL MOON 45059*/EPIC (9.98 EQ)	THE WILD PLACES
_		126	20		LIVIN' IT UP
130	128			GEORGE STRAIT  MCA 6415 (9.98)	TO THE EAST, BLACKWARDS
131	124	120	20	X-CLAN 4TH & B'WAY 444 019/ISLAND (9.98)	LEGAL
132	133	134	9	SPECIAL ED PROFILE 1297 (9.98)	UN-LED-ED
133	126	118	8	DREAD ZEPPELIN I.R.S. 82048*/MCA (9.98)	
134	144		2	THE PARTY HOLLYWOOD 60980*/ELEKTRA (9.98)	
(135)	139	127	29	ALAN JACKSON  ARISTA 8623 (8.98)	HERE IN THE REAL WORLD
136	136	151	7	ASIA GEFFEN 24298 (9.98)	THEN & NOW
137	119	105	15	JOHN HIATT A&M 5310 (8.98)	STOLEN MOMENTS
138	145	190	12	ERIC JOHNSON CAPITOL 90517 (9.98)	AH VIA MUSICOM
139	134	136	13	STEVIE B LMR 2307 /RCA (9.98)	LOVE & EMOTION
140	131	124	5	BOB MOULD VIRGIN 91395 (9.98)	BLACK SHEETS OF RAIN
(141)	NE	WÞ	1	CARLY SIMON ARISTA 8650 (9.98)	HAVE YOU SEEN ME LATELY?
(142)	149	155	7	TRIXTER MECHANIC 6389/MCA (9.98)	TRIXTER
143	130	117	4	BREATHE A&M 5320 (8.98)	PEACE OF MIND
144	118	116	12	IGGY POP VIRGIN 91381 (9 98)	BRICK BY BRICK
(145)	158	146	10	PAUL YOUNG COLUMBIA 46755* (9.98 EQ)	OTHER VOICES
146	138	143	91	SOUNDTRACK A2 ATLANTIC 81933 (9.98)	BEACHES
147	143	140	13	SUICIDAL TENDENCIES EPIC 45389 (9.98 EQ)	LIGHTS CAMERA REVOLUTION
148	140	131	18	ALABAMA • RCA 2108* (9.98)	PASS IT ON DOWN
149	132	114	20	WORLD PARTY ENSIGN 21654/CHRYSALIS (9.98)	GOODBYE JUMBO
(150)	156	142	8	URBAN DANCE SQUAD ARISTA 8640 (9.98)	MENTAL FLOSS FOR THE GLOBE
151	151	145	32	ORIGINAL LONDON CAST POLYDOR 8315631 (10.98 EQ)	PHANTOM OF THE OPERA HIGHLIGHTS
152	129	113	44	SOUNDTRACK A WALT DISNEY 64038* (8.98)	THE LITTLE MERMAID
(153)	167	-	2	JAMES INGRAM QWEST 25924/WARNER BROS. (9.98)	IT'S REAL
154	141	130	18	MILLI VANILLI • ARISTA 8622 (9.98)	THE REMIX ALBUM
155	157	144	17	GLENN MEDEIROS MCA 6399 (9.98)	GLENN MEDEIROS

