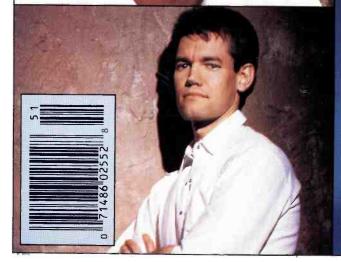


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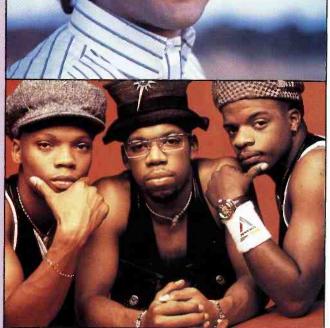




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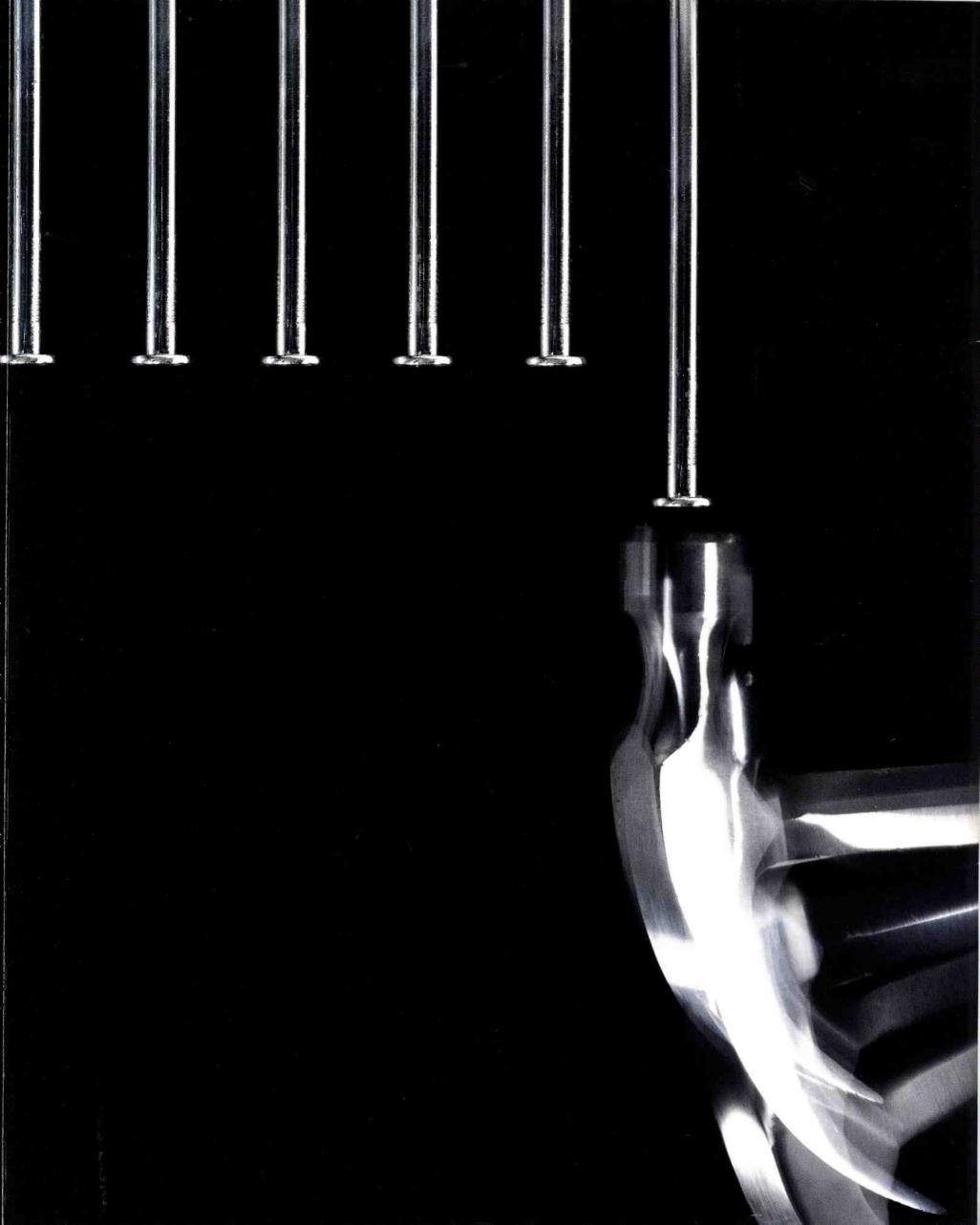












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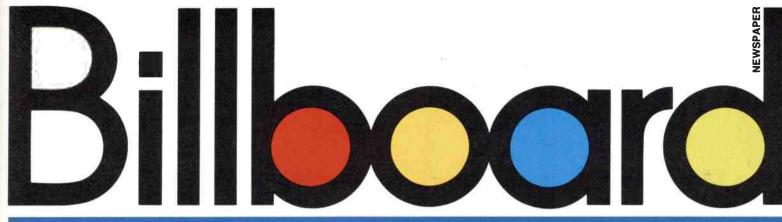
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Rise In Radio

NEW YORK-A growing num-

ber of broadcasters, prevented

from buying new properties by

the current financial climate or FCC "one-to-a-market" rules, are making arrangements for other,

separately owned radio stations to

back at least three years, they

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from a handful of ventures in

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more such deals are expected in

These "program service agree-

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ments" are structured similarly

coming months.

While such arrangements date

simulcast their programming.

BY SEAN ROSS with BILL HOLLAND

Europe Eyes Record Rental Legislation

BY JEFF CLARK-MEADS

BRUSSELS, Belgium—Artists and record producers may soon be given the right to veto rental of their products in all of the 12 European Community nations.

The European Commission has submitted draft legislation to the community's Council of Ministers that would give music creators the final say on whether their works can be loaned by libraries or rented out by commercial outlets.

In a separate move, the commission has also declared in writing its intention to put plans for a Europewide blank-tape levy before the ministers next year.

The rental proposals on the table will be considered and amended by the ministers and the European Parliament before being passed into law. Once they are law, it will be mandatory for EC member states to adopt similar measures.

However, the proposals are likely to be opposed by some representatives from Germany and the Netherlands, where the commercial rental trade is firmly established. The Netherlands has 1,200 rental outlets—divided evenly between public libraries and commercial operations—and there are about 1,000 more in Germany.

ny. European labels' reaction to the record rental legislation could not be ascertained at press time. But, if they follow the example of their U.S. counterparts, they will probably forbid rental of their product, should the measure become law.

The proposals contain four main points:

Authors, performers, and producers would be granted the right to grant or forbid rental of their works;
 If rental is allowed, a royalty is to

be paid;
The period of copyright would be

harmonized across the EC;

• Reproduction and distribution rights would be established in all territories for all rights owners. At present, in Belgium, the Netherlands, and Greece, producers are not protected by copyright legislation. This gives them very limited opportunity to act against pirates.

Michel Kains, European legal adviser to IFPI, the international label (Continued on page 14)

Sell-Thru Titles Scarce On 1st-Qtr. Slate

BY PAUL SWEETING and JIM McCULLAUGH

NEW YORK—In sharp contrast to the first three months of 1990, the first quarter of 1991 is shaping up with little theatrical product slated for release at sell-through prices.

Unlike the first quarter of 1990, which saw the release of "Indiana Jones And The Last Crusade," "Lethal Weapon 2," and "Honey, I Shrunk The Kids" at sell-through prices, the first quarter of 1991 is

likely to be marked by a lack of comparable low-priced product.

At the same time, say retailers and distributors, the rental release slates for the first quarter are skewed heavily toward the months of February and, to a lesser extent, March, leaving a product gap for much of January, even though January has

Video Sales Pick Up But It's No Better Than Flat For Yule

and EARL PAIGE

NEW YORK—After a sluggish start, the home-video holiday sellthrough picture has brightened



thanks to intensified marketing initiatives at retail, deep discounting, and a broad selection of strong titles, according to executives at vidme U S

eo chains across the U.S.

However, retailers acknowledge that the absence of a clear sellthrough leader like last year's "Batman" indicates that, at best, the business will emerge from the holiday season flat compared to the same period in 1989.

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traditionally been a strong rental month.

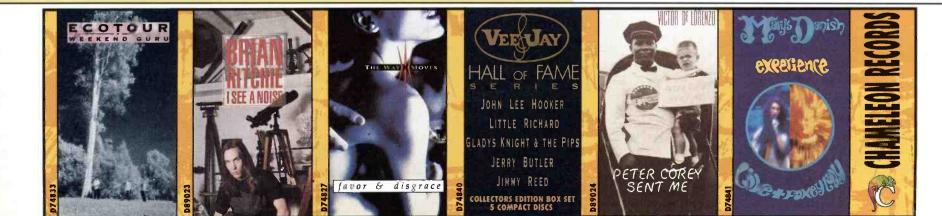
The one possible exception to the rental rule could be Paramount Home Video's "Ghost," which has grossed \$180 million at the box office so far and is thought to have an appeal similar to Disney's fourth-quarter sellthrough title "Pretty Woman."

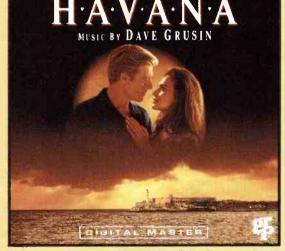
"Ghost" is expected to have a late-March street date, but Paramount executives so far refuse to discuss the studio's pricing plans.

Another exception could be either of two Disney titles, "Ducktales: The Movie" and "The Rescuers Down Un-(Continued on page 105)

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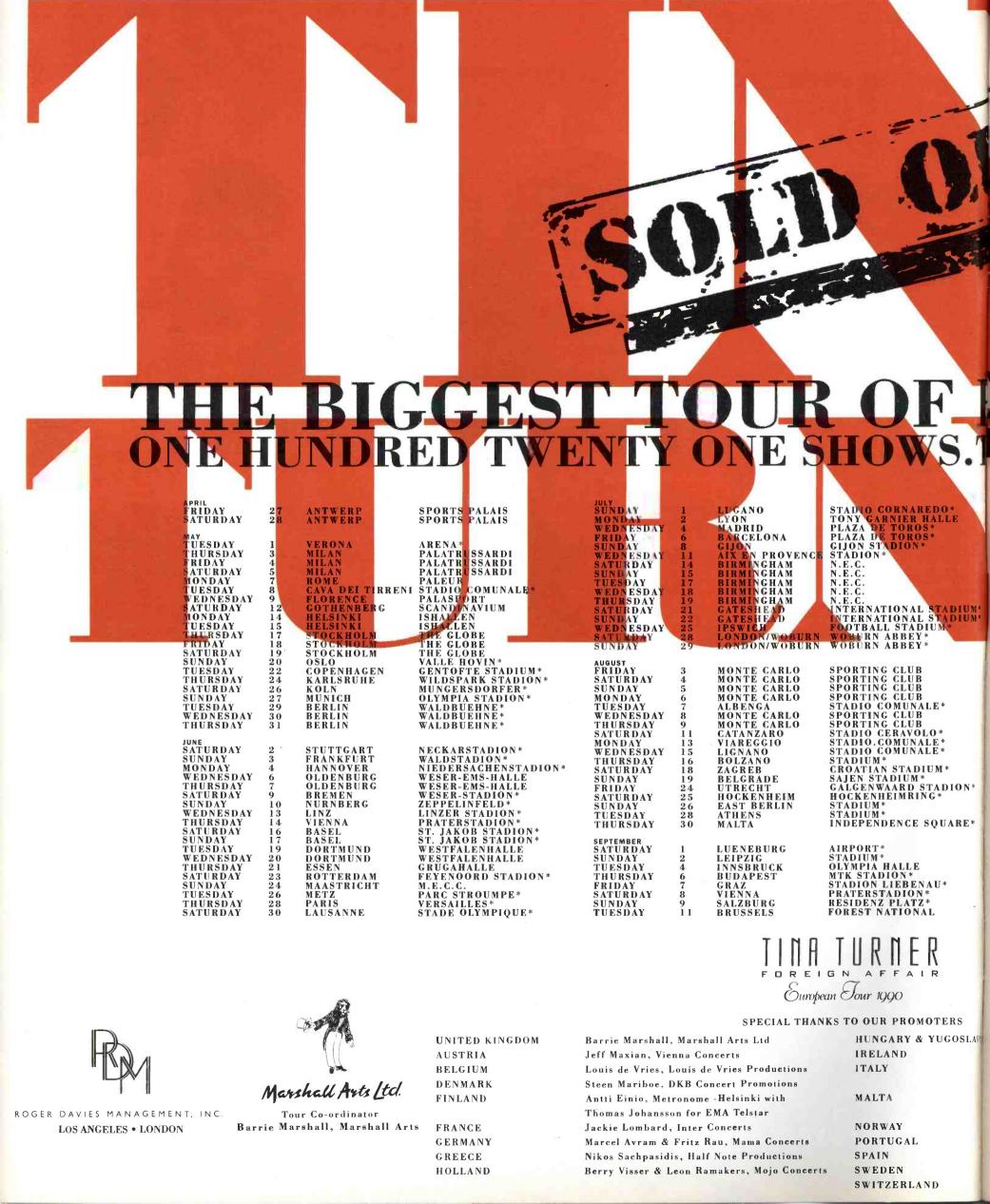
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Obscenity Charges Dropped In Texas

BY RAMIRO BURR

SAN ANTONIO, Texas-Obscenity charges filed against a Texas record-store owner for selling a copy of a 2 Live Crew album were dismissed here Dec. 10.

Bexar County assistant district. attorneys, saying they could not prosecute the case, asked presiding judge Tony Jimenez to drop the charge of promoting obscene mate-rial filed against David Ward Risher, owner of Hogwild Records and Tapes here.

Jimenez reprimanded the officials for their handling of the case. "It's beyond me that it would take six months to determine that this is not

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a prosecutable case," he told them. Risher had been charged with violating the state's obscenity law, a Class A misdemeanor that could have netted him a \$2,000 fine and a year in jail.

So ended another chapter in the test of Texas community standards whipped up by the controversial Miami rap group 2 Live Crew. In June, vice officers in San Antonio had warned retail chains and individual record store owners that they could face obscenity charges if they did not pull 2 Live Crew's album, "As Nasty As They Wanna Be," from their shelves. Risher was one of a handful of record store owners who did not stop selling the album after

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• In Florida, more trouble for Luther Campbell. See page 107.

receiving that warning.

The action followed the June 6 ruling by a federal judge in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., that "Nasty" is obscene. After that ruling, Charles Freeman, a Florida record store owner, was found guilty of misdemeanor obscenity for selling the album (Billboard, Oct. 13). In another case in Florida, members of 2 Live Crew were acquitted of similar charges involving a live performance (Billboard, Nov. 3).

Risher was charged June 28 after selling "Nasty" to the adult son of a local anti-pornography activist.

But on Dec. 10, the state's complaining witness, Jamie Patrick Weaver, 20, the son of Theresa Weaver, president of Citizens Against Pornography, signed an affidavit refusing to testify against Risher because "after further consideration and reviewing the tape 'As Nasty,' I find that it is not obscene," under Texas law.

Risher said he was glad "saner heads prevailed," but was not surprised by the turn of events, and he noted that his attorneys, Robert Switzer and John Carol, had prepared a thorough defense.

But, he added, "It was still sort of a shame to be taken for a sixmonth legal joyride so the district attorney could say, 'Oops, you know we really didn't have a case in this often all '" in this after all.

"I'm certain it's all over. With this thing hanging over my head, it's been a pressure-fueled six months," Risher added.

He said he was resentful of the Weavers and of the authorities: "The authorities basically instituted a police-state type of action of legal harassment using taxpayers' money to not really prove any-thing," he said.

Risher said his expenses, including legal costs, were more than \$5,000. Although no one helped defray those costs, the local chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union steered him to the lawyers who represented him, and "they gave me a good price," he said. Risher added that the Recording Industry Assn. of America did not contribute to his defense.

An RIAA representative said, "We offered him assistance. Our general counsel, David Leibowitz, has been in regular contact with Risher's attorney.'

Assistance in preparing this story was provided by Ken Terry in N.Y.

Florida Retailer Fined \$1,000 In **'Nasty'** Case

NEW YORK-Charles Freeman, the South Florida record retailer arrested for selling a copy of 2 Live Crew's "As Nasty As They Wanna Be" after the disc was declared legally obscene, received a \$1,000 fine for the offense at his sentencing Dec. 12 in Fort Lauderdale. Fla.

Freeman was found guilty on Oct. 3 of a misdemeanor count of peddling obscenity after he sold a copy of the album to a Broward County undercover detective. The obscenity count carries a possible one-year prison term, but Freeman received no jail time. In addition to the fine, he was ordered to

pay court costs. Last month, Broward County Judge Paul Backman rejected a motion from Freeman's attorney, Bruce Rogow, for a new trial. Rogow argued for retrial after saying Backman told jurors to disregard Rogow's expert witnesses.

Rogow, who also represents 2 Live Crew, said after Freeman's sentencing that he will press his appeal of the retailer's conviction.

Fans Justify Madonna Video At Retail Controversial Clip Also Boosts Sales Of Her Catalog

BY PAUL VERNA

NEW YORK-If Madonna is asking her fans to justify her love, she needs no such justification for releasing her controversial current clip as a video single. "Justify My Love," a five-minute

tape list-priced at \$9.98, is blazing up video sell-through lists at retail chains across the nation. Moreover, several dealers report increased

sales of Madonna's other video and audio product.

The clip has reached No. 1 at 82unit, Los Angeles-based Music Plus and at Wherehouse Entertainment, a Torrance, Calif.-based chain of 284 stores. In addition, "Justify My Love" has hit the top five at 30-plusstore, Carteret, N.J.-based The Wiz and at Spec's, a 60-store operation headquartered in Miami.

The clip, not originally intended

Billboard Music Awards A Ratings Winner For Fox

NEW YORK—"The 1990 Billboard Music Awards Show," telecast Dec. 10 on Fox Broadcasting Co., scored an 8.9 rating/14 share, providing the highest-rated Monday program ever for the network, according to the A.C. Nielsen Co.

The special was the top-rated show in New York during its 8 p.m.-10 p.m. time slot. The program, produced by Billboard parent BPI Communications Inc. and Fox, was No. 2 in Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit, Miami, Atlanta, Sacramento, Calif., and Washington, D.C.

The other major music show of the week, NARAS' "Grammy Legends" special, pulled a 7.1 rating/12 share for CBS. Billy Joel, Johnny Cash, Aretha Franklin, and Quincy Jones were honored on that program.

"We absolutely intend to do 'The Billboard Music Awards Show' again," says Sam Holdsworth, president of BPI's corporate development division. "This proves the point that people want to see the most popular artists of the year, and it's all right there on the show. There's no filter

between what the producers think is good music and what the people want.'

Among the award winners appear-Anong the award winners appear-ing on the show were Janet Jackson, Phil Collins, M.C. Hammer, Sinead O'Connor, Bell Biv DeVoe, Wilson Phillips, Randy Travis, and Clint Black (Billboard, Dec. 8).

Other award winners, including (Continued on page 101)

1990: BILLBOARD TELLS THE STORY

NEW YORK—Welcome to Billboard's exciting year-end issue. As usual, we have packed it full of the special features our readers have come to expect.

The highlight is our chart retrospective, "1990: The Year In Music." This section includes more than 100 charts documenting the year's top artists, titles, labels, publishers, and producers.

The special section also features

for retail, was released Dec. 7 by Warner Reprise Home Video after MTV and other video outlets refused to air it. The video contains brief scenes of nudity and suggestions of homosexuality, multiple partners, voyeurism, and sado-masochism (Billboard, Dec. 8).

The sales surge follows the publicity generated by Madonna's appearance on ABC-TV's "Nightline" on Dec. 3, the same night the network received record ratings for its "Monday Night Football" broadcast.

Jim Dobbe, VP of sale merchandise at Wherehouse, says the Madonna videoclip is No. 1 at the chain for the week ending Dec. 9, "and yet it was only in the stores two days of that week.'

Likewise, Angie Diehl, director of advertising at Music Plus, says, "The Madonna video is doing ex-cellent—it's No. 1." The clip is on sale for \$8.99 until Dec. 16, when it is scheduled to be brought up to list price, she adds.

At the 92-unit, Port Washington, N.Y.-based Record World chain, di-(Continued on page 107)

our annual chart analysis by the incomparable Paul Grein-as well as Grein's look at the year's "hits and misses.'

In the regular sections of this week's issue, you will find yearend recaps of all the key events of 1990 by Billboard's editors. And as a special bonus, starting on page 94, you'll find the year's "top 10" listings from our staff members.

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Dobbis Heads New P'Gram Division Four Labels Linked Under PLG Umbrella

BY KEN TERRY

NEW YORK-Rick Dobbis has been named president and CEO of the PolyGram Label Group, a new division of PolyGram that will be responsible for marketing the worldwide repertoire of the Polydor, Island, London, and Smash labels in the U.S. Like its sister companies, A&M and Mercury, New York-based PLG will be distributed by PolyGram Group Distribution.

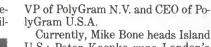
PLG will have its own field force in the sales and promotion areas, as well as its own marketing and creative teams. But A&R responsibil-

ities will remain with the individual labels, and the heads of those labels will not report to Dobbis. Aside from noting that each label's situation is different. Dobbis declines to

comment further

on the reporting structure. He himself reports to Alain Levy, executive

DOBBIS



U.S.; Peter Koepke runs London's U.S. affiliate (a joint venture with PolyGram); Marvin Gleicher is president of Chicago-based Smash Records; and it is rumored that Davitt Sigerson will be the new head of Polydor.

Dobbis, 40, was formerly executive VP/GM for RCA Records U.S., a post he had assumed in 1986. Previously, he served as VP of marketing for Chrysalis Records and was a partner with Michael Lippman in his management company. From 1975 to 1983, Dobbis held several positions at Arista Records, rising to senior VP of the label. He began his industry career at Epic and Blue Sky Records.

As head of PLG, he will also fill one of PolyGram's two seats on the board of Metropolitan Entertainment, the New Jersey-based concertpromotion and talent-management company that is the basis for the new PolyGram Diversification Division.

Dobbis points out that the structure of PLG is unlike that of any other company, although it bears some similarities to that of the CBS custom labels in the '70s, as well as Jive Records' current relationship with BMG. In essence, he sees the four labels, plus Polydor U.K., as PLG "repertoire centers" that have autonomy on artist signings within overall financial limits. But he notes the differences among the labels and the level of services each will need.

PLG will have approximately 25 (Continued on page 106)

NAACP, Music Vid Assn. Discuss Hiring Issue **But Groups' Brief Meeting Is Also Short On Results**

BY MELINDA NEWMAN

NEW YORK-A Dec. 6 meeting between the NAACP and the Music Video Producers Assn. in Los Angeles about involving more blacks in the video-making process did not go as smoothly as either side had hoped.

Both sides agree on the facts: that there are few blacks working on music videos and that the situation should be improved. The NAACP has put together a task force, headed by Michael Fletcher, to meet with labels, producers, artists, and other industry professionals to help rectify the problem (Billboard, Dec. 15).

However, the brevity of the Dec. 6 meeting left Fletcher feeling misunderstood and the members of the Music Video Producers Assn. defensive.

"Perhaps they don't understand the need or the importance of working immediately toward implementing black personnel into their projects," says Fletcher. "I would like to remain optimistic, but based upon the first meeting with only 25 minutes allocated to this very important issue, I'm concerned about their commitment.

The commitment is there, says the music video group's president. Michael Hamlyn. "What we're going to do is have further talks. We said we would help and look at ways to improve the situation. People don't like to be lectured and [Fletcher] came in like it was all our fault."

While the NAACP is not asking the producers to meet a specific quota, it is asking production companies to increase the number of blacks used on shoots, especially on those for black artists. For many white-owned production companies, the percentage of blacks working on specific clips is often as low as 5%.

Fletcher and Hamlyn were to meet privately to discuss ways for the Music Video Producers Assn. and NAACP to increase the percentages.

Everyone should be calm and sensible and not let it blow up as a major row. If it's done amicably, the situa-

This story was prepared by Jeff

Clark-Meads in London and Ed

LONDON-The proposed acquisi-

tion of MCA Inc. by Matsushita will

be investigated by the European

Commission, based in Brussels, Bel-

whether or not any part of the \$7 billion deal breaks European Com-

The commission is the clearing-

house for all deals that substantial-

ly affect the 12-nation group. It an-nounced its investigation of MCA/

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MCA/Matsushita Deal Gets

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tion will improve," says Hamlyn.

As both Fletcher and Hamlyn note, the majority of producers attending the meeting were British, and, therefore, perhaps not as familiar with the NAACP's purposes. "Three-fourths of the people in that room didn't understand; they're not American," says Hamlyn, who is British. "If there are no blacks around, it's not their fault they're not employing them. No one in that room is slightly color-prejudiced. If you place an ad (Continued on page 99)

Matsushita five days after being of-

ficially informed of the deal by the

The commission can oppose ac-

quisitions between non-EC compa-

nies if their total world sales exceed

\$5 billion and each has sales of more

than \$250 million within the commu-nity. A spokesman explains, "The

commission cannot block the deal in

terms of what happens on the

American markets. It can probe the

deal and see that they do not reduce

Under EC rules, the commis-

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sion's Merger Task Force has less

competition in the community.'



A Divine Award. Columbia recording artist Billy Joel receives a Humanitarian award at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York. Shown, from left, are CBS Records president Tommy Mottola, New York Governor Mario Cuomo, and Joel.

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BILLBOARD. Joseph Wallace is named VP of BIN and product development, BPI Information & Research Group, with responsibility for development and implementation of retail point-of-sale information service. He is based in New York. He was VP of marketing for Island Records.

RECORD COMPANIES. Rick Dobbis is appointed president and CEO of Poly-Gram Label Group in New York. He was executive VP/GM for RCA Records U.S. (see story, this page).

A&M Records in Los Angeles promotes Bill Gilbert to senior VP of sales and distribution, Joseph Rakauskas to VP/controller, and Sam Sciarra to



VP of corporate affairs and financial planning. They were, respectively, VP/executive director of sales and distribution, controller, and director of corporate affairs and financial planning for the label.

Steve Ralbovsky is named senior VP of A&R for Elektra Entertainment in New York. He was senior VP of A&R at A&M Records.

Mercury Records in New York appoints Joseph Parker VP of sales and Jim Genova director of pop sales. They were, respectively, GM for J&R Music World, and national director of retail promotions for Relativity/Com-



bat/In-Effect Records.

Alan Voss is appointed VP of sales for ATCO Records in New York. He was VP of sales for PolyGram Records.

Elizabeth Ostrow is named VP of A&R for Angel Records in New York. She was VP of A&R for New World Records, Recorded Anthology of American Music Inc., for which she was also a member of the board of directors. Jeff Klein is appointed VP of special projects at Private Music in Los An-

geles. He was VP of marketing and sales for the company. Atlantic Records in New York promotes John Weston to director of national pop promotion and Beverley Furman to manager of consumer relations. They were, respectively, associate director of national singles promotion, and consumer representative for the label.

Susan Markheim is named product manager and director of international for Giant Records and director of special projects for Azoff Entertainment in Los Angeles. She was executive assistant to Irving Azoff at the

MCA Music Entertainment group. Andrea Blain is promoted to VP of creative services at Smarty Pants Audio and Video in Lakewood, Ohio. She was director of creative services for the company.

PUBLISHING. Nancy DiTuro is named manager of publishing administration for Williamson Music in New York. She was assistant to the president of the company.

Chameleon Cuts Staffers, Announces HO Relocation BY CHRIS MORRIS latest in a round of drastic staff re-

LOS ANGELES-Chameleon Music Group has joined the growing list of labels making deep staff cuts, as the company laid off ap-proximately 20 of the 30 employees in its Hawthorne, Calif., home office Dec. 10.

Chameleon, which is maintaining what it describes as a "transition team" of 13 people, will relocate its headquarters to New York in 1991 and will open a smaller L.A. satellite office at a new location early next vear.

The Chameleon layoffs are the

ductions within the record industry: Island, A&M, Enigma, and RCA have all let employees go in yearend staff prunings (Billboard, Nov. 10, Nov. 24).

Chameleon president Stephen Powers denies the staff cuts are tied to the label's recent commercial fortunes. "We've had great growth this year," he says. "Our gross revenues are going to be three times what they were in 1989. This is a strategic move.

The label's biggest success in the last year has been bluesman John (Continued on page 99)

ASCAP, TV Stations Square Off License-Fee Dispute Reaches Rate Court

BY PHYLLIS STARK and FRED KIRBY

NEW YORK-A group of television stations, represented by the All-Industry Television Station Music Licensing Committee, is chal-lenging ASCAP in federal rate court here over the issue of blanket and per-program license fees.

In a hearing that began Dec. 10,

the court is to determine the amount of license fees payable to ASCAP for the period beginning Feb. 1, 1983, and ending Dec. 31, 1995. The trial will also decide the method of calculating those fees.

The television committee claims ASCAP is seeking \$500 million more than what the stations feel is a reasonable amount for this period. The television committee also claims the rights society is opposed to any meaningful per-program license as an alternative to the blanket license.

Bernard Korman, ASCAP's general counsel and the first witness in the trial, denies this assertion.

"The trial is to determine reason-able license fees," Korman says, "and ASCAP has taken the position that the basis previously agreed on is the reasonable basis for fees. The stations have proposed license fees that we consider far below reasonable, and, to a considerable extent, they are advancing arguments that they have previously made unsuccessfully in this and other courts.'

Nevertheless, Korman declines (Continued on page 107)



Family Affair. Music publisher Lou Levy, center, founder of Leeds Music, enjoys a surprise party for his 80th birthday, thrown by his son, MCA Music president Leeds Levy, right, and his stepson, attorney Michael Sukin, left. Next to Sukin is his wife, Kimberly Bonnell Sukin; next to Leeds Levy is his wife, Javmes

CD-Player Sales Lift Audio Dealers' Dampened Spirits BY SUSAN NUNZIATA month in 1989.

NEW YORK-The outlook for holiday hardware sales is less than cheery for many retailers this season. with industry observers reporting a



flat marketplace. Some note declines of up to 6% in sales compared with the same period last year. while others are anticipating low-

percentage increases. In general, the consumer audio and

video hardware sales outlook is mixed, with more optimism in some regions than in others.

The Electronics Industries Assn.'s **Consumer Electronics Group reports** a 4.7% increase in audio components and systems' year-to-date dollar sales to dealers through October. Portable audio gear showed a 2.9% year-todate gain over 1989. Although November sales figures were not available at press time, October component and systems sales showed a 6.1% climb over October 1989, with portable units up 12.2% over that

In video hardware, year-to-date VCR sales as of Nov. 23 show a 6.5% climb over 1989

Compact-disc players are making up the lion's share of audio hardware sales this season. Although some retailers have dropped prices as low as \$100-\$140 for single-disc units and as low as \$175-\$250 for CD-changers, CD-player sales are expected to grow only about 10% this holiday season, falling dramatically short of last year's growth. In 1989's holiday season, CD-player unit sales were up 30%-50% (Billboard, Jan. 13).

Several factors are influencing the marketplace, most notably the skittish economy and concerns about war in the Middle East. While some industry observers stand by the belief that entertainment flourishes in a time of recession, others feel that audio and video hardware is seen as a luxury item with a price tag high enough to deter purchases. "The inherent nature of audio is

that unless it breaks, you're pampering yourself by buying new equipsays Sean McGowan, a rement." (Continued on page 101)

Rock-A-Bye-Bye: Genre Left Behind In '90; Vanilla Ice Still Hot; 'Immaculate' Reception

T WAS A BANNER year for rap, women, M.C. Hammer, SBK, "Unchained Melody," Vanilla Ice, boxed sets, L.A. & Babyface, dance remix albums, David Geffen's bankbook, and Madonna's press agent. But for rock'n'roll, 1990 was a year to forget.

It was the first year since the early '60s that no rock bands reached No. 1 on the Top Pop Albums chart. The closest thing to a rock band hitting No. 1 this year was New Kids On The Block, which falls short of the most liberal definition of the term. In

1988, by contrast, five rock bands landed No. 1 albums: Van Halen, Def Leppard, Guns N' Roses, Bon Jovi, and U2. In 1989, GN'R and two other bands did the trick: Fine Young Cannibals and Motley Crue. You have to go back

to 1963-before the Beatles and the Stones exploded in the Statesto find the last year without a rock band at No. 1.

Our thanks to Patrick Goldstein of The Los Angeles Times for the suggestion.

If '90 was a bum year for rock bands, it was a phenomenal year for women. Steve Piegari of North Port, Fla., notes that female lead vocalists held the No. 1 spot on the Hot 100 for 31 weeks during the year, matching the rock-era record set in 1981. Mariah Carey had the No. 1 single for a total of seven weeks this year-longer than any other artist.