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156	150	135	15	MICHAEL FRANKS REPRISE 26183 (9.98)	BLUE PACIFIC
157	147	149	35	RICKY VAN SHELTON  COLUMBIA 45250 (8.98 EQ)	RVS III
158	142	121	9	WAS (NOT WAS) CHRYSALIS 21778* (9.98)	ARE YOU OKAY?
159	153	125	14	SONIC YOUTH DGC 24297/GEFFEN (9.98)	GOO
160	163	164	5	THE 2 LIVE JEWS KOSHER 3328/HOT (8.98)	AS KOSHER AS THEY WANNA BE
161	159	167	8	YANNI PRIVATE MUSIC 2067* (9.98)	REFLECTIONS OF PASSION
(162)	174	_	2	DEREK & THE DOMINOS POLYDOR 847 083* (35.98 EQ)	THE LAYLA SESSIONS
163	146	119	18	SOUL II SOUL  VIRGIN 91367 (9.98)	VOL. II - 1990 - A NEW DECADE
(164)	176	147	18	POOR RIGHTEOUS TEACHERS PROFILE 1289 (9.98)	HOLY INTELLECT
165	137	141	21	TYLER COLLINS RCA 9642 (8.98)	GIRLS NITE OUT
166	161	159	6	TEXAS TORNADOS REPRISE 26251* (9.98)	TEXAS TORNADOS
167	155	156	21	SOCIAL DISTORTION EPIC 46055 (9.98 EQ)	SOCIAL DISTORTION
168	122	104	11	KYPER ATLANTIC 82116 (9.98)	TIC-TAC-TOE
169	171	184	4	STEEL HEART MCA 6368 (9.98)	STEEL HEART
170	166	173	5	SWEET F.A. MCA 6400 (9.98)	STICK TO YOUR GUNS
171	160	157	50	LUTHER VANDROSS A THE BEST OF LUTI	HER VANDROSS: THE BEST OF LOVE
172	168	176	7	EPIC 45320 (13.98 EQ) OLETA ADAMS FONTANA 846-346/MERCURY (9.98)	CIRCLE OF ONE
173	148	132	7	VARIOUS ARTISTS POLYDOR 8470424 (19.98)	KNEBWORTH: THE ALBUM
(174)	195	_	2	ALIAS EMI 93908* (9.98)	ALIAS
175	178	166	139	ORIGINAL LONDON CAST A POLYDOR 831 273 (17.98 EQ	PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
176	177	172	90	JOURNEY ▲2 COLUMBIA 44493 (9.98 EQ)	JOURNEY'S GREATEST HITS
(177)		WÞ	1	TODAY MOTOWN 6309 (9.98)	THE NEW FORMULA
178	164	160	9	GEORGE LAMOND COLUMBIA 45488* (9.98 EQ)	BAD OF THE HEART
(179)	NE	WÞ	1	ROBERT JOHNSON COLUMBIA 46222 (11.98 EQ)	THE COMPLETE RECORDINGS
180	175	185	54	MELISSA ETHERIDGE ISLAND 91 285/ATLANTIC (9.98)	BRAVE AND CRAZY
181	162	122	12	KID FROST VIRGIN 91377 (9.98)	HISPANIC CAUSING PANIC
(182)	198	179	13	D.J. MAGIC MIKE CHEETAH 9403 (9.98)	BASS IS THE NAME OF THE GAME
183	182	198	55	BILLY JOEL ▲ <sup>2</sup> COLUMBIA 40121 (11.98 EQ)	GREATEST HITS VOL. I & II
184	180	_	2	RODNEY CROWELL COLUMBIA 45242 (8.98 EQ)	KEYS TO THE HIGHWAY
185	173	154	29	TRAVIS TRITT  WARNER BROS, 126094 (9.98)	COUNTRY CLUB
186	186	191	36	NINE INCH NAILS TVT 2610 (8.98 EQ)	PRETTY HATE MACHINE
187	154	128	10	JOHNNY VAN ZANT ATLANTIC 82110 (9.98)	BRICKYARD ROAD
188	169	180	60	HARRY CONNICK, JR.  MUSIC F	OM "WHEN HARRY MET SALLY"
(189)	NE	WÞ	1	COLUMBIA 45319 (9.98 EQ) VARIOUS ARTISTS THE	NARADA WILDERNESS COLLECTION
(190)		WÞ	1	NARADA 63095*/MCA (9.98) TEENA MARIE EPIC 45101 (9.98 EQ)	IVORY
191	172	152	20	JULEE CRUISE WARNER BROS. 25859 (9.98)	FLOATING INTO THE NIGHT
192	191	169	4	TOTO COLUMBIA 45368* (9.98 EQ)	PAST TO PRESENT 1977 - 1990
(193)	199	150	65	THE B-52'S ▲ <sup>2</sup> REPRISE 25854 (9.98)	COSMIC THING
194	187	158	15	DAVID BAERWALD A&M 5289 (8.98)	BEDTIME STORIES
195	185	183	8	JOHN MAYALL ISLAND 942-795 (9.98)	A SENSE OF PLACE
196	179	168	15	WYNTON MARSALIS STANDARD TIME VOL	3 - THE RESOLUTION OF ROMANCE
197	192	171	20	COLUMBIA 46143 (9.98 EQ) COLUMBIA 46143 (9.98 EQ)	FUNK-O-METAL CARPET RIDE
198	184	197	9	DIONNE WARWICK DIO	NNE WARWICK SINGS COLE PORTER
199	170	186	14	ARISTA 8573 (9.98) HOTHOUSE FLOWERS POLYDOR 828101 (8.98 EQ)	HOME
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★ ★ HE RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS	* * NO. 1 UNCHAINED MELODY TH		÷ i		
1 week at No. 1	VERVE 871 882-4/POLYDOR	8	4	2	
	COLUMBIA 38-73377 SOMETHING HAPPENED ON THE W	15	1	1	2
	ATLANTIC 4-87885 PRAYING FOR TIME	11	2	3	3
GEORGE MICHAEL	COLUMBIA 38-73512	7	10	7	4
ROD STEWART	COLUMBIA 38-73442	13	5	5	5
	WARNER BROS. 4-19999	7	14	12	6
BREATHE	A&M 1519 RELEASE ME	7	12	9	$\underline{\mathcal{D}}$
WILSON PHILLIPS     A TAYLOR DAYNE	HEART OF STONE	16	3	4	8
TAYLOR DAYNE	ARISTA 2057 RHYTHM OF THE RAIN	10	11	8	9
DAN FOGELBERG		6	17	13	10
MARIAH CAREY	COLUMBIA 38-73455	5	20	14	IJ
JAMES INGRAM	I DON'T HAVE THE HEART WARNER BROS. 4-19911	20	7	10	12
MICHAEL BOLTON	GEORGIA ON MY MIND COLUMBIA 38-73490	8	8	6	13
◆ JANET JACKSON	COME BACK TO ME A&M 1475	15	6	11	14
BETTE MIDLER	FROM A DISTANCE ATLANTIC 4-87820	2	-	24	15)
♦ JUDE COLE	TIME FOR LETTING GO REPRISE 4-19743	11	18	16	16
SWEET SENSATION	IF WISHES CAME TRUE	15	9	15	17
MARIAH CAREY	VISION OF LOVE COLUMBIA 38-73348	20	13	17	18
BRENDA RUSSELL	STOP RUNNING AWAY	11	23	22	19
◆ CARLY SIMON	BETTER NOT TELL HER ARISTA 2083	2	_	28	20)
GO WEST	KING OF WISHFUL THINKING EMI 50307	16	19	18	21
◆ ANITA BAKER	SOUL INSPIRATION ELEKTRA 4-64935	4	27	23	22
PICK ★ ★ ★ ♦ MAXI PRIEST	★★★POWER F CLOSE TO YOU CHARISMA 4-98951	6	31	27	23)
♦ HEART	STRANDED	3	41	30	24)
JILL SOBULE	CAPITOL 44621 TOO COOL TO FALL IN LOVE	4	28	25	25)
LINDA RONSTADT	ADIOS	- 11	15	19	26
FLEETWOOD MAC	ELEKTRA 4-64943 SKIES THE LIMIT	13	16	20	27
♦ GLORIA ESTEFAN	WARNER BROS. 4-19867	20	21	21	28
AFTER 7	EPIC 34-73395	4	36	34	29)
♦ ALIAS	VIRGIN 4-98961 MORE THAN WORDS CAN SAY	2	_	48	30)
♦ ANITA BAKER	TALK TO ME	17	24	29	31
◆ JOHNNY GILL	ELEKTRA 4-64964 MY, MY, MY MOTOWN 2033	5	39	38	32)
DEBUT * * *	MOTOWN 2033 ★★★HOT SHOT I		33	50	
DARYL HALL JOHN OATES	SO CLOSE ARISTA 2085	1	NÞ	NEV	33
MICHAEL MCDONALD	TEAR IT UP REPRISE 4-19710	2	—	47	34
◆ LISA STANSFIELD	THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME ARISTA 2049	3	37	37	35
HORNSBY & THE RANGE	ACROSS THE RIVER	17	25	31	36
VONDA SHEPARD	I SHY AWAY REPRISE 4-19703	5	40	40	37
LAURA BRANIGAN	NEVER IN A MILLION YEARS ATLANTIC 4-87865	4	42	42	38
DERGRASS & LISA FISHER	GLAD TO BE ALIVE	2	-	45	39
◆ MICHAEL MCDONALD	TAKE IT TO HEART REPRISE 4-19828	22	29	36	40
◆ MARIA MCKEE	SHOW ME HEAVEN GEFFEN 4-19674	2	-	49	41
♦ BASIA	UNTIL YOU COME BACK TO ME EPIC 34-73485	7	33	33	42
♦ PHIL COLLINS	DO YOU REMEMBER? ATLANTIC 4-87955	25	32	39	43
♦ AFTER 7	READY OR NOT VIRGIN 4-98995	22	34	32	44
	RHYTHM OF LIFE FONTANA 875 018-4/MERCURY	11	22	26	45
◆ OLETA ADAMS		26	26	35	46
♦ OLETA ADAMS ♦ ROXETTE	IT MUST HAVE BEEN LOVE		-		
	IT MUST HAVE BEEN LOVE EMI 50283 CAN'T FEEL THE PAIN	3	46	46	47
ROXETTE     BRENT BOURGEOIS	IT MUST HAVE BEEN LOVE EMI50283 CAN'T FEEL THE PAIN CHARISMA 4-98918 COULD THIS BE LOVE	3 14	46 30	46 41	47
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#### MCA IN JOINT VENTURE WITH MATSUSHITA SUBSIDIARY JVC (Continued from page 5)

shares of the new Japanese label, which will market and promote all MCA, Geffen, and GRP product in Japan.

Al Teller, chairman of the MCA Music Entertainment Group, sees the JVC joint venture as "a very important step" in his company's long-term strategy of "establishing our own companies in a number of major territories over a period of time." At present, the only two foreign

At present, the only two foreign territories where MCA Records has its own operations are Canada and the U.K. Asked why MCA chose to launch the next one in Japan, he replies, "It's the second-largest market in the world."

Teller declines to comment on the reports that MCA has made a deal with BMG International. But he says, "We're in serious conversations right now relative to the rest of the world outside of Japan."

Since MCA Music, the company's publishing wing, already has offices in Australia, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, and the U.K., it has been speculated that MCA's labels will build on those operations. But Teller says, "It doesn't necessarily follow that you build a record company around that. It's not that simple ... Where we open companies will be determined in a practical business sense, without a set timetable for doing that."

He adds that GRP will be included in any international deal made by MCA, but that GRP must fulfill its

current commitments to overseas licensees before it can participate in any such arrangement.

In Japan, MCA is entering a joint venture with a formidable partner. Aside from JVC's strength in the consumer electronics field, Victor Musical Industries is the fifth-largest Japanese label, with sales of 55 billion yen (\$400 million at the current exchange rate) for the fiscal year ended March 31.

JVC is also involved in ventures with PolyGram in Japan. It has a 28% interest in Polydor KK, of which PolyGram holds 51%, and owns 25% of Nippon Phonogram, with PolyGram holding a 65% stake, and Matsushita, the remaining 10%. Until last June, PolyGram owned only 50% of Nippon Phonogram (Billboard, June 16).

The moves by PolyGram and BMG to purchase majority stakes in Japanese labels are part of a trend begun last year by Warner Music International when it bought out its partner in Warner Pioneer. Rudi Gassner, president of BMG International, says, in fact, "I saw what [Warner Music International chief] Ramon Lopez and his team did, and I liked the results, so that's the way we've decided to go. Once you have a Japanese management team in place, you don't need a Japanese shareholder."

BMG, which formerly owned 50% of BMG Victor Japan, now holds 90%. Although JVC still has 10%, sources say BMG could buy that share any time it desires.

Gassner notes that one compelling reason for buying out JVC was its reluctance to bring more domestic artists into the joint venture. "JVC has its own domestic company, Victor Musical Industries, which they've now merged with MCA, and they didn't want to give us an inroad to that company," he claims.

A JVC spokesman denies that VMI and MCA are going to be merged. According to Takao Tsutsumi, VP of business development for JVC Musical Industries, a U.S. company, the joint venture "is going to be a completely separate company" from VMI. But if Matsushita does indeed acquire MCA, it remains to be seen whether the two Japanese operations will remain separate.

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#### **CBS HAS RECORD MONTH** (Continued from page 8)

fair, including two albums by Harry Connick Jr., one by Wynton Marsalis, and two by the Branford Marsalis Quartet—one of those with Terrence Blanchard.

Other CBS pop acts making a happy September song for the label include New Kids On The Block, Michael Bolton, Bob Dylan, Cheap Trick, Public Enemy, Allman Brothers Band, Billy Joel, and Warrant.

In country, the leading sellers were Ricky Van Shelton, Waylon Jennings, Doug Stone, and Shenandoah.

FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 13, 1990

## Billboard. CROSSOVER RADIO AIRPLAY

	TITLE	Based on airplay	PORTURE A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A A	RTIST	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	TITLE TOP 40/R Based on airplay reports fro combining top 40 and roo	m stations ARTIST
	ICE ICE BAB	Y	VANIL	LA ICE	1	1	(CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT YOUR) LOVE AN	AFFECTION NELSON
1	MY, MY, MY MOTOWN 203	3	JOHNN	IY GILL	2	2	FLY TO THE ANGELS CHRYSALIS 23527	SLAUGHTER
1	CLOSE TO Y	OU	MAXI	PRIEST	3	4	CHERRY PIE COLUMBIA 38-73510	WARRANT
1	CAN'T STOP		Al	FTER 7	4	5	SUICIDE BLONDE ATLANTIC 4-87860	INXS
Ť		E THE HEART	JAMES IN	GRAM	5	3	CAN'T GET ENUFF ATLANTIC 4-87886	WINGER
t		THE BENEFIT	PE	BBLES	6	6	SOMETHING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO ATLANTIC 4-87885	HEAVEN PHIL COLLINS
t	KNOCKIN' B	oots	CAN	DYMAN	7	9	POLICY OF TRUTH SIRE 4-19842/REPRISE	DEPECHE MODE
t	EVERYBODY RCA 2221		BLAC	КВОХ	8	8	JOEY I.R.S. 73014	CONCRETE BLONDE
t	BLACK CAT A&M 1477		JANET JA	CKSON	9	7	BLAZE OF GLORY MERCURY 875 896-7	JON BON JOV
t	PRAYING FO COLUMBIA 38-		GEORGE MI	CHAEL	10	11	HOW MUCH LOVE	VIXEN
t	PRAY CAPITOL 4460		M.C. HA	MMER	11	13	L.A. WOMAN CHRYSALIS 23571	BILLY IDOL
ł	UNCHAINED VERVE 871 88	MELODY	THE RIGHTEOUS BRO	THERS	(12)	15	HIGH ENOUGH WARNER BROS. 4-19595	DAMN YANKEES
ł	ROMEO			DINO	(13)	22	SOMETHING TO BELIEVE IN ENIGMA 44617/CAPITOL	POISON
ł	FEELS GOOD WING 877 436	)	TONY! TON!	TONE!	14	10	JEALOUS BEGGAR'S BANQUET 4-19688/GEFFEN	GENE LOVES JEZEBEL
ł	LOVE TAKES	TIME	MARIAH	CAREY	15	18	BLACK CAT A&M 1477	JANET JACKSON
ł		HAPPENED ON TH	E WAY TO HEAVEN PHIL CO	DLLINS	(16)	16	DAYS LIKE THESE GEFFEN 4-19677	ASIA
ł	ATLANTIC 4-87		THE	BOYS	17	17		HE LONDON QUIREBOYS
ŀ		JOREAM GIRL	CYNTHIA & JOH	NNY O	18)	20	MORE THAN WORDS CAN SAY	ALIAS
ŀ		N THE HEART	DEE	E-LITE	(19)	19	LOVIN' YOU'S A DIRTY JOB ATLANTIC 4-87844	RATT
	ELEKTRA 4-649		ÊN '	VOGUE	20	12	UNSKINNY BOP ENIGMA 4-44584/CAPITOL	POISON
ł	ATLANTIC 4-87	893	BELL BIV	DEVOE	21	14	SAME OL' SITUATION (S.O.S.) ELEKTRA 4-64942	MOTLEY CRUE
	MCA 53848 THIS IS THE	RIGHT TIME	LISA STAN	SFIELD	2	23	STRANDED CAPITOL 44621	HEART
	BECAUSE I L	OVE YOU (THE PO	STMAN SONG) ST	EVIEB	23	25	PRAYING FOR TIME	GEORGE MICHAEL
ł	LMR 2724/RCA POLICY OF T	RUTH	DEPECHE	MODE	24	28	COLUMBIA 38-73512 TIME FOR LETTING GO REPRISE 4-19743	JUDE COLE
	SIRE 4-19842/ 000PS UP	REPRISE		SNAP	(25)	_	MILES AWAY ATLANTIC 4-87824	WINGER
	ARISTA 2060 DIRTY CASH	(MONEY TALKS)	THE ADVENTURES OF ST	EVIE V	26	27	COME AGAIN WARNER BROS. LP CUT	DAMN YANKEES
	MERCURY 875	MY EYES	GEORGE LA	MOND	27	30	WARNER BROS. LF CUT WANNA BE YOUR MAN VERTIGO 878 006-4/POLYDOR	L.A. GUNS
-	COLUMBIA 38-		2 IN A	ROOM	(28)	_	LOVE IS THE RITUAL A&M 1525	STYX
-	CUTTING 4-988			SOHO	29	26	RELEASE ME SBK 07327	WILSON PHILLIPS
+	ATCO 4-98908 SECOND CH/ RCA 2639		TYLER CO	DLLINS	30	21	CAN'T STOP FALLIN' INTO LOVE	CHEAP TRICK

	Music	Industry	Scorecard,	JanJune, 1	989-90				
1	Manufacturers' Unit Shipments (millions)								
			JanJune	JanJune	Percent				

	1989	1990	change
7-inch Singles	21.98	14.36	-34.67%
Cassette Singles	32.72	45.58	+39.30%
CD Singles	0.17	0.12	-31.14%
LPs	17.53	5.62	-67.92%
CDs	96.87	132.08	+36.35%
Cassettes	211.31	222.27	+5.19%
Music Videos	2.28	4.04	+77.01%
Totals	382.86	424.06	+10.77%

Manufacturers' Dollar Value (millions)							
	JanJune 1989	JanJune 1990	Percent change				
7-inch Singles	65.85	56.52	-14.08%				
Cassette Singles	79.60	133.45	+67.66%				
CD Singles	0.62	0.70	+12.84%				
LPs	116.34	38.82	-66.63%				
CDs	1,172.73	1,522.73	+29.85%				
Cassettes	1,541.68	1,657.65	+7.52%				
Music Videos	51.67	74.63	+44.44%				
Totals	3,028.49	3,484.50	+15.06%				
Unit shipments are net aff	Unit shipments are net after returns; dollar value is based on suggested						

retail price. Figures for LPs include 12-inch singles. Source: RIAA Market Research Committee.

#### **RIAA REPORTS PERKY BUSINESS** (Continued from page 1)

The cassette album configuration also showed an unexpected increase, particularly in light of its flat performance last year. Unit shipments of cassettes were up 5.2% to 222.27 million units, while the dollar value at suggested list price climbed 7.5% over the same period last year to top the \$1.6 billion mark.

"I'm pleasantly surprised," says Jason Berman, RIAA president. "I think it's a lot stronger first half than most people anticipated. It seems to me to show that, despite the sluggishness of July and August, we can anticipate a pretty big final quarter and overall a pretty good 1990.

The RIAA figures are based upon net shipments after returns and, according to Berman, the returns rate has not changed significantly. However, several retailers reported a decline in return rates, some as much 50% lower than last year, a change attributed in large part to the lack of vinyl product.

Unit shipments of vinyl LPs declined to 5.62 million, nearly 68% lower than in the same period last year, with dollar value decreasing 66.6% to \$38.8 million. Cassette single shipments rose 39.3% in units, while firsthalf 1990 CD single shipments declined more than 30% to 120,000 units.