AST FACTS: Vanilla Ice's "To The Extreme" holds at No. 1 on the pop albums chart for the sev-enth straight week, tying the Beastie Boys' "Licensed To Ill" for the longest run at No. 1 by a white rapper. Ice appears to be headed for his second straight No. 1 single. His adaptation of Wild Cher-ry's "Play That Funky Music" leaps from No. 37 to

No. 23 in its third week on the Hot 100. Madonna's "The Immaculate Collection" jumps from No. 5 to No. 3, becoming the highest-charting greatest-hits album since "Kenny Rogers' Greatest Hits" reached No. 1 a decade ago. That album was boosted by Lionel Richie's courtly ballad, "Lady"; this collection is being goosed by the flap over Ma-donna's too-hot-for-MTV video, "Justify My Love." Times change.

Barry Manilow's "Because It's Christmas" jumps from No. 49 to No. 40, becoming his first top 40 album since "2:00 A.M. Paradise Cafe" six years ago. What's a nice Jewish boy from Brooklyn, N.Y., doing with a smash Christmas album? The same thing a nice Jewish girl from Brooklyn is doing with one. Barbra Streisand's "A Christmas Album," which has sold more than 3 million copies since its 1967 release, rebounds to No. 167.

"The Simpsons Sing The Blues" is the top new entry, at No. 42. It's likely to surpass the "Twin Peaks" soundtrack (which peaked at No. 22 in November) as the highest-charting album keyed to a TV series since the "Miami Vice" soundtrack topped the chart for 11 weeks in 1985-86.

Jose Carreras/Placido Domingo/Luciano Pavarotti's "In Concert" jumps from No. 56 to No. 51. becoming the highest-charting album by a classical artist since Domingo's "Perhaps Love" reached No. 18 in early 1982. That al-

bum was boosted by the

title song, a duet with

John Denver that be-

came a midchart single.

"Sensitivity" jumps to

No. 10 on the Hot 100,

becoming the fifth top

Ralph Tresvant's



by Paul Grein

10 hit of 1990 by a cur-rent member of New Edition. Whitney Houston's "All The Man That I Need" is the top new entry on the Hot 100, at No. 53. The Dean Pitchford/Michael Gore ballad was originally recorded in the early '80s by Linda Clifford and Sister Sledge, whose version reached No. 45 on the Hot R&B Singles chart in 1982. This isn't the first time Houston has had success with a song that had been previously recorded. Houston's signature smash, "Greatest Love Of All," was a top 30 pop hit in 1977 for George Ben-

son; her Grammy-winning "Saving All My Love For You" was an album cut in 1978 for Marilyn McCoo & Billy Davis Jr.

Tony! Toni! Toné! lands its third No. 1 R&B hit of 1990 with "It Never Rains (In Southern California)." The record-not a remake of the old Albert Hammond hit-also enters the Hot 100 at No. 66.

Teen queens Debbie Gibson and Tiffany are taking their lumps with their latest albums. Gibson's "Anything Is Possible" dips to No. 46 after reaching No. 41 last week; Tiffany's "New Inside" has yet to enter the chart even though it has been out for two months. Some suspected that Tiffany was running out of gas, but they figured she'd at least be able to get her car out of the garage.

WE GET LETTERS: Rich Appel of CBS-TV in New York wants to know: "Why is it that 'postman' songs tend to reach No. 1 in December—when mail service is at its worst? The Marvelettes' 'Please Mr. Postman' hit No. 1 in December 1961; Stevie B's 'Because I Love You (The Postman Song)' has been on top the past two weeks.'

A HOLIDAY WISH: May you always have a bullet on the chart of life.

Black And Rap Are Integral To Chrysalis A&R Strategy

BY JEFF CLARK-MEADS

LONDON-Chrysalis chairman Chris Wright is adopting a bold policy to get his record company into profit in the U.S.

He says the spearhead of the campaign will be A&R, with black and rap music at the cutting edge. Historically, Chrysalis has focused on rock and pop acts.

For the fiscal year ended Aug. 31, Chrysalis in the U.S. lost \$3.1 million, compared with a profit in the U.K. of \$6.6 million. The company is keen to point out, though, that the U.S. loss has been narrowed from a \$20.4 million deficit in the previous financial year.

Asked when the U.S. operation will be profitable, Wright says, "Possibly next year and certainly the year after." The key to that turnaround is A&R, he says, and not just in the U.S. but elsewhere in the world.

He says that A&R policy and signings are international and that no territory can be looked at in isolation. He argues that both in the U.S. and the U.K., effective talent-acquisition teams have been built up.

"We have four people contributing talent in the U.K., each of who could be running the A&R department of any of the major record companies, he says. "In the States, we've just set up a black division under Ed Strickland and, combined with Cooltempo in the Ú.K., that gives us a lead with black and rap music."

Chrysalis Records, now halfowned by EMI, was the most successful part of the Chrysalis Group in the last financial year. Poor performances from the property and slot-machines divisions and a foreign exchange loss of \$3.4 million meant that the group overall had a pretax profit of \$9,700. This compares with a loss in 1989 of \$24.2 million

In the record division, profit in the U.K. rose from \$1.2 million last year to this year's \$6.6 million. U.K. revenues fell from \$46.6 million last year to \$43.8 million this year, while in the U.S. they rose from \$9.9 million to \$25.4 million. Wright points out, though, that because half of all turnover is allocated to EMI's accounts, this year's figures should be considered as double their stated values.

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California Is Latest State To Ponder Lip-Syncing Bill

BY CHRIS MORRIS

LOS ANGELES—California has become the latest state to field legislation that would mandate the disclosure of lip-syncing at live concerts.

On Dec. 5, California Assemblyman Bob Epple (D-Norwalk) introduced a bill that would require advertisements for public musical performances to "clearly and conspicuously disclose whether the performance will use instrumental or vocal music that has been previously recorded or otherwise reproduced."

Failure to make such a disclosure would be a misdemeanor. Epple says that the maximum penalty for a violation would probably be a year in jail or "a minor fine" under \$1,000.

Prior to a vote, the bill might be augmented: A Northern California attorney who specializes in artistprotection litigation says he will agitate for broadening the bill to encompass truth in record packaging and full disclosure of the musicians who performed on the prerecorded tracks.

California is the fifth state to enter the lip-syncing fray. Next year, the New York, New Jersey, and Massachusetts legislatures will consider bills that have already been introduced. And a Wisconsin state representative is currently drafting his own lip-syncing bill (Billboard, May 26, June 16, and Dec. 8).

Épple, who had announced that he would introduce lip-syncing legislation long before the recent flap over Milli Vanilli, says he first contemplated the action after members of Local 47 of the musicians' union expressed concern over the use of prerecorded music at concerts by New Kids On The Block, Madonna, and other acts.

"I committed to them very early that I would consider a bill," says Epple.

He adds, "It's clearly [an issue of] truth in advertising ... I'm certainly not against performances that use recorded parts, but I think the audience has a right to know what they are paying for."

Epple says that he expects the bill to be considered in February or March of next year, depending on which committee it is assigned to. As drafted, the California bill has taken criticism from San Francisco attorney Steven Ames Brown, who believes it is misdirected.

"What's bugging me about this bill is that it's directed at an area where there's no public outcry," Brown says.

"Augmentation in public performance is firmly rooted," he continues. "That's not an issue people are really concerned about. People are angry about [the misrepresentations of] Milli Vanilli and Black Box, and they're starting to get angry about C&C Music Factory.

"[The bill] misses the obvious scandal in the pop-music business. It should be a bill requiring that all

'The audience has a right to know what it is paying for'

credits for personnel, for musicians and performers, be accurate."

Brown has represented singer Martha Wash in suits filed against BMG, A&M, and Sony Music earlier this year in California Superior Court. Wash sought damages from the labels for their uncredited use of her vocals on hit releases by RCA's Black Box, A&M's Seduction, and Columbia's C&C Music Factory.

RCA has settled with Wash and has signed the singer to a long-term recording contract. Brown says that A&M has tentatively offered a monetary settlement, while Sony, Columbia's owner, has not responded to the suit.

Tying the California bill to Wash's suits, Brown says that the focus of the legislation should be "the fraud of one person pretending to be somebody else."

Brown says that he has not yet contacted Epple regarding the California bill, but says that he will speak to the legislator in an effort to amend it. He adds, "If he's not cooperative, I would fight him in the committee."

Epple says the California bill will address the question of an artist's misrepresentation of a performance: "I suspect my bill will be amended prior to the committee, because we want people to know it applies to a Milli Vanilli-type situation."

EUROPE EYES MOVE TO BLOCK RECORD RENTALS (Continued from page 5)

trade group, says he feels confident the measures will be adopted. He believes there is a mood within the commission that Europe's unique music industry and heritage needs to be protected.

"Now that these proposals have been put forward, the job of convincing politicians should be easier," he says. "It's easier to make people understand that these measures will benefit both the consumers and the industry."

Kains admits that IFPI is facing a fight from German and Dutch record-rental interests. However, he feels it is important to have new rental legislation in place before the trade reaches German and Dutch proportions in other EC member states.

IFPI's position is receiving backing

from the German Video Distributors Assn., the group that represents the video stores that handle most record rentals. Managing director Jochen Birr says, "Via the International Video Federation, we have stated that we are all for a rental right, whereby the owner of the rights should determine whether a product is sold or rented or both.

"In the case of product being rented, the owner of the rights should receive a fee for usage. This applies to films as well as music rights.

"We also call for a split to differentiate between records and [CD video] movies. In the case of CDV music videos, we take the view that this is only a sellable item, not for rental. Due to the longevity of this product, rental would lead to enormous losses."

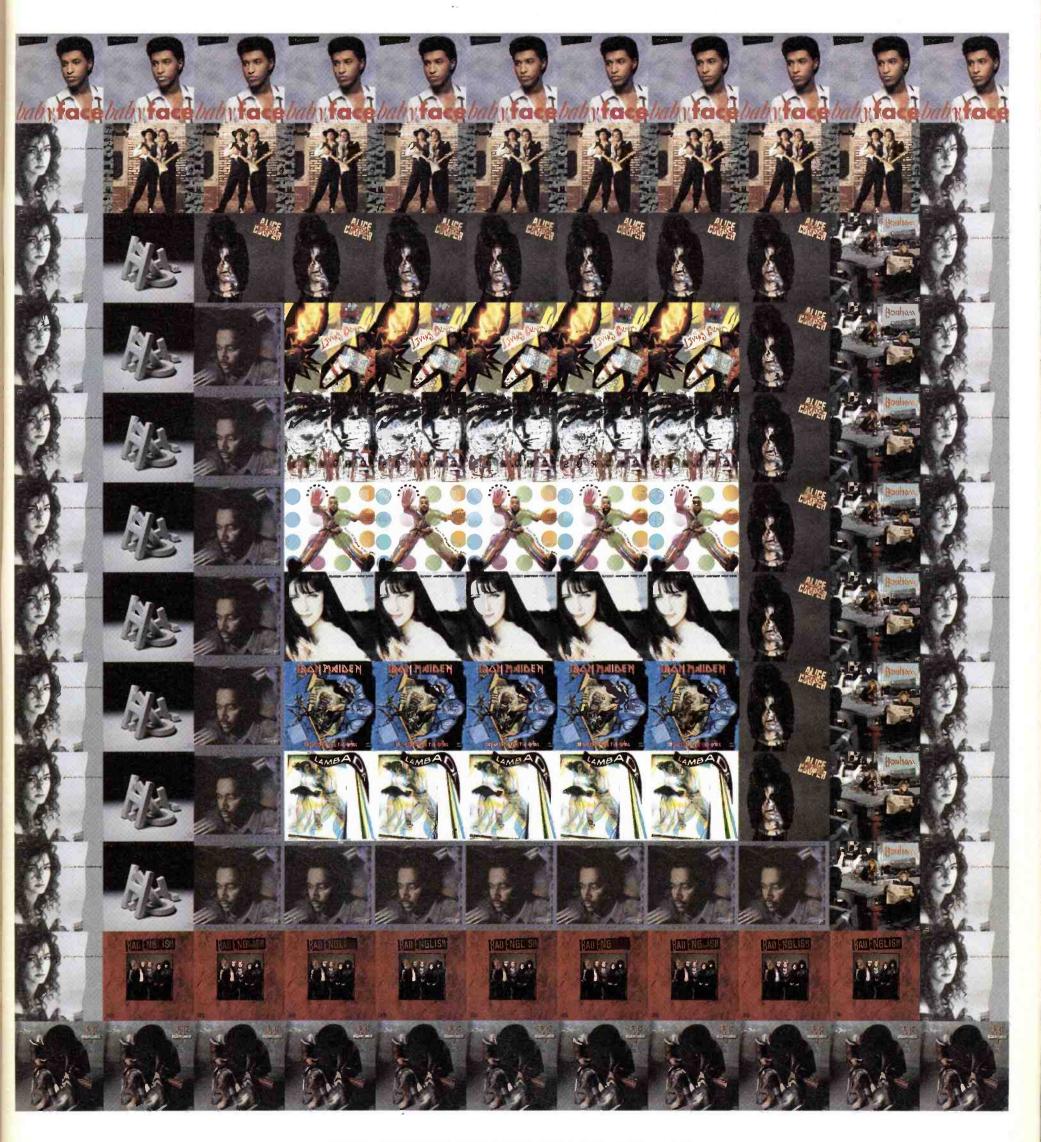


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AS 1990 DRAWS TO a close, we at Billboard offer this top 10 list of thank-you's to the music business:

1. Thanks to all the companies and individuals who gave an extraordinary amount of time and energy to charitable causes in 1990. Most recent example: The "Red Hot + Blue" album to help fight AIDS, which has sold almost 300,000 copies. A special nod goes to all the artists who participated in Arista's all-star AIDS benefit in New York and the U.K.'s Knebworth '90 Festival for the Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy Centre. And let's not overlook the continued good works of the T.J. Martell Foundation, which this year raised some \$4 million for cancer, leukemia, and AIDS research.

2. Thanks to those outside the industry who fomented the explicitlyrics controversy. They reminded us that the freedom of expression is something worth fighting for.

3. And thanks to those in the front lines of that fight-like rapper/entrepreneur Luther Campbell and independent retailers Charles Freeman in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Tommy Hammond in Al-exander City, Ala.; and Dave Risher in San Antonio, Texas.

4. Thanks to artists like Janet Jackson, Bette Midler, Phil Collins, Melba Moore, Richard Marx, and M.C. Hammer, who have brought us messages of peace,

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6. Thanks to the recording societies and other industry groups that fight around the globe to protect the interests of the international creative community.

7. Thanks to the compact disc.

which continues to provide motivation for record companies to delve into their vaults and reissue the recorded gems of previous eras.

8. Thanks to record companies, retailers, and packagers for working together to seek a replacement for the CD longbox.

9. Thanks to the radio stations and record companies who have remembered the men and women serving in Saudi Arabia. Through imaginative promotions they are helping provide moral supportand recorded music.

10. And thanks to the industry as a whole for bringing happiness into the lives of millions through music.

COMMENTARY

Finally, we would like to send special thanks to Curtis Mayfield and Mary Wells and to all of those whose personal battles against adversity are an inspiration for evervone.

And to all of our readers: We thank you for your support and wish you peace, good health, joyous holidays, and a Happy New Year.

Despite Consolidation In Home Video, New Activities Signal A Dynamic Industry

THE YEAR IS ENDING on a sad note for those of our readers in the video industry with the dissolution of MGM/UA Home Video and the scattering of its well-respected sales and marketing team. MGM/UA Home Video was the

latest victim of industry consolida-tion (in this case Pathé Communications' acquisition of MGM/UA Communications), and consolidation was the name of the game in 1990: • Blockbuster Video, the nation's

No. 1 video specialty chain, announced plans to buy Erol's, the No.

3 chain:

• LIVE Home Video announced its long-awaited plans to acquire the remnants of Vestron, the *coup de* grace to what was once one of the top five companies in the industry;

• MCEG/Virgin tipped into bankruptcy, taking with it what had once been a leading independent video supplier;

• For the final act of 1990, Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., the Japanese consumer electronics giant, announced plans to acquire MCA, including its Universal Pictures divi-

to the Editor 1 TOMB OF THE WELL-KNOWN BLUESMAN

Letters

Thom Duffy's recent column asking for donations for the Mt. Zion Robert Johnson Memorial Fund (Billboard, Dec. 8) unfortunately perpetuates the misconception that the great bluesman is buried in an unmarked grave at the Mt. Zion Church near Morgan City, Miss. Johnson is, in fact, buried at Payne Chapel Memorial Baptist Church near Quito. Located near the intersections of Leflore County Highway 512 and Highway 7, Johnson's grave site is just a few hundred yards from the very building in which he was served a fatal glass of moonshine.

The woman he was killed over, by the way, still lives nearby. Miller Carter, who lived with this woman shortly after Johnson's death, told me last month: "Her daddy is the one who killed that fellow." Incidentally, the new issue of Living Blues (No. 94) contains a wealth of new Johnson info and supports the Payne grave site.

> Jas Obrecht Associate Editor Guitar Player magazine Cupertino, Calif.

B.A.S.E. IS BETTER

Your Nov. 24 article about Archer Communications' QSound quotes me to the effect that Gamma Electronic's B.A.S.E. three-dimensional sound process is superior. The fact that B.A.S.E. is widely used in

the recording industry while QSound is hardly used at all puts into question your observation that "record industry insiders have given the nod to QSound."

Perhaps you are misreading the nod you attribute to record industry insiders. Rather than being a nod of approval, perhaps it is more like the nod kings give executioners to signal them to lop off some unfortunate's head.

Your article missed the essential difference between B.A.S.E. and QSound. With B.A.S.E., an entire roomful of people experiences three-dimensional sound QSound's 3D effect is still limited to an audience of one. Don't just take my word for it: Why don't you do a comparison test of the new Madonna album recorded in QSound (the only commercial recording in QSound so far) with any one of the dozens of recordings done in B.A.S.E.?

That QSound has any acceptance at all is a testimonial to Michael Ovitz. The best I can do is show people the facts; Ovitz has people believing the emperor (QSound) wears ermine when in truth the emperor is naked.

Robert Baker Baker Financial Consulting Jupiter, Fla

VIDEO QUEENS CAN'T SING

Now that this lip-syncing mess is in the open, let us please not overlook the fact that pop music as a whole is full of lip-syncing video queens. We have Janet Jackson, Paula Abdul, Madonna, and Peb-

bles. I would like to see these young women have a live sing-off with the likes of Barbra Streisand, Patti LaBelle, Whitney Houston, and Mariah Carey. Who do you think would win? What I find so very odd is the fact that the lipsynching queens sell platinum four and five times over. When was the last time that happened to Streisand or LaBelle?

I pray to God that true pop "di-vas" like Houston and Carey con like Houston and Carey continue to prove to the public that true talent is still worth the price of a compact disc. I am tired of people with no talent being pushed by greedy record executives just so they can make a buck. If we are not careful, computerized voices like the one on that Diet Coke ad will put "human voices" out of business for good.

Donna Clark-Robertson Seagirt, N.Y.

ARTISTE AWARD

Let Rob and Fab keep their Grammy! The award was, after all, for "best new artist," and they are, indeed, artists: masters of the fine art of lip-syncing ... and deception.

> William Simpson Los Angeles

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The temptation among old video hands is to regard these developments ruefully and to assume that the video revolution is played out, the days of opportunity past.

But other recent developments tell a different story.

By being in the right place at the right time, CBS Music Video was able to capitalize on the success of New Kids On The Block, selling more than 3 million copies of the teen dreams' three longform music video titles. That success, coupled with the overall growth in the music video category, spurred the formation of a whole new class of recordlabel-affiliated video companies, such as A*Vision, PolyGram Music Video, and BMG Video, that basically did not exist a year ago.

The goal of creating magazine-format videos has been around at least since the days of Karl Home Video, but the past two years have seen a proliferation of such titles and a coming-of-age of the category. Such companies as Majestic Video Publishing, which introduced the massmarket Persona Video Magazine: Video Magazines International, which launched the "Wide World Of Golf" video periodical; and Video Publications Industries, creator of "Metal Head," "Dance Internation-al," "Slammin' Rap," and "Country Music Magazine," are all new additions to the home video business.

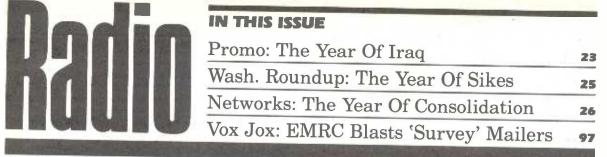
Through a creative approach to distribution, long a cardinal virtue among video entrepreneurs, tiny TruVideo Inc. sold 750,000 copies of a tape on diabetes care.

Major candy companies, such as M&M/Mars, Hershey, and Leaf Candies, are all actively pursuing video specialty stores as an important new distribution channel for their confections.

What all this activity says is that the video industry is still a dynamic one and capable of opening up opportunities for those with the wherewithal to exploit them.

While it may take more capital to seize those opportunities than in the past, that is an inevitable development in an industry grown into a \$9billion-\$10 billion-a-year business.

And while the capital requirement may erect barriers to some, it is also a measure of our success.



What A Year: From Indecency To Iraq DAB & Deals, Suits & Switches Also In News

BY SEAN ROSS

NEW YORK-"I've fallen. And I can't get up."

That the above actuality from the stricken Mrs. Fletcher should become a major part of every morning show in America this year does not just mean that we are



to the plight of the elderly—"Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer" proved that. But

sort of insensitive

with Digital Audio Broadcasting, debt, and depression on everybody's minds throughout the fourth quarter, Mrs. Fletcher may have been discussing the radio business in 1990.

A lot of what happened was already in the works a year ago. The station trading business dried up. The FCC continued to hand out indecency citations. Listeners under 25 and above 45 were disenfranchised weekly by radio stations. Nobody, however, could anticipate that the rise of Digital Audio Broadcasting and the Persian Gulf crisis would give things an almost existential tint. Why fix your AM if AM is going to be gone by the year 2000?

LET'S MAKE A DEAL, PLEASE

With a few exceptions, we did not see the bargain deals in 1990 that would have corrected the inflated station prices of years past. What we saw instead was the virtual cessation of station trading.

The station deal that took three months to close in 1988 took six to nine months this year, if it closed at all. The year began with the collapse of the TA/UBC deal and ended with so many aborted sales that failure to close was no longer any big deal. Rather, the fact that the Group W/ Legacy deal *did* close was big news.

Typically, some time around the fifth month of a station sale, there would be an attempt to renegotiate the price and maybe the buyer would accept it. Maybe the process would start all over again. By year's end, KMGC Dallas was on its third buyer.

By year's end, the FCC had cracked down on rules that would have allowed several move-ins by controversial broker Tom Gammon to buy a station in Anniston, Ala.—and that had already allowed two Beaumont, Texas, stations to move to Houston with much less notice.

The FCC was better disposed to the marriages of convenience that allowed broadcasters to own two AMs or two FMs (or in the case of a Texarkana, Texas, broadcaster, all four), at opposite ends of the market, or to the common law marriages that allowed simulcasting on separately owned radio stations (see story, page 5).

So whereas the entrepreneur of 1983 was looking for a station to move into town from 45 miles away,

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the 1990's entrepreneur was gobbling up such failed outlets to offer advertisers an FM-FM combo. It was hard to tell at year's end if such joint operating agreements were the wave of the future or just 1990's pet rock.

GETTING BUSY IN AN FCC CLOAKROOM

So what was the FCC concerned about in 1990? Indecency, still. Most of those called onto the carpet in 1989 were fined in 1990. And most, with the exception of a brief flicker of defiance from Evergreen Media, and a year-end challenge from Infinity, decided to pay up quietly.

Broadcasters were more schizophrenic than ever about indecency. One PD expressed concern when his

Stations went to court over slogans, jokes, and dedications

toddler began quoting "Do Me!" to him. Others played it in middays, and had adult research to back them up. Nationwide banned "The Humpty Dance" and "Tic-Tac-Toe," others played them without incident.

As for the resurgence of payola indictments that seemed imminent last year, who knows? 1990 saw both the conviction of Howard Goodman and the collapse of the federal case against Joe Isgro. Then, at year's end, there were whispers of renewed activity something the IRS denies.

From this you might intuit that "stop payola" is on a federal list of New Year's resolutions. And that it lasts about as long as our diets. (Note that for the last three years, the rush of activity has been in the first and fourth quarters.) Even with the conviction of Goodman, and even after the publication of "Hit Men" sent shockwaves through the industry, many labels were again paying their independent promoters at year's end.

OH, SUE THE Q

- It was not the Justice Department or the FCC that dragged broadcasters into court this year, however. It was listeners, other broadcasters, and disgruntled ex-employees. Although the trend was several years old, 1990 was particularly litigious.

Stations went to court over slogans this year. Or because their competitors were driving around the stations' parking lots. Or because they had refused to identify a dedication as being from a listener to his male lover. Or to keep jocks from working not only for competitors, but even from working in another city.

The two cases with the greatest ramifications for radio are the WBZZ Pittsburgh trial, where a jury awarded newswoman Liz Randolph about \$690,000 for sexually oriented jokes made at her expense by the other morning-team members, and the Maryland state EEO board decision that prompted WHFS Washington, D.C., to return speech-impaired announcer Damian Einstein to the air.

Both the Randolph and Einstein cases hammered at broadcasters' long-held notions that what goes on the air is entertainment, and that they can pick and choose their employees accordingly. By year's end, former KIIS Los Angeles newscaster Liz Fulton, the target of similar ribbing from Rick Dees for years, had filed a similar suit. Those on both sides of the issue were ultimately surprised by the amount of Randolph's award, or that Einstein returned to middays on WHFS. The WBZZ decision, in particular, seemed to reflect a public antipathy toward broadcasters—a perception of radio as fat, happy, and culpable.

AN UNEASY SENSATION

Many broadcasters did one particular thing to anger many listeners this year. Those that had not dropped easy listening finally did so. 1990 began with the death of easy at KABL San Francisco and proceeded with several defections a week. By summer, soft AC was as overcrowded as mainstream AC had already become. And easy controlled less national listening than Spanish-language radio.

While some broadcasters filled the void created by those format changes, usually with AMs, the remainder were happy to let anybody over 45 fend for themselves. Ken Dychtwald's well-attended "Agewave" session at the National Assn. of Broadcasters meet should have convinced programmers that easy listening's current audience had money. Instead, it was taken as a sign that tomorrow's 70-year-olds will like the Stones. Thus, radio should play classic rock until 2030.

The other programming story of 1990 is the rise of adult top 40, and with it the death of Rock 40, and the 1980-style emasculation of mainstream top 40. Like easy listening, top 40 has lost both national market share and overall outlets in the last 18 months. Most major markets still have somebody who wants to be top 40; (even WBSB Baltimore still *claims* to be top 40). But markets like Topeka, Kan. lost their only top 40 outlet in 1990. In fact, for the first time ever you could expect that, say, Rutland, Vt., would have an oldies FM but not a top 40.

Top 40 programmers were successful in their fight to disenfranchise teens—for the first time since the 1982-84 revival of the format, less than half listen to top 40. They have been, thus far, less successful in their attempt to lure adults. Top 40 used to *(Continued on page 72)*

Some Station Standouts From Radio's Static-Filled Year

NEW YORK—One sign of radio's malaise in 1990 is the lack of a station that galvanized the industry the way "Power Pig" WFLZ Tampa, Fla., or "Pirate Radio" KQLZ Los Angeles did in 1989. Last year, most top 40 PDs spent their time copying Pirate and the Power Pig. Now, judging from some recent trade comments, people are just as eager to disavow them.

But in a year when "Don't Be A Dickhead" gave way to "A Better Mix Of Favorites From The '60s, '70s, '80s, And Today... With No Rap," it is still possible to pinpoint a few stations whose significance has been felt by the rest of the broadcast community, or will be felt later.

1990 IN REVIEW The most important caveat about the list that follows is that it is vulnerable to sins of omission. My travel in 1990 was

largely to convention cities. Otherwise, I counted on listen lines and the kindness of aircheckers. So if your station isn't here, don't get angry. Just send tapes. Or wait for the 1991 Billboard Radio Awards and make yourself heard then.

TOP 40

There sure has been a lot of Power Pig-bashing for a station that was, at last count, No. 2 in town and the No. 1 top 40. But if top 40 PDs have renounced WFLZ's two-fisted legacy, what have they replaced it with? The "Mix" imagery that top 40 loves now comes from AC. And, in a top 40 context, it isn't so much radio as anti-radio. So who, then, were 1990's significant players?

•WXKS-FM (Kiss 108) and WZOU Boston. They're not mentioned together here just because of what will happen to me if one is cited and the other isn't. They're both here because last year they were fighting it out in the fives and low sixes instead of the sevens, making Boston look like one of those markets where top 40 was no longer a factor. Kiss 108 still confounds a lot of radio people, but the civilians clearly understand. WZOU is not flashy, but it is a mainstream top 40 that did better than the adult format it replaced. Together, they prove this format still works.

•WBBM-FM (B96) Chicago and WLOL Minneapolis. In other cities, dance radio didn't quite know where to go this year. In the Midwest, where it was still new, they proved you could do dance radio anywhere.

•KNRJ Houston, and its successor, KHMX (Mix 96.5). In the month before its switch to adult top 40, KNRJ was as close to my conception of how modern rock should sound as anybody: hit-driven, high-energy, not obsessed with artist image, etc. I would have preferred that KHMX show up on somebody else's frequency, but it really is the most likable of the adult top 40s, if only because Guy Zapoleon, as a musicologist, cannot do even a conservative format without kinking it up somehow.

•WHYT Detroit and KIOC (K106) Beaumont, Texas, are included here just as personal faves. I've already raved plenty about WHYT. And we haven't heard the likes of K106's constant barrage of hip music since 1984-87; I've liked it since I heard the intro to "How Soon Is Now" by the Smiths and it wasn't "Hippychick."

URBAN

A lot of the stations that were good this year are longtime standard bearers, i.e., WJHM (102 Jamz) Orlando, Fla., WPEG Charlotte, N.C., or WYLD-FM New Orleans. That being the case, let's also herald:

•KKBT Los Angeles. Everybody wants to tell Liz Kiley and Mike Stradford how to run their radio station, but the fact is that somebody *finally* launched a full-signal urban in L.A. Even if KKBT insists on doing it the hard way, by targeting adults first, it still vindicates a lot of urban format boosters.

•WRKS New York. Like WZOU, it proves that simple sometimes works better than complicated. And proves that the lower 12-plus shares that people settle for these days are often just self-fulfilling prophecies.

•WEDR Miami. In many cities where urban stations came back against churbans, it was just because the incumbent no longer stunk. WEDR's achievement was impres-



sive because WHQT remains strong. Finally, if KDAY Los Angeles goes away soon, as has been widely rumored—I'll miss it as a radio station, not just as a place to hear rap. KDAY was always nicely produced. And I've heard PD Jack Patterson turn some pretty green jocks into major-market air talents. That deserves to be cited.

ADULT CONTEMPORARY

The impact of WWMX (Mix 106.5) Baltimore may have been felt across top 40 this year, but its biggest footprints on AC are several years old. Hot AC was a prophet without honor in its own format for a while. It has been redeemed somewhat by 1990's resurgence of KFMB-FM (B100) San Diego. Industry folks never gave up on B100; it was nice to see listeners get the message.

The stations that deserve notice this year are the male ACs: KRVK Kansas City, Mo.; KDBQ/KDBK San Francisco; and WMMO Orlando, Fla., the biggest success of the trio thus far. Together with the somewhat related WFLC Miami, they show that there is a place for something that is texturally AC, but with hipper artists than spectrum AC.