#### **RETAIL OUTLOOK**

Among retailers, general optimism tinged with a hint of caution characterizes the outlook for the remainder of the year, and concern about the economy is one of the most oft-cited factors influencing the market.

'If it's not recession, it's the fear of recession," says Chuck Lee, director of music buying for Wherehouse Entertainment, a 261-store chain based in Torrance, Calif. "People are much tighter with every dollar they spend now than they were in the first half of the year, and that's coupled with the fact that there were no really great releases, no real musical trend. There were things that didn't have the long life that we look for."

Despite the gloomy talk, Lee and others expect a good holiday season. with many potentially strong releases due in the next three months.

Response from retailers to the RIAA figures is mixed.

The overall 10% increase is reflected in our sales," says Steve Marmaduke, VP of purchasing for Amarillo, Tex.-based Western Merchandisers, which runs 115 Hasting's retail stores. "We've seen a good increase in CDs this year, stronger than our overall increase, and cassettes have stayed up with our regular increase."

The Minneapolis-based Musicland Group, which operates 752 music outlets, saw a dollar-volume increase of 6% in same-store sales in the first half of 1990, although its total sales increase-including new outletswas 23.7% over the first half of 1989.

'In the first half, the business was strong in the second quarter," observes Keith Benson, VP and CFO with Musicland. "Business has generally been weaker in the third quarter. We're hopeful that the fourth quarter will be good, but we're anxious about whether any of the product that hasn't been released yet will have a good reception. The ideal thing would be for a blockbuster hit to come out, but I don't think anyone's seen anything to indicate that.'

Most retailers report CDs account for much of their growth. While hits still play an important part in stimulating sales, several retailers note that most of their growth in the format still lies in catalog and budget sales. Berman also notes that catalog seems to be driving CD sales.

"Our growth is in CD in its catalog and budget lines," says Joe Bressi, senior VP of Camelot Enterprises, Inc. "That's where all the growth has been for us. Cassette is very simply stable. It's been extremely solid, but certainly as a percentage of sales it's seen its zenith and I think CD will continue to draw away from it."

Camelot is more catalog-driven than other retailers. Most note a 50/50 split between catalog and hit CD sales.

Bressi says that the North Canton, Ohio-based Camelot chain, which has more than 350 outlets, experienced flat same-store sales in the first half of 1990. However, the chain opened nearly 20 stores in that period and has seen growth in those outlets.

## **Tougher Times Ahead For Int'l Music Biz?** Shearson Report Predicts Sharp Drop In Sales Growth

NEW YORK-The global recordedmusic industry will suffer sharp reductions in unit sales growth this year and next because of the looming recession, according to a forecast on the industry by Shearson Lehman Brothers.

The report projects worldwide unit growth of 5.5% this year in all recorded-music formats to 3.08 billion units,

from 2.92 billion last year. And, for next year, the forecast sees an anemic 2.3% growth in unit sales.

These projections follow a more robust unit growth rate of 9.2% in 1989 over the previous year.

In what it calls a "recession scenario," Shearson says these projections "imply lower revenues for record companies than we previously antici-

#### FLA. RETAILER WHO SOLD CREW ALBUM FOUND GUILTY (Continued from page 1)

from comfortable circumstances ... [They] were as remote from this record as the sun is from the moon. The defense team will appeal the verdict.

Rogow contends that if the jury had contained some black and younger members, it "would have been a different case." But Assistant State Attorney Pedro Dijols says "race was never an issue." Sentencing on the charge, which carries a maximum penalty of a one-year jail sentence and a \$1,000 fine, is scheduled for Nov. 2.

Freeman, proprietor of E-C Records in Fort Lauderdale, was arrested June 8 for selling "Nasty" two days after U.S. District Judge Jose Gonzalez ruled that that album is obscene and could not be sold legally in southeast Florida, which includes Fort Lauderdale. He was charged with violating state statute 847.011, which prohibits the selling of obscene material (Billboard, June 16).

The criminal trial, which was heard before Broward County Judge Paul Backman, began Oct. 1 with the jury members listening to the record in question. They were not given lyrics sheets because the judge "felt that would put too much emphasis on the words and take away from the work as a whole," says Dijols.

Over the next three days, the jury heard defense testimony from John Leland, Newsday music critic; Greg Baker, music writer for Miami weekly New Times; and psychologist Merry Haber. The only witness for the prosecution was Eugene McCloud, the sheriff deputy to whom Freeman sold the record.

According to co-defense attorney Milton Hirsch, the expert testimony fell on deaf ears. "We may have made a tactical mistake in deciding to defend the record rather than the man," he says, "Apparently the jury was not persuaded that the record had sufficient artistic merit to outweigh the vulgarity.'

If the jury felt the material was obscene, it further had to believe Freeman sold it with that knowledge, a factor Dijols says was a given. "He sold it, he knew it was obscene, he made certain statements before he was arrested and at the time he was arrested that were taped [that showed he knew what he was doing.

The two sides disagree on the im-pact of the decision. "The ramifications are immense in terms of a chilling effect," says Rogow. "A retailer is at risk if he's selling things that are new, shocking, or provocative.'

However, Dijols feels the verdict is simply a matter of a community determining its own obscenity standard, as is its right under the Supreme Court's landmark Miller vs. The State of California obscenity ruling

Industry groups are reacting negatively to the verdict. "This is bad news with the 2 Live Crew trial approaching," says Trish Heimers, VP of public relations for the Recording Industry Assn. of America. "This sets a very dangerous precedent."

"We are shocked and dismayed over many elements of this decision, says NARAS president Michael Greene. "Both judge and jury exhibited an extremely narrow view of the event by returning a guilty verdict on retailer Charles Freeman.

The question must be asked: How can an all-white, five-woman, oneman jury possibly determine what does or does not constitute artistic merit in an inner-city music form with a predominantly black voice? The quality of the defense must also be called into question," he says.

The defense and prosecution will meet again before the appeal. They will repeat their roles Tuesday (9), when 2 Live Crew's obscenity trial begins. Three of the group's members were arrested June 10 in Fort Lauderdale for violating local obscenity laws after performing part of the "Nasty" album (Billboard, June 23).

Despite Heimers' statement. neither side believes the Freeman ruling will have much of an impact on the group's case. "Obviously this victory gives us a little confidence, but the 2 Live Crew case is a separate issue,'

says Dijols. "I don't think this decision will have any effect on 2 Live Crew other than picking the jury," agrees Rogow, who adds that the defense will get nine peremptory challenges instead of three because there are three defendants. "But let me tell you, I don't like it. I'd much rather go into this with a win behind us.'

In related news, a Rhode Island federal judge cited a nightclub owner's First Amendment rights when he blocked efforts by officials in Westerly to cancel a 2 Live Crew concert at the 1,800-capacity Windjammer nightclub (Billboard, Sept. 25).

On Sept. 28, Senior Judge Raymond J. Pettine of the U.S. District Court in Providence, R.I., ruled that a Westerly ordinance allowing for the cancellation of the Oct. 6 concert out of concern for public safety was "unconstitutional ... as written" under the First and 14th Amendments. He also said efforts to stop the concert would violate Windjammer owner M.J. Murphy's right to free speech.

Murphy was represented by ACLU lawyer Stephen Fortunato Jr., who praised the decision. "It teaches that the First Amendment exists to protect speech that is harshly critical of governmental officials or is offensive to various segments of the community.

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pated."

In such an environment, the report says, "pricing flexibility will be less," as consumers refuse to pay higher prices for recorded music

The forecast also says that a downturn in the economy could "prolong the death of vinyl, slow the maturation of CDs, and delay the introduction of a digital-tape format.

Shearson sees a reduction in the rate of increases of both compact disks and cassettes from 1990 to 1993, as the penetration of CD players into households slows down. newer CD buyers prove to be more price-sensitive than initial buyers, and cassette album sales continue to be cannibalized by CDs and the cassette single.

Nevertheless, the forecast projects an increase in the unit sales of CDs in the format mix from 21% in 1989 to 37% in 1993.

For record companies to preserve or expand profit margins in the face of sluggish sales growth, Shearson says they will need "cost efficiencies and/or market share gains.

In other advice to record companies, the investment firm says they will have to "concentrate increasingly on artist development, marketing, and new markets and technologies to sustain growth beyond 1993.'

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## **Rene Wins 200K From Ex-Partner Angela** Writer/Producer Credited For Work On Isleys Album

### BY JANINE MCADAMS

NEW YORK—R&B/pop songwriter/producer Rene Moore has been awarded \$200,000 in damages by a California Superior Court judge in the breach-of-contract suit he filed in 1987 against his former partner, songwriter/producer Angela Winbush, and the Isley Brothers.

Moore sued for compensatory and punitive damages connected to his coproduction and co-writing of songs on the Isley Brothers' 1987 album "Smooth Sailing," for which he was neither credited nor paid. Winbush, who used to be Moore's partner in the duo Rene & Angela, published those songs under her own name and produced them for the Isley Brothers.

Warner Bros. Records, Angela Winbush Productions, Angel Note Music (Winbush's publishing company), and the Isleys' Exotic Productions and Exotic Music were named as co-defendants in the suit.

"I am very pleased about the outcome of the trial," says Moore, who calls the award amount "very fair."

Neither Winbush nor her attorney could be reached for comment at press time.

According to the complaint, the Isleys and their record company, Warner Bros., contracted Moore and Winbush in mid-1986 to produce "Smooth Sailing." As Rene & Angela, they also contributed four songs to the project.

The suit says a dispute arose between Rene & Angela in October 1986, during preproduction for the Isleys project, and that Winbush then declared their partnership null and void. In court testimony, she said that Moore had become physically abusive to her in that dispute. Around the same time, the Isleys executed a second production agreement with Winbush alone and paid her a production fee of \$40,000, the suit claims.

When the album was released, the four tracks co-written by the duo—including "Smooth Sailin' Tonight," which became a No. 3 R&B hit for the Isleys in 1987—were credited to Winbush alone, as was the production of the album. Moore did not receive any production fees, publishing royalties, or points on the sale of the album.

Charges made in the suit include, among others, breach of oral contract, breach of written contract, tortious interference with contractual relationship, fraud, and conspiracy to interfere with partnership relations.

"Now that the issue of my credibility has been resolved, there are a lot of opportunities open to me," says Moore. "I don't want to cast aspersions on anyone, but when you have rumors of physical violence ... That's the reason it had to go to trial, to dispel those rumors and those negative images."

Moore and Winbush had written, recorded, and performed together as Rene & Angela since 1977. The pair recorded three albums on Capitol, but really hit their stride with their 1985 PolyGram album, "Street Called Desire," which yielded four back-to-back top five R&B hits. The two then embarked on solo careers. Winbush's current Mercury album, her second as a solo performer, is "The Real Thing."

After one Polydor album, "Destination Love," in 1988, Moore was released from that label. He was recently signed by Motown and is expected to deliver an album in the first quarter of 1991.

## Blockbuster, Fujita Plan Joint Venture To Extend Video Chain Into Japan

NEW YORK—Blockbuster Entertainment has signed a letter of intent with Fujita & Co. Ltd. of Japan to jointly develop Blockbuster locations in the Land of the Rising Sun.

The letter of intent calls for the creation of a 50-



15 prototype superstores. The exact timing of those openings is subject to the signing of a definitive

50 joint venture

between Block-

buster and Fu-

jita, which will

open and operate

agreement between the parties. In addition to operating its own locations, the joint venture will sell franchises in Japan.

The move marks Blockbuster's

first foray into the Far East and fulfills a goal set by company chairman H. Wayne Huizenga earlier this year.

Fujita owns and operates seven sports complexes in Japan, imports high-fashion products from the U.S. and Europe, and owns the Wax Museum in Tokyo Tower. Fujita is also part owner of McDonald's Co. (Japan) Ltd., the franchiser of McDonald's in Japan, and is a partner in Toys "R" Us stores there.

The Blockbuster joint venture will be operated separately from those enterprises.

As of Oct. 1, the Blockbuster system included 1,463 stores in the U.S., Canada, and the U.K.

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rehabilitation ... Mayfield, who remains paralyzed and hospitalized in Atlanta, is in "good spirits," according to his son, **Todd Mayfield**, who met the press Sept. 25, before an all-star rap benefit concert and screening of "The Return Of Superfly" for the musician held at the Palace in Hollywood. But, he added, "It'll still be a long time before we know if he'll gain any movement below his chest."

**PETA CLAIMS ELEKTRA BLOCKS BENEFIT STINTS** (Continued from page 8)

[Elektra chairman] Bob [Krasnow] wouldn't allow her to do it," he says. Although Chapman has not participated in any PETA events, she did perform on a Nelson Mandela benefit album and videocassette that was released earlier this year.

Browne's manager, Donald Miller, said that he has always found the label to be "gracious and supportive" when it comes to approving Browne's charity work and he doubts that relationship will change. The singer is scheduled to perform on an upcoming benefit album.

Mathews says Merchant "was disappointed" by Elektra's decision, "but we've just got to move along. I hope she'll put it out on a future [Elektra] record and that will get the message across."

The PETA album, titled "Tame Yourself," will be released in February on Rhino New Artists and will be distributed by CEMA. All of the performers have recorded songs that are relevant to the animal-rights issue. Among the acts featured on the album are Chrissie Hynde and Jeff Beck doing "Skin Thieves," the Indigo Girls with R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe singing "I'll Give You My Skin," Erasure with Lene Lovich performing the song "Animal Rage," and Howard Jones singing "Don't Be Part Of It." Although Jones appears on Elektra Records in the U.S., in England he is signed to WEA U.K., which approved the project.

Other acts performing on the album include the B-52's, Belinda Carlisle, Exene Cervenka, Nina Hagen, k.d. lang, Fetchin' Bones, the Goose Bumps, Aleka's Attic, and Jane Wiedlin.

Raw Youth, which sings the album's title track, was discovered at a PETA "Rock Against Fur" concert and signed to Giant Records.

The hair care company John Paul Mitchell Systems has signed on as the album's corporate sponsor and will be promoting it with displays in salons across the country. **CARR** INDICTED: At press time, it was learned that John Farr, until recently VP of sales for video distributor **Commtron**, had been indicted by a federal grand jury in Minneapolis on charges he took \$186,000 in bribes and kickbacks in 1985-86 while he was music buyer for the **Target** mass-merchandise chain. The court documents claim the bribes were paid by **Dwaine A. Niemeyer**, a salesman for Fenton, Mo.based **Recordwide Distributors**, in exchange for increased sales and favorable treatment from Target. Niemeyer, Farr, and Farr's wife, Anna Marie, are specifically charged with tax conspiracy, mail fraud, and filing false income tax returns. All three defendants face long jail terms and large fines. Neither **Target** nor Commtron had any comment at press time.

NOW IS THE TIME: "Is There A Future For Contemporary Classical Music?" is the theme of an Oct. 15 meeting of the music and performing arts unit of B'nai B'rith at the Sutton Place Synagogue at 225 E. 51st St. in Manhattan; the start time is 6 p.m. Moderated by Dave Rothfeld, the panel consists of Rosalie Calabrese, executive director of American Composers Alliance; Jim Cohn, composer/musicologist; Is Horowitz, classical music editor of Billboard; Fran Richards, director of ASCAP's symphony and concert department; Jesse Rosen, executive director of the American Composers Orchestra; and Nancy Zannini, VP of Philips Classics.

**GO-GOING NAKED:** The Go-Go's are set to shoot a benefit poster for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) Monday (8) that features the band members in the buff behind a banner that reads, "We'd rather go naked than wear fur." The posters will be sold during the band's reunion concert dates.

ADIES' DAY: Turner Home Entertainment has a "Leading Ladys" promo set for January with special emphasis on 15 video titles, such as "Sister Kenny" (Rosalind Russell), "Berlin Express" (Merle Oberon), "Tom, Dick And Harry" (Ginger Rogers), and "Payment On Demand" (Bette Davis). Earlier, the company will be busily promoting before Christmas the "Cousteau Collection," which consists of six Jacques-Yves Cousteau episodes making their home video debut. They sell at \$19.95 each, or \$119 for a gift pack.