COUNTRY

This was going to be the year country fragmented, but it ended up as the year that it went back to the center. KCWW Phoenix's Traditional Country & Western service, now known on-air as Real Country, backed off the oldies and most like formatted stations followed suit. WTDR Charlotte, N.C.—the bestpublicized rock/country hybrid yet was, by all accounts, back to fairly mainstream country by year's end. *(Continued on page 24)*

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Hits From Billboard 10 and 20 Years Ago This Week

POP SINGLES—10 Years Ago

- 1. Lady, Kenny Rogers, LIBERTY
- 2. More Than I Can Say, Leo Sayer,
- 3. Starting Over, John Lennon, GEFFEN
 4. Love On The Rocks, Neil Diamond, CAPITON
- 5. Master Blaster, Stevie Wonder,
- 6. Hungry Heart, Bruce Springsteen,
- 7. Another One Bites The Dust, Queen, ELEKTRA 8. Guilty, Barbra Streisand & Barry
- 9. Hit Me With Your Best Shot, Pat
- Benatar, CHRYSALIS
- 10. Every Woman In The World, Air Supply, ARISTA

POP SINGLES-20 Years Ago

- 1. The Tears Of A Clown, Smokey Robinson & the Miracles, TAMLA
- 2. My Sweet Lord/ Isn't It A Pity, George Harrison, APPLE 3. One Less Bell To Answer, Fifth
- Dimension, BELL
- 4. I Think I Love You, Partridge amily, BELL
- 5. Black Magic Woman, Santana,
- 6. Knock Three Times, Dawn, BELL Stoned Love, Supremes, MOTOWN
- Does Anybody Really Know What Time It Is?, Chicago, COLUMBIA 8.
- 9. Gypsy Woman, Brian Hyland, UNI 10. No Matter What, Badfinger, APPLE

TOP ALBUMS-10 Years Ago

- 1. Greatest Hits, Kenny Rogers,
- 2. Guilty, Barbra Streisand, COLUMBIA
- 3. Hotter Than July, Stevie Wonder,
- 4. Back in Black, AC/DC, ATLANTIC 5. Crimes Of Passion, Pat Benatar, CHRYSALIS
- 6. Eagles Live, Eagles, ASYLUM
- The River, Bruce Springsteen,
- 8. Zenyatta Mondatta, Police, A&M
- The Game, Queen, ELEKTRA
 The Jazz Singer, Neil Diamond, CAPITOI

TOP ALBUMS-20 Years Ago

- 1. Abraxas, Santana, columbia Greatest Hits, Sly & the Family Stone, EPIC
 Led Zeppelin III, ATLANTIC
- Stephen Stills, ATLANTIC
- 5. All Things Must Pass. George Harrison, APPLE
- 6. Close To You, Carpenters, A&M 7. Live Album, Grand Funk Railroad,
- 8. Third Album, Jackson 5. MOTOWN
- Jesus Christ Superstar, Various 9. Artists, DECCA
- 10. Sweet Baby James, James Taylor,

COUNTRY SINGLES—10 Years Ago

- 1. That's All That Matters To Me, Mickey Gilley, EPIC 2. One In A Million, Johnny Lee,
- 3. Lovers Live Longer, Bellamy Brothers, WARNER/CURB 4. I Think I'll Just Stay Here And
- Drink, Merle Haggard, MCA
- 5. A Bridge That Just Won't Burn, Conway Twitty, McA
 6. The Best Of Strangers, Barbara Mandrell, McA
 7. I Love A Rainy Night, Eddie Pablitt resume
- Rabbitt, ELEKTRA
- Why Lady Why, Alabama, RCA Texas In My Rear View Mirror, Mac 9. Davis, CASABLANCA
- 10. Take Me To Your Lovin' Place, Larry Gatlin & the Gatlin Brothers Band, COLUMBIA

SOUL SINGLES--- 10 Years Ago

- 1. Celebration, Kool & the Gang, DE-
- 2. Love T.K.O., Teddy Pendergrass,
- 3. Master Blaster, Stevie Wonder,
- 4: Keep It Hot, Cameo, CHOCOLATE CITY
- 5. Lovely One, The Jacksons, EPIC 6. Uptown, Prince, WARNER BROS.
- 7. United Together, Aretha Franklin,
- 8. More Bounce To The Ounce, Zapp,
- 9. Fantastic Voyage, Lakeside, SOLAR 10. When We Get Married, Larry Graham, WARNER BROS.

Middle East Engulfs Radio Promotions In 1990

NEW YORK-In a year of creative and worthy radio promotions, the fourth-quarter focus on the Persian Gulf crisis still overshadows anything else that happened in 1990. A year ago, stations like WDFX Detroit were collecting holiday greetings for the troops in Panama. Now, that conflict seems just a memory as stations across the country focus on sending aid and comfort to U.S. troops stationed in Saudi Arabia.

Initially, the Middle East conflict was marked with lighthearted promotions. KJMZ Dallas and others held "Wacky Iraqi" weekends where listeners could win an oil change when they heard a sounder of Iraq being attacked. WSNX Muskegon, Mich., held a "send your worst enemy to Baghdad" contest, and dozens of

lets in the heartland had refused to play lang after her anti-beef ads.

WHTZ (Z100) New York marked the opening of the new Lowe film, 'Bad Influence," by giving away video cameras, a reference to Lowe's sex-videotape scandal of last year. Barr became radio fodder after she attempted to sing the national anthem at a baseball game. Her version of the anthem graced the radio airwaves for several weeks after the game and became the subject of much talk-radio discussion. And revelations that Milli Vanilli front men Fab Morvan and Rob Pilatus did not actually sing on the album inspired everything from radio boycotts to station lawsuits against the band.

In a kinder vein, dozens of stations sent get-well greetings to Gloria Estefan after she was injured in a bus accident.

THE SMALL SCREEN

Radio and television were very involved with each other this year as more radio jocks got television deals, and more TV programs solicited the input of radio. Radio, meanwhile, found one great promotion on TV.

KIIS Los Angeles morning man Rick Dees, WMMR Philadelphia morning man John DeBella, and rival WXRK/WYSP/WJFK morning man Howard Stern launched late-night television shows. KPWR Los Angeles morning man Jay Thomas starred in a new sitcom, "Married People," after frequent guest shots on other shows, and WLUP-FM Chicago morning man Jonathon Brandmeier, who has a development deal with NBC, was seen in several projects, including a November made-for-television movie. While most stations promoted their talent's on-camera work, Stern made headlines when his radio boss, Infinity Broadcasting, refused to cross-promote and initially barred Stern from talking about his TV show on the radio.

High hopes were pinned on the radio-stunt-based television pilot "Anything For Laughs," but the show was not picked up by ABC. In the meantime, Fox Television solicited tapes from radio stations for one of its new shows, "Haywire," and Vin Di Bona productions teamed up with several stations to produce segments for its show, "America's Funniest People," which airs on ABC.

The tremendous success of another Vin Di Bona show, "America's Funniest Home Videos," inspired radio's most successful, and least expensive, promotion of the yearhomemade video commercials. With the exception of prize money, this promotion cost the stations that did it nothing, but was a big success wherever it was used, including KUBE Seattle, KQLZ Los Angeles, WHYT De-troit, WRDU Raleigh, N.C., and WPLJ New York.

HOLDING ON TO THE EARTH

Earth Day (April 22) was a major radio event this year. Among the stations that marked it with promotions: KITS San Francisco; WKXL Concord, N.H.; WRCN Long Island, N.Y.; and CKNX Wingham, Ontario.

Several stations raised consciousness and funds for the rain forest, including KISW Seattle, which held a fund-raiser, and six Infinity stations, including WXRK New York, KROQ Los Angeles, and WBCN Boston. which held a radiothon.

Other stations got involved in the anti-violence cause. KBTS (B93) Austin, Texas, was one of several stations that collected firearms from listeners in exchange for cash. WPGC Washington, D.C., and consultant Jerry Clifton organized a Thanksgiving Day "stop the violence" campaign promoting a day of peace.

A RARE BREED Other things on the minds of radio

promotion directors this year were the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles; "Twin Peaks," which prompted strange behavior like WKQX Chicago wrapping a morning-team member in cellophane, and KRQR San Francisco giving away logs; and the Simpsons. WMXT Tampa, Fla.'s Simpsons look-alike contest produced a startling replica of Homer Simpson-startling particularly because he wasn't wearing a costume.

RADIO

Finally, a pick for oddest promo-(Continued on page 26)

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by Phyllis Stark

stations gave away cheap gas.

But as the conflict dragged on and more troops went overseas, the promotions took on a more somber, more supportive tone. Stations began sending greeting cards and tapes to the troops. WSTR Atlanta unveiled a giant billboard counting the number of days the troops had been in Saudi Arabia. KABC Los Angeles wrapped a 2,000-foot-long yellow ribbon around an administration building to show support. And many stations joined in the joint Group W/National Assn. of Broadcasters air-lift campaign to provide 25,000 radios and batteries for the troops.

WSRZ-FM Sarasota, Fla., and WXMX Columbus, Ohio, were among those organizing school letterwriting campaigns, while KIFM San Diego "adopted" a Navy ship with which to correspond. KMGI Seattle collected homemade cookies for the troops while WPST Trenton, N.J., collected Nerf balls. KFBK Sacramento, Calif., collected 20,000 books and KMXX Phoenix procured 16,132 rolls of toilet paper for the troops. WZLX Boston, meanwhile, shipped listeners' holiday packages to military personnel overseas.

VICTIMS OF RADIO

Another major promotional theme this year seemed to be cashing in on the misfortunes of others. Donald Trump, Sinead O'Connor, k.d. lang, Rob Lowe, Roseanne Barr, and Milli Vanilli all became victims of radio.

Trump's financial woes prompted WKQI Detroit to ask listeners to send in supermarket coupons for The Donald. His marital problems inspired WSTR to offer his wife, Ivana,

a job on the morning show. When O'Connor's "Nothing Compares 2 U" first hit, many stations did head-shaving promotions, and WAVA Washington, D.C., played "pin the hair on Sinead" at club dates. But when O'Connor refused to allow the national anthem to be played before her concert, some stations boycotted her, just as some country outBillboard.

FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 22, 1990

Album Rock Tracks

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2	2	2	12	HARD TO HANDLE DEF AMERICAN 4-19668/GEFFEN	THE BLACK CROWES
3	4	5	9	IF YOU NEEDED SOMEBOD ATCO 4-98914	Y BAD COMPANY
4	8	8	9	TELEPHONE SONG	VAUGHAN BROTHERS
5	9	10	7	MONEYTALKS ATCO 4-98881	AC/DC
6	5	7	6	SHELTER ME MERCURY 878 700-4	CINDERELLA
7	7	9	8	DISAPPEAR ATLANTIC 4-87784	INXS
8	11	12	5	SIGNS GEFFEN 4-19653	TESLA
9	3	3	8	ONE AND ONLY MAN VIRGIN 4-98892	STEVE WINWOOD
10	6	6	6	YOU'RE AMAZING	ROBERT PALMER
11	10	11	8	TEASE ME, PLEASE ME	SCORPIONS
12	14	20	7	MERCURY 878 634-4	KING'S X
13	13	13	8	MEGAFORCE LP CUT/ATLANTIC	THE OUTFIELD
(14)	18	23	5	MCA 53935 RIGHTEOUS	ERIC JOHNSON
(15)	15	22	- 7	CAPITOL LP CUT	THE REMBRANDTS
(16)	19	32	3	ATCO LP CUT	DAMN YANKEES
17	16	19	6	WARNER BROS. LP CUT	THE JEFF HEALEY BAND
(18)	23		4	ARISTA LP CUT	VAN MORRISON
(19)	25	28		MERCURY 879 202-4	
9		36	4	COLUMBIA 38-73597 SHE'S MY BABY	TRAVELING WILBURYS
20	12	4	9	WILBURY 4-19523/WARNER BROS. MILES AWAY	
21	20	14	12	ATLANTIC 4-87824	WINGER D EVERY MOTHER'S NIGHTMARE
	29	33	6	ARISTA LP CUT	
23	22	21	15	CHARISMA LP CUT	GARY MOORE
24	17	16	8	I.R.S. LP CUT	THE ALARM
25	24	17	12	SOMETHING TO BELIEVE IN ENIGMA 44617/CAPITOL	
26	33	41	3	COLUMBIA LP CUT	TOMMY CONWELL
27	26	26	6	GEFFEN 4-19658	DIE BRICKELL & NEW BOHEMIANS
(28)	43	_	2	* * POW BIG LIE CHARISMA LP CUT	
29	31	35	10	BEEN CAUGHT STEALING WARNER BROS. 4-19574	JANE'S ADDICTION
(30)	37	45	3	BESTICAN	QUEENSRYCHE
31	21	15	8	LOVE THAT NEVER DIES	THE BYRDS
(32)	40	44	4	COLUMBIA LP CUT SPEND MY LIFE	SLAUGHTER
33	32	31	6	CHRYSALIS 23605	LYNCH MOB
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34)	NEV	VÞ	1	GIVE IT UP WARNER BROS. LP CUT	ZZ TOP
35	36	27	21	CLIFFS OF DOVER CAPITOL LP CUT	ERIC JOHNSON
36	46	-	7	CANDY VIRGIN 4-98900	IGGY POP WITH KATE PIERSON
37	38	40	5	PRODIGAL BLUES CHRYSALIS 23603	BILLY IDOL
38	44	47	3	CONSEQUENCES MERCURY LP CUT	THE ROBERT CRAY BAND
39	27	18	11	KING OF DREAMS	DEEP PURPLE
(40)	NEW	1	1	INSIDE OUT WILBURY LP CUT/WARNER BROS.	TRAVELING WILBURYS
41	28	25	8	NEW YORK MINUTE GEFFEN 4-19660	DON HENLEY
(42)	42	49	3	OVER AND OVER	NEIL YOUNG & CRAZY HORSE
43	47	_	2	REPRISE 4-19483	HOUSE OF LORDS
44	35	30	16	SIMMONS 2736/RCA	DAMN YANKEES
45	41	39	5	WARNER BROS. 4-19595	NELSON
46	30	29	7	A TOUCH OF EVIL	JUDAS PRIEST
47	34	34	16	COLUMBIA LP CUT	HOUSE OF LORDS
(48)	48	_	2	SIMMONS LP CUT/RCA	THE CHARLATANS UK
(49)	NEW		1	BEGGAR'S BANQUET 2451/RCA	ALLMAN BROTHERS BAND
50	39	-		EPIC LP CUT	COLIN JAMES
JU	29	24	10	VIRGIN LP CUT	COLIN JAMES

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STATION STANDOUTS (Continued from page 18)

Worth noting this year are: •KVET/KASE Austin, Texas. Al-ways solidly programmed, its innovation was the simulcast/format swap that shocked the world.

•WWYZ Hartford, Conn. Two years later, it still proves that everything people think they know about •KMLE Phoenix. Proved that

country could woo 18-34 just by changing the presentation.

ALBUM ROCK

The success stories of 1990 are the stations that survived Rock 40: KLOS Los Angeles (with some help from Mark & Brian); WLVQ Colum-

Hot AC was a prophet without honor in its own format for a while

bus, Ohio; KYYS Kansas City, Mo. (home of the immortal positioning statement, "We suck less"); etc.

WIYY (98 Rock) Baltimore remains one of the industry's bestloved stations. They have proved that you can walk the line between upper and lower demos, currents and clas-sics, etc. But they haven't spawned nearly the number of imitators I would have liked. More archetypical of album rock this year is WWDC-FM (DC101) Washington, D.C., which did a conservative version of WIYY and scored a major comeback.

Similarly, while a lot of attention went to what might be called post-Rock 40-the stations that played more currents, but remained part of the album community---the biggest success at year's end is KUFO Portland, Ore., the most conservative and least metal-driven of the bunch. KUFO was as gold-based as anybody, but its gold was from the '80s and it proved that some people were still waiting to hear the rock they grew up with.

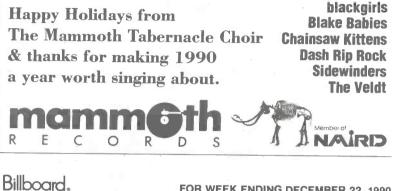
R.I.P. to KFAN San Antonio, Texas. That a large-market station went from Format 41 to eclectic rock was nice. That it was done by people who sounded like they knew how to talk on the radio was a nice surprise.

OLDIES

The success story of 1990 was WCBS-FM, which, after 18 years, became New York's No. 1 station with a high-personality presentation and a long playlist that would scare other oldies PDs. Elsewhere, this was the year that proved gold's ratings durability. Oldies stations showed they could go up and down just like any other format, instead of being locked into a boom-bust cycle.

Oldies' format growth this year has been in smaller markets as FMs finally start to crowd out AMs as their big-market predecessors did in 1986-87. Although we began to see markets with two oldies FMs this year, there has not yet been one that demolished an incumbent. So the most significant new station of the year may be R&B/oldies CKMR Detroit, which, for lack of a better term, is the first churban oldies FM, playing nothing but R&B oldies that crossed pop SEAN ROSS





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THIS	LAST WEEK	2 WKS. AGO	WKS. ON CHART	Compiled from commercial and college radio airplay reports. LABEL & NUMBER/DISTRIBUTING LABEL
1	1	2	6	* * NO. 1 * * MORE ELEKTRA 4.64923 SISTERS OF MERCY 2 weeks at No. 1
2	2	4	7	NIGHT AND DAY CHRYSALIS LP CUT
3	7	8	7	STONE COLD YESTERDAY THE CONNELLS
4	4	5	9	THEN THE CHARLATANS UM BEGGAR'S BANQUET 2451/RCA
5	5	6	5	PICCADILLY PALARE MORRISSEY
6	13	21	4	KINKY AFRO ELEKTRA LP CUT HAPPY MONDAYS
7	6	3	10	DON'T ASK ME PUBLIC IMAGE LTD
8	8	11	6	ONLY TONGUE CAN TELL GODISCS LP CUT/POLYDOR THE TRASH CAN SINATRAS
9	3	1	13	BEEN CAUGHT STEALING JANE'S ADDICTION
10	14	28	3	TOMORROW NEVER KNOWS DANIELLE DAX
(11)	15	18	5	HEAVEN OR LAS VEGAS COCTEAU TWINS
12	11	10	8	DISAPPEAR ATLANTIC 4:87784
13	12	12	4	ENLIGHTEN ME SIRE UP CUT/WARNER BROS. ECHO AND THE BUNNYMEN
(14)	23	_	2	SWEETNESS AND LIGHT LUSH
15	9	7	11	CELEBRATE ATLANTIC LP CUT ATLANTIC LP CUT
16	10	9	8	THE ROAD THE ALARM
(17)	22	_	2	SOMEONE TAKE THE WHEEL THE REPLACEMENTS
18	24	29	3	TRAGEDY (FOR YOU) FRONT 242
19)	25	_	2	HANDS ACROSS THE OCEAN THE MISSION LLK
20)	NEV	VD	1	IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE THE DARLING BUDS
21	18	15	10	DIG FOR FIRE PIXIES
22	20	19	14	ELEKTRA 2.66596 THE CURE
23)	NEW		1	UP & DOWN THE HIGH
24	19	17	7	LONDON LP CUT MAMA HELP ME EDIE BRICKELL & NEW BOHEMIANS
25	21	16	14	CANDY IGGY POP
26)	NEW		1	VIRGIN 4-98900 THAT IS WHY JELLYFISH
27	28	24	5	CHARISMA LP CUT THE OBVIOUS CHILD PAUL SIMON
28)	NEW		1	COME TOGETHER PRIMAL SCREAM
29	16	13	9	BEEN THERE DONE THAT FNO/CALE
30	17	20	8	A LIFE OF SUNDAYS THE WATERBOYS

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RADIO

FCC's Alfred Sikes Was Major Player In Year's Events

BY BILL HOLLAND

WASHINGTON, D.C.-1990 was clearly the Year of Chairman Sikes.

The major pre-holiday announcement that FCC chairman Alfred Sikes would initiate a major radiospectrum-assignment study in 1991 underscored that. So did the news that the commission had filed its pro-24-hour-ban brief for the Jan. 28 oral arguments by the U.S. Appeals Court, which is deciding on the constitutionality of a 24-hour ban on in-

decent programming. Sikes took over the FCC chair in August 1989, just in time for the congressional recess, so it was not until the fall that he was able to dig into his new job. It did not take long to end the questions within the industry about what kind of chairman he would be, and how he would be compared with his predecessors.

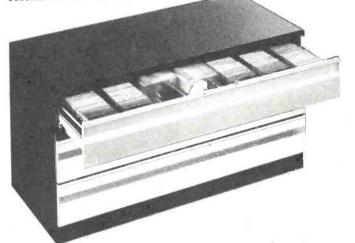
By early 1990, he had clearly styled himself as a "facilitator rather than a gatekeeper." More a policy maker and doer rather than a regulator, he quickly became an energetic, pragmatic, active chairman, whose operatives are long-range planning and getting things done.

With a full commission, largely recently appointed, in tow, Sikes began to deal at once with just about all the major broadcast issues that Congress, industry trade groups, and the public had stacked up at the commission with remarkable speed and definiteness.

Whether the issue was reallocation and spectrum use, indecency citations, or Digital Audio Broadcasting development; a reinstated "voluntary'' broadcasters' pro-gramming code, souped-up violator fines, or a huge AM band overhaul proceeding; tightening up of FM

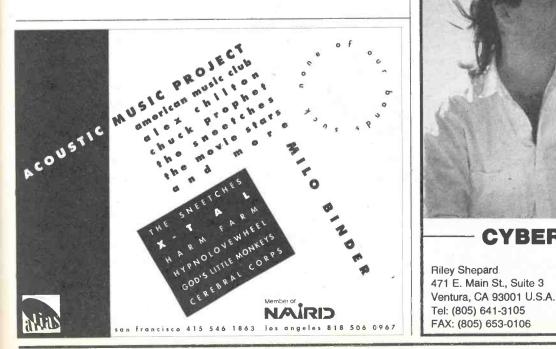
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translator loopholes, reform of the "shakedown" sections of the comparative renewal process, or stripping licenses from major violators for the first time in a decade-what-





ever the issue, if it was big-time then Sikes was in the thick of it.

To radio stations broadcasting near the edge of indecency, and more than a hundred found lackadaisical in their equal-employment policies, Sikes also quickly established in 1990 that he was a strict enforcer of commission rules, fining some stations up to \$20,000. And for the first time in nearly a decade, several stations also lost their licenses when the Sikes commission found warranted licensee characterrule violations.

Congressional leaders, still irritated by what they perceived as the arrogance of his predecessors-particularly in the 1986 decision by the commission that the fairness doctrine was unneeded-were delighted by a new chairman who declared that he would offer his opinions but would obey and carry out the mandates of the Congress.

Broadcasters also found that Sikes, a former radio executive, understood and apparently relished the opportunity to bring commission muscle to the big issues confronting them.

He initiated a major proceeding to boost the AM band in April, and, in the fall, at the National Assn. of Broadcasters' Radio 90 in Boston, made it clear that he believed in the

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public-interest importance of local broadcasting and that the locals would get an equal opportunity to compete in new DAB technology.

But broadcasters took a sudden back seat to the public interest as the fall elections approached, when the FCC, after a surprise audit on stations across the country, found that 40% of radio stations and 80% of TV stations needed to shape up their unclear or incorrect political ad rates and guidelines-or face stiff FCC penalties.

Sikes also occasionally ducked an issue-if it did not concern the commission. When broadcast industry concern mounted in the fall over budget-team plans to tax broadcasters with a spectrum fee, he let the industry lobbyists duke it out.

In the meantime, Sikes an-nounced that he would also begin an 'attic to basement review" of current FCC regulations in 1991, again citing the need for the commission to update and redefine itself as new technologies change the communications marketplace.

The Sikes FCC also granted a number of duopoly and contour overlap waivers to stations in 1990, but, at the same time, closely monitored its somewhat relaxed "change of community" rules.

After collecting hundreds of thousands of dollars from stations slapped with indecency fines stem-ming from late-'80s programming complaints, the commission, in October, also announced its first fine for an indecent broadcast in 1990.

While keeping tabs on programming complaints at any hour, the Sikes commission made it clear that until the court decides on the legality of the 24-hour ban, it would continue to act quickly on complaints about material aired during daylight hours.

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Nets Trimmed Program Rosters, Syndicators Spread Tidings Abroad

LOS ANGELES—What goes around comes around. The year began with one of the big three countdown shows, "Rick Dees Weekly Top 40," leaving the financially strapped DIR Broadcasting and returning to the Uni-star fold. This move mirrored the industrywide consolidation trend, which saw shows such as "On The Radio" and "Hot Mix" gobbled up by the Westwood One and ABC Radio networks, respectively, in 1989.

But 1990 ended with the news that Unistar would not renew the option on the Dees show, prompting Dees and executive producer Wally Clark decided to launch CD Media. That might lead one to believe that 1990 was the year independent syndicators returned, but in fact the launch of such a new company was a rarity.

In 1989, the consolidation/reconfiguration craze swept the industry. This year, the trend continued and the major players trimmed their programming rosters. Over the past year, Unistar dropped "Romancin' The Oldies," the much ballyhooed "Radio Kandy," "Country Datebook," "Super Gold Sunday," "Dick Clark In Hollywood," "U.S. Hall Of Fame," and "Great Sounds."

WW1 also had two programming purges and staff cuts. During the first round, in July, "Rock & Roll Never Forgets," the shortform version of Mary Turner's "Off The Record," "Earth News," the urban concert series "Night Scene," the AC countdown "National Music Survey," and country programs "Listen In With ..." and "Westwood One Presents" were dropped from the schedule, and approximately 15 people were fired.

In November, WW1 axed the metal-oriented "High Voltage," the urban-based "Fresh Traxx," "Classic CDs," "The Jazz Show With David Sanborn," and about 20 employees. ABC's "Satellite Sunday," a

"Rockline"-type show that was to be



by Craig Rosen

hosted by Jerry "The Beaver" Mathers and On The Radio Broadcasting's venture with WW1, "The Hot 30," never made it to the air.

A few shows, however, got a new lease on life. WW1 dropped "Count-



down USA" in March, but in May Premiere Radio Networks revived it as "Dave Sholin's Inside Top 40." The same goes for "The Jazz Show," which was renamed "The David Sanborn Show" and picked up by MediaAmerica this month.

Even some smaller players pulled the plug on programming. After its agreement expired, Premiere Radio Networks dropped its "National Lampoon" show. Atlanta-based American Media decided to cancel "Coast To Coast Top 20," the urban countdown show hosted by Doug Steele and based on the Billboard Hot Black Singles chart, which was then licensed by Sheridan Broadcasting for its "Top 30 USA."

Still, there were some program startups. Unistar beefed up its country lineup with "The Stories Behind The Songs" and "Country Gold Saturday Night." WW1 added "New Rock In Concert."

While the major networks were tightening their belts at home, syndicated radio was expanding abroad. In January, WW1 and Radio Express revealed plans to launch countdown shows in the Soviet Union. And the Satellite Music Network continued to score with its "Lunchtime From America" programming in China.

Back home, WW1, and the rest of the industry, had a tough year, but showed signs of turning things around in the fall. CBS opted to build up its new Hispanic Radio Network.

ABC, the leading network, spent a few months of 1990 with two key positions vacant following the May retirement of president Aaron Daniels (Billboard, May 5) and the March departure of VP of entertainment programming Tom Cuddy for O&O WPLJ New York. In August, Robert F. Callahan Jr., former senior VP of Diversified Publishing Group, was named to replace Daniels, and Corinne Baldassano was promoted to replace Cuddy.

replace Cuddy. Network radio's relationship with cable TV continued to grow. WW1 launched the daily "MTV News" shortform. ABC countered by signing on the World Rock News Network. MTV also landed its two-hour weekly Spanish-language "Radio MTV" on the radio through Caballero Spanish Media. Taking a cue from another cable venture, Nickelodeon, several children's networks sprung up, or at least announced plans to launch. Ironically, some industry folks blamed cable for network radio's financial woes, claiming it was taking ad dollars from network radio.

On the reconfiguration front, CBS announced in February that its Radio Radio would merge with some of its CBS Radio Network affiliates to form the new entity CBS Spectrum. WW1 followed by forming its fourth network, Westwood One News & Entertainment (WONE). Then, as anticipated, ABC went the reconfiguration route in May.

Once reconfiguration mania settled down, not much was changed in the RADAR ratings, but representatives from all networks agreed that the reconfigured networks made radio more appealing to ad buyers.

On the satellite front, Braiker Radio Networks folded in March. Drake-Chenault/Jones was quick to pick up the former Braiker affiliates and a few months later it beefed up its lineup with two new formats. Meanwhile, SMN decided to pull the plug on The Wave this fall in favor of Classic Rock.

CBS continued to dominate the sports scene but received some new competition from PIA Radio Sports, which landed the rights to the National Basketball Assn. MediaAmerica also prepared to launch a smaller challenge with its PGA Radio Network and planned World League of American Football coverage.

A few of syndicated radio's leading players celebrated milestones. ABC's "American Top 40" celebrated its 20th anniversary in July, while that show's former host, Casey Kasem, marked his first year with WW1 in February. Another WW1 personality, Dick Bartley, scored a major coup when his shortform feature, "New Gold On CD," racked up its 500th affiliate. And in October and December, virtually every network remembered John Lennon, either on what would have been his 50th birthday or the 10th anniversary of his death.

AROUND THE INDUSTRY

MJI Broadcasting will once again present live coverage of the annual Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies. On Jan. 16, MJI will offer affiliates live interviews every 30 minutes from the ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York, hosted by ex-Turtles Flo & Eddie. MJI will also offer a half-hour preevent special hosted by WXRK New York's Tony Pigg for the week prior to the event.

Greg Gumbel has assumed the duties of host of CBS Radio Networks' regular feature, **"Sportstime."** The 3¹/₂-minute show had been hosted by a series of guests from affiliate stations following the departure of **Brent Musburger** in April.

"On The Edge," a new weekly show from WWI, debuts the week of Jan. 7. The one-hour, unhosted program, aimed at modern rock stations, is described as an alternative version of "Off The Record." It includes interviews and live acoustic performances.

PROMOTIONS AND MARKETING (Continued from page 23)

tion of the year. Connie Chung would likely blush if she knew how her announcement that she wanted to get pregnant would be turned into "breeders cup" promotions at radio. Stations selected several couples willing to have a baby, and then checked in with them daily or weekly until one of the women became pregnant. WKQX's contest stipulated that each couple would be paid \$250 a week, for

up to two months, to conceive.

PRO-MOTIONS

Bob Green has been named director of marketing at KABC Los Angeles. He was previously promotion director of the cable service Sports-Channel ... Dan Seeman has been upped from director of marketing to director of marketing and sales development at WLOL Minneapolis. CONGRATULATIONS

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SIMULCASTING ARRANGEMENTS GAINING IN POPULARITY

(Continued from page 5)

to ones between a national satellite network and its affiliate. One station supplies programming for another independently run station, just as a satellite network might—thus avoiding a transfer of control that the FCC would have to approve. But whereas most broadcasters pay a satellite network for its product, in simulcasting deals it is usually the originating station that pays its affiliate.

The benefit to originating stations is that they can expand their coverage area—and presumably their ratings—or, in other cases, offer two different FM products in the same market. Because the deals usually require less financing than a station sale, they let stations circumvent bankers, whose acquisition capital has gone south in recent months. And they provide immediate relief for struggling owners who might otherwise go dark.

Among some recent deals:

• In June, Capstar Communications—owner of declining AC AM WJDS and market-leading country FM WMSI Jackson, Miss., used Spur Capitol's crosstown WSLI-FM to carry its AM format on what is now WJDX-FM.

• In September, Spur acquired KHFI Austin, Texas—a successful top 40 station—and began carrying crosstown country AM KVET. KVET's owners already had one successful country FM, KASE. The new deal essentially gave them two. KHFI's format, meanwhile, was picked up by another station.

• Also in September, WNEW-FM New York extended its coverage area to Eastern Long Island by broadcasting over local WWHB.

• Last month, Genesis Broadcasting used a maneuver similar to the Austin and Jackson deals to put the oldies programming of KONO-AM San Antonio, Texas, on rival KFAN-FM while maintaining a separate format on its own FM, KSRR.

• Struggling album rocker KBOY Medford, Ore., is carrying the programs of similarly formatted KZEL Eugene, Ore., 180 miles away.

• In at least two markets— Youngstown, Ohio, and Spokane, Wash.—separately owned stations have teamed up to offer one oldies or album rock station, instead of rival ones, on both frequencies.

• Program supplier deals have also been used in place of a station swap; the owners of WRTO and WXDJ Miami are currently programming each other's stations, rather than buying them outright.

In addition to the 25-30 program supplier deals, there are at least as many stations involved in deals where one owner has obtained two AMs or two FMs by buying stations at opposite ends of the region. Then there was the joint-operating-agreement announced last week in Colorado Springs, Colo., in which one FM's sales functions are now being handled by another FM's staff.

The rise of such common-law marriages—first reported here in 1988 parallels the rise of joint operating agreements between newspapers and similar TV arrangements. For example, network affiliates sometimes use independent stations to carry their news coverage so as not to interrupt network shows on election night.

ECONOMIC DARWINISM

The new program supplier deals are something that a lot of group

broadcasters are at least thinking about now. Malrite is currently looking for its own WNEW/WWHB-type deal to put its WHTZ (Z100) New York on other stations. KVET/ KASE GM Ron Rogers has received about 50 calls from operators interested in a similar deal—including a dozen who want to simulcast one of his stations. Spur Capitol president Don Kuykendall has lost count of the broadcasters interested in simulcast deals.

Opus Media's Tom Birch, whose Jackson stations compete with the Spur/Capstar combo, calls such arrangements "definitely the wave of the future in markets outside the top 100 and even in the larger markets. It's economic Darwinism at its best. This is how we see the market correcting for the previously aggressive FCC approach to increasing the number of stations in a market. It puts competition in sync with the number of dollars that are in a market."

"It is a different, outside-the-boxtype development. Broadcasters would be foolish not to explore it," says Gannett Radio president Jay Cook. "For owners who don't care to invest in people to operate and manage a station, it can work to the advantage of both parties. I'm surprised you haven't seen more of it."

San Antonio broker John Barger, who arranged the KONO/KFAN deal, says that after several years, simulcast deals "have come into prominence now because the lending institutions have just turned off the spigot ... At one time, most of the larger station acquisitions began with a contract that was subject to financing because you could routinely count on 80%-90% of the established broadcasters being able to borrow the necessary money to close a deal. Now, I don't know of many sellers who will consider an offer that is subject to financing.'

MARKER ON THE GROUND

In a tough economy, one group broadcaster says these arrangements "can keep some owners from going under. For folks that can't sell a property and want to keep a marker on it . . . it's like having a rental property. It's a way for the strong to get stronger and the weak to survive."

WWHB owner Eddie Simon agreed to the WNEW-FM deal because, "We're experiencing a recession in Eastern Long Island [and] there are going to be double the number of stations here shortly. We wanted to make sure we could continue to grow with a revenue base that came from sources other than local advertising."

KBOY GM Tom Carnes says that by the time his station's planned sale to a religious group fell through, most staffers and advertisers were already gone. Now KBOY does a local morning show, then simulcasts KZEL. While Carnes would prefer to program his own station, this is "a good alternative to being off the air," he says.

The KBOY/KZEL deal is just until KBOY finds another buyer; there is no compensation involved beyond KZEL's rights to several minutes of spots on KBOY. In a more typical case, Barger estimates the "network compensation fee" to be \$50,000-\$75,000 a month for a station that might cost \$10 million to purchase outright. Deals are usually for five to seven years, but since the FCC forbids a transfer of station control, the owner of the simulcast frequency can abort the deal at any time.

WHY IT'S LEGAL

Broadcasters who carry another station's programming emphasize that they retain legal control of their properties, thus steering clear of FCC duopoly rules. KVET's Rogers says Kuykendall "makes decisions involving the transmitter. He has his own engineer who runs the transmitter. He pays the power and light bills. He keeps a public file. He maintains an office."

But most operators of simulcast affiliates see no need to participate in the program content of their stations beyond several hours a week of legally mandated, separately produced public-service programs.

public-service programs. Says Simon, "If there were a community need that we had to address as a broadcaster, we would introduce additional programming. [Otherwise], WNEW-FM can do much better entertainment programming than we can. They have a constant stream of unbelievable events . . . What they spent going to Berlin for the Wall concert was half our budget for the year."

Capstar president Steven Hicks spent nine months researching the legality of the WSLI/WJDX Deal. He says a struggling station like WSLI-FM would normally "try and reduce expenses by affiliating with SMN or Unistar. I contend that the Jackson community is better served by programming from this market. WJDX-FM is talking about Jackson, Miss. [It is not] a generic format that's on 500 radio stations."

Station broker Gary Stevens thinks the FCC will be "less concerned about these deals. Right now you have a commission that is persuaded that there is no monopoly going on out there, and that these guys need all the help they can get."

FCC Mass Media Bureau attorney Roger Holberg says that a station *could* run afoul of FCC rules by not following main-studio and public-file rules, running separate IDs, etc. things that most simulcast operators say they are doing. But he also says that the FCC has thus far received no complaints about simulcast deals. And the issue of whether such deals reduce broadcast diversity has not been the FCC's turf since the early '80s.

The latest twist to program supplier deals has been stations providing entirely separate formats to other stations. In one of at least two such deals announced this week, Hicks' WSIX Nashville reported the sale of its N/T AM, whose format will now move to a suburban FM (see Vox Jox, page 97).

Hicks says that before his Jackson deal, he was looking for just such an arrangement with his KYKR Beaumont, Texas—which recently moved its stick closer to Houston, and which may yet find a partner. And one successful AM/FM country combo has been seeking a second FM to lease. It would do three separate country formats, thus covering all potential holes, and making it hard for some body new to enter the format.

The closest thing to that thus far is the KVET/KASE deal, which gives its owners two different country FMs in the same market. "Marketing books tell you to attack yourself," says Rogers. "We decided to attack KASE, which had a 19.6 share. We figured nobody does country radio better than we do."

Rogers calls advertiser response to his new combo "phenomenal, although we're still selling [an unproven concept] because Arbitron treats us as a new radio station." Hicks, however, says that the Jackson combo is starting off slower than he had hoped, and that his sales staff is still getting used to selling a new station along with the market leader.

But Hicks—who modeled his deal on Seven-Up and Dr Pepper's jointly operated but competing product lines—is still pleased with his progress. And across town, Birch says that the increased salability of that combo has given it an advantage with national advertisers, and that his share of national business "has dropped off relative to what it was before the combo," although his local business is increasing.

JUST A NOVELTY?

As simulcast deals proliferate, Hicks says he is "not sure that I want to be the father of everything I've seen in recent weeks. My fear is that if people don't do these things properly, it could taint the whole deal. That does concern me."

Stevens worries about an originating station being "at the mercy of the guy they're leasing from when the

LIFELINES

BIRTHS

Boy, Christopher Lyle, to **Tom** and Lisa Albert, Nov. 12 in Nashville. He is data processing coordinator for Warner Bros. Records/Nashville.

Girl, Savannah Choushane, to Josh Grier and Corinne Kevorkian, Nov. 19 in New York. He is an entertainment attorney at Pryor, Cashman, Sherman & Flynn.

Girl, Kayla Nicole, to Scott and Chantal Thompson, Nov. 29 in Columbus, Ohio. He is a weekend air personality at WNCI.

MARRIAGES

Eric Sadler to Karen Douglass, Nov. 10 in Montreal. He is a producer/ songwriter and member of the Bomb Squad, involved in projects with Public Enemy, BBD, Ice Cube, Slick Rick, and 3rd Bass.

DEATHS

Dee Clark, 52, of a heart attack, Dec. 7 in Smyrna, Ga. Clark was a singer who had a string of hits in the '60s, including "Raindrops" and "Hey Lit-

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tle Girl." His career began in the early '50s with the Hambone Kids, an R&B group. Later, he formed a group called the Kool Jets, before launching his solo career in 1957.

economy improves and he wants to

go back to running it like a real radio

And when such deals become elab-

orate, they often require as much fi-

nancing as a sale. The aforemen-

tioned country triad has, thus far,

been stalled because bankers balked

deals have happened without a bro-

ker. Whether station traders will hop

on the new trend depends on whom

you ask. Barger is bullish. Stevens is

not. Some other brokers contacted

for this story were unfamiliar with

such deals at all. Yet, one group own-

er is investigating simulcast deals so

he can line one up "before the bro-

kers create false values for all these

And as with last year's sudden fu-

ror of interest in European broad-

casting-something that has

spawned only a few deals thus far-

the possibility exists that simulcast-

ing may be just a novelty. Dick Black-

burn anticipates seeing "some pro-

gramming supplier deals, but not a landslide." The calls he has gotten

thus far, he says, "are more curiosity

than anything else. Superficially, it

seems great, but a half hour later

they're thinking about something else."

Thus far. many of the simulcast

at the start-up costs needed.

station."

stations."

Miriam Rose Stern, 76, of cancer, Dec. 9 at Doctor's Hospital in New York. At her death. Stern was a songwriter's agent who operated The Miriam Stern Agency in New York, which represented more than 160 songwriter estates. She is credited with being instrumental in organizing the test actions that led to a 1979 House Of Lords decision in favor of Freddie Bienstock's Redwood Music that established reversionary songs of composers. Stern also served as executive director of the American Guild Of Authors & Composers, now known as the Songwriters Guild. She also spent seven years with band leader Sammy Kaye as road manager and three years at MCA. Contributions to the Songwriters Guild Foundation are requested in lieu of flowers.

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R&B

Wrapping Up The Year Rap Went To The Top

BY JANINE MCADAMS

NEW YORK—1990 may well be remembered as the year when the biggest-selling albums were by rap artists.

From an R&B/rap music standpoint, the astounding pop success of M.C. Hammer's "Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em" on Capitol and the more recent "To The Extreme" by Vanilla Ice on SBK seems like a mixed blessing. These two artists have broadened the appeal of rap, but many feel they have diluted its cultural authenticity. (The bulk of rap music now being made still does not receive widespread exposure.)

Other signs that rap has broken through to the mainstream are in media. Wil Smith, aka the Fresh Prince, anchors the NBC-TV show "The Fresh Prince Of Bel-Air," Kid-N-Play are the stars of their own Saturday morning series, and Heavy D & the Boyz, Hammer, and Young M.C. have become TV ad pitchmen.

Rap began to show its age as Run-D.M.C. delivered "Back From Hell" (Profile), making this Hollis, N.Y., trio the first rap act to have released five albums. L.L. Cool J released his fourth; and Public Enemy, Boogie Down Productions, Big Daddy Kane, Too Short, Salt-N-Pepa, and 2 Live Crew logged their third albums.

1990 IN REVIEW

The travails of 2 Live Crewwhose "As Nasty As They Wanna Be" was declared obscene in Florida—have been covered ad nauseam. But 2 Live Crew's troubles have been noteworthy for forcing artists, labels, and other proponents of rap to solidify their policies concerning freedom

Taking The Pulse Of R&B: 'Do Me!' Does It Year's Rich Mix Also Includes Wealth Of Women

****O**OH, THAT BOOTY! Smack it up, flip it, rub it down, oh noooo . . . " Against my will, this is the phrase that I will carry through the decade as the lyrical embodiment of the R&B music made in 1990.

It seems apropos, as it falls in the midrange of the new heights and depths that many artists have attained in exercising their right of free speech, which is again the issue of the year. The words are funky, rhythmic, seductive, ever-so-slightly misogynist, and just a touch obscene. Even more so than **Bell Biv DeVoe's** "Poison,"

the group's "Do Me!" is typical of the struggle between morally correct and culturally apt, and reflects the dichotomous attitudes of many young men toward women: I don't like vou but I just gotta have you, so "take off your clothes and leave on your shoes." BBD and its producers solidified the "hip-hop smoothed out on an R&B tip" style and attitude that are key to youth-oriented R&B success in the '90s.

ALMOST ANY SERIOUS discussion of the year in music will be given over almost entirely to the episodic adventures of Luther Campbell & 2 Live Crew and the rise and fall of the rap censorship campaign, along with an afterthought—depending on whom you talk to—on the pathetic fate of the fraudulent Milli Vanilli boys. Of course, there is the triumph of rap music on the pop charts, with M.C. Hammer as king and Johnny-Come-Lately Vanilla Ice as the crown prince. But all of the above-mentioned acts are hardly representative of the core of R&B music history made this year.

The following are just some observations about favorite records and artists that emerged in the past year:

LADIES FIRST: Janet Jackson never lost "Control": "Rhythm Nation 1814" established her as an artist with a conscience as well as-finally-a grown-up sexuality (check the hot video for "Love Will Never Do Without You") ... Lisa Stansfield, "Affection" (Arista). Her album's critical raves were much deserved ... Mariah Carey, for all the superficial controversy about her race, is a revelation. Yes, she sounds like Whitney Houston, but a plus is that the girl writes. Her debut album contained too many pop-oriented ditties for it to make my top-10 album list, but no doubt about it, she's the genuine article ... So is Lalah Hathaway, who possesses an amazing vocal talent but whose Virgin debut album was similarly uneven. Lalah shines on "Smile," "Baby Don't Cry," "Something," and the upbeat single "Heaven." But some of the upbeat tracks forced her into the role of a dance diva instead of giving her material that showcased her smoky, supple voice. Lalah, we want more!!! . Oleta Adams is nothing less than brilliant on "Circle Of One"... Dianne Reeves should have received much more attention for the wonderfully warm "Never Too

Month... Caron Wheeler showed us the light with "Livin' In The Light" and the accompanying "UK Blak"... And let me mention again the rise of the rap females, who proved that women can master the art of verbal battles while making the woman's point of view known: Monie Love's "Down To Earth" (Eternal/WB), Shazzy's "Attitude: A Hip-Hop Rapsody" (Elek-

Far" ... Kudos to Melba Moore and her producers for

letting us hear her wonderful all-star version of "Lift Every Voice And Sing" (Capitol) on the radio again, and

not just on McDonald's TV ads during Black History

Hip-Hop Rapsody" (Elektra), Isis' "Rebel Soul" (4th & B'way), and Harmony's "Let There Be Harmony" (Virgin). OTHER ALBUM

OTHER ALBUM FAVES: The Whispers, "More Of The Night." They haven't lost their chops; Guy's jammin' sophomore effort, "The Future"; "Ralph Tresvant" (MCA); the stellar and breathtaking "So Much 2 Say" by Take 6; the Jonathan Butler jazz set, "Deliverance" (Jive);

"Graffiti Bridge" (Paisley Park), the great **Prince** soundtrack for the bad Prince movie; and the Motown **Marvin Gaye** boxed set.

SINGLE LIFE: "Tom's Diner" by DNA Featuring Suzanne Vega (A&M); "Everybody Everybody" bv Black Box (sung by the powerful Martha Wash) (RCA); "Sorry" by Foxy Brown (PowWow); Snap's version of "The Power" (Arista); "Life Is What You Make It" by Frighty & Col. Mite (Profile); The Adventures Of Stevie V's pumping "Dirty Cash (Money Talks)" (Mercury); Father M.C.'s smooth "Treat Them Like They Want To Be Treated" (Uptown/MCA); Mellow Man Ace's bilinbe freated (Optown/MCA); Mellow Man Ace's blin-gual "Mentirosa" (Capitol); "It's Gonna Be Alright" by **Ruby Turner** (Jive); "The Ghetto" by **Too Short** (Jive); "Giving You The Benefit" by **Pebbles** (MCA); "My My My" by **Johnny Gill** (Motown); "Sensitivity" by Tres-vant—the remix (MCA); After 7's "Can't Stop"—One World Remix (Virgin); **Gerald Austin's** sexy "Slow Mo-tion"—old-fashingd soul on a Saturday night (Motown) tion"-old-fashioned soul on a Saturday night (Motown); 'Spread My Wings" by Troop (Atlantic); "Rock Dis Funky Joint" by Poor Righteous Teachers (Profile); the ubiquitous happy anthem "Groove Is In The Heart" by Deee-Lite (Elektra); Christopher Williams' "Promises Promises" (Geffen); and "Expression" by Salt-N-Pepa (Next Plateau).

T'S SHOWTIME: Of all the many concerts I've seen this year, the one I enjoyed the most was **Regina Belle and Maze**, first at Miami's James L. Knight Auditorium back in March and later at New York's Beacon Theater. Belle dazzled with the warmth and emotion of her vocals, while Maze simply rocked the house with downhome grooves and great musicianship. of expression for recording artists.

While Afrocentricity emerged as a lyrical theme in rap, so-called "gangsta rap" has proven a hit with hardcore rap fans. Compton's Most Wanted, Above The Law, C.P.O., Kool G. Rap & D.J. Polo, Uzi\$ Bros., and especially Ice Cube, former member of N.W.A,- moved albums this year, while Geto Boys and new female act Hoe's Wit Attitude stirred up controversy with offensive references to violence and sex.

Gangsta rap saw a positive development this year: Mike Concepcion, a former gang member himself, forged a deal for his Grand Jury Records with Warner Bros. and engineered the all-star rap release "We're All In The Same Gang." The record, which raised money for a local anti-violence youth organization, used the talents of Ice-T, Young M.C., Michel'le, Digital Underground, N.W.A, Hammer, the D.O.C., J.J. Fadd, Body & Soul, Eazy-E, Def Jef, and Tone Loc.

Also, bilingual rappers Mellow Man Ace and Kid Frost introduced "Spanglish."

CROSSOVER DREAMS

This was a strong year for crossover artists. Lisa Stansfield was an R&B/pop smash with her platinum album of "Philly Soul"-style tracks, 'Affection" (Arista). Songwriter/ singer Michael Bolton fared well with R&B fans with "Soul Provider"(Columbia); Jane Child's monster single. "Don't Wanna Fall In Love" gave R&B life to her self-titled Warner Bros. album; and Island's Dino scored well. Singer/songwriter Mariah Carey's Columbia debut yielded widespread critical acclaim for the smash singles "Vision Of Love" and "Love Takes Time." The hook in selling these artists has been real vocal talent and strong production coupled with intensive promotions.

PRODUCERS THRIVE

1990 turned out to be Quincy Jones' year. The accomplished producer was named Man of the Year at the MI-DEM gathering in Cannes in January. His multiformat, multi-artist, platinum album, "Back On The Block" (Qwest), was a sales success, spawning three No. 1 black singles: "I'll Be Good To You," "Secret Garden," and "Tomorrow." Jones was also the subject of the documentary film project "Listen Up: The Lives Of Quincy Jones," which was released to movie theaters in October. Jones was also feted with a lifetime achievement award at the Soul Train Music Awards in March, an NAACP Image Award for best album, and a Grammy Living Legend honor.

L.A. & Babyface once more hit the top in '90. Johnny Gill's "My My My" became the year's romantic anthem, while Whitney Houston's "I'm Your Baby Tonight" became a No. 1 pop and R&B single. The pair also scored with the platinum-certified debut by After 7 on Virgin and Pebbles' second album, "Always," on MCA. Jimmy "Jam" Harris & Terry Lewis also dominated with their production for Janet Jackson's quadruple-platinum "Rhythm Nation 1814" as well as their contributions to the Gill album, the Ralph Tresvant debut, and their own gold album with the reunited Time.

Oakland, Calif.-based producers Denzil Foster & Thomas McElrovwho produced much of last year's Toni! Tony! Toné! debut and released a concept album of their own last year, "FM2"-launched one of the most exciting groups of the year, En Vogue, with their Atlantic debut, "Born To Sing." The strong-voiced quartet gave street credibility to the girl-group idea. And Foster McElroy's rhythm track for the platinum "Hold On" quickly became the most widely imitated of the year. Similarly, the producers lodged Samuelle's "So You Like What You See" at the top of the R&B singles chart.

Success for top producers means a personal record label. In October, wunderkind producer Teddy Riley announced the formation of his own label, The Future Enterprises, with distribution by MCA. Multiplatinum rapper Hammer, who had formed his own management company a while back, negotiated a distribution deal with Capitol for his Bustin' Records in April. Harris and Lewis are expected to announce their own label.

ONCE MORE WITH FEELING

Several veteran acts proved their staying power by competing head to head with more youth-oriented acts: Nancy Wilson, Carl Anderson, Betty Wright, Clarence Carter, the Whispers, Lou Rawls, Smokey Robinson, Lenny Williams, and Etta James. Indie label Malaco, headed by Slack Johnson, was a steady presence on the R&B chart with albums by Denise LaSalle, Bobby "Blue" Bland, Little Milton, and Johnnie Taylor, while Atlanta-based indie Ichiban succeeded with Carter and Curtis Mavfield. among others. Barry White recorded a comeback album, "The Man Is Back," for A&M, and toured the U.S. with a 30-piece orchestra.

Acts that made a splash with their debuts followed with sophomore releases, including Al B. Sure!, Keith Sweat, E.U., Guy, and Soul II Soul. Young "bubblegum"-type acts were in abundance, following the mold set by New Kids On The Block and the Boys: Special Generation, Perfect Gentlemen, Hi-Five, and the Superiors. Popular MCA act New Edition broke into separate components for solo projects. Bell Biv DeVoe, Gill, and Tresvant each scored with No. 1 R&B songs (respectively, "Poison," "My My My," and "Sensitivity").

TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

The NAACP followed through on its plans to effect its Fair Share affirmative-action program within the record industry. After a protracted battle with CBS, the NAACP and the recording giant hammered out an agreement for the hiring of minority employees and outside contractors in July. It has since worked out similar agreements with other major labels.

While the end of 1989 found the majority of top black music executives fairly stable in their posts, 1990 has seen a number of exits, moves, and promotions. Chief among the moves: Skip Miller's elevation to head of an autonomous black music division at RCA; Ernie Singleton's appointment as president of MCA's black music division; Sylvia Rhone's ascension to co-president/CEO of the *(Continued on page 36)*



by Janine McAdams

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52	63	78	3	UK BLAK CARON WHEE C.MACINTOSH (C.WHEELER.C.MACINTOSH) (T) EMI 50 (T) EMI 50
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(56)	62	71	5	JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER A.CLARKE (H.TUCKER) (C) (T) CHARISMA 4-9 (C) (T) CHARISMA 4-9
57	35	18	15	KNOCKIN' BOOTS ● CANDYMAN (CANDYMAN.CLARKE.WRIGHT,HAMILTON,WYLIE,HAMILTON) (C) (CD) (M) (T) (Y) EPIC 34-7
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60	64	79	3	THE PLACES YOU FIND LOVE Q.JONES (G.BALLARD,C.MAGNESS,C.SEMENYA)
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(70)	79	88	3	G.ALBRIGHT (BABYFACE.D.SIMMONS) (C) ATLANTIC 4-8: LET ME SHOW YOU LORENZO SM
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73	68	70	6	LET ME FEEL YOUR BODY TH SBONILLA.M.BONILLA (G.TORRES.M.TORRES,N.TORRES,SBONILLA) (C) PRIORITY
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82	51	20	12	NO SWEETER LOVE GEOFF MCBR G.LEVERT,M.GORDON (G.GLENN) (C) (V) ARISTA 2
83	NEV	VÞ	1	THE REAL THING MARION MEADO ELEWIS (ELEWISP.CARROLL) (C) NOVUS 3105/
84)	NEV	VÞ	1	MELT IN YOUR MOUTH CANDYMAN, JOHNNY "J" (CANDYMAN, M. STEALS, M. STEALS, CANDYLAND BAND) (M) (T) EPIC 49-730
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		56	13	G.GRIFFIN (W.SCOTT.D.ADAMS) (C) (T) SOUND OF NEW YORK 2054/MOTO
97	92	91	3	DANCIN' DANNY D.S.PETTIBONE (C.DENNIS,D.POKU) (C) (CD) (M) (T) (V) POLYDOR 877 90 JUST BE MY LADY KIM WATERS & ISAAC HAY
98	87	77	7	KWATERS, M.DANIELS (K.WATERS) (M) WATERS (K.WATERS) (K.WATERS) (M) WATERS (K.WATERS) (K.WATERS) (M) WATERS (K.WATERS) (K.
99	88	67	16	AFRIKA BABY BAM (C.WHEELER,P.HALL) C(C) (M) (T) EMI 50;

OR	WE	EK EN		B DEC. 22, 1990 HOT R&BS					COMPILED FROM A NATIONAL SAMPLE OF RETAIL ST AND ONE-STOP SALES REPORTS AND RADIO PLAYLIS
WEEK	LAST WEEK	2 WKS AGO	WKS. ON CHART	TITLE ARTIST PRODUCER (SONGWRITER) LABEL & NUMBER/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	THIS	LAST WEEK	2 WKS AGO	WKS. ON CHART	TITLE A PRODUCER (SONGWRITER) LABEL & NUMBER/DISTRIBUTIN
-				T NEVER RAINS (IN SOLITHERN CALIFORNIA) I work at No. 1 A TONYLTONIL TONEL	(50)	59	69	5	I SURRENDER PCHAMBERS, A WITTER (P. CHAMBERS, A WITTER, F, BROWN, R, SHALL) (C) (T) SBK (C) (T) SBK
	4	5	11	IT NEVER RAINS (IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA) 1 week at No. 1 TONY! TON!! TONE! TONYTONETONE! (R.WIGGINS.T.CHRISTIAN) (C) (T) (V) WING B79 068-4/POLYDOR LOVE ME DOWN	51	42	40	9	WHEN YOU CRY THE WIL M.J.POWELL (C. WINANS,L.HYTER) (C) QWEST 4-19566/WARNER
2	3	6	9	LOVE ME DOWN BJEASTMOND (BEASTMOND, J.SKINNER) (C) (T) CAPITOL 44640	52	63	78	3	UK BLAK
	1	2	9	SENSITIVITY J.JAM.TLEWIS (J.HARRIS III.TLEWIS) (C) (M) (T) (V) MCA 53932	(53)	1			C.MACINTOSH (C.WHEELER.C.MACINTOSH) (T) EMI 5 MAKE IT EASY ON ME
	5	7	10	I WANNA GET WITH U T.RILEY (T.RILEY,A.HALL.A.DAVIDSON) (C) (M) (T) MCA 53928		60	65	6	STOCK.AITKEN.WATERMAN (STOCK.AITKEN.WATERMAN) (C) (CD) (T) NEXT PLATEAU MISSUNDERSTANDING
D	8	12	10	THE FIRST TIME SURFACE SURFACE (B.JACKSON,B.SIMPSON) (C) COLUMBIA 387-73502	54	29	11	13	DJ ÉDDIE FNEVELLE (DJ EDDIE F.,NEVELLE,AL B.SURE!) (C) (CD) (M) (T) (V) WARNER BROS. 4
D	9	15	8		(55)	67	84	3	JUSTIFY MY LOVE MADC LKRAVITZ (LKRAVITZ.MADONNA) (C) (CD) (M) (T) (V) SIRE 4-19485/WARNER
5	11	17	7	B.JEASTMOND (B.EASTMOND, J.OSBORNE) (C) (V) ARISTA 2127 LOVE MAKES THINGS HAPPEN LA.REID,BABYFACE (LA.REID,BABYFACE) (C) MCA 53973	(56)	62	71	5	JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER A.CLARKE (H.TUCKER) (C) (T) CHARISMA 4
			11		57	35	18	15	KNOCKIN' BOOTS CANDY CANDYMAN (CANDYMAN,CLARKE,WRIGHT,HAMILTON,WYLIE,HAMILTON) (C) (CD) (M) (T) (V) EPIC 34
-+	13	14	11	F.PILATEJ.EARLEY (M.C.HAMMER,SPECIAL GENERATION,PILATE) (C) (T) BUST IT 44604/CAPITOL					ALL THE MAN THAT I NEED WHITNEY HOUS
	2	1	10	L.A.REID.BABYFACE (L.A.REID.BABYFACE) (C) (M) (T) (V) ARISTA 2108	(58)	NE		1	N.M.WALDEN (D.PITCHFORD,M.GORE) (C) (V) ARIST
D	14	21	8	TOM'S DINER ● S.ADDABBO,L KAYE (S.VEGA) ◆ DNA FEATURING SUZANNE VEGA (C) (T) A&M 1529	59	43	23	14	B.B.D. (I THOUGHT IT WAS ME)? SHOCKLEE.SADLER.SHOCKLEE (R.HOOKS.E.SADLER.K.SHOCKLEE.D.DURANT.P.STEWART) (C) (M) (T) (V) MCA
L	6	3	12	ROUND AND ROUND PRINCE (PRINCE) (C) (CD) (M) (T) (V) PAISLEY PARK 4-19748/WARNER BROS.	60	64	79	3	THE PLACES YOU FIND LOVE Q.JONES (G.BALLARD,C.MAGNESS,C.SEMENYA) OUINCY JONES FEAT. S. GARRETT & C. N (C) QWEST 4-19565/WARNEF
2	12	13	10	THE GHETTO \$ TOO SHORT TOO SHORT.A.E.ATON (T.SHAW, A.E.ATON, D.HATHAWAY, L.HUTSON) (C) (M) (T) (V) JIVE 1397/RCA	61	30	16	13	TRY ME FULL FORCE (FULL FORCE) (C) (CD) (M) (T) WARNER BROS. 4
D	17	31	6	LOVE WILL NEVER DO (WITHOUT YOU)	62	73		2	PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC + VANILL
				YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY	63	72		2	BLACK PARADISE
-	16	24	8	T.MCELROY,D.FOSTER (T.MCELROY,D.FOSTER) (C) (M) (T) ATLANTIC 4-87816			07	_	TMCELROY.D.FOSTER (T.MCELROY.D.FOSTER) (C) ATLANTIC 4 NEW POWER GENERATION
	15	22	10	THING CALLED LOVE THE BOYS D.SIMMONS.K.ROBERSON (D.SIMMONS,K.ROBERSON,L.A.REID) (C) (T) MOTOWN 2069	64	32	27	8	PRINCE (PRINCE) (C) (CD) (M) (T) (V) PAISLEY PARK 4-19525/WARNEF
5	19	28	7	IF I WERE A BELL T.MARIE (T.MARIE)	(65)	NE	W D	1	ALL SEASON LE G.LEVERT.M.GORDON (G.LEVERT,M.GORDON) (C) ATLANTIC 4
D	20	32	7	AROUND THE WAY GIRL M.MARL (M.WILLIAMS,J.SMITH) (C) (CD) (M) (T) (V) DEF JAM 38T-73609/COLUMBIA	66	69	75	5	TRUE LOVE THE CH THE CHIMES (THE CHIMES) (C) (M) (T) COLUMBIA 381-
\mathbb{D}	18	26	8	DON'T BE A FOOL	67)	76	83	4	LOVE U 2 THE LIMIT G.TAYLOR (G.TAYLOR) THE MACE (C) MCA
D	22	30	8	I'LL DO 4 YOU FATHER M.C.	68	58	37	14	PRAY M.C. HAM M.C.HAMMER (PRINCE.M.C.HAMMER) (C) (T) (V) CAPITOL (C) (T) (V) CAPITOL
0	25			MROONEY, M. MORALES (D. PAICH.C.LYNN.D.FOSTER, FATHER M.C.) (C) (M) (T) UPTOWN 53914/MCA GONNA MAKE YOU SWEAT C&C MUSIC FACTORY FEAT. FREEDOM WILLIAMS	69	79	88	3	MY, MY, MY GERALD ALBR
	20	38	6	R.CLIVILLES,D.COLE (R.CLIVILLES,F.B.WILLIAMS) (C) (CD) (M) (T) COLUMBIA 38T-73604	70	78	89	3	LET ME SHOW YOU
	7	4	12	G.TAYLOR (G.TAYLOR) (C) CAPITOL 44627	-				R.SMITH,K.ANDERSON (R.SMITH, L.SMITH) (C) ALPHA INT'L CRUISE CONTROL • N
	26	35	7	*** POWER PICK/SALES*** CAUSE I CAN DO IT RIGHT * BIG DADDY KANE	71	52	44	9	FAREED (NAJEE,A.BUGNON,A.REYNOLDS,P.BELL) (C) EMI
		_	-	BIG DADDY KANE (BIG DADDY KANE) (C) (M) (T) COLD CHILLIN' 4-19554/REPRISE	72	38	19	13	I L-O-V-E U T/A M.WARREN (M.WARREN, M.KIBBLE) (C) REPRISE 4
	31	42	6	D.AUSTIN (D.AUSTIN,M.BIVINE) (C) (M) (T) MOTOWN 2070	73	68	70	6	LET ME FEEL YOUR BODY SBONILLA.M.BONILLA (G.TORRES.M.TORRES.N.TORRES,S.BONILLA) (C) PRIORIT
D	27	36	4	I'LL GIVE ALL MY LOVE TO YOU KEITH SWEAT K.SWEAT (K.SWEAT, B.WOOTEN) (C) VINTERTAINMENT 4-64915/ELEKTRA	74	80	94	3	KICKIN' AFROLISTICS THE AL J.MIZELL.D.REEVES (J.MIZELL.D.REEVES,W.FITE.T.HILL,F.INGLESE) (C) (T) RAL 38T-73591/COL
D	36	45	5	MY LAST CHANCE MARVIN-GAYE M.GAYE,S.LINDSEY,Z. VAZ (M.GAYE) (C) (V) MOTOWN 2083	(75)	NE	NÞ	1	MELODY COOL MAVIS STA PRINCE (PRINCE) (C) (M) (T) PAISLEY PARK 4-19728/WARNER
	24	25	9	KEEP OUR LOVE ALIVE S.WONDER (S.WONDER)	(76)	86		2	MARY HAD A LITTLE BOY SNAP (B.BENITES.J.GARRETT III.D.BUTLER.P.FORD) (C) (T) (V) ARIST (C) (T) (V) ARIST
D	33	43	6	BABY DON'T CRY	\overline{n}	NE	NI	1	STUPID BERNADETTE CO
	34	39	8	MONIE IN THE MIDDLE	78	84	87	3	B.COOPER (B.COOPER.J.WILSON) (C) MCA DO YOU CARE
-			6	A.COX,D.STEELE (A.COX,D.STEELE,M.LOVE) (C) (CD) (M) (T) ETERNAL 4-19596/WARNER BROS.					DO YOU CARE KANGOL (KANGOL) WHATEVER MAKES YOU HAPPY A TEN
	40	48	6	DR.DRE (MICHEL'LE,LA.DRE,DR.DRE) (C) RUTHLESS 4-98885/ATLANTIC	79	65	53	8	TEN CITY, M. JEFFERSON (B. STINGILY, B. BURKE, H. LAWSON) (C) (M) (T) ATLANTIC 4
2	39	41	7	GET HERE OLETA ADAMS R.ORZABAL,D.BASCOMBE (B.RUSSELL) (C) (V) FONTANA 878 476-4/MERCURY	80	85	_	2	SPEAK TO ME MICHAEL FR J.LORBER (M.FRANKS) (C) REPRISE 4
	46	57	4	WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT RUN-D.M.CJAM MASTER JAY (J.MIZELL.F.INGLESE, J.SIMMONS, D.MCDANIELS) (M) (T) PROFILE 7315*	81	NE\	NÞ	1	I CAN'T TELL YOU WHY HOWARD HE' H.HEWETT (T.SCHMIT,D.HENLEY,G.FREY) (C) ELEKTRA 4
	45	52	6	I DON'T KNOW ANYBODY ELSE GROOVE GROOVE MELODY (M.LIMONI,D.DAVOLI,V.SEMPLICI) (C) (T) RCA 2735	82	51	20	12	NO SWEETER LOVE G.LEVERT.M.GORDON (G.GLENN)
T	28	34	9	GROOVE IS IN THE HEART	83	NE\		1	THE REAL THING MARION MEAL ELEWIS (ELEWISP.CARROLL) (C) NOVUS 31
)	41	47	6	GENTLE DINO	(84)	NE\		1	MELT IN YOUR MOUTH CAND
4		4/		DINO (G.MIMS) (C) ISLAND 878 472-4 ROPE A DOPE STYLE	-			2	
-	10	8	12	M.GORDON.GLEVERT (G.LEVERT.M.GORDON) (C) (M) (T) ATLANTIC 4-87828	85	82	85	3	T.BUTLER (T.BUTLER.J.CASIMIR) (M) (T) PANDIS
4	49	55	6	WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE RUDE BOYS L.MARCUS, J.SALAMONE (L.MARCUS) (C) ATLANTIC 4-87805	86	71	61	15	ICE ICE BABY A VANILLA ICE (VANILLA ICE,EARTHQUAKE,D BOWIE,B.MAY,F.MERCURY,R.TAYLOR,J.DEACON) (C) (M) (T) SBK
	47	51	5	HEAD OVER HEELS T.CURRIER (T.TERRY, A.SMITH.B.WILLIAMS) C(C) EPIC 34T-45015	87	77	62	19	SO YOU LIKE WHAT YOU SEE SAMU T.MCELROY,D.FOSTER (T.MCELROY,D.FOSTER,SAMUELLE) (C) (M) (T) ATLANTIC 4
	44	49	7	SOMEBODY'S CRYING FORCE M.D.'S M.MOIR (G.HUBBARD,JR.) (C) TOMMY BOY 4-19539/REPRISE	88	91	93	3	I GOT GAME SIR MIX-A SIR MIX-A-LOT (SIR MIX-A-LOT) (C) (T) NASTYMIX 7
Ť	48	50	7	POOR ELAINE	89	75	66	7	SING ME YOUR LOVE SONG JONATHAN BL LHOLLAND (J.BUTLER,L.SIFFRE) (C) (T) JIVE 14
1	53	72	3	KJONES,R.STEWART (R.STEWART,K.JONES) (C) VIRGIN 4-98895 WHEN WILL I SEE YOU SMILE AGAIN? ASTEWART,T.GATLING (T.GATLING,ASTEWART) (C) MCA 53976 (C) MCA 53976	90	74	33	16	I GOT THE FEELING
	-			MAKE IT WITH YOU TEDDY PENDERGRASS	91	66	54	9	MAMA JUANITA
4	50	58	4	T.PENDERGRASS, T.PRICE (D.GATES) (C) ELEKTRA 4-64916					LUKE & THE 2 LIVE CREW (LUKE & THE 2 LIVE CREW) (C) (M) (T) LUKE 4-96416/A1 I DON'T HAVE THE HEART
1	56	63	4	MISSING YOU \$\$ SOUL II SOUL JAZZIE B.N.HOOPER (ROMEO,LAW,MAZELLE) (C) (M) (T) VIRGIN 4-98893	92	93	90	13	T.BELL, J.INGRAM (A.RICH, J.FRIEDMAN) (C) WARNER BROS. 4
	21	9	16	SLOW MOTION S.SHEPPARD,J.VARNER (S.SHEPPARD,A.SMITH) (C) (V) TAJ 2064/MOTOWN	93	NEV	VÞ	1	A LITTLE BIT OF DANE TONIGHT FGORDON (D.MCCLEESE,G.PICKETT,N.BAILEY). (M) (D.PROFIL (M) (D.PROFIL
Γ	23	10	16	I JUST CAN'T HANDLE IT T.RILEY (T.RILEY,B.BELL)	94	70	46	14	SOUL INSPIRATION ANITA B. M.POWELL (T.BRITTEN,G.LYLE) (C),(V) ELEKTRA 4-
	55	64	4	GO FOR IT! (HEART & FIRE)	95	81	74	23	CLOSE TO YOU ●
+				M.C.HAMMER.J.EARLEY.M.KELLY (KELLY,EARLEY.ELLIS.HARE) (C) BUST IT 44667/CAPITOL *** POWER PICK/AIRPLAY ***	96	83	56	13	NOTHING BUT A PARTY GGRIFFIN (W.SCOTT.D.ADAMS) (C) (T) SOUND OF NEW YORK 2054/MI
	61	_	2	FAIRY TALES ANITA BAKER MPOWELL (ABAKER, VFAILS, M.POWELL) (O) ELEKTRA 4-64910	97	92	91	3	
+	37	29	15	LOVE TAKES TIME MARIAH CAREY				7	DANCIN' DANNY D.S.PETTIBONE (C.DENNIS,D.POKU) (C) (CD) (M) (T) (V) POLYDOR 877 JUST BE MY LADY KIM WATERS & ISAAC H
				W.AFANASIEFF (M.CAREY.B.MARGULIES) (C) (V) COLUMBIA 38T-73455 EVERY LITTLE THING KIARA	98	87	77	1	K.WATERS,M.DANIELS (K.WATERS) (M) WARLOCK
+	64	00			99	88	67	16	LIVIN' IN THE LIGHT CARON WHE
	54	60 68	5	J SALAMONE, J WINSTON, G CHARLEY (SLEGASSICK, B, RAY) (C) ARISTA 2136 THIS HOUSE ♦ TRACIE SPENCER					AFRIKA BABY BAM (C.WHEELER,P.HALL) (C) (M) (T) EMI LET ME SHOW YOU HOW TO FALL IN LOVE HOWARD HEY