THE MOVE: International Talent Group, with

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Pink Floyd, the Cure, Phil Collins, David Bowie, and Depeche Mode among its clients, has moved to a new HQ in Los Angeles after a year in the city. New address is Suite 200, 822 S. Robertson Blvd.; phone: 213-289-2780; fax: 213-652-5591.

**G**IVING HOPE: Whitney Houston will present Stevie Wonder with an award from the Children's Diabetes Foundation at a star-studded benefit event Oct. 26 at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, Calif. "The Carousel Of Hope" seeks to raise \$2 million for the CDF, the L.A. chapter of the American Diabetes Assn., and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Frank Sinatra, Burt Bacharach, Carole Bayer Sager, Paula Abdul, and Kenny Rogers are among the music industry figures who will salute Wonder at the event, which is chaired by entertainment magnate Marvin Davis and his wife, Barbara. Former presidents Ronald Reagan and Gerald Ford and their wives are serving as honorary chairpersons.

**U**N THE HORIZON: **Tom Schnabel**, host of the popular radio show "Morning Becomes Eclectic" and MD for National Public Radio outlet **KCRW** Santa Monica, Calif., has resigned his post, effective Oct. 15, to take an executive position at **A&M Records**. Sources believe that Schnabel will oversee the reactivation of A&M's old jazz imprint, **Horizon Records**, with a mandate to sign world beat artists to the label. To date, A&M has made no official announcement of Schnabel's title or duties.

**U**RIME AND PUNISHMENT: Howard Goodman, the Memphis promoter recently found guilty in federal court of commercial bribery (i.e., payola), has been sentenced to six months in a halfway house, a \$10,000 fine, and three years probation.

HE WRITERS' FRIENDS: ASCAP's new Midwest membership office in Chicago presents "The Music Business—Behind The Scenes," a free seminar Saturday (13) at the Holiday Inn. For more info, call 312-527-9775. Meanwhile, Jay Boberg, president of I.R.S. Records, delivers the keynoter at the Los Angeles Songwriters Showcase-produced 10th annual Songwriters Expo 14, Oct. 27-28 at the Pasadena Convention Center. Call LASS at 213-654-1665 for more details on the event.

OUSTON-BASED Hit Video USA went off the air Oct. 4. The demise of the financially troubled channel, which provided up to 10 hours of video programming to stations in 32 markets, stemmed from poor advertising sales and problems with the company's international distribution plans. Program director Bill Bowen and 14 other staffers were laid off. Connie Wodlinger, owner of Hit Video parent Wodlinger Broadcasting, could not be reached for comment.

## COMMITTEE TO STUDY VID-AD-CAMPAIGN CONCEPT

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a convenient source of revenue, neither side wants to foot the bill.

Messer expresses hope that the steering committee can resolve these differences. "If everybody agreed on the specific issues," he says "then we wouldn't need a committee."

The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band took its show on the road to London's Town & Country Club ... review, page 36 The VSDA reveals that \$220,000 has been raised so far toward the awareness campaign. At the trade group's Las Vegas convention in August, Paramount Home Video president Robert Klingensmith pledged \$100,000 to support the ad drive, a figure that was later matched by Blockbuster Video, the nation's largest video chain.

According to the VSDA release, three organizations committed to contributing to the campaign are HEB Grocery Stores of San Antonio, Texas, which has promised \$10,000; Video Store Magazine, with \$5,000; and VSDA's New England Chapter, which will donate another \$5,000.

## HOME VID MINIMUM ADVERTISED PRICES FACE FTC SCRUTINY

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price fixing, by denying co-op funds to mass merchants under MAP.

The second component of the federal probe, sources say, concerns whether more than one studio has engaged in a conspiracy to fix prices. Besides Paramount, the other studios that reportedly received subpoenas are Warner Home Video, Disney Home Video, and MGM/UA Home Video. None would comment.

According to a story published in the Sept. 24 issue of FTC Watch, a Washington, D.C.-based newsletter, "informed sources" said the FTC had begun investigating Paramount Home Video as early as June 18. Paramount was the first studio to employ MAPs on sell-through titles. In August, the FTC revised its guidelines for a single firm tying coop dollars to list price, or, by extension, to a minimum price. Under the new guidelines, such practice would not constitute a "per se violation" of the laws regarding co-op allocation, but would be scrutinized by the FTC. Under the Rule of Reason doctrine, no action would be taken against a firm found in violation of the guidelines if the firm could demonstrate a reasonable basis for the policy.

Sources indicate that other companies may become targets of the FTC investigation. Among them are CBS/Fox Video, MCA/Universal Home Video, and LIVE Home Video, all of which have employed MAPs on sell-through titles.

The companies can appeal to a federal court to quash the subpoenas,

but at press time none had done so. The subpoenas do not necessarily indicate that the companies or organi-

indicate that the companies of organizations are themselves targets of the investigation. According to sources familiar with FTC procedures, subpoenas are frequently used to obtain documents and information, which are in turn used to determine whether formal complaints should be filed.

The FTC has reportedly been conducting an investigation of co-op advertising in the video industry for over a year, and it is thought by some observers that the investigation of minimum-advertised-price policies is an outgrowth of that earlier probe.

The allocation of co-op dollars has long been a sore point in the industry.

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Although FTC regulations require that co-op dollars be apportioned on the basis of sales volume, many smaller video retailers have complained that distributors favor larger accounts and that it is virtually impossible for small retailers to obtain co-op funds. Typically, distributors act as the studios' agents in disbursing co-op funds, making the studios legally liable for any breaches of FTC regulations.

In 1988, Orion Home Video stopped disbursing co-op dollars altogether, in part because of concerns over the potential for misuse of the funds.

Minimum advertised prices were introduced last year by Paramount, when the studio placed a MAP of \$11.88 on a batch of \$14.95-list titles (Billboard, May 20, 1989). Disney followed suit several months later, and by the start of 1990, MAPs had become common industry practice.

MAPs were originally introduced to protect video specialists from rampant discounting of videocassettes by mass merchants. In announcing the industry's first MAP, Paramount senior VP/GM Eric Doctorow declared, "We will not finance a price war."

What impact the FTC investigation will have on MAPs is still to be determined. If the studios are forced to abandon the practice, however, they could lose significant leverage in their ongoing efforts to persuade video specialists to embrace sellthrough.

Assistance in preparing this story was provided by Bill Holland in Washington, D.C.

#### **OBSCENITY RAP SPURS VSDA 'WATCHDOGS' IN CALIF.** (Continued from page 6)

were concerned by the wave of raids and we also filed an amicus curiae in a case involving an adult bookstore here in Sacramento."

Gloria Leonard, administrative director of the association, says the Las Vegas meeting was the first indication that home entertainment trade groups could work together on this issue, and she notes the VSDA chapters are uniting "because so much is going on" across a wide gamut of First Amendment concerns.

Leonard says, "More than 30 companies have been raided [here]. I guess that's the appropriate description. They swarm in. It's a combination involving the National Obscenity Enforcement Unit, the FBI, and local sheriff's officers."

Commenting on the raids, Paul Fishbein, managing editor of Adult Video News, says, "It started in March and has gone on all through the summer." He says there have been no indictments and no grandjury activities stemming from the raids, though many firms feel such actions "are imminent."

Fishbein's accounts of the raids mention both the FBI and "government agents," and he says postal inspectors and local police are often involved. A spokesperson at the FBI told Billboard the agency was not involved.

On one day, "they raided 10 companies simultaneously," Fishbein says. Another Adult Video News account describes 65 "federal agents" and police from Los Angeles, Dallas, Memphis, Houston, Austin, Texas, and Seattle "converging" on two firms here.

Fishbein describes one sweep by federal agents March 6 as involving VCA Pictures, Gourmet Video, Cal Vista Video, Cataline Video, Parliament Video, Vivid Video, Fantasy Home Video, Western Visuals, and Dreamland Entertainment. as a manager who owns a record company that's guided by Jeff Sidney." Asked how he intends to juggle both roles, he says, "I'm going to call Charles Koppelman and ask him how it works for him," referring to the chairman/CEO of SBK Records, who also holds management, production,

**INDUSTRY VETERANS SPIN OUT NEW LABELS** 

and music publishing interests. Impact's first release, according to Kovac, is due in January. Noting that the label will issue eight to 12 albums in its first year, he says, "Impact will always be able to set up records and not have too many releases on top of each other. I want to have a record company that can focus."