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GET WITH THE PROGRAM: Of all of the events of 1990, the most important for me was the name change for the Billboard R&B music charts. Un-fortunately, the music business is segregated—separate and rarely equal. New R&B music usually must be proven, by sales to African-Americans, before it can be presented to pop radio. The year-end results for the pop charts clearly show the acceptance and success of R&B music. The credit,



of course, goes to the creative talent. But the success of these projects is due to the work of the African-American executives who developed the game plan for their divisions-and to the general management of the labels that allowed them to do so. So, what's the point? The previous name of the charts implied that this music was a "black thang." It was, and has always been, an R&B

thang. Now that we identify the product by its proper name, the entire industry should be able to recognize that the same executives that can successfully market one kind of music should be allowed to market others, based on their business acumen and not on the color of their skin.

HYTHM NATION: Two women impressed me with their accomplishments. Both had a vision and each executed it with gusto. And, both did it their way. Janet Jackson stated on the "1990 Billboard Music Awards Show" that she wanted to address important issues for youth-and give them a dance beat. During her shows, kids of all ages dance to her exhortations to eliminate bigotry, illiteracy, etc. She dealt with serious issues and made us like it. The R&B label of the year is Atlantic Records. The mastermind behind its success is Sylvia Rhone (now co-president and CEO of East West America). She told me she had a plan when she took over the label. But most importantly, she was happy because she had engineered the label's success her way, with good records and a hard-working staff, and she cared about what she did. They both have my utmost respect.

U CAN'T TOUCH THIS: 1990's R&B arena was filled with notable events. "Top 30 U.S.A.," a nationally syndicated radio show hosted by Donnie Simpson, began using the Hot R&B Singles chart for its countdown ... Quincy Jones received his first career No. 1 single on the R&B chart . "Real Love" by Skyy (Atlantic) took 17 long weeks to reach No. 1, which is a'recent record . . . Los Angeles got its first R&B music station, KKBT-FM, that can be heard all over that city ... "Maggot Brain" by Funkadelic (Westbound) was rereleased on CD ... Melba Moore recorded the Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice And Sing" (Capitol), which was entered into the Congressional Record . . . Marvin Gaye was awarded his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame ... Black Entertainment Television celebrated its 10th anniversary. It was featured in a Billboard special section.

NORE THAN I CAN BEAR: The year was fraught with change. Many dear friends passed away. I will miss them all. Two other people left me this year. Bill Coleman, the dance music editor, left Billboard and now manages Deee-Lite. And Sharon Russell, the dance chart manager, left Billboard and now lives in London. And life goes on.



Special Hi To Hi-Five. BMG studios plays host to Jive/RCA recording act Hi-Five. Shown, from left, are Butch Waugh, RCA VP of promotion; Miller London, RCA VP of product development, black music; Randy Goodman, RCA VP of product development; Tony Thompson, Hi-Five; Barry Weiss, Jive senior VP; Pete Jones, BMG Distribution president; Russell Neal and Tristari Erby, Hi-Five; and Joe Galante, RCA Records president.



Sybilized Meeting. Friends gather to celebrate the Next Plateau VP; OBR/Columbia recording artist Newkirk;



Ice Cream Parlor Pals. Atlantic recording artist Ceybil, right, gets quite a mouthful from Elvera Davis, mother of the late Sammy Davis Jr., at Rumplemeyer's in New York. The two met to discuss the upcoming fundraising bowling tournament to aid the Sammy Davis Jr. Liver Foundation in New Jersey

release of Sybil's second Next Plateau album, "Sybilization." Shown, from left, are Jenniene LeClerq, LaJoyce Hunter, Sheridan Broadcasting programming coordinator; Sybil; Cliff Branch, producer; and Eddie O'Loughlin, Next Plateau president.

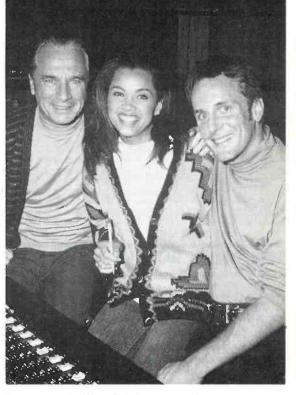


	PLATINUM/ GOLD ADDS 26 REPORTERS	SILVER ADDS 26 REPORTERS	BRONZE/ SECONDARY ADDS 58 REPORTERS	TOTAL ADDS 110 REF	TOTAL ON PORTERS
ALL THE MAN THAT I NEED					
WHITNEY HOUSTON ARISTA	15	18	39	72	79
ALL SEASON					
LEVERT ATLANTIC	15	13	39	67	69
FAIRY TALES					
ANITA BAKER ELEKTRA	2	6	21	29	84
I CAN'T TELL YOU WHY					
HOWARD HEWETT ELEKTRA	6	9	13	28	29
A LITTLE BIT OF DANE.					
DANA DANE PROFILE	2	4	19	25	25
MELODY COOL					
MAVIS STAPLES PAISLEY PARK	3	6	14	23	47
UK BLAK					
CARON WHEELER EMI	7	2	11	20	82
WHEN WILL I SEE YOU					
BELL BIV DEVOE MCA	3	4	9	16	93
PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC					
VANILLA ICE SBK	1	3	9	13	60
MELT IN YOUR MOUTH			_		-
CANDYMAN EPIC	3	3	7	13	24

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.



How Glad She Is. Songstress Nancy Wilson is feted in Hollywood with a star on the Hollywood Walk Of Fame. Wilson holds the plaque awarded her by Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, who named Oct. 1 Nancy Wilson Day in the city



Studio Angel. Wing/PolyGram recording artist Vanessa Williams records the theme song "Some Wings" for the upcoming Paramount film "Almost An Angel," starring Paul Hogan. With her at Westlake Studios in Los Angeles, from left, are the song's composer and producer, Grammy winner Maurice Jarre, and lyricist Ray Underwood.

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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	2 WKS. AGO	WKS. ON CHART	ARTIST LABEL & NUMBER/DISTRIBUTING LABEL (SUGGESTED LIST PR	TITLE ICE OR EQUIVALENT)
D	2	5	4	★ ★ NO. 1 WHITNEY HOUSTON ARISTA 8616 (10.98) 1 wee	★ ★ k at No. 1 I'M YOUR BABY TONIGHT
2	1	1	4	M.C. HAMMER 4 ⁸ CAPITOL 92857 (9.98)	PLEASE HAMMER DON'T HURT 'EN
3					
	3	2	12	L.L. COOL J DEF JAM 46888/COLUMBIA (9.98 EQ)	MAMA SAID KNOCK YOU OUT PRIVATE TIMES AND THE WHOLE 9
4	4	4	7	AL B. SURE! WARNER BROS. 26005 (9.98)	
	11	17	4		
6	7	9	31	TONY! TON! TONE! • WING 841 902/POLYDOR (8.98 EQ)	THE REVIVAL
7	6	6	25	MARIAH CAREY ▲ ² COLUMBIA 45202 (9.98 EQ)	
8	5	3	13	TOO SHORT JIVE 1353/RCA (9.98)	SHORT DOGS IN THE HOUSE
9)	14	22	4	GUY UPTOWN 10115/MCA (9.98)	
10	9	8	18	VANILLA ICE ▲ ⁵ SBK 95325 (9.98)	TO THE EXTREME
11	8	7	26	KEITH SWEAT ▲ VINTERTAINMENT 60861/ELEKTRA (9.98)	I'LL GIVE ALL MY LOVE TO YOU
12)	12	15	5	BIG DADDY KANE COLD CHILLIN' 26303/REPRISE (9.98)	TASTE OF CHOCOLATE
13	10	10	19	WHISPERS CAPITOL 92957 (9.98)	MORE OF THE NIGHT
14)	21	72	3	RALPH TRESVANT MCA 10116 (9.98)	RALPH TRESVANT
15	16	14	10	GERALD ALSTON TAJ 6302/MOTOWN (9.98)	OPEN INVITATION
16	19	21	4	LEVERT ATLANTIC 82164 (9.98)	ROPE A DOPE STYLE
17	13	11	34	JOHNNY GILL A MOTOWN 6283 (8.98)	JOHNNY GILL
18	17	13	12	PEBBLES MCA 10025 (9.98)	ALWAYS
19	15	12	38	BELL BIV DEVOE ▲2 MCA 6387 (9.98)	POISON
20	20	18	8	CANDYMAN EPIC 46947 (9.98 EQ)	AIN'T NO SHAME IN MY GAME
21)	24	56	3	RUN-D.M.C. PROFILE 1401 (9.98)	BACK FROM HELL
22	18	16	22	ANITA BAKER A ELEKTRA 60922 (9.98)	COMPOSITIONS
23	22	20	11	TODAY MOTOWN 6309 (9.98)	THE NEW FORMULA
24	26	26	9	THE BOYS MOTOWN 6302 (9.98)	THE BOYS
25)	40	_	2	JEFFREY OSBORNE ARISTA 8620 (9.98)	ONLY HUMAN
26	25	23	8	DANA DANE PROFILE 1298 (9.98)	DANA DANE 4 EVER
27	27	28	10	TEENA MARIE EPIC 45101 (9.98 EQ)	IVORY
28	31	35	5	FATHER M.C. UPTOWN 1006/MCA (9.98)	FATHER'S DAY
29	23	19	15	PRINCE PAISLEY PARK 27493/WARNER BROS. (12.98)	GRAFFITI BRIDGE
30	28	25	17	BASIC BLACK SOUND OF NEW YORK 6307/MOTOWN (9.98)	BASIC BLACK
31)	35	45	4	SURFACE COLUMBIA 46772 (9.98 EQ)	3 DEEP
32)	39	36	5	MONIE LOVE ETERNAL 26358/WARNER BROS. (9.98)	DOWN TO EARTH
33	30	31	19	BLACK BOX RCA 2221 (9.98)	DREAMLAND
34	29	30	11	ROBIN HARRIS WING 841 960/POLYDOR (8.98 EQ)	BE-BE'S KIDS
35	36	42	64	JANET JACKSON ▲ ⁴ A&M 3920 (9.98)	JANET JACKSON'S RHYTHM NATION 1814
36	32	29	17	A&M 3920 (9.98) LALAH HATHAWAY VIRGIN 91382 (9.98)	LALAH HATHAWAY
37	34	43	11	DEEE-LITE ● ELEKTRA 60957 (9.98)	WORLD CLIQUE
38	37	27	14	MAXI PRIEST CHARISMA 91384 (9.98)	BONAFIDE
39	33	33	14	TAKE 6 REPRISE 25892 (9.98)	SO MUCH 2 SAY
40	48	59	4	LOOSE ENDS MCA 10044 (9.98)	LOOK HOW LONG
	40	34	9	CARON WHEELER EMI 93497 (9.98)	UK BLAK
41 (42)	45	53	5	SPECIAL GENERATION CAPITOL 94846 (9.98)	TAKE IT TO THE FLOOR
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43	41	40	7	JASMINE GUY WARNER BROS. 26021 (9.98)	
44)	50	50	6	H.W.A. DRIVE-BY 15131/QUALITY (8.98)	LIVIN' IN A HOE HOUSE
45	42	38	35	EN VOGUE 🛦 ATLANTIC 82084 (9.98)	BORN TO SING
46)	57	73	3	PARIS TOMMY BOY 1030 (9.98)	THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT
47	46	46	18	OLETA ADAMS FONTANA 846 346/MERCURY (9.98 EQ)	CIRCLE OF ONE
48	43	37	28	MILIRA APOLLO THEATRE 6297/MOTOWN (9.98)	MILIRA
(49)	54	49	5	HI-FIVE JIVE 1328/RCA (9.98)	HI-FIVE

50	38	24	16	N.W.A RUTHLESS 7224/PRIORITY (6.98)	1 00 MILES AND RUN
51	51	41	22	DENISE LASALLE MALACO 7454 (9.98)	STILL TRAP
52	44	32	17	BOOGIE DOWN PRODUCTIONS ● JIVE 1358/RCA (9.98)	EDUTAINM
53	47	44	13	SAMUELLE ATLANTIC 82130 (9.98)	LIVING IN BLACK PARA
54	53	55	5	CHUBB ROCK SELECT 9063 (6.98)	TREAT EM' R
55	52	39	9	KING TEE CAPITOL 92359 (9.98)	AT YOUR OWN
56	56	48	8	CLARENCE CARTER ICHIBAN 1068 (8.98)	BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PL
57	55	47	20	D-NICE JIVE 1 202/RCA (9.98)	CALL ME D-I
58	82	82	4	ISIS 4TH & B'WAY 444 030/ISLAND (9.98)	REBELS
59	59	52	28	SNAP • ARISTA 8536 (9.98)	WORLD PON
60	66	65	10	D.J. KOOL CREATIVE FUNK 7000/SOH (9.98)	THE MUSIC AIN'T LOUD EN
61	61	63	10	GEORGE MICHAEL A COLUMBIA 46898 (10.98 EQ)	LISTEN WITHOUT PREJUDICE VO
62	60	61	12	TRACIE SPENCER CAPITOL 92153 (9.98)	MAKE THE DIFFEREN
63	58	51	19	SPECIAL ED PROFILE 1297 (9.98)	LE
64)	84	_	2	GERALD ALBRIGHT ATLANTIC 82087 (9.98)	DREAM COME T
65	63	66	67	AFTER 7 ▲ VIRGIN 91061 (9.98)	AFTE
66	70	58	20	LUKE FEATURING THE 2 LIVE CREW •	BANNED IN THE U
67	67	- 58 - 68	35	LUKE 91424/ATLANTIC (9.98) PUBLIC ENEMY A DEF JAM 45413/COLUMBIA (9.98 EQ)	FEAR OF A BLACK PLA
68	68	64	18	INTELLIGENT HOODLUM A&M 5311 (9.98)	INTELLIGENT HOOD
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69 70	62	57	19	GEOFF MCBRIDE ARISTA 8543 (9.98)	BASS IS THE NAME OF THE G
<u>70)</u>	85	74	24	D.J. MAGIC MIKE CHEETAH 9403 (9.98)	
71	69	71	35	NAJEE EMI 92248 (9.98)	TOKYO B
72	77	84	14	KIARA ARISTA 8617 (9 98)	CIVILIZED RO
73	79	89	4	CRIMINAL NATION NASTYMIX 70240 (8.98)	RELEASE THE PRESS
74	74	67	32	POOR RIGHTEOUS TEACHERS PROFILE 1289 (9.98)	HOLYINTELU
75	75	86	51	MICHEL'LE RUTHLESS 91282/ATLANTIC (9.98)	MICHE
76	73	69	15	M.C. CHOICE RAP-A-LOT 105 (8.98)	THE BIG PAYB
77	78	83	6	HARMONY VIRGIN 91394 (9.98)	LET THERE BE HARMO
78	91	_	2	VARIOUS ARTISTS ICHIBAN 1066 (8.98)	NASTY BLUE
79	64	62	29	ICE CUBE ● PRIORITY 57120 (9.98)	AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANT
80	83	87	15	THE AFROS RAL 46802/COLUMBIA (9.98 EQ)	KICKIN' AFROLIST
81)	97	93	3	RUDE BOYS ATLANTIC 82121 (9.98)	RUDE AWAKEN
82	71	70	32	THE WINANS QWEST 26161/WARNER BROS. (9.98)	RETU
83)	NE	WÞ	1	KING SUN PROFILE 1299 (9.98)	RIGHTEOUS BUT RUTHL
84	86	_	2	WORLD CLASS WRECKIN' KRU WORLD CLASS PROD. 7004/5	SOH (9.98) PHASES IN I
85	76	79	13	FORCE M.D.'S TOMMY BOY 25893/REPRISE (9.98)	STEP TO
86)	93	91	35	A TRIBE CALLED QUEST	CTIVE TRAVELS & THE PATHS OF RHYT
87	87	85	5	JUE 1331/RCA (8.98) FLOFEL 3 INSTINC JOE SAMPLE WARNER BROS. 26318 (9.98)	ASHES TO ASH
88	80	76	20	THREE TIMES DOPE ARISTA 8615 (9.98)	LIVE FROM ACKNICKULOUS LA
89)	NE		1	MOVEMENT EX COLUMBIA 46848 (9.98 EQ)	MOVEMENT
-			2	SYBIL NEXT PLATEAU 1024 (9.98)	SYBILIZATI
90	95	77	-	and the second	TO THE EAST, BLACKWAR
91	89	77	32	X-CLAN 4TH & B'WAY 444 019/ISLAND (9.98)	HE'S KING OF THE HY
92	90	-	2	2 BIGG M.C. CRUSH 550*/K-TEL (8.98)	
93	65	54	21	THE TIME PAISLEY PARK 27490/REPRISE (9.98)	PANDEMONI
94	92	97	4	LOU RAWLS BLUE NOTE 93841/CAPITOL (9.98)	IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE F
95	100	81	15	C.P.O. CAPITOL 94522 (9.98)	TO HELL AND BLA
96	72	60	17	BRANFORD MARSALIS QUARTET/T. BLANCHARD COLUMBIA 46792* (9 98 EQ)	MUSIC FROM "MO' BETTER BLUE
97	94	94	24	K-SOLO ATLANTIC 82108 (9.98)	TELL THE WORLD MY NAM
98	81	75	58	TROOP • ATLANTIC 82035 (9.98)	UTITTA
	96	95	59	SIR MIX-A-LOT NASTYMIX 70150 (9.98)	SEMIN
99		90	15	JONATHAN BUTLER JIVE 1361/RCA (9.98)	HEAL OUR LAN

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new East West America label; Tony Anderson's defection from Arista to become VP/GM of Mercury; Ray Harris promoted to senior VP, black music marketing & promotion, at Warner Bros.; Sara Melendez's imminent promotion to head the black music division at Columbia; Ed Strickland named head of the new black music division at Chrysalis; Don Eason's move from Epic promotion to A&M VP of R&B and black music marketing; Glynice Coleman's rise to VP of urban promotion at EMI; and Ruben Rodriguez's departure from Columbia and subsequent appointment to senior VP of Elektra's black music division with his own label imprint. This movement indicates that 1990 was a strong year for R&B music and that the hardest-working black executives are being recognized and rewarded for impacting the labels' bottom lines.

Other 1990 developments of note: Billboard re-evaluated its nomenclature for the albums and singles charts in this section, changing from black to R&B to refocus attention on the music being made (Oct. 27); the late Marvin Gaye received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame Sept. 27 after months of letter-writing campaigns; Russell Simmons created Rush Associated Labels, a 50-50 coventure with Columbia Records; Luther Campbell signed his Luke Records to a distribution deal with Atlantic Records; and the International Assn. of African American Music, for black music education and preservation, was formed by Dyana Williams and Sheila Eldridge.



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Hot R&B	Singles	Sales	& Airplay
A ranking of the ten 40 D&P singles h	weater and airplay recordinaly with	reference to each title's com	posite position on the main Lot D& Singles chart

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WEEK	WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST	HOT R&B POSITION	THIS
1	2	IT NEVER RAINS.	TONY! TONI! TONE!	1	1
2	3	LOVE ME DOWN	FREDDIE JACKSON	2	2
3	1	SENSITIVITY	RALPH TRESVANT	3	3
4	7	I WANNA GET WITH U	GUY	4	4
5	10	THE FIRST TIME	SURFACE	5	5
6	5	ROUND AND ROUND	TEVIN CAMPBELL	11	6
7	13	ONLY HUMAN	JEFFREY OSBORNE	6	7
8	9	THE GHETTO	TOO SHORT	12	8
9	12	LOVE ME JUST FOR ME	SPECIAL GENERATION	8	9
10	11	TOM'S DINER DNA F	EATURING SUZANNE VEGA	10	10
11	4	I'M YOUR BABY TONIGHT	WHITNEY HOUSTON	9	11
12	15	LOVE MAKES THINGS HAPPEN	PEBBLES	7	12
13	22	AROUND THE WAY GIRL	L.L. COOL J	17	13
14	18	CAUSE CAN DO IT RIGHT	BIG DADDY KANE	22	14
15	21	YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY	EN VOGUE	14	15
16	17	I'LL DO 4 YOU	FATHER M.C.	19	16
17	23	THING CALLED LOVE	THE BOYS	15	17
18	6	ROPE A DOPE STYLE	LEVERT	35	18
19	31	GONNA MAKE YOU SWEAT	C&C MUSIC FACTORY	20	19
20	29	IESHA	ANOTHER BAD CREATION	23	20
21	33	LOVE WILL NEVER DO (WITHOU	T YOU) JANET JACKSON	13	21
22	8	MY HEART YOUR HEART	WHISPERS	21	22
23	36	IF I WERE A BELL	TEENA MARIE	16	23
24	38	WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT	RUN-D.M.C.	31	24
25	32	MONIE IN THE MIDDLE	MONIE LOVE	28	25
26	39	BABY DON'T CRY	LALAH HATHAWAY	27	26
27	20	GROOVE IS IN THE HEART	DEEE-LITE	33	27
28	40	POOR ELAINE	KIPPER JONES	39	28
29	34	DON'T BE A FOOL	LOOSE ENDS	18	29
30		MY LAST CHANCE	MARVIN GAYE	25	30
31	35	KEEP OUR LOVE ALIVE	STEVIE WONDER	26	31
32	19	I JUST CAN'T HANDLE IT	HI-FIVE	44	32
33	_	I DON'T KNOW ANYBODY ELSE	BLACK BOX	32	33
34	14	SLOW MOTION	GERALD ALSTON	43	34
35	_	SOMETHING IN MY HEART	MICHEL'LE	29	35
36	24	KNOCKIN' BOOTS	CANDYMAN	57	36
37	27	MISSUNDERSTANDING	AL B. SURE!	54	37
	28	LOVE TAKES TIME	MARIAH CAREY	47	38
38					
38 39	16	TRY ME	JASMINE GUY	61	39

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	1	SENSITIVITY RALPH TRESVANT	3
	3	LOVE ME DOWN FREDDIE JACKSON	2
	4	IT NEVER RAINS TONY! TON!! TONE!	1
	5	I WANNA GET WITH U GUY	4
	8	THE FIRST TIME SURFACE	5
	9	ONLY HUMAN JEFFREY OSBORNE	6
	10	LOVE MAKES THINGS HAPPEN PEBBLES	7
	12	LOVE WILL NEVER DO (WITHOUT YOU) JANET JACKSON	13
	11	LOVE ME JUST FOR ME SPECIAL GENERATION	8
	2	I'M YOUR BABY TONIGHT WHITNEY HOUSTON	9
	15	DON'T BE A FOOL LOOSE ENDS	18
	13	IF I WERE A BELL TEENA MARIE	16
	16	YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY EN VOGUE	14
	14	THING CALLED LOVE THE BOYS	+
	19	TOM'S DINER DNA FEATURING SUZANNE VEGA	10
	18	I'LL GIVE ALL MY LOVE TO YOU KEITH SWEAT	24
	17	THE GHETTO TOO SHORT	12
	6	ROUND AND ROUND TEVIN CAMPBELL	11
	21	AROUND THE WAY GIRL L.L. COOL J	17
	23	GONNA MAKE YOU SWEAT C&C MUSIC FACTORY	20
	24	GET HERE OLETA ADAMS	30
	20	KEEP OUR LOVE ALIVE STEVIE WONDER	
	7	MY HEART YOUR HEART WHISPERS	1
	26	MY LAST CHANCE MARVIN GAYE	25
	27	SOMETHING IN MY HEART MICHEL'LE	29
	25	I'LL DO 4 YOU FATHER M.C.	19
-	30	HEAD OVER HEELS TONY TERRY	-
	35	IESHA ANOTHER BAD CREATION	23
	31	GENTLE DINO	34
	36	I DON'T KNOW ANYBODY ELSE BLACK BOX	+
	32	BABY DON'T CRY LALAH HATHAWAY	27
	-	WHEN WILL I SEE YOU SMILE AGAIN? BELL BIV DEVOE	40
	39	WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE RUDE BOYS	+
	37	MAKE IT WITH YOU TEDDY PENDERGRASS	41
	40	SOMEBODY'S CRYING FORCE M.D.'S	38
	38	MONIE IN THE MIDDLE MONIE LOVE	1
-	-	FAIRY TALES ANITA BAKER	+
-	-	CAUSE I CAN DO IT RIGHT BIG DADDY KANE	22
-	=	GO FOR IT! JOEY B. ELLIS & TYNETTA HARE	45
l		EVERY LITTLE THING KIARA	48

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

- ALL SEASON (Trycep, BMI/Willesden, BMI) ALL THE MAN THAT I NEED (Warner-Tamerla BMI/Body Electric, BMI/Fifth Of March, BMI) AROUND THE WAY GIRL (Marley Marl, 17
- ASCAP/L.L. Cool J, ASCAP/Def Jam, ASCAP) 27 BABY DON'T CRY (Angel Notes, ASCAP/Warner
- B.B.D. (I THOUGHT IT WAS ME) ? (Ronestone
- B.B.D. (1 HHOUGH 11 WAS ME) ((konestone, BMI/Your Mothers, BMI/Nia, BMI/Alshamighty, BMI/Strong Island, ASCAP) BLACK PARADISE (Two Tuff-Enuff, BMI) CAUSE 1 CAN DO TRIGHT (AZ, ASCAP/Cold Chillin', ASCAP/WB, ASCAP) WBM CLOSE TO YOU (E.G., BMI/W.S., BMI/Chappell & Co., ASCAP/Level Vibes, ASCAP/Colgems-EMI, ASCAP/Level Vibes, ASCAP/Colgems-EMI,
- ASCAP/Forever, PRS) WBM CRIJISE CONTROL (Naiee ASCAP/Alexander Bugnon 71 ASCAP/Pure Art, ASCAP/Buppie, ASCAP/EMI April,
- ASCAP) DON'T BE A FOOL (MCA, ASCAP/BMG, 18
- DURING A SCAP/BING, SCAP) DO YOU CARE (ADRA, BMI/Kang's Thang, BMI) EVERY LITTLE THING (Ensign, BMI/Bright Ray, BMI/Legassick, BMI) CPP FAIRY TALES (All Baker's, BMI/Delvon, BMI/Monteque, BMI) THE FIRST TIME (Colorem FMI ASCAP/Stansburg 78 48
- 46
- THE FIRST TIME (Colgems-EMI, ASCAP/Stansbury, 5
- RMD WRM 34 GENTLE (New Trend BMI)
- GENTLE (NEW ITERG, 5 MI) GET HERE (WB, ASCAP/Rutland Road, ASCAP) WBM THE GHETTO (Willesden, BMI/Zomba, ASCAP/Atco, ASCAP/Don-Pow, ASCAP) GO FOR IT! (HEART & FIRE) (Not Listed) 30 12
- 45 GONNA MAKE YOU SWEAT (Virgin, ASCAP/Cole-
- 33
- Clivilles, ASCAP) CPP GROOVE IS IN THE HEART (Delovely, ASCAP/Hancock, BMI/Virgin, ASCAP/Zomba, ASCAP) HEAD OVER HEELS (Shaman Drum, BMI/Sun Face, 37
- .81
- ASCAP) I CAN'T TELL YOU WHY (Jeddrah, ASCAP/Cass County, ASCAP/Red Cloud, ASCAP) ICE ICE BABY (Ice Baby, ASCAP/QPM, ASCAP/Jones, ASCAP/Screen Gems-EMI, BMI/Beechwood, BMI) 86
- WBM I DON'T HAVE THE HEART (Music Corp. Of America, BMI/Nelana, BMI/Music By Candelight, ASCAP/PSO Ltd., ASCAP) CPP/HL I DON'T KNOW ANYBODY ELSE (Lombardoni Edizioni, CSCAP dtrame, SSCAP) 92
- 32 ASCAP/Intersong, ASCAP) HL IESHA (Biv Ten, ASCAP/Diva One, ASCAP)
- 16 IF I WERE A BELL (EMI April, ASCAP/Midnight Magnet, ASCAP) I GOT GAME (Locked Up, BMI) I GOT THE FEELING (Hi-Frost, BMI) I JUST CAN'T HANDLE IT (Zomba, ASCAP/Mom And
- 90 44
- Dad ASCAP) 19 I'LL DO 4 YOU (Hudmar, ASCAP/Butterfly Gong,
- 24
- TLL DU 4 YOU (HIGHTAR ASCAP/BUITERIN GONG, BMI/EMI Blackwood, BMI/Cotaba, BMI) WBM I'LL GIVE ALL MY LOVE TO YOU (WB, ASCAP/EA, ASCAP/Keith Sweat, ASCAP/CBS, ASCAP/Maestro B.,
- 72 1 L-O-V-F U (Warner-Elektra-Asylum, BMI/Mervyn

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- Warren, BMI/Winston Kae, BMI) WBM ۵ I'M YOUR BABY TONIGHT (Kear, BMI/CBS
- I'M YOUR BABY TONIGHT (Kear, BMI/CBS Epic/Solar, BMI) HL I SURRENDER (Kesha, PRS) IT NEVER RAINS (IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA) (Tony Toni Tone, ASCAP/Pri, ASCAP) WBM I WANNA GET WITH U (Donril, ASCAP/Jamron, EVOLDER H. DELTH U (DONRI, ASCAP/Jamron, 1
- 4
- ASCAP/Abdur Rahman, ASCAP/Zomba, ASCAP) I WANTED YOU (Whooping Crane, BMI/C.Tan, BMI) JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER (Gunsmoke, ASCAP/Pow
- Wow, ASCAP/Hot Licks, BMI) JUST ANOTHER DREAM (Colgems-EMI, ASCAP/EMI 97
- Blackwood BMI)
- Blackwood, BMI) JUST BE MY LADY (Kim Waters, BMI/Tonk, BMI) JUSTIFY MY LOVE (Miss Bessie, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP/Bleu Disque, ASCAP/Webo Girl, ASCAP) KEEP OUR LOVE ALIVE (Stevland Morris, ASCAP) CPP
- 74 KICKIN' AFROLISTICS (III Posse, ASCAP/Davy D,
- ASCAP/Del Jam, ASCAP/Feelin' Groovy, ASCAP) KNOCKIN' BOOTS (Diabetic, ASCAP/Mille Miglia, ASCAP/Windswept Pacific, ASCAP/D/B/A Longitude, BMI/Stone Agate, BMI) CPP/WBM 57
- LET ME FEEL YOUR BODY (Bonilla, ASCAP/337, 73 ASCAP 100
- LET ME SHOW YOU HOW TO FALL IN LOVE (Klaven, BMI/Irving, BMI/Otherwise, ASCAP/BMG, ASCAP)
- CPP LET ME SHOW YOU (Peljo, BMI) A LITTLE BIT OF DANE TONIGHT (Protoons, ASCAP/Dana Dane Forever, ASCAP/Promuse, BMI/Gordy's Groove, BMI/Lynton Muir Ltd., BMI) 93
- LIVIN' IN THE LIGHT (EMI Blackwood, BMI/Motherman, ASCAP) LOVE MAKES THINGS HAPPEN (Kear, BMI/CBS 7
- Epic/Solar, BMI) Epic/Solar, BMI) LOVE ME DOWN (Zomba, ASCAP/Barry Eastmond, ASCAP/Jo Skin, ASCAP) 2
- LOVE ME JUST FOR ME (Bust-It, BMI) LOVE TAKES TIME (Vision Of Love, BMI/Been
- Jammin', BMI) LOVE U 2 THE LIMIT (Virgin Songs, BMI/Morning 67 BMI) CPF
- LOVE WILL NEVER DO (WITHOUT YOU) (Flyte Tyme, ASCAP) WBM MAKE IT EASY ON ME (All Boys USA, BMI) CPP 13
- MAKE IT WITH YOU (Colgems-EMI, ASCAP) WBM 41 MAMA JUANITA (Pac Jam, BMI)
- 91 MARY HAD A LITTLE BOY (Hanseatic, ASCAP/Fellow 76 BMI/Songs of Logic, BMI/Intersong U.S.A., ASCAP/Willesden, BMI) MELODY COOL (Controversy, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP)
- MELT IN YOUR MOUTH (Mille Miglia, ASCAP/Diabetic, 84 ASCAP/Mighty Three, BMI/Warner-Tamerlane, BMI)
- WRM MBM MISSING YOU (Virgin, ASCAP/Jazzie B, ASCAP/EMI April, ASCAP/Law, ASCAP) CPP MISSUNDERSTANDING (AI B. Sure!, ASCAP/EMI April,
- 54 ASCAP/Across 110th Street, ASCAP/Frank Nitty, ASCAP/Velle Int'l, ASCAP/Ness, Nitty & Capone
- MONIE IN THE MIDDLE (Virgin, ASCAP/Copyright 28
- MY HEART YOUR HEART (Virgin Songs, BMI/Morning 21 Crew, BMI) CPP

- MY LAST CHANCE (Jobete, ASCAP) CPP MY, MY, MY (Kear, BMI/Greenskirt, BMI/CBS Epic/Solar, BMI) 69
- NEW POWER GENERATION (Controversy, ASCAP/WB, 64
- NO SWEETER LOVE (WB, ASCAP/Silver Sun, ASCAP) 82
- WBM 96 NOTHING BUT A PARTY (Said BMI)
- ONLY HUMAN (Zomba, ASCAP/Barry J. Eastmond, ASCAP/Almo, ASCAP/March 9, ASCAP) CPP THE PLACES YOU FIND LOVE (MCA, ASCAP/Hee Bee 60
- Dooinit, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP 62 PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC (Ice Baby ASCAP/OPM
- ASCAP/AINO, ASCAP/Somethin' Stoopid, ASCAP/Kipper Jones, ASCAP/AImo, ASCAP/Somethin' Stoopid, ASCAP/Kip Teez, ASCAP/Pecot, ASCAP) CPP PRAY (Controversy, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP/Bust-It, BMI) 68
- CLM/WBM 83
- THE REAL THING (End Of The Day, ASCAP/CBS, ASCAP/Porter Carroll Jr., ASCAP) ROPE A DOPE STYLE (Trycep, BMI/Willesden, BMI) ROUND AND ROUND (Controversy, ASCAP/WB,
- 11 ASCAP) WBM
- ASCAP) WBM SENSITIVITY (Flyte Tyme, ASCAP) WBM SING ME YOUR LOVE SONG (Zomba, ASCAP/Longitude, BMI) WBM SLOW MOTION (Stanton's Gold, BMI/Island, 89
- 43 BMI/Tracye One, BMI/Maypop, BMI) WBM SOMEBODY'S CRYING (Hubb, ASCAP)
- 38 SOMETHING IN MY HEART (Ruthless Attack, ASCAP)
- SOMETHING IN MY HEARI (Ruthless Attack, ASC SOUL INSPIRATION (Myake, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP/Good Single, PRS/Irving, BMI) CPP/WBM SO YOU LIKE WHAT YOU SEE (Two Tuff-Enuff, BMI/Irving, ASCAP) CPP SPEAK TO ME (Mississippi Mud, BMI/Warner-
- 87
- 80
- STUPID (Slap Me Onel, ASCAP/BCC, ASCAP/CBS Portrait/Solar, ASCAP) 77
- THING CALLED LOVE (Greenskirt, BMI/Kear, 15
- BMI/CBS Epic/Solar, BMI) 49
- THIS HOUSE (Zodrog, ASCAP/Zodboy, ASCAP/Editions Eq. ASCAP/Sir Spence, ASCAP/M&T Spencer, ASCAP) TOM'S DINER (Waifersongs, ASCAP/AGF, ASCAP) 10
- TRUE LOVE (CBS, ASCAP/UK, BMI/CRGI, BMI) TRY ME (Forceful, BMI/Willesden, BMI)
- INT ME (FORCEUL, BMI/WIJESGEN, BMI) UK BLAK (Orange Tree, ASCAP/MCA, ASCAP/EMI Blackwood, BMI) WHATEVER MAKES YOU HAPPY (Been Stung, BMI/Rude Tymze, BMI/Lawman, ASCAP/EMI Blackwood, BMI/EMI April, ASCAP) 52
- 79
- 31 WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT (Protoons, ASCAP/Rush-
- Grove, ASCAP) WHEN WILL I SEE YOU SMILE AGAIN? (Not Listed) WHEN YOU CRY (For Our Children, ASCAP/Zomba, ASCAP/Hyter, ASCAP) 40 51
- WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE (Trycep, BMI/Rude 36 News RMI)
- YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY (2 Tuff-E-Nuff, BMI/Irving, BMI) CPP

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Dance Music Celebrates End Of A Deee-Liteful Year

LOOKING BACK: As we ponder the status of dance music in 1990, it's difficult not to resort to silly clichés.

As a sales-viable genre, dance music proved its potency this year, gaining long-deserved credibility within the mainstream of the industry. Debut albums by club-born groups like Black Box, Deee-Lite, and The Adventures Of Stevie V enjoyed critical acclaim and racked up big bucks. But as the year winds down, questions regarding the future of dance music-or more specifically dance music at the club level-are being raised

WHOSE MUSIC IS IT ANYWAY?

Everyone wants to take credit for the success of dance music. Club DJs continue to boast that they are leading the pack in breaking records. while radio programmers say they rarely pay attention to what is being played in nightclubs.

Although a number of this year's hottest dance singles were hits at club level first, labels have progressively swayed promotional emphasis for dance music away from the clubs and toward retail and radio. The labels' argument for this move was simple: clubs do not sell records, radio does.

While album and radio-edit cassette singles sales of dance music were up in 1990, interest in 12-inch singles was dramatically down. Only

perennial heavy-hitters like Madon-na and Soul II Soul did more than break even with 12-inch singles, fueling rumors of the imminent demise of the 12-inch single.

Discerning which came first in the case of many 1990 releases is like picking the chicken or the egg. However, club jocks must be given their due in being first on Deee-Lite, Stevie V, Black Box, Snap, and Lisa Stansfield. The sales success of these artists may not have come from club exposure, but promotional incentive from pop departments certainly did.

Dance music departments at major labels grew in size and influence this year. However, artist development for dance music artists continued to be at an all-time low.

Despite all of its pop radio attention. dance music acts continue to receive minimal financial support from major labels. Most dance releases are not supported with music videos, or press photos and bios. Funding for live appearances rarely allows for more than track shows. We can't help but wonder where all of the money generated by these acts is going.

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Of course, leave it to a diva to cause a scandal. Litigation surrounding ex-Weather Girl Martha Wash's claim to be the actual lead singer of hits by Black Box and Seduction proved to be a blow to dance music's creative credibility that we could have lived without.



by Larry Flick **1990 IN REVIEW**

Perhaps one of the most exciting acts of the year is Elektra trio Deee-Lite, whose debut album, "World Clique," spawned Billboard's No. 1 Club Play single of 1990 with "Groove Is In The Heart" b/w "What. Is Love.'

Born out of the New York underground, the group is a stroke of marketing genius: quirky, '70s-era visual styling, combined with a positive message of peace and unity. There's just one problem: as Deee-Lite's media profile increases, more attention is being paid to the group's sense of fashion than its music. The band members are in danger of becoming this year's gimmick, instead of the innovators that they really are.

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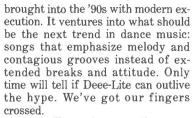
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ATTENTIO

THANKS FOR AN OUTSTANDING YEAR!



1990 will also be remembered as the year that rappers made an impact in club programming. Setting rhymes over house music proved quite potent for Doug Lazy, who scored a welldeserved series of No. 1 hits from his excellent "Doug Lazy's Getting Crazy" album. It paved the way for an endless stream of hip-house jams.

REASONS TO BELIEVE

While everyone scrambles to duplicate the success of the chart-toppers of the moment, we're comforted by the efforts of a couple of people who are not content to simply roll with the tide. These are creative and innovative folks, who have proven that the future of dance music depends more on looking beyond current trends than fanning the flames.

For the past four months, Connie Varvitsiotis has been scouring the country for the sounds that will establish the forthcoming Smash Records as one of clubland's innovators. Judging from the results of her mission, she's been most successful.

In January, the Chicago-based la-bel will issue "People Are Still Having Sex" by LaPour and "Caution" by Crunch-o-Matic, both of which build upon the purest elements of house music with quirky and unique shades of rock, R&B, and jazz.

Coming later is the full-length debut of D'Borah, who was discovered this summer singing on Freestyle Orchestra's "Keep On Pumpin' It Up." Among the producers on board for the album are Steve "Silk" Hurley, Manny Mohr, and Maurice Joshua of "This Is Acid" fame. What we're holding our breath for,

however, is Anne Robinson's slammin' houser, "I'm Attracted To You," which has been one of the most coveted underground demo tapes for the past four months.

Equally exciting have been the signings of SBK-One's A&R mastermind Guy Moot. Although the label's output has been somewhat infrequent, each release has been well worth the wait.

From ATC's anthemic hip-houser, "It Ain't Over," to the most recent "I Surrender" by Love & Laughter, with its blend of hip-hop, R&B, and subversive reggae vibes, we're continually kept guessing what will come next. While Moot's decision to spend most of his time next year in the U.K. will impact the increase in music flow originally promised, we're encouraged by the fact that he will remain as the label's creative leader, which bodes well for SBK's club future.

PREDICTIONS

In keeping with the tradition established by previous authors of this column, we couldn't resist dusting off our crystal ball and offering a few predictions for the coming year:

Label promoters will realize the value of double-A-side singles, backing a deep club track with a different, radio-aimed tune on the Bside. This expands possibilities for exposure in various stylistic formats. Cases in point: "Groove Is In The Heart" b/w "What Is Love" by Deee-Lite and "Being Boring" b/w "How Can You Expect To Be Taken Seriously" by the Pet Shop Boys.

American DJs will continue to fol-low the lead of their European counterparts, this time dropping the tempo of their sets even lower than the typical 105 beats per minute of tracks by Stansfield and Soul II Soul. This will make room for such noteworthy artists as Charisma act Bass Cut and Cooltempo/Chrysalis group Innocence, both of which will attempt to turn heads with left-of-center R&B-grounded releases in the coming months.

Twelve-inch vinyl on major labels will disappear from consumer view by June, with limited availability of promo-only vinyl lasting through 1991. This will potentially provide a windfall for indie labels, as well as the still vinyl-dominated import circuit. The transition from turntables to CD players will be too abrupt for many jocks and club owners.

LATE NEWS: We're sad to report the untimely death of dance music's most prominent 12-inch-single editor, Chep Nunez. He died while trying to escape from his New York apartment building, which was on fire. He was 26 years old.

Nunez will likely be best remembered for his work with remixer/ producers Justin Strauss and Daniel Abraham. At the time of his death, he had completed editing a project with Robert Clivilles and David Cole, and was building momentum for his own remixing endeavors. His fiancee, Mercedes Hidalgo, who managed to get out of the building, is in critical condition at St. Luke's Hospital.



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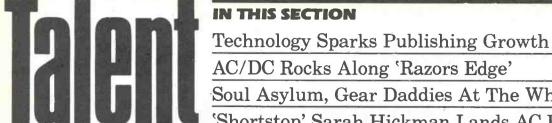
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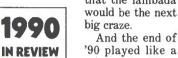
Soul Asylum, Gear Daddies At The Whisky 'Shortstop' Sarah Hickman Lands AC Hit

What A Long, Strange Year It's Been Rap & Metal Surged, Controversy Triumphed

BY CHRIS MORRIS

LOS ANGELES-How strange a year was 1990?

The beginning of the year was hardly prophetic: Twelve months ago, Milli Vanilli was at the top of the charts, and pundits were predicting that the lambada



big craze. And the end of '90 played like a trip in the Wayback Machine: As

December rolled around, '70s relics Donny Osmond and David Cassidy simultaneously hit the singles chart and bluesman Robert Johnson, dead 52 years, had an album in the top half of the albums chart.

Très bizarre. It was a year in which themes in the realm of talent were difficult to divine, but one that still saw several dramatic new entrances and a few surprising developments and disappointments.

As in recent years, the continued dominance of the pop diva was a major story. Among newcomers, Mariah Carey and Lisa Stansfield scored the biggest victories; at year's end, pop/ soul belter Carey challenges Whitney Houston for pre-eminence on Houston's own turf, at the apex of the Top Pop Albums chart.

With her sophomore album release, Sinead O'Connor captured the imagination of pop fans and modern rock aficionados alike, and her version of Prince's "Nothing Compares 2 U" became one of the big breakthrough hits of the year.

Among veteran performers, the most warmly received triumph was Bonnie Raitt's stunning capture of four Grammys, which sent her 1989 Capitol album, "Nick Of Time," through the platinum roof.

On a more predictable note, Madonna maintained her media ubiquity with a sold-out world tour, a high-profile role opposite off-screen paramour Warren Beatty in "Dick Tracy," and, at year's end, the release of a video that was too hot for MTV to handle. Bette Midler wound up the year in

the top 10 with the album "Some People's Lives," while the record that re-

vitalized her career, the "Beaches" soundtrack, remained on the albums chart after nearly two years in release

Not all female singers enjoyed the same adulation: One of the biggest disappointments of '90 was the crash on arrival of a new album by Tiffany, whose "mature" new image apparently found little favor with her old fans. It remains to be seen if the teen vocalist's principal rival, Debbie Gibson, will meet a similar fate with a more grown-up look and style.

A new genre, "second-generation pop." came to the fore with the hit debuts of Wilson Phillips (daughters of Beach Boy Brian Wilson and Mama & Papa Michelle and John Phillips) and Nelson (the twin sons of the late Ricky Nelson). A trend in the mak-

"Metal" and "platinum" remained synonymous for some of the top acts in the genre, as Poison, Warrant, AC/DC, and a solo Jon Bon Jovi all recorded smashes. But the year saw few new-artist breakthroughs in the metal category, with Slaughter the only fresh entry to make a big sales impression in its maiden voyage.

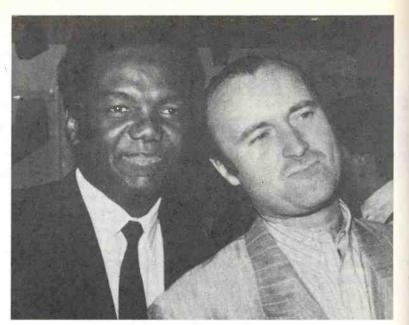
Surprisingly, it was acts from the left wing of the metal/hard rock universe that made unlikely impressions in 1990. Metal-funksters Faith No More's 1989 release finally reached platinum status, while such bands as Jane's Addiction and Queensryche attained some startling out-of-the-box sales.

The year will also be remembered for a remarkable new sales strate--controversy as a marketing tool. Luther Campbell parlayed the national furor over 2 Live Crew's music into hot traffic on his Atlantic-distributed "Banned In The U.S.A." To a lesser extent, Judas Priest's explosive chart entry with "Painkiller" could be tied to the band's notorious teen-suicide trial in Nevada (in which the band was acquitted of liability).

But the strategy ultimately had its limits: Just ask the Geto Boys, whose Def American album did a quick fade despite an uproar over the record's pressing and distribution.

While other year-end wrap-ups in Billboard will reflect the plethora of exciting new R&B artists who hit the scene, it's worth noting the rise of a number of promising new talents-En Vogue, Digital Underground, Snap, Ice Cube, and Deee-Lite, to name just a few.

In the final analysis, rap may have been the big talent story of 1990: Vanilla Ice and M.C. Hammer, who topped the albums chart at year's end, sold a staggering 11 million al-bums between them. Will other artists ride the rap wave in 1991? Tune in next year.



Of Like Hearts & Minds, Lamont Dozier, left, and Phil Collins are honored Dec. 5 at the BMI-PRS Awards Dinner in London, where their joint composition, "Two Hearts," from the film "Buster," was named the 1990 song of the year by BMI, the U.S. performing rights organization, and the British Performing Rights Society. For Collins, the award capped a year marked by his most successful worldwide album ever, the Atlantic Records disc "... But Seriously," and a world tour captured on the year-end release "Serious Hits ... Live!" as well as a cable pay-per-view broadcast and a network special on CBS. (Photo: Lester Cohen)

It Was The Best Of Times, It Was The Worst: Kudos & Catcalls For The Good, Bad, & Ugly

WITH A MUG OF holiday cider at hand, the Beat this week mulls over the triumphs, troubles, and trends of the talent scene in 1990, offering seasonal accolades and a few lumps of coal:

IRST-RAITT-COMEBACK Award: To Bonnie Raitt, whose four-Grammy sweep and chart-topping Capitol al-bum, "Nick Of Time," still stands out as the year's most gratifying success story.

HE Revolving-Velvet-Bed Award: To Madonna, for the remarkable staging and conceptual spark and saging and conceptual spark and sass of her Blonde Ambition Tour— lip-synching and all.

HE BUSTED-SOAPBOX Award: To former state representative Jean Dixon, who, amid all the needs facing her Missouri constituents, mounted her campaign to save the citizenry from graphic song lyrics through mandatory album warning stickers. Dixon went on to inform like-minded lawmakers in oth-

er states how to draft such attention-grabbing legislation. Her constituents responded to Dixon's efforts by knocking her out of office in the last primary election.

HE PUTTING-OUT-A-FIRE-With-Gasoline Award: To the Recording Industry Assn. of America and those record labels that circumvented the move for government-mandated explicit-lyrics stickers by adopting their own "voluntary" advisory stickers. Artists (especially those whose lyrics are now prescreened by their own label execs) are trying to figure out what's so voluntary about this.

HE INDIE PROMO MAN OF The Year: This musicindustry outsider, with the force of phone, fax, and striking personality, took an indie act whose album was sinking on the charts and launched it to national fame, platinum status, and a major-label deal. Luther Campbell & 2 Live Crew couldn't have done it without the inimitable and talented ... Jack Thompson.

HE GREEN-IS-A-LOVELY-Color Award: In a year when Earth Day refocused attention on the environment, the record industry boldly responded-not by changing its wasteful packaging, but by relentlessly

"recycling" old artists via flashy new images or hefty boxed sets.

WHY-DON'T-WE-DO-IT-ON-The-Road Award: To Rhino Records, for its superbly packaged and annotated boxed set, "The Jack Kerouac Collection," the best of a batch of new releases in the spoken-word genre. Honorable mention: Rykodisc for its double-disc set "Blues In The Mississippi Night."



by Thom Duffy

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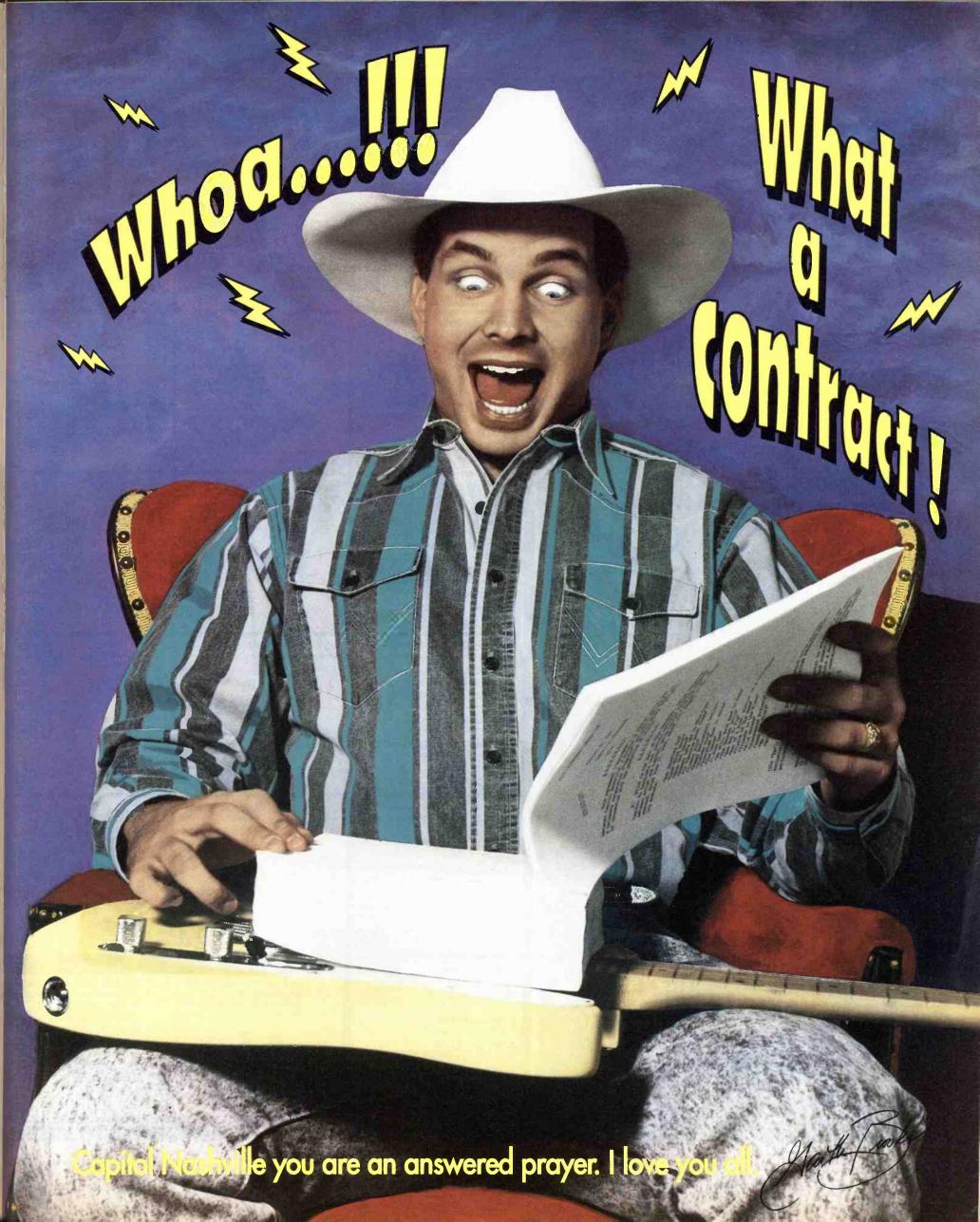
HE A&R-MEANS-ARTISTS-And-Real-Estate Award: To record com-panies; including CBS, MCA, and PolyGram, that are increasingly venturing into the realm of amphitheater development. New concert sheds have been sprouting like mushrooms nationwide, better suited for mainstream pop than rap or metal acts. Is it any wonder, then, that development of shed-ready talents such as Mariah Carey and Wilson Phillips is a major priority in the '90s?

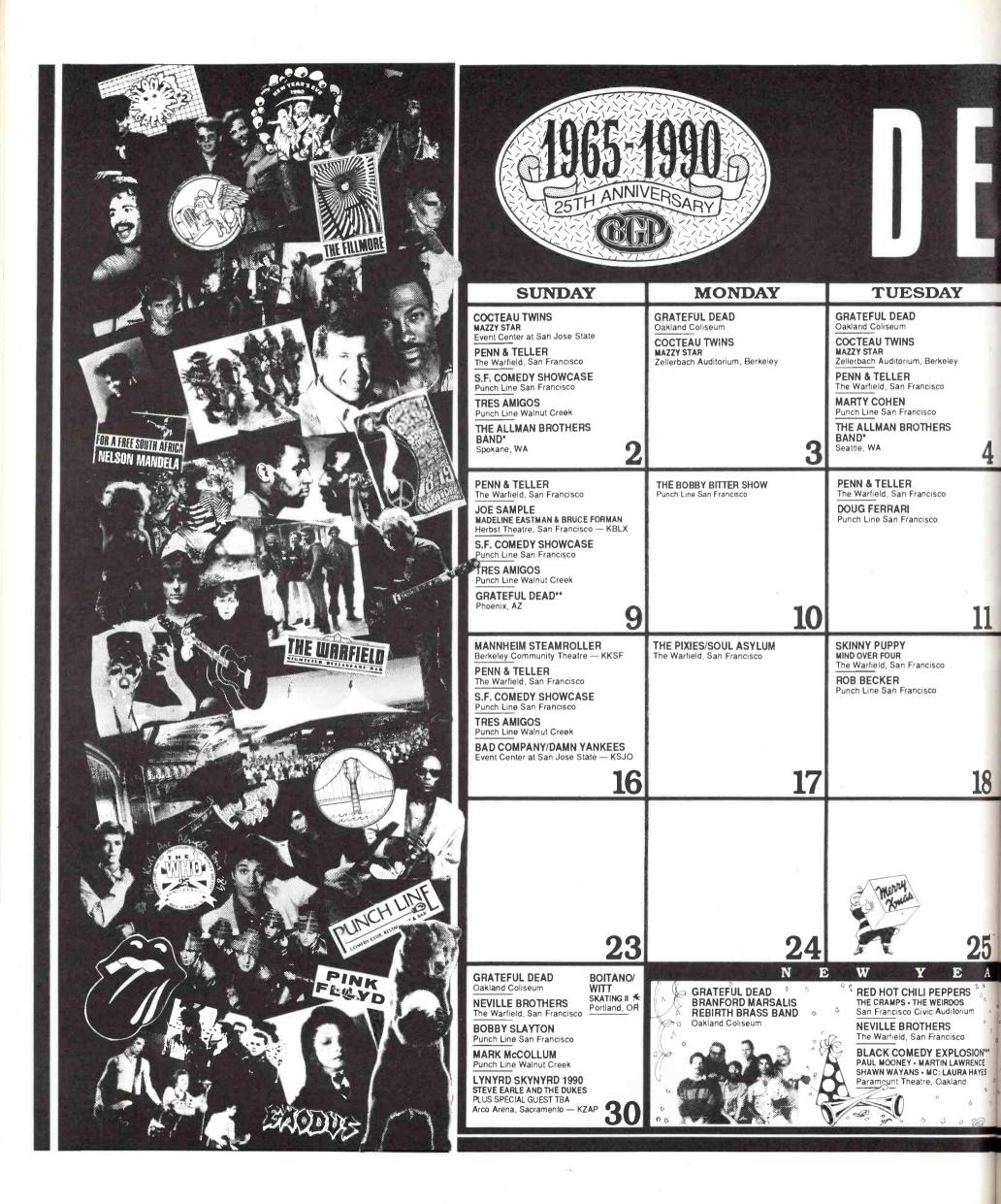
WRITE-ABOUT-THAT-FUNKY-Music-White-Boys Award: To the editors of Newsweek responsible for the magazine's skewed and condescending cover story on rap music, written with all the hip-hop sensibility of the average PTA.

GET-INTO-THE-GROOVE Award: To the dance music community, which has muscled aside the guitar-bound rockers to create the beat for the '90s. Among the best of the bunch in 1990 were Arista's Lisa Stansfield, Elektra's Deee-Lite, RCA's Black Box for "Everybody Everybody" (no matter who sang lead), Columbia's C&C Music Factory, and, of course, Bart Simpson.

WE-WON'T-GET-FOOLED-Again Award: To all who resist the new orthodoxy emerging in response to this year's threats of pop-music censorship. With a circle-thewagons mentality rising in the music press, too many writers are becoming reluctant to voice and exercise their own values in critiquing lyric content, be it sexist, homophobic, or otherwise debasing. As New York Times critic Jon Pareles said at this year's New Music Seminar, "You have to say this stuff is not hip. We have more responsibility to the truth than presenting a united front." Vigorous criticism-in a free marketplace-is not censorship.







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AC/DC LOVE/HATE Brendan Byrne Arena East Rutherford, N.J.

BRIAN JOHNSON HAS always sounded as though he massages his larynx with sandpaper to get ready for a new album. But at this Nov. 11 date at the Brendan Byrne Area, Johnson sounded as though he went to the sandblaster for this tour supporting the band's new Atco disc, "The Razors Edge."

Unable to project with his hoarser-than-normal voice, Johnson, whose vocals usually punch you in the face, became just another garage crooner unable to compete with the over-ambitious guitars of his band mates. Then again, that garage-band mentality has always been part of the charm of AC/DC, the Australian hard-rock quintet that began blasting in 1974 and has never stopped.

At the two-hour show, the band's resilience shined through even if Johnson's voice didn't. Whether playing "T.N.T." or the latest single, "Moneytalks," it was obvious the band hasn't strayed far from the crunchy pop-rock it helped pioneer throughout the '70s.

Though his lengthy spotlight solos and silly stage antics became tiresome halfway through the night, Angus Young's distorted riffs proved ageless, especially on older songs like "Back In Black" and "You Shook Me All Night Long."

Opening act Love/Hate played material from its recent Columbia Records release, "Blackout In The Red Room," which sounded more dated than even the earliest AC/DC stuff. SCOTT BRODEUR

> SOUL ASYLUM THE GEAR DADDIES The Whisky A Go-Go West Hollywood, Calif.

HE TWIN CITIES TERROR Soul Asylum blew the house down before a jam-packed crowd of excitable onlookers at the storied Whisky Nov. 15.

The quartet was touring behind its second A&M release, "And The Horse They Rode In On," its best, most crisply recorded effort to date. As superior as that disc is, it pales beside the group's formidable live onslaught, a cyclonic outpouring of energy that resembles a force of nature at work.

Despite the fact that bassist Karl Mueller was hobbled by a broken foot and played seated on a stool, the band rampaged as potently as ever before, with only a mediumtempo number or two breaking up a *(Continued on page 48)*



The late Huddie "Leadbelly" Ledbetter is the composer of "Sylvie." Songwriting credit was given incorrectly in the Nov. 24 The Beat column.