#### A DAY AT THE ZOO

At his new label, Zoo Entertainment, Maglia, the former president of Island Records, has named George Gerrity senior VP/GM, George Daly VP of A&R, Bud Scoppa VP of artist development, and Ben Zimmerman director of administration. Several regional heads of A&R have also been hired, according to Maglia. These are Scott Byron, New York; Jim Barber,

Atlanta; Jim Powers, Chicago; and Anna Loynes, Los Angeles.

Maglia says Gerrity will be responsible for assembling a promotion and marketing staff; Scoppa will concentrate on hiring executives in the areas of publicity, video production and promotion, and artist development.

The structure of the BMG-ownedand-distributed label is based on a nationwide network of what Maglia calls "little zoos," i.e., joint ventures with such labels as Philly International, Sedona, Praxis, Rhino, and Mammoth. Maglia says deals that have been signed with these companies provide for anywhere from two releases per year, as in the case of the Rhino arrangement, to six, as the Philly pact provides. All of these releases will bear the imprints of both Zoo and the other entity.

On its own label, Zoo Entertainment will release product from Rhythm Tribe, which Maglia describes as "a Los Angeles-based, high-powered Latino rock'n'roll band"; Peter Wells, the singer/guitarist from Rose Tattoo; Oliver Who, a Detroit-based artist "with a Smokey Robinson kind of voice"; and a singer named Lazet Michaels.

Like Kovac, Maglia believes in maintaining a small roster. "The little zoos," he says, "will enable me to have a focused, limited roster of my own—10-15 releases a year rather than 50." According to Maglia, the initial release is expected in the first two months of the new year. Aside from cultivating the Zoo roster and pursuing indie ventures, Maglia says he is "interested in acquiring small companies that can be part of a core marketing organization." He mentions the possibility of incorporating "a freestanding marketing company that can get records into secondary markets."

#### JORDAN ENTERTAINMENT

Bergman, the former president of Durham, N.C.-based retail chain The Record Bar/Tracks, says he is negotiating distribution and publishing deals for his new label, Jordan Entertainment. Bergman expects to announce the distribution entity in about a month.

So far, Bergman has hired David Simone, former head of Uni Records, as executive VP. Also, K.C. Paganini and Cliff Audretch have been enlisted as VP of business affairs and head of publishing, respectively. Bergman's title at the label will be CEO; earlier this year, he stepped down from his post at The Record Bar/ Tracks.

Bergman says the debut release from Jordan Entertainment will be a Stray Cats album, due in February, followed by a Zombies release in April. Other signings are forthcoming.

ing. The home office of Jordan Entertainment will be in Durham, says Bergman. He adds that the label will also operate in Los Angeles, London, Nashville, and New York.



#### BY DON JEFFREY

NEW YORK—Although fourthquarter revenues for Commtron Corp. were down from last year, the home video distributor reports significant increases in profits for the period and for the fiscal year.

In the quarter that ended Aug. 31, the West Des Moines, Iowabased company posted a net profit of \$1.97 million, a 14% increase over last year's figure, on revenues of \$120.5 million, which dropped 6.9%.

"The company's performance is good, relative to a troublesome environment for video suppliers," says Steven Hill, a securities analyst with Sutro & Co.

The company says sales declined because, in last year's fourth quarter, Commtron enjoyed a big jump in revenues from catalog home video product in the many new retail stores that were being opened then.

But a spokesman emphasizes that revenues from new video releases were up over last year.

For the quarter, home video revenues fell 2.5% from the same period last year to \$97.7 million. Sales of consumer electronics products, Commtron's other distribution category, fell 23% to \$21.7 million. For the entire fiscal year, home video sales were up 4.9% to \$451.9 million, while electronics dropped 14.5% to \$102.2 million.

In overall results for the fiscal year, Commtron reported a 16.5% rise in net profit to \$9.21 million on a 1.2% increase in revenues to \$558 million.

The company attributes its profit gains to lower expenses for baddebt accounts, cost reductions from centralization, and a \$2.4 million increase in interest income.

Consumer electronics sales are down, the company says, because it has decided to focus only on highermargin products such as computers.

"They've been adjusting and deciding what kind of company they're going to be," says Hill, "and that causes some revenue downfall." But he adds, "The drop in revenues gives me some concern because you're not going to be able to consolidate every year." Commtron's stock closed recently

Commtron's stock closed recently at \$6 a share in trading on the American Stock Exchange. Its 52week price range is \$5.25 to \$10.125.

About 79% of the company is owned by Bergen Brunswig Corp., an Orange, Calif., distributor of pharmaceutical products.

## COMMTRON/BVHV DEAL

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the bulk of your stuff around. Commtron is saying they can do it in 48 hours and do it for a fee. That's worth something."

Another studio executive adds: "Commtron is essentially looking at the handwriting on the wall. The major studios will eventually deal more and more with retailers on a direct basis. Because of the way the [home video] business got started, it's been a long, slow process. But Commtron is the first to realize that, at some point, they are going to have to find ways to use the distribution setup that they already have in place to serve other lines or usages. All they are doing is unbundling those services and offering them on a piecemeal basis to other people. They are the first ones out there to do it. They beat other distributors to the punch.

Jim Ulsamer, VP of marketing at Baker & Taylor, another major video wholesaler, says the vending services similar to those of Commtron "is something we have looked at. We think we have a superior computer network and other excellent services. It's not out of the realm of possibility that we may do something along those lines."





**Music Of Freedom.** ATCO A&R director Steve Gett, right, chats with Nelson Mandela in Johannesburg, South Africa, during a lunch to celebrate the local release of the album "VIVA! Music For New South Africans." The album, which benefits the South African Musicians Alliance, features some of the country's top recording acts, including Marc Alex and Mango Groove, both of which have signed to ATCO.

## **'900' Phone Lines Generate** Interest To Tune Of \$500 Mil

#### BY THOM DUFFY

NEW ORLEANS—Total income from '900' telephone lines topped \$500 million in 1989 and is projected to reach \$1 billion in 1991, according to Michael Omansky, president of Worldwide Entertainment Marketing.

ing. Omansky, the former RCA executive who pioneered use of the service for music marketing in 1988 with D.J. Jazzy Jeff & the Fresh Prince, made his prediction in a talk on "New Dimensions in Entertainment Marketing" at the BPI Sponsorship Strategies '90 seminar held here Sept. 30-Oct. 2. The seminar is co-presented annually by Billboard and sister publication Amusement Business.

Although music lines are only one portion of the boom in '900' telephone lines, Omansky described recent expansion of the marketing method into the country field with a Restless Heart promotion and predicted other acts and genres will follow.

"We opened up a Pandora's Box of success in the music industry," said Omansky, referring to the D.J. Jazzy Jeff & the Fresh Prince line. He reports that line has generated 4.5 million calls.

Yet he cautioned that '900' service is experiencing "tremendous growing pains, but positive growing pains" as companies setting up the services address such concerns as properly timed promotions, cash flow through long-distance carriers, and line quality and clarity.

Callers, Omansky noted, "are paying for a thrill, for instant gratification, and it's up to us to deliver."

Several other music- and video-related topics were discussed by speakers during the three-day meeting. Omansky described the opportunities for tie-ins between packaged goods and entertainment software. For consumers, music and video is "more top-of-mind even though they spend more money" on packaged goods, he said, explaining how entertainment tie-ins can drive sales of other consumer goods.

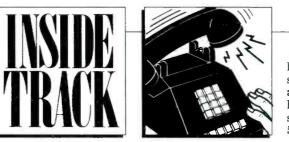
For example, Carole Helfert Harmon, VP of MGM/UA Communications, described video promotion tieins her studio engineered between Downy fabric softener and "The Wizard Of Oz," Snickers candy bars and "Moonstruck," and Buick and "Rain Man."

As entertainment and event sponsorship deals have proliferated, the seminar audience was told, they increasingly have served as the first step in comprehensive marketing campaigns, rather than just tools to raise brand awareness.

Joe Owens, VP of marketing for the BCL Entertainment Corp., outlined the global marketing efforts employed by Budweiser as sponsor of the Rolling Stones tour in the U.S. and Europe, promoted by BCL.