Interest In Music Pub Spurred By Advances In Technology

BY IRV LICHTMAN

MATSUSHITA IS spending billions of dollars to get its hands on software created by MCA Inc. so that, in part, it can have at the ready a flow of prerecorded entertainment to feed new developments in audio and video technologies.

While the few remaining days of 1990 are not likely to realize a deal of similar scope, a less dramatic development also underscores the drive to obtain a key element of software: important song copyrights. This is the closing of a deal bringing U.K.'s **Filmtrax** into the already formidable copyright holdings of **EMI Music Publishing**. The price for Filmtrax, which has been estimated as high as \$93.5 million, was not that far from the \$100 mil-

lion or so that another group of investors paid in 1984 for Chappell Music, which turned around again for than more twice that price a few later years

when it was acquired by Warner Communications.

As any observer of the music publishing scene knows, song catalogs are a precious commodity these days. That \$200 million WCI buyout of Chappell was vastly exceeded in 1988 when nearly \$300 million was paid to bring the SBK catalogs into the Thorn-EMI fold.

But, perhaps the most telling examples of how songs and software are viewed similarly is that of the renewed interest in music-publishing activities by the very companies that unloaded their rich catalogs in the first place, although it should be noted that "cash-flow" problems rather than a lack of interest in publishing seemed to dictate their departures from publishing.

PolyGram (Chappell) and CBS (MGM/UA) are on the road back to highly competitive in-house publishing units. While not giving up as much as PolyGram and CBS in past deals, BMG is making catalog acquisitions and songwriter deals designed to place it on a firmer footing in the U.S.

And if concentration of publishing power in the hands of a few is worrisome, it should be seen in the context, accelerated over the past year, of the rise in activity among perky independent publishers, many of which are perceived to be closer to the "street" in assembling rap or dance catalogs.

Financially, music publishing hit the \$3 billion mark on a global scale for the first time last year, (Billboard, Oct. 6).

Music publishing's general wellbeing continues to mirror the continuing global success of new technology, although some concerned members of the music publishing community correctly sound the alarm when new duplication technology (i.e., DAT) surfaces to make duping easier and often indistinguishable from the original source.

Such alarmists, however, can take comfort in the development of the compact disc as a continual source of strengthened copyright usage, particularly among vintage songs—1990 was the most bountiful year in the seven-year history of the CD in the release of boxed sets recalling past triumphs of pop, jazz, and rock idols.

Technology has also created new usage vistas in the form of home video, cable TV, and satellite transmission. Hopefully, by the year 2000, high-definition video, with its companion ability to deliver CD-quality sound, will be within the reach of the world's middle-class consumer. Even

Creatively, however, music pub-

lishing over the next 10 or 15 years

will face a challenge that goes to

the very heart of its stability: As

pop music puts things more bluntly,

dispensing with the sugarcoated

imagery and more melodic appeal

of rock's earlier days, are the nos-

talgic and melodic catalogs of to-

morrow being created? The issue

that makes the stamina of today's

hit copyrights so important is the specter of the continuing erosion of

oldline catalogs as great songs of the past reach their copyright lifetime of 75 years and are no longer

At the moment, music publishing

thrives because so much of its mu-

sic still answers an emotional need

in the guise of simple verities ex-

pressed with distinctiveness in

trade of its ties to the song values

of the past. Few songs today stand

as a better example than Julie

Gold's "From A Distance," Bette

Midler's hit. Gold's song is a mov-

ing descendent of other songs of hope that have been popular

through the years, such as Jerome Kern and Buddy DeSylva's "Look

For The Silver Lining" (1920), Rich-

ard Rodgers & Oscar Hammer-

stein II's "You'll Never Walk Alone" (1945), Bob Dylan's "Blowin' In The Wind" (1962), and John Lennon's "Imagine" (1971).

And these songs also express a

timely sentiment from Words &

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for better ways to work out our personal fears or social, political, or en-

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The charts seem to set things right every so often to remind the

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TALENT IN ACTION (Continued from page 46)

loud and surging set. Guitarist/vo-calists Dave Pirner and Dan Murphy were their usual unrestrained selves, wailing hoarsely and stirring up squalls of Marshall-driven noise.

Opening with the new album's lead track, "Spinnin'," Soul Asylum tore through a healthy set high-lighted by the balladic "Veil Of Tears" and "We 3," Murphy's anthemic "Cartoon," and a volcanic "All The King's Friends." Covers were kept to a bare minimum this time. with a very earnest rendition of Lu-lu's "To Sir With Love" the sole ringer in the set.

Soul Asylum continues to play with a puissance that puts the work of most heavy metal and hard rock bands to shame.

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The Minneapolis quartet the Gear Daddies, currently represented in the racks by the Polydor album "Billy's Live Bait," turned in a subdued and ultimately somewhat disappointing set.

Front man Martin Zellar has an engagingly coarse voice, and there's no faulting his song crafthis melodic work suggests a coun-trified Paul Westerberg. But, while the group played its strong material competently, the spark of excitement one looks for in a truly accomplished rock band was sorely missing. Maybe this promising group will mature with time and more tour mileage. CHRIS MORRIS

THE CAVEDOGS **MOJO NIXON** THE DEAD MILKMEN The Channel, Boston

THE THREE ACTS on this Enigma Records triple bill didn't seem to have much in common besides their shared label. While Mojo Nixon and the Dead Milkmen are largely humorously rowdy gimmicks in rocker's guise, music is more than a means to an end for the Cavedogs, who have fun while taking their power-pop postpunk seriously.

For this Nov. 14 stop on the Amuck In America tour-the ninth date of a six-week jaunt co-sponsored by Fuji-the Dead Milkmen graciously switched places with the Cavedogs to let the Beantownbased trio headline. An opening-set dose of the Milkmen's snotty, hipper-than-thou brand of funk-punk, however, was enough.

Mojo Nixon, though, proved to be a harder act to follow. Now playing with a full band, Nixon was in manic form, growling and ranting and

poking fun at everyone from Victor Kiam and the Pogues' Shane MacGowan, to his by-now classic loony harangues about Debbie Gibson, the cult of Elvis, and Don Henley. But Nixon's humor, while clever, relies too often on sophomorically vulgar schtick for him to be anything but a college novelty act.

Though the Cavedogs got off to a rocky start, they recovered quickly enough to give an energetic, tuneful set, playing everything off their de-but album, "Joyrides For Shut-Ins," plus some new or never-released material. The album's first single, "Leave Me Alone," fairly crackled with edgy urgency, as did the wry "La La La," "Proud Land," the haunting "Babe Ghanooj," and the somewhat psychedelic "Right On The Nail.'

Guitarist Todd Spahr, bassist Brian Stevens, and drummer Mark Rivers built a more-than-respectable wall of sound around their wellcrafted work. The Cavedogs' promise is based on more than image or trend; it's to be hoped that Enigma can continue to support them despite the label's woes.

KAREN SCHLOSBERG

TAKE 6 **BELA FLECK & THE FLECKTONES** Front Row Theatre Highland Heights, Ohio

Take 6 made this theater-in-theround east of Cleveland a gospel tent, getting 1,500 people to sing the praises of the Lord in passionate, ragged harmony. The Nov. 14 bill, also featuring

the Appalachian gypsy jazz of banjoist Bela Fleck and his Flecktones, capped a six-week tour.

Îf Take 6 hadn't sung so well, the

sermonettes that linked its songs might have palled. But the "Christian a cappella pop jazz" of Mervyn Warren, Mark Kibble, Claude McKnight, David Thomas, Cedric Dent, and Alvin Chea was both uplifting and a technical marvel.

The centerpiece of Take 6's show was "I'm On My Way," a fervent exploration of the geography of Canaan led by Warren and paced by Dent on piano. The tune also fea-tured McKnight's uncanny imitation of a horn.

While the agenda of the Birmingham, Ala., group is social and moral, the band never seemed didactic. (Continued on page 50)



Sonny Shines. Showcasing her Charisma Records debut, "Falling Through A Cloud," New Zealand native Sonny Southon performs at the Bottom Line in New York, (Photo: Chuck Pulin)



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NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK BISCUIT PERFECT GENTLEMEN BRENDA K. STARR GEORGE LAMOND GOOD GIRLS	Providence Civic Center Providence, R.I.	Dec. 6-7	\$725,000 \$25	29,000 sellout	Frank J. Russo
BILLY JOEL	Hilton Coliseum Iowa State UnivAmes Ames, Iowa	Dec. 1-2	\$690,313 \$23.50	-29,375 sellout	Cellar Door Prods.
HARRY CONNICK JR.	Lunt-Fontanne Theatre New York	Nov. 23-25 & 27-30- Dec. 1 & 4-8	\$677,850 \$40/\$35/\$25/ \$17.50	19,669 sellout	Radio City Music Hall Prods. Nederlander Organization
KENNY ROGERS' CHRISTMAS SHOW: KENNY ROGERS BAILLIE & THE BOYS JENNIFER MCCARTER & THE MCCARTER SISTERS	Westbury Music Fair Westbury, N.Y.	4-6 Dec. 4-9	\$638,164 \$31	22,960 sellout	Music Fair Prods.
CHRISTIC INSTITUTE BENEFIT: JACKSON BROWNE BONNIE RAITT BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN	Shrine Auditorium Los Angeles	Nov. 16-17	\$600,025 \$100/\$50/\$25	12,768 sellout	. Avalon Attractions
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POISON WARRANT	Rosemont Horizon Rosemont, III.	Dec. 7	\$315,400 \$20	16,200 sellout	Joseph Entertainment Group Stardate Prods.
N.C. HAMMER In Vogue	ARCO Arena Sacramento, Calif.	Dec. 5	\$302,460 \$22.50/\$21.50	14,727 16,339	A.H. Enterprises
POISON NARRANT	Arena, Target Center Minneapolis	Dec. 9	\$279,298 \$19.50	14,675 seliout	Joseph Entertainment Group Stardate Prods.
YOUNG MESSIAH TOUR: SANDI PATTI LARNELL HARRIS KIELA WALSH, PHIL DRISCOLL PHIL REAGCY, THE IMPERIALS MELODIE TUNNEY, RALPH CARMICHAEL	Charlotte Coliseum Charlotte, N.C.	Dec. 7	\$271,144 \$15.50/\$13.50/ \$11.50	22,177 sellout	Mid-South Concerts
ANITA BAKER Rhonda Hansome	Valley Forge Music Fair Devon, Pa.	Dec. 4-7	\$261,420 \$35	8,796 sellout	Music Fair Prods.
SHARON, LOIS & BRAM	Massey Hall Toronto	Nov. 29- Dec. 4	\$257,856 (\$298,856 Canadian) \$14/\$10	22,151 26,400	Skarratt Promotions
POISON WARRANT	Joe Louis Arena Detroit	Dec. 2	\$244,620 \$20	1 2,906 15,904	Brass Ring Prods.
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Giving Birth To New Music. The organizers and keynote speakers of the 10th annual CMJ Music Marathon celebrate the success of this year's convention, which drew some 4,000 attendees to the Vista Hotel in New York Oct. 24-27. Pictured, from left, are Bobby Haber, president of College Media Inc.; keynoter Kris Parker (KRS-ONE); keynoter Eric Bogosian; and Joanne Abbott Green, executive VP of College Media Inc. Four days after the convention, Haber and Abbott Green became parents for the first time with the birth of their daughter, Paris Sierra.

ARTIST DEVELOPMENTS

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main in the Rembrandts' music. "We've left behind some of that epic approach, but we're still as song-oriented and are still coming from that angle of a lot of pop harmonies." MELINDA NEWMAN

BARNES SPARKS 'FIRES'

Few Australian rockers have been as universally admired as Jimmy Barnes, a gravel-voiced bluesy belter who has come to articulate the Australian rock ethos and provide a yardstick against which most other Down Under rockers are measured. Like John Farnham, Barnes in his homeland has moved beyond normal rock stardom.

Although the hard-drinking wildman image he cultivated during his days with the band Cold Chisel has been tempered by his widely publicized family life, Barnes remains a potent antipodean emblem. He has fused two seemingly incompatible states of being that are close to the Australian heart—parenthood (he has four kids) and rebellion for the sake of it.

Although visiting stars such as Jon Bon Jovi and ZZ Top have dragged Barnes on stage with them during Australian tours, and although local critics have claimed



that fissures in the earth's crust open when he sings at full pitch, convincing the rest of the world has proven a considerable challenge for Michael Guidiniski, Barnes' manager and founder of Mushroom Records. A Geffen deal saw his "Working

A Geffen deal saw his "Working Class Man" and "Freight Train Heart" albums released internationally, the latter produced by Journey's Jonathan Cain, Mike Stone, and Desmond Child. Both were recorded primarily in the U.S. with such exalted guest performers as Mick Fleetwood, Neal Schon, Kim Carnes, and Huey Lewis, and both received not much more than good reviews. Some European pockets of support did appear, such as Scandinavia, where he hit the top 10.

Now comes the second international assault, this time via Atlantic, which has a record of success with Australian acts, notably AC/DC and INXS. Barnes' Atlantic debut, "Two Fires," was produced in Australian and U.S. studios by Don Gehman (John Cougar Mellencamp, R.E.M.) after a personal request by label chieftain Ahmet Ertegun. "I love his voice and I'm very impressed by the enormous support system behind him," says Gehman, who has compared Barnes' vocal timbre to that of Wilson Pickett. "I told him, I want to see what happens if you become a soul singer. I wanted to implement a much more dynamic and intense approach, and I also wanted to get him to lay back on a few things vocally. My goal is to find a unique niche for him in

America." "Two Fires" features songs from legendary Australian performers Ross Wilson (of Mondo Rock) and Chris Bailey (of the Saints) and collaborations by Barnes with Holly Knight and Child.

"For the first time," says Barnes, "I felt like I had found my voice. I always knew I had the power but working with Don I came to realize how it could be used more effectively."



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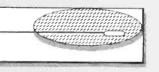
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MASTER TAPE	Ampex 465	Agfa 469	Ampex 467	Ampex 456	Ampex 467
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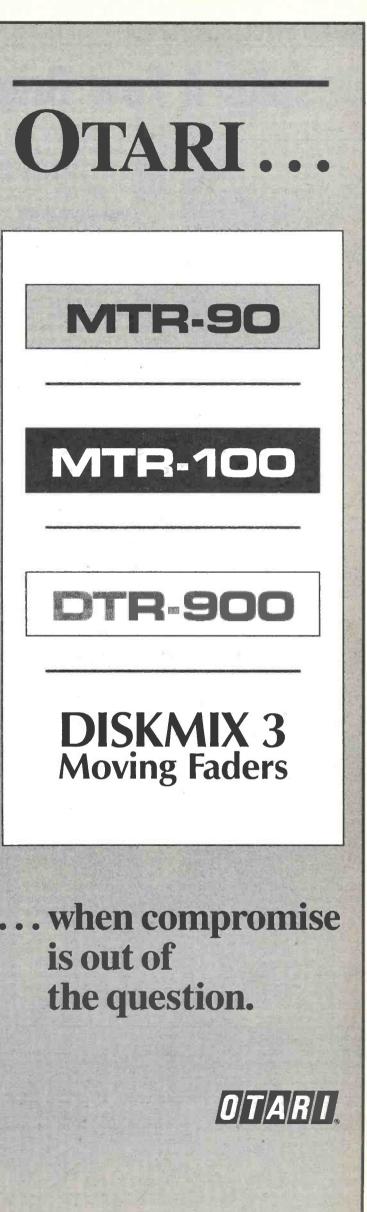
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Despite A Few Bright Spots, Business Looks Flat

BY SUSAN NUNZIATA

NEW YORK—It's all relative. For some members of the pro audio industry, 1990 was a moderately successful year, showing increases of up to 6% over 1989. For others, business was bleak, in some cases declining a few percentage



points. Overall, business was flat, and the outlook for 1991 is mixed, at best. The uncertain

economy ranks first among the variety of factors that influenced the marketplace. Undeniably it was a year of transition, with manufacturers continuing to consolidate in full force, studios shifting to accommodate a changing market, and other audio pros tightening their belts.

The studio marketplace seems hardest hit by economic problems, with the live touring sound and prerecorded duplication markets experiencing somewhat less angst.

"The changing economic climate, coupled with the whole Mideast situation, has made people very wary of any major purchasing decisions," says Phil Wagner, manager, Eastern operations, with Trident Audio USA. "Major purchases ground to a halt because people feel the market is saturated. They want to see how things are panning out with the economic climate, and they're looking at their alternatives."

Although some manufacturers are predicting a 20% decrease in sales in 1991, not all companies have felt negative effects. Suppliers of tape and manufacturers of midpriced gear are quite optimistic.

"If there's fallout from what people are calling a downturn in the high-end pro studio, we really haven't seen it," says Steve Smith, manager of professional products for Ampex, Redwood City, Calif. "I haven't seen a lot of studios closing their doors. Business is tough for everyone but it's not the gloom and doom that a lot of people want to hear."

According to Smith, there is a general attitude throughout the industry that business is not good. "I think that's because business is spread throughout the industry and is a little more diverse, rather than focusing on the top 200 studios of the world that used to get the business."

Pete Caldwell, owner of Doppler Studios, Atlanta, notes that 1990 was a generally good year for his facility. "There's a lot of blues singing going around [among studios], and the real question will be what will happen if we have to tighten our belts in 1991. When the problems come up you have to address them. A lot of this is attitudinal; it's leadership, desire, work, the kind of things that always make businesses work."

SPECIALIZATION EFFECTS

Caldwell, who is this year's president of the Society of Professional Audio Recording Services, notes that the industry is undergoing a marked change. "It's easy to see that we're moving away from the megastudio complexes, and we're seeing more and more specialization. In terms of what we're moving toward, that's anybody's guess," he says. Caldwell notes that large, quality

Caldwell notes that large, quality studios will remain in business and the good, small ones will grow to compete with them. "What's going to happen in the middle ground is hard to say," he says. "From SPARS' point of view, we want to be responsive to a broad spectrum of the audio industry, and at this point it is a very tricky equation."

The credit crunch has had a major effect on the pro audio marketplace. "It's affecting the ability of our customers to get leasing," says Jack Kelly, president of Klark-Teknik. "The last four or five months it's been getting tougher and tougher, banks are tightening up on what they'll allow for what purpose, and they're not lending as much money as they were. We're just a byproduct of the whole economy there."

Soundworks West in Los Angeles serves as an example of some of the troubles studios have run into in 1990. The facility opened in January and, although it was and remains busy with artists such as Bruce Springsteen, Nelson, Tiffany, and Rosanne Cash, by November the facility had filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Act.

"The present economic conditions certainly did not help our situation," says studio owner Alan Ramer, noting that the studio's problems arose from a combination of factors, including the time needed to build the facility and make necessary changes, and the financing involved in investing in the latest technology. He says that the home studio con-

He says that the home studio continues to be cited as a culprit behind most studios' business problems. "It's up to we entrepreneurs to figure out a way of servicing the industry in ways that home studios can't."

Conversely, for studios like Los Angeles' Larrabee Sound, 1990 was a year of expansion. Larrabee is opening a second facility, which will add two mix rooms and an overdub room to its two existing rooms.

"The economy hasn't had an effect so far," says Larrabee owner Kevin Mills. "I remember the last time we had a recession and what affected the record companies then won't happen this time. Record companies are stronger financially, now they're made up of five or six major conglomerates, they have more backing and financial wherewithal, they have

'Business is tough for everyone, but it's not gloom and doom'

more channels open for exposure, like MTV and movie soundtracks, and the worldwide record market business is greater."

For many, 1990 was better than expected. "Business was steady and constant and there really were no lulls," says Robert Nathan, owner of Unique Recording in New York. Nathan, like many other studio owners, notes that he definitely purchased less gear this year.

"As far as studio gear, this whole economic situation has put a damper on new technology," says Nathan. "Manufacturers aren't creating anything that is really new and interesting, which is sort of a drag, but in a way it's lucky for us because we don't feel pressure to have to buy anything that we really can't afford."

Many industry observers note that the ongoing consolidation of the industry will ultimately be beneficial in that it will provide more funding for research and development.

A quick recap of this year's merg-

ers and acquisitions reflects 1989's trend: Studer was acquired by SAEG Refindus Holding Inc.; Mark IV acquired Dynacord GmbH and Klark-Teknik; TGI purchased Martin Audio; AKG Acoustics bought a controlling interest in Edge Technology, the holding company for Turbosound, BSS Audio, and Precision Devices, and later acquired Quested Monitors; Siemens bought AMS Industries; Otari purchased King Instruments; and BASF acquired Agfa's magneticproducts company.

"The industry overall has done some maturing," says Ron Means, president of JBL Professional, Northridge, Calif. "I think consolidation is a further sign of maturation of the business. It is increasingly difficult to be medium in size in a more mature market."

Means and others note that new, upstart companies and technologies will continue to enter the marketplace and will ultimately become part of larger concerns. "As long as we have enough competition out there and enough new energy coming into the marketplace, we'll have a healthy industry," says Means.

SIGNS OF HEALTH

According to Means, the touring and installed-sound markets have been healthy through 1990.

Despite some changes, the prerecorded-cassette and CD markets have also been relatively healthy this year.

"If there has been a growth in duplication, it's been probably within 3%-6%," says Mike Ingalls, national marketing manager with Sunkyong. He notes that the cassette will continue to grow because it is a good entertainment value for its price. "Even though there are no blockbuster hits, all of the people we do business with seem to be quite busy," says Lloyd Pomber, VP of audio sales with Shape Inc., in Biddeford, Maine. The company, which is operating under bankruptcy reorganization, is predicting an end to its bankruptcy by early next year.

However, Pomber notes that rawmaterial prices have climbed, with the price of plastics up 5-10 cents per pound, and he expects that to continue. "We have no choice but to pass it along to our customers," he says. "We're working on thin margins as it is, and material costs could put us in the red instead of in the black."

The outlook among audio professionals for 1991 is one of uncertainty and caution mingled with an unquenchable optimism.

"In accordance to our bookings inhouse for January through June of 1991, we are already ahead of 1990," says Bob Walters, owner and president of Power Station in New York. "Our feelings here at Power Station are that the Los Angeles people are coming back to New York and, when they are asked why they're coming back to New York, the word is they're coming back to work here for the New York engery and vibe."

According to Tore Nordahl, president of Studer Revox America Inc., in Nashville, 1991 is going to be the year of transition. "We're going to see relatively slow sales of traditional products, large mixing consoles, relatively expensive tape machines, and we're going to see continued growth of new technology product—not at the rate many would like to see—but there is going to be growth in [things like] digital audio hard disc recording/editing systems."

AUDIO TRACK

NEW YORK

ELECTRIC LADY had Mark Plati in producing and engineering mixes for Jean Park's first album for CBS. Jennifer Bette assisted.

David Rosenthal (Whitesnake, Rainbow, Steve Vai, Robert Palmer, and Cyndi Lauper) was in the Hit Factory co-producing and adding keyboard tracks to a project by Epic artist Deborah Blando.

At Frankford Wayne Mastering Lab, engineer/producer Carlton Batts mastered albums by Big Daddy Kane, the Boys, and Debra Torré as well as 12-inch singles by Blaze, Today, and Basic Black.

LOS ANGELES

PRINCESS NARAYATI stopped by the Enterprise with Toto's Jeff and Steve Porcoro and Dann Huff to record tracks. Tony Tavena engineered, using the studio's Synclavier and Direct-To-Disk. Kazku Matsui completed tracks and mixes for a release on Sonic Atmospheres. Dave Eaton was at the controls.

A&M act Toni Childs and engineer/producer Mark McKenna cut tracks and overdubs for Childs' new album at Topanga Skyline Recording. Luis Quine assisted. LORRIE MORGAN RECORDED tracks and vocals at the Music Mill, with Richard Landis producing. Jim Cotton, Pete Greene, and Mike Mc-Carthy engineered the BMG/RCA

project. Daniele Alexander worked

on vocals and mixes for PolyGram

with producer Harold Shedd. Cotton,

NASHVILLE

Joe Scaife, and McCarthy engineered.

Gregg Barnhill was in Recording Arts mixing a video track for Warner Bros. Josh Leo and Larry Lee produced; Lee Groitzsch engineered.

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Sugar Hill Jazz. Jazz artists Herb Ellis, left, and David Benoit, right, work on a special tribute to the late Emily Remler at Sugar Hill Studios with producer Randall Hage Jamail. The project is slated for release on Jamail's Justice Records in 1991.



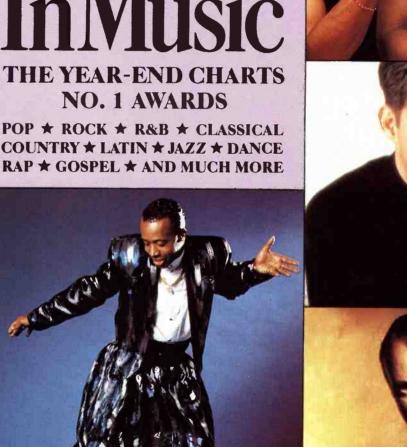


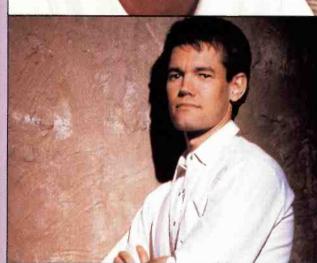




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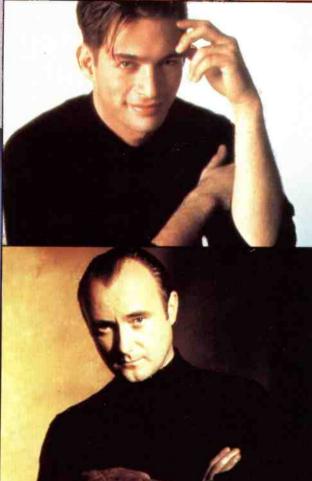


Clockwise from lower left: Gipsy Kings; Randy Travis; Eric Clapton; New Kids On The Block; Janet Jackson; Wilson Phillips; Clint Black; Bell Biv Devoe; Harry Connick, Jr.; Phil Collins; Depeche Mode; Basia; M.C. Hammer



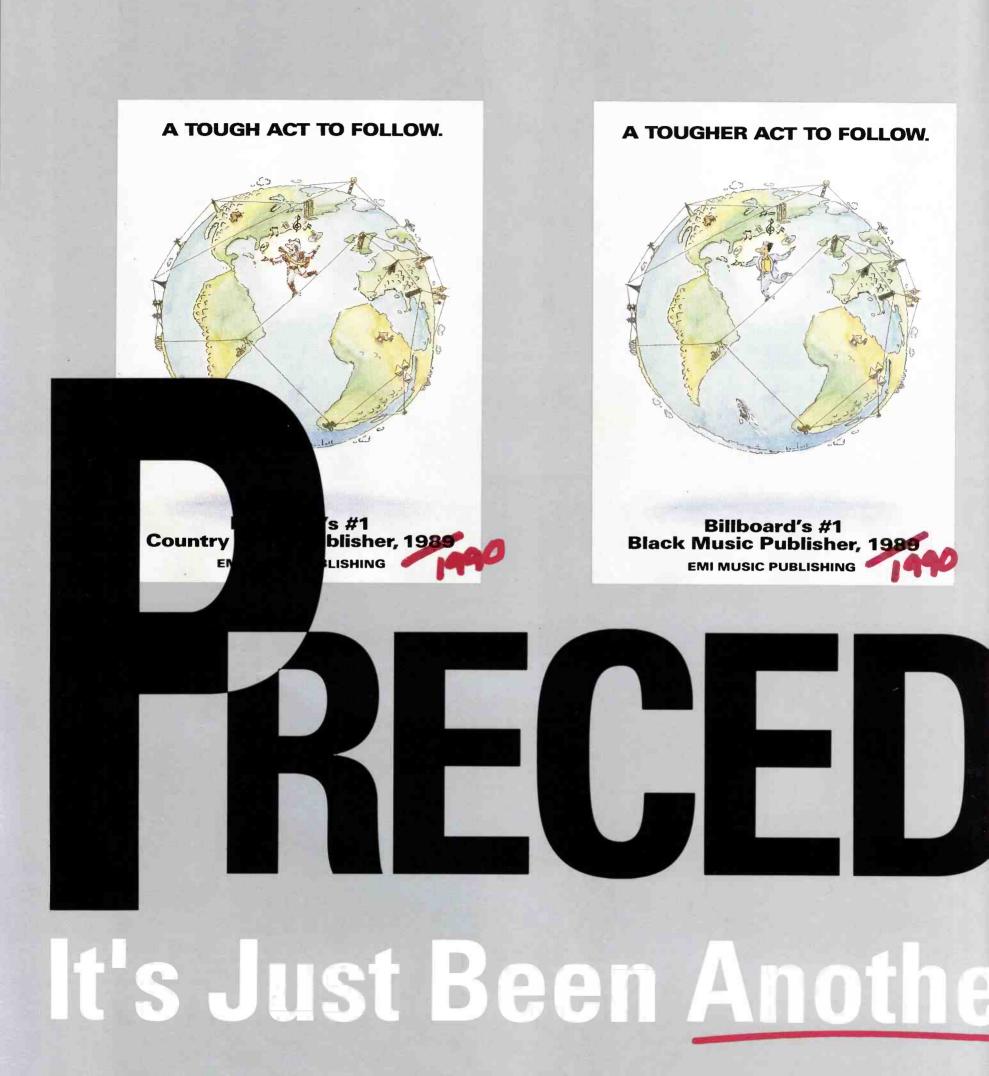












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Billboard's eagle-eyed Chart Beat columnist measures the year bullet by bullet, weighing the evidence, and determining who fired the biggest shots in the race for No. 1.

YE46 WAS IT A HIT ... OR A MISS? By PAUL GREIN

The theme of the year was "read my lip-syncing" as many well-known recording artists took some roundabout routes to the chart-tops, while others took some unique —and unexpected—detours to the bottom.