Pepsi-Cola's efforts to use music marketing, particularly within the Hispanic community, were explained by Hernand Gonzalez, national Hispanic marketing manager for the soft-drink company, while Rick Hill, VP of marketing for Barq's Inc., recounted how his root-beer company increased sales through sponsorship of MTV's "Headbangers' Ball" tour and show.

The Billboard Entertainment Marketing Group, a separate division of BPI Communications Inc., was represented at the seminar by VP/GM Joe Mangione, promotion VP Rick Garson, and creative manager John Bloodwell. The EMG executives focused on the opportunities for radio tie-ins with sponsored events.



Edited by Irv Lichtman

**R**UMORS THAT Sire Records president Seymour Stein had recently offered notice of his resignation were vigorously denied in a Sept. 20 statement issued by Warner Bros. board chairman Mo Ostin, who noted that "if we were to receive such a notice it would not be accepted as he is currently under a long-term contract

... We love Seymour not only for what he has been able to achieve but also for his role as a catalyst who has challenged the status quo which, after all, is really what makes this business so special. We're fortunate that he's under this contract as it ensures all of us many more successes and exciting challenges in the future."

NO PRO-CHOICE VOICE: The Veterans Administration has pulled the plug on an L.A. benefit concert for pro-choice political candidates that had been set for a theater located on a VA hospital's grounds. The VA canceled the "Voice Choice Concert," scheduled for Oct. 4 at the Wadsworth Theater in Westwood, which would have featured Bonnie Raitt, Rickie Lee Jones, Melissa Etheridge, and Dianne Reeves; the VA said it was against its policies to host a partisan event, and that it did not know the purpose of the concert until last week.

**PALMER** TO TEST MUSIC: New Jersey-based Palmer Video will begin testing music product in five stores this month, president **Peter Balner** confirms. Two or three of the test sites will be in New York and the rest in Jersey. The product will be supplied on a rack basis by Shelburne, Vt.-based Artec.

MANAGING HIS TIME: Track hears that Arma Andon will surrender his post as senior VP of SBK Records Group to devote full time to his other responsibility, that of president of SBK Management. The roster is getting crowded with important names, such as Wilson Phillips, Pet Shop Boys, and Cathy Dennis, among others.

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**A**SCAP SAYS it has agreed "in principle" on terms of a live and recorded music licensing agreement for the convention and exposition industry, following months of negotiations with a coalition of groups that use music at trade shows, meetings, and conventions. Terms of the agreement will be announced next week, but one payment for recorded music, a 4.5 cents per attendee figure, is slightly higher than the recently announced **BMI** agreement with the industry.

**RAVEL NOTE:** As honorary chairman of the music and video division of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, **Walter Yetnikoff**, who is on sabbatical as president and CEO of **CBS Records Inc.**, was on hand to introduce U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations **Thomas Pickering** as guest speaker at a dinner salute Oct. 2 in New York to **David Handleman**, chief corporate officer of the **Handleman Company**. No, outspoken Yetnikoff didn't comment on the swirl of industry scuttlebutt around him, but he did toss off a good oneliner after noting that Ambassador Pickering had served in diplomatic missions in the Middle East, Africa, and Central America. "I'd hate to be his travel agent," he quipped. Handleman's own address, making a strong stand for the needs of the needy, stirred the more than 500 attendees.

**A** LEGEND ON THE BOXES: **Kenny Rogers** and the **Everly Brothers** are new inductees into the Jukebox Legends Hall of Fame, effective with the Jukebox Awards Show, to be held Oct. 26 during the jukebox trade show AMOA Expo '90 in New Orleans. Host of the event is **Peter Noone** of **Herman's Hermits** fame. General awards for box activity from June 1, 1989, to May 31, 1990, will also be announced.

**E**XIT: Lou DeBiase has left his post as VP of sales at Select Records in New York. He can be reached at 718-370-8101 ... Alan Grunblatt, former RCA Records VP of product management (Inside Track, Oct. 6), can be reached at 212-831-3773.

HE ONE & (UNFORTUNATELY) ONLY: The title of the new "Billboard Book Of One-Hit Wonders" by Wayne Jancik (Billboard Books) speaks for itself, but here are a few super names who had only one biggie among the top 20 in the period of 1955-84: Jimi Hendrix, Janis Joplin, Lou Reed, and Carl Perkins.

**G**ORE PROTEST: **Tipper Gore**, co-founder of the **Parents' Music Resource Center**, was challenged by some 75 protesters at Furman Univ. in Greenville, S.C., Sept. 25 when she came to give a talk called "Raising PG Kids In An X-Rated Society," which is also the title of Gore's book. The protesters said they objected to Gore's support of voluntary record labeling. Gore's appearance was sponsored by the **Junior League of Greenville** to raise awareness of the effect of the entertainment business on children.

A NEW MANDATORY-record-labeling bill, sponsored by Republican New Jersey Assemblyman John Rocco, was filed Sept. 10 in that state's assembly. The bill is very similar to the Senate bill, still unheard by committee, sponsored by Republican Sen. Gerald Cardinale in May. Rocco had earlier introduced a record "subliminal message" notification bill in the House, which has gathered little support. The Rocco bill is the first record legislation filed since the defeat of the Louisiana bill by veto July 25.

SLAND VISUAL ARTS NORTH AMERICA has announced the formation of a soundtrack recording division, in conjunction with Island Records. The division will be overseen by IVA North America president Liz Heller and Island A&R director Hooman Majd. Its first release is the soundtrack album for Dennis Hopper's new film, "The Hot Spot," featuring performances by Miles Davis, John Lee Hooker, Taj Mahal, and Roy Rogers, on IVA/Antilles.

**U**URTIS MAYFIELD, injured in a freak onstage accident in Brooklyn, N.Y., in August, will receive a donation of \$5,000 from the **Bob Marley Founda**tion, a charitable and humanitarian organization set up in the late reggae singer's name. The money will be used for the R&B singer's medical expenses and *(Continued on page 88)* 

## *Superstar 'Friendship' Tour Eyed For Eastern Europe*

NEW ORLEANS—A proposal to bring top Western acts—and major corporate sponsorship—to Eastern European music fans with a five-nation series of rock concerts was presented here Oct. 2 during the BPI Sponsorship Strategies '90s seminar.

Dubbed "The Friendship Train," the 10-day event next spring would feature artists traveling by an Orient Express-style train from Paris to free concerts in Belgrade, Yugoslavia; Budapest, Hungary; Prague, Czechoslovakia; and Warsaw, Poland with an all-star finale in Berlin.

Among the artists who have submitted letters of interest to organizers of the event are Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, Midnight Oil, Roger McGuinn, Edie Brickell & New Bohemians, Dave Stewart, Neil Young & Crazy Horse, the Desert Rose Band, Los Lobos, and Robert Cray.

The event has been proposed by a newly created company, Just Entertainment, whose principals are Peter Gill, a developer, financier, and documentary film maker, and Gary Burden, co-producer of the Atlantic Records 40th anniversary concert and HBO special.

Others involved, according to the organizers' proposal, include director Louis Horvitz, who directed ABC-TV's Live Aid telecast; musical director T. Bone Burnett; production coordinator Michael Ahern, who most recently served in that role on the Rolling Stones tour; and David Hewitt, president of Remote Recording Services Inc.

To market the event to corporate sponsors, Just Entertainment is working with the Billboard Entertainment Marketing Group, a division of BPI Communications Inc., the parent company of Billboard magazine. A video describing the Friendship Train proposal was presented by Billboard EMG VP/GM Joe Mangione at the Sponsorship Strategies '90 seminar here.

Originally proposed for September 1990, the Friendship Train event was delayed, in part, by unfolding events in Europe and is now planned for asyet-unspecified dates in April or May.

With a tour budget of \$12.5 million, organizers are seeking \$10.5 million in corporate sponsorship, with additional income from TV rights to network, cable, high-definition, foreign, and pay-per-view outlets, as well as radio and television syndication.

The Friendship Train proposal envisions benefits for corporate sponsors through international media coverage, merchandising, concert and trip sweepstakes, local radio, television, and cable promotions, and promotional tie-ins at music and video retailers nationwide. THOM DUFFY

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