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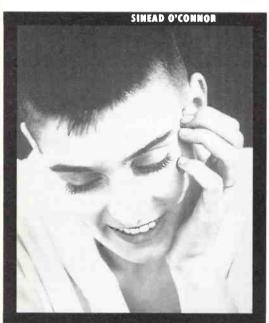
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NO. 1 WORLDWIDE SINGLE "Nothing Compares 2 U"

1990 BILLBOARD **SHOW DEBUTS NEW AWARDS**

In addition to the year-end awards listed throughout this special issue, three new award categories were created for the first time this year: Most Weeks At No. 1 on the Top Pop Alburns Chart, Top Worldwide Album and Top Worldwide Single. They were presented on the "Billboard Music Awards" TV show, aired on Dec. 10. The worldwide awards were comput-ed from Billboard's own charts from America and affiliated charts from Europe and Japan and elsewhere in the world. For 1 990, the Top Worldwide Album is "... But Seriously" by Phil Collins (Atlantic). The Top Worldwide Single is "Nothing Compares 2 U" by Sinead O'Connor. M.C. Hammer's "Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em" wins for most weeks at No. 1 on the al-

burn chart, with 21 weeks, far ahead of any other. Hammer also wins a special award for the Top Rap Artist on the pop charts reflecting the greatest overall pop

M.C. HAMMER

NO. 1 POP RAP ARTIST MOST WEEKS AT NO. 1 ON TOP POP ALBUMS CHART "Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em"

LISA STANSFIELD

NO. 1 NEW POP FEMALE ARTIST

success of any rap artist in 1990. Also on the awards show, both Young M.C. and Lisa Stansfield accepted their awards as Top New Pop Male Artist and Top New Pop Female Artist (see page YE-10 for the complete list of top new pop artists.) Gloria Estefan ac-cepted her award as Top Female Adult Contemporary Artist (see page YE-36 for the list of top adult contemporary artists). The Paul McCartney award for Top Concert

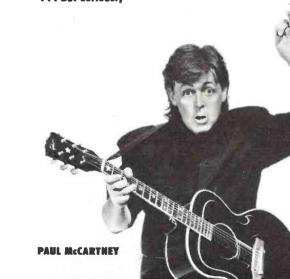
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PHIL COLLINS





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Top Pop Artists

Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted singles & albums) Label 1 NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK (10) Columbia 2 JANET JACKSON (8) A&M 3 PHIL COLLINS (6) Atlantic 4 PAULA ABDUL (4) Virgin 5 MICHAEL BOLTON (5) Columbia 6 M.C. HAMMER (5) Capitol 7 AEROSMITH (5) Geffen 8 BELL BIV DEVOE (4) MCA 9 TAYLOR DAYNE (5) Arista 10 WILSON PHILLIPS (4) SBK 11 MILLI VANILLI (5) Arista 12 MADONNA (8) Sire 13 MOTLEY CRUE (6) Elektra 14 THE B-52'S (4) Reprise 15 BILLY JOEL (7) Columbia 16 ROXETTE (4) EMI 17 DEPECHE MODE (4) Sire 18 SINEAD O'CONNOR (4) Ensign 19 DON HENLEY (5) Geffen 20 LISA STANSFIELD (4) Arista 21 MARIAH CAREY (3) Columbia 22 HEART (4) Capitol 23 BABYFACE (5) Solar 24 TECHNOTRONIC (4) SBK 25 JOHNNY GILL (4) Motown 26 SOUL II SOUL (5) Virgin 27 LUKE FEATURING THE 2 LIVE CREW (3) Luke 28 GLORIA ESTEFAN (5) Epic 29 RICHARD MARX (5) EMI 30 TOM PETTY (3) MCA 31 BONNIE RAITT (1) Warner Bros. (3) Capitol

32 ALANNAH MYLES (3) Atlantic 33 SEDUCTION (1) A&M (5) Vendetta

34 BOBBY BROWN (4) MCA 35 LINDA RONSTADT & AARON NEVILLE (1) Elektra 36 SLAUGHTER (3) Chrysalis 37 YOUNG M.C. (4) Delicious Vinyl 38 BAD ENGLISH (5) Epic 39 BILLY IDOL (3) Chrysalis 40 POISON (3) Enigma 41 AFTER 7 (4) Virgin 42 EN VOGUE (3) Atlantic 43' LUTHER VANDROSS (2) Epic 44 CHER (4) Geffen 45 ROD STEWART (4) Warner Bros. 46 SKID ROW (3) Atlantic 47 FAITH NO MORE (3) Slash 48 ERIC CLAPTON (3) Duck 49 JON BON JOVI (3) Mercury 50 WARRANT (6) Columbia

Top New Pop Artists

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted singles & albums) Label
- 1 BELL BIV DEVOE (4) MCA WILSON PHILLIPS (4) SBK
- 3 LISA STANSFIELD (4) Arista
- 4 MARIAH CAREY (4) Columbia
- 5 TECHNOTRONIC (5) SBK 6 ALANNAH MYLES (3) Atlantic
- 7 SEDUCTION (1) A&M
- (5) Vendetta
- 8 SLAUGHTER (3) Chrysalis
- 9 YOUNG M.C. (4) Delicious Vinyl 10 BAD ENGLISH (5) Epic
- ELL BIV DEVOE

Top Pop Labels

- Pos. LABEL (No. of charted singles & albums)
 - 1 COLUMBIA (105) 2 ATLANTIC (68) 3 ARISTA (49)
- 4 MCA (68) 5 CAPITOL (57)
- 6 GEFFEN (42)
- 7 EPIC (52) 8 VIRGIN (32)
- 9 ELEKTRA (44) 10 EMI (31) 11 WARNER BROS. (48)
- 12 A&M (36) 13 SIRE (33)
- 14 SBK (16)
- 15 MERCURY (32)

Top Pop Album Labels

- Pos. LABEL (No. of charted albums)
- 1 COLUMBIA (60)
- 2 ATLANTIC (37) 3 ARISTA (26)
- 4 MCA (41) 5 CAPITOL (32)
- 6 GEFFEN (22)
- 7 ELEKTRA (24)
- 8 EPIC (28)
- 9 VIRGIN (18) 10 WARNER BROS. (34)

Distributing

Pos. DISTRIBUTING LABEL (No. of charted singles & albums)

Labels

1 COLUMBIA (110)

2 ATLANTIC (82)

4 MCA (85)

5 EPIC (75)

3 WARNER BROS. (88)

- 11 EMI (12)
- 12 SIRE (21) 13 MERCURY (23)
- 14 A&M (19)
- 15 RCA (23)

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Top Pop Singles Labels

Pos. LABEL (No. of charted singles) 1 COLUMBIA (45)

- 2 ATLANTIC (31)
- 3 ARISTA (23) 4 MCA (27)
- 5 CAPITOL (25) 6 EMI (19)
- 7 A&M (17)
- 8 SBK (10) 9 EPIC (24)
- 10 GEFFEN (20)
- 11 SIRE (12) 12 VIRGIN (14)
- 13 WARNER BROS. (14) 14 ELEKTRA (20)
- 15 RCA (17)
- RICHIE ZITO

Top Pop Singles Producers 13 OLIVER LEIBER (3) 14 PHIL COLLINS (5)

- Pos. PRODUCER (No. of charted singles) 1 RICHIE ZITO (9)
- 2 BRUCE FAIRBAIRN (7) 3 RIC WAKE (4)
- 4 MAURICE STARR (9)
- 5 CLARENCE OFWERMAN (3) 6 TERRY LEWIS (8) (tie)
- 6 JIMMY "JAM" HARRIS (8) (tie)
- 8 BABYFACE (12) (tie) 8 L.A. REID (12) (tie)
- 10 GLEN BALLARD (3)
- 11 DAVID TYSON (4)
- 12 DAVID COLE (15)

21 ANDRE CYMONE (3) 22 DR.FREEZE (1) 23 BOB ROCK (7) 24 DR.DRE (3) 25 KEITH FORSEY (2)

15 HUGH PADGHAM (5) 16 PETER WOLF (4)

17 FRANK FARIAN (3)

18 DESMOND CHILD (6) 19 M.C.HAMMER (2)

20 SINEAD O'CONNOR (2)

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Top Pop Album Artists

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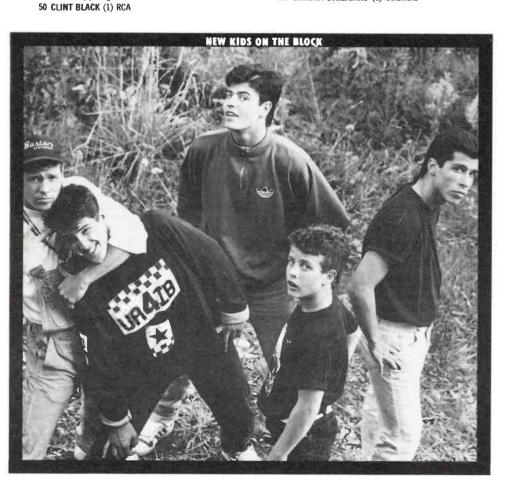
47 BILLY IDOL (1) Chrysalis 48 WARRANT (2) Columbia

49 POISON (1) Enigma

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51 EN VOGUE (1) Atlantic 52 HARRY CONNICK, JR. (3) Columbia 53 ANITA BAKER (1) Elektra 54 GARTH BROOKS (2) Capitol 55 DIGITAL UNDERGROUND (1) Tommy Boy 56 THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS (1) Mercury 57 BASIA (1) Epic 58 ROD STEWART (2) Warner Bros. 59 PUBLIC ENEMY (1) Def Jam 60 BAD ENGLISH (1) Epic 61 JOE SATRIANI (1) Relativity 62 DAMN YANKEES (1) Warner Bros. 63 AFTER 7 (1) Virgin 64 RUSH (1) Atlantic (1) Mercury 65 RANDY TRAVIS (3) Warner Bros. 66 JON BON JOVI (1) Mercury 67 TEARS FOR FEARS (1) Fontana 68 MIDNIGHT OIL (1) Columbia 69 ALICE COOPER (1) Epic 70 ELTON JOHN (1) MCA 71 TESLA (1) Geffen 72 ROBERT PLANT (1) EsParanza 73 THE JEFF HEALEY BAND (2) Arista 74 PRINCE (1) Warner Bros. (1) Paisley Park 75 SEDUCTION (1) Vendetta 76 TRACY CHAPMAN (1) Elektra 77 NELSON (1) DGC 78 MICHAEL PENN (1) RCA 79 STEVE VAI (1) Relativity 80 VAN MORRISON (2) Mercury 81 SNAP (1) Arista 82 ICE CUBE (1) Priority 83 WINGER (2) Atlantic 84 TONY! TONI! TONE! (1) Wing 85 N.W.A (2) Ruthless 86 THE BLACK CROWES (1) Def American 87 MICHEL'LE (1) Ruthless 88 DAVID BOWIE (3) Ryko 89 MELISSA ETHERIDGE (1) Island 90 KISS (1) Mercury 91 FINE YOUNG CANNIBALS (1) I.R.S.

- 92 HEAVY D. & THE BOYZ (1) Uptown
- 93 THE SMITHEREENS (1) Enigma
- 94 BRUCE HORNSBY & THE RANGE (1) RCA
- 95 GEORGE MICHAEL (1) Columbia
- 96 LIVING COLOUR (2) Epic 97 LA. GUNS (1) Vertigo
- 98 FLEETWOOD MAC (1) Warner Bros.
- 99 NEIL YOUNG (1) Reprise 100 BARBRA STREISAND (1) Columbia





Top Pop Albums

- Pos. TITLE---Artist—Label 1 JANET JACKSON'S RHYTHM NATION 1814—Janet lackson-A&M
- 2 ... BUT SERIOUSLY-Phil Collins-Atlantic
- 3 SOUL PROVIDER—Michael Bolton—Columbia
- 4 PIIMP—Aerosmith—Geffen 5 PLEASE HAMMER DON'T HURT 'EM-M.C. Hammer-
- Capitol
- 6 FOREVER YOUR GIRL—Paula Abdul—Virgin
- 7 DR. FEELGOOD--Motley Crue-Elektra Geffen
- 8 THE END OF THE INNOCENCE-Don Henl
- 9 COSMIC THING—The B-52's—Reprise 10 STORM FRONT—Billy Joel—Columbia
- 11 GIRL YOU KNOW IT'S TRUE-Milli Vanilli-Arista

- 12 POISON—Bell Biv Devoe—MCA 13 HANGIN' TOUGH—New Kids On The Block—Columbia 14 CRY LIKE A RAINSTORM, HOWL LIKE THE WIND—Linda Ronstadt (Featuring Aaron Neville)—Elektra
- 15 WILSON PHILLIPS—Wilson Phillips—SBK 16 NICK OF TIME—Bonnie Raitt—Capitol

- 17 VIOLATOR—Depeche Mode—Sire 18 PRETTY WOMAN—Soundtrack—EMI 19 I DO NOT WANT WHAT I HAVEN'T GOT—Sinead
- O'Connor—Ensign 20 CAN'T FIGHT FATE—Taylor Dayne—Arista 21 TENDER LOVER—Babyface—Solar

- 22 FULL MOON FEVER—Tom Petty—MCA 23 STICK IT TO YA—Slaughter—Chrysalis 24 JOURNEYMAN—Eric Clapton—Duck
- Delicious Vinyl
- 25 STONE COLD RHYMIN'-Young M.C.-26 BRIGADE-Heart-Capitol
- 27 CUTS BOTH WAYS-Gloria Estefan-Epic

- 28 AFFECTION—Lisa Stansfield—Arista 29 JOHNNY GILL—Johnny Gill—Motown 30 AS NASTY AS THEY WANNA BE—The 2 Live Crew—Luke
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- 37 REPEAT OFFENDER-Richard Marx-EMI
- 38 SKID ROW—Skid Row—Atlantic 39 ALANNAH MYLES—Alannah Myles—Atlantic
- 40 THE BEST OF LUTHER VANDROSS: THE BEST OF LOVE-Luther Vandross—Epic 41 THE REAL THING—Faith No More—Slash
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- 85 THE REVIVAL-Tony! Toni! Toné!-Wing
- 86 SHAKE YOUR MONEY MAKER-The Black Crowes-Def
- 87 MICHEL'LE—Michel'le—Ruthless
- 88 DIRTY ROTTEN FILTHY STINKING RICH-Warrant-
- 89 BRAVE AND CRAZY-Melissa Etheridge-Island
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100 LISTEN WITHOUT PREJUDICE VOL. 1-George Michael-

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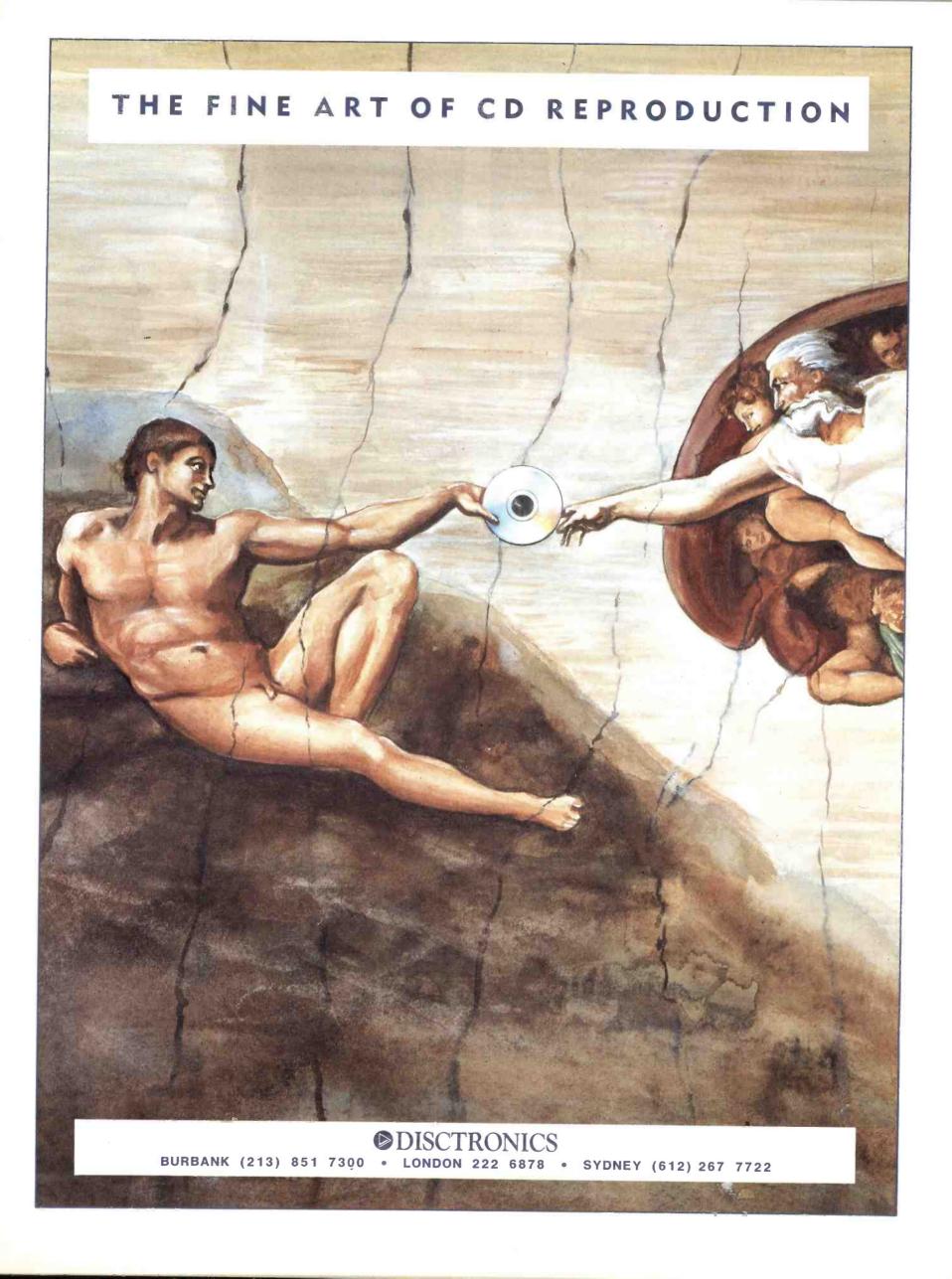
96 GHOST—Soundtrack—Varese Sarabande

97 THE BEST OF VAN MORRISON-Van Morrison-98 GARTH BROOKS—Garth Brooks—Capitol 99 MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS—New Kids On The Block—

93 SMITHEREENS 11-The Smithereens-Enigma 94 LIKE A PRAYER—Madonna—Sire

RCA

Columbia







Top Pop Singles

- Pos. TITLE—Artist—Label 1 HOLD ON—Wilson Phillips—SBK 2 IT MUST HAVE BEEN LOVE (FROM "PRETTY WOMAN")—Roxette—EMI
- 3 NOTHING COMPARES 2 U-Sinead O'Connor-Ensign
- 4 POISON—Bell Biv Devoe—MCA 5 VOGUE—Madonna—Sire
- 6 VISION OF LOVE—Mariah Carey—Columbia 7 ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE—Phil Collins—Atlantic
- 8 HOLD ON—En Vogue—Atlantic 9 CRADLE OF LOVE (FROM "FORD FAIRLANE")—Billy
- Idol---Chrvsalis
- 10 BLAZE OF GLORY (FROM "YOUNG GUNS II")-Jon Bon Jovi-Mercury 11 DO ME!-Bell Biv Devoe-MCA
- 12 HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO LIVE WITHOUT YOU-Michael Bolton-Columbia
- 13 PUMP UP THE JAM—Technotronic—SBK
- 14 OPPOSITES ATTRACT—Paula Abdul—Virgin
- 15 ESCAPADE—Janet Jackson—A&M 16 ALL I WANNA DO IS MAKE LOVE TO YOU-Heart-
- Capitol
- 17 CLOSE TO YOU-Maxi Priest-Charisma
- 18 BLACK VELVET—Alannah Myles—Atlantic
- 19 RELEASE ME—Wilson Phillips—SBK 20 DON'T KNOW MUCH—Linda Ronstadt (Featuring Aaron
- Neville)—Elektra
- 21 ALL AROUND THE WORLD—Lisa Stansfield—Arista 22 I WANNA BE RICH—Calloway—Solar 23 RUB YOU THE RIGHT WAY—Johnny Gill—Motown 24 SHE AIN'T WORTH IT—Glenn Medeiros Featuring Bobby Brown—MCA
- 25 IF WISHES CAME TRUE—Sweet Sensation—Atco 26 THE POWER—Snap—Arista 27 (CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT YOUR) LOVE AND AFFECTION—
- -DGC
- 28 LOVE WILL LEAD YOU BACK—Taylor Dayne—Arista
- 29 DON'T WANNA FALL IN LOVE-Jane Child-Warner Bros.
- 30 TWO TO MAKE IT RIGHT—Seduction—Vendetta 31 SENDING ALL MY LOVE—Linear—Atlantic
- 32 UNSKINNY BOP-Poison-Enigma
- 33 STEP BY STEP---New Kids On The Block-Columbia 34 DANGEROUS-Roxette-EMI
- 35 WE DIDN'T START THE FIRE-Billy Joel-Columbia 36 I DON'T HAVE THE HEART-James Ingram-Warner
- Bros
- 37 DOWNTOWN TRAIN—Rod Stewart—Warner Bros. 38 RHYTHM NATION—Janet Jackson—A&M
- 39 I'LL BE YOUR EVERYTHING-Tommy Page-Sire
- 40 ROAM—The B-52's—Reprise 41 EVERYTHING—Jody Watley—MCA
- 42 BACK TO LIFE—Soul II Soul—Virgin 43 HERE AND NOW—Luther Vandross—Epic 44 ALRIGHT—Janet Jackson—A&M

- 45 ICE ICE BABY—Vanilla Ice—SBK 46 BLAME IT ON THE RAIN—Milli Vanilli—Arista 47 HAVE YOU SEEN HER—M.C. Hammer—Capitol
- 48 WITH EVERY BEAT OF MY HEART----Taylor Dayne----Arista
- 49 COME BACK TO ME-lanet lackson-A&M
- 50 NO MORE LIES-Michel'le-Ruthless

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- 51 PRAYING FOR TIME—George Michael—Columbia 52 HOW CAN WE BE LOVERS—Michael Bolton—Columbia
- 53 DO YOU REMEMBER?—Phil Collins—Atlantic 54 READY OR NOT—After 7—Virgin

- 55 U CAN'T TOUCH THIS-M.C. Hammer—Capitol 56 I WISH IT WOULD RAIN DOWN—Phil Collins—Atlantic 57 JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME—Lou Gramm—Atlantic SOMETHING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO HEAVEN-Phil 58
- Collins-Atlantic
- 59 BLACK CAT—Janet Jackson—A&M 60 CAN'T STOP—After 7—Virgin 61 JANIE'S GOT A GUN—Aerosmith—Geffen
- 62 THE HUMPTY DANCE—Digital Underground—Tommy Boy
- 63 I'LL BE YOUR SHELTER—Taylor Dayne—Arista 64 FREE FALLIN'—Tom Petty—MCA 65 GIVING YOU THE BENEFIT—Pebbles—MCA

- 66 ENJOY THE SILENCE—Depeche Mode—Sire 67 LOVE SONG—Tesla---Geffen
- 68 PRICE OF LOVE—Bad English—Epic 69 GIRLS NITE OUT—Tyler Collins—RCA 70 KING OF WISHFUL THINKING (FROM "PRETTY
- WOMAN")—Go West—EMI 71 WHAT KIND OF MAN WOULD I BE?—Chicago—Reprise
- 72 I REMEMBER YOU—Skid Row—Atlantic 73 GET UP! (BEFORE THE NIGHT IS OVER)—Technotronic—
- SBK
- 74 HERE WE ARE-Gloria Estefan-Epic
- 75 EPIC—Faith No More—Slash 76 LOVE TAKES TIME—Mariah Carey—Columbia
- 77 JUST LIKE JESSE JAMES-Cher-Geffen
- 78 LOVE SHACK—The B-52's—Reprise 79 ALL OR NOTHING—Milli Vanilli—Arista
- 80 ROMEO-Dino-Island 81 EVERYBODY EVERYBODY-Black Box-RCA
- 82 I GO TO EXTREMES-Billy Joel-Columbia
- 83 WHIP APPEAL—Babyface—Solar
- 84 OH GIRL—Paul Young—Columbia 85 C'MON AND GET MY LOVE—D-Mob With Cathy Dennis— FFRR
- 86 (IT'S JUST) THE WAY THAT YOU LOVE ME-Paula Abdul-Virgin
- 87 WE CAN'T GO WRONG—The Cover Girls—Capitol 88 WHEN I'M BACK ON MY FEET AGAIN—Michael Bolton—
- 89 MAKE YOU SWEAT—Keith Sweat—Vintertainment 90 THIS ONE'S FOR THE CHILDREN—New Kids On The
- Block—Columbia 91 WHAT IT TAKES—Aerosmith—Geffen
- 92 FOREVER—Kiss—Mercury
- 93 JERK OUT—The Time—Paisley Park 94 JUST A FRIEND—Biz Markie—Cold Chillin' 95 WHOLE WIDE WORLD (FROM "TRUE LOVE")—A'me Lorain-RCA
- 96 WITHOUT YOU-Motley Crue-Elektra 97 SWING THE MOOD-Jive Bunny & The Mastermixers-
- Music Factory 98 THIEVES IN THE TEMPLE—Prince—Paisley Park
- 99 MENTIROSA—Mellow Man Ace—Capitol 100 TIC-TAC-TOE—Kyper—Atlantic

JANET JACKSON

52 GEORGE MICHAEL (2) Columbia

53 LUTHER VANDROSS (1) Epic

54 LOU GRAMM (2) Atlantic

56 VANILLA ICE (1) SBK 57 WARRANT (4) Columbia

59 TESLA (2) Geffen 60 TYLER COLLINS (2) RCA

61 DIGITAL UNDERGROUND (1) Tommy Boy 62 DON HENLEY (4) Geffen

(2) 4th & B'way 64 THE RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS (1) Curb

67 THE COVER GIRLS (3) Capitol 68 GO WEST (1) EMI

69 SKID ROW (2) Atlantic

73 JUDE COLE (2) Reprise 74 ELTON JOHN (3) MCA

75 KISS (3) Mercury 76 BLACK BOX (1) RCA

80 A'ME LORAIN (2) RCA

81 THE TIME (1) Paisley Park 82 BIZ MARKIE (1) Cold Chillin

84 PRINCE (2) Paisley Park 85 SLAUGHTER (2) Chrysalis

86 MELLOW MAN ACE (1) Capitol 87 KYPER (1) Atlantic 88 MICHAEL PENN (2) RCA

89 JOE COCKER (2) Capitol 90 BELINDA CARLISLE (2) MCA

91 TONY! TONI! TONÉ! (2) Wing

94 INXS (1) Atlantic 95 EDDIE MONEY (1) Columbia 96 PERFECT GENTLEMEN (1) Columbia

92 BON JOVI (1) Mercury 93 ALIAS (1) EMI

97 KIX (1) Atlantic 98 KEVIN PAIGE (2) Chrysalis

99 ALICE COOPER (3) Epic

100 CHEAP TRICK (2) Epic

77 YOUNG M.C. (3) Delicious Vinyl

78 PAUL YOUNG (1) Columbia 79 KEITH SWEAT (2) Vintertainment

83 JIVE BUNNY & THE MASTERMIXERS (2) Music Factory

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70 FAITH NO MORE (2) Slash 71 BOBBY BROWN (2) MCA

72 D-MOB WITH CATHY DENNIS (2) FFRR

58 TOM PETTY (2) MCA

63 DINO (2) Island

(1) Verve 65 PEBBLES (1) MCA 66 CHICAGO (1) Reprise

(1) DGC

55 STEVIE B (4) LMR

Top Pop Singles Artists

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted singles) Label
- 1 JANET JACKSON (7) A&M
- 2 PHIL COLLINS (5) Atlantic 3 TAYLOR DAYNE (4) Arista
- 4 MICHAEL BOLTON (4) Columbia 5 WILSON PHILLIPS (3) SBK

(4) Vendetta12 MARIAH CAREY (2) Columbia

14 LISA STANSFIELD (3) Arista

13 TECHNOTRONIC (3) SBK

15 PAULA ABDUL (2) Virgin

17 THE B-52'S (3) Reprise 18 BILLY JOEL (5) Columbia

19 JOHNNY GILL (3) Motown

20 BAD ENGLISH (4) Epic 21 HEART (3) Capitol

25 MILLI VANILLI (3) Arista 26 ROD STEWART (2) Warner Bros.

27 RICHARD MARX (4) EMI

30 POISON (2) Enigma

31 EN VOGUE (2) Atlantic 32 BABYFACE (4) Solar

28 DEPECHE MODE (3) Sire 29 SINEAD O'CONNOR (2) Ensign

33 ALANNAH MYLES (2) Atlantic

34 JON BON JOVI (2) Mercury 35 MOTLEY CRUE (5) Elektra

36 GLENN MEDEIROS (3) MCA

37 BILLY IDOL (2) Chrysalis

39 MAXI PRIEST (1) Charisma 40 CALLOWAY (2) Solar

42 GLORIA ESTEFAN (4) Epic 43 NELSON (2) DGC

47 SOUL II SOUL (3) Virgin 48 EXPOSÉ (3) Arista

50 CHER (3) Geffen 51 JODY WATLEY (2) MCA

49 JAMES INGRAM (1) Warner Bros.

44 LINEAR (2) Atlantic 45 MICHEL'LE (2) Ruthless 46 TOMMY PAGE (2) Sire

41 JANE CHILD (2) Warner Bros.

38 SNAP (2) Arista

16 AEROSMITH (4) Geffen

- 6 ROXETTE (3) EMI
- 7 BELL BIV DEVOE (3) MCA 8 MADONNA (6) Sire
- 9 NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK (6) Columbia 10 M.C. HAMMER (3) Capitol 11 SEDUCTION (1) A&M

22 SWEET SENSATION (3) Atco 23 LINDA RONSTADT & AARON NEVILLE (3) Elektra 24 AFTER 7 (3) Virgin

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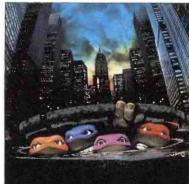


WILSON PHILLIPS "Hold On" - #1 Pop Single of the Year #1 Pop Singles Group of the Year #2 New Pop Artist of the Year Worldwide sales in excess of 5 million.

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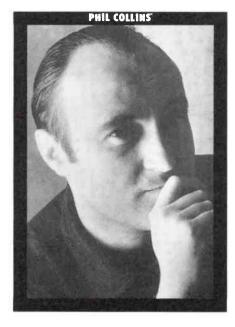


TECHNOTRONIC "Pump Up The Jam" #1 12" Single of the Year 2 million albums sold



TEENAGE MUTANT INITIAL TURTLES Turtle Power continues with the release of the second Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles soundtrack in March '91.





Top Pop Album Artists-Female

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted albums) Label
- 1 PAULA ABDUL (2) Virgin 2 JANET JACKSON (1) A&M
- BONNIE RAITT (1) Warner Bros
- (1) Capitol
- 4 SINEAD O'CONNOR (2) Ensign
- 5 MADONNA (2) Sire 6 TAYLOR DAYNE (1) Arista
- 7 GLORIA ESTEFAN (1) Epic
- 8 LISA STANSFIELD (1) Arista 9 MARIAH CAREY (1) Columbia
- 10 ALANNAH MYLES (1) Atlantic
- 11 CHER (1) Geffen 12 ANITA BAKER (1) Elektra
- 13 BASIA (1) Epic 14 TRACY CHAPMAN (1) Elektra
- 15 MICHEL'LE (1) Ruthless
- 16 MELISSA ETHERIDGE (1) Island
- 17 BARBRA STREISAND (1) Columbia 18 KATE BUSH (1) Columbia
- 19 BELINDA CARLISLE (1) MCA
- 20 REGINA BELLE (1) Columbia
- 21 CARLY SIMON (2) Arista
- 22 RICKIE LEE JONES (1) Geffen
- 23 JOAN JETT (1) Blackheart 24 JANE CHILD (1) Warner Bros.
- 25 TINA TURNER (1) Capitol

Top Pop Album Artists-Male

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted albums) Label
- 1 PHIL COLLINS (1) Atlantic 2 MICHAEL BOLTON (1) Columbia
- 3 M.C. HAMMER (1) Capitol
- 4 BILLY JOEL (1) Columbia 5 DON HENLEY (1) Geffen
- 6 BABYFACE (1) Solar
- 7 TOM PETTY (1) MCA 8 ERIC CLAPTON (1) Duck
- 9 BOBBY BROWN (2) MCA 10 YOUNG M.C. (1) Delicious Vinyl
- 11 JOHNNY GILL (1) Motown
- 12 QUINCY JONES (1) Qwest 13 KENNY G (2) Arista
- 14 RICHARD MARX (1) EMI
- 15 LUTHER VANDROSS (1) Epic 16 KEITH SWEAT (1) Vintertainment
- 17 BILLY IDOL (1) Chrysalis
- 18 CLINT BLACK (1) RCA 19 HARRY CONNICK, JR. (3) Columbia
- 20 GARTH BROOKS (2) Capitol
- 21 ROD STEWART (2) Warner Bros. 22 JOE SATRIANI (1) Relativity
- 23 RANDY TRAVIS (3) Warner Bros.
- 24 JON BON JOVI (1) Mercury
- 25 ELTON JOHN (1) MCA





Top Pop Album Artists—Duos/Groups

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted albums) Label 1 NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK (4) Columbia
- 2 AEROSMITH (1) Geffen 3 MILLI VANILLI (2) Arista
- MOTLEY CRUE (1) Elektra
- 5 THE B-52'S (1) Reprise 6 BELL BIV DEVOE (1) MCA
- LINDA RONSTADT & AARON NEVILLE (1) Elektra
- 8 LUKE FEATURING THE 2 LIVE CREW (2) Luke
- 9 WILSON PHILLIPS (1) SBK
- 10 DEPECHE MODE (1) Sire
- 11 SOUL II SOUL (2) Virgin

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- 12 SLAUGHTER (1) Chrysalis
- 13 HEART (1) Capitol

- 14 TECHNOTRONIC (1) SBK 15 SKID ROW (1) Atlantic
- 16 FAITH NO MORE (1) Slash 17 ROLLING STONES (1) Columbia
- (2) Abkco
- 18 WHITESNAKE (1) Geffen 19 ROXETTE (1) EMI
- 20 WARRANT (2) Columbi
- 21 POISON (1) Enigma 22 EN VOGUE (1) Atlantic
- 23 DIGITAL UNDERGROUND (1) Tommy Boy
- 24 THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS (1) Mercury 25 PUBLIC ENEMY (1) Def Jam

Top Pop Singles Artists—Male

3 M.C. HAMMER (3) Capitol 4 BILLY JOEL (5) Columbia 5 JOHNNY GILL (3) Motown

8 BABYFACE (4) Solar

9 JON BON JOVI (2) Mercury 10 GLENN MEDEIROS (3) MCA

11 BILLY IDOL (2) Chrysalis

12 MAXI PRIEST (1) Charisma 13 TOMMY PAGE (2) Sire

14 JAMES INGRAM (1) Warner Bros. 15 GEORGE MICHAEL (2) Columbia

16 LUTHER VANDROSS (1) Epic

17 LOU GRAMM (2) Atlantic 18 STEVIE B (4) LMR

20 TOM PETTY (2) MCA 21 DON HENLEY (4) Geffen

(2) 4th & B'way 23 BOBBY BROWN (2) MCA 24 JUDE COLE (2) Reprise 25 ELTON JOHN (3) MCA

3 BELL BIV DEVOE (3) MCA

5 SEDUCTION (1) A&M (4) Vendetta 6 TECHNOTRONIC (3) SBK

7 AEROSMITH (4) Geffen 8 THE B-52'S (3) Reprise 9 BAD ENGLISH (4) Epic 10 HEART (3) Capitol 11 SWEET SENSATION (3) Atco

13 AFTER 7 (3) Virgin 14 MILLI VANILLI (3) Arista 15 DEPECHE MODE (3) Sire 16 POISON (2) Enigma 17 EN VOGUE (2) Atlantic

18 MOTLEY CRUE (5) Elektra 19 SNAP (2) Arista

23 SOUL II SOUL (3) Virgin

20 CALLOWAY (2) Solar

21 NELSON (2) DGC 22 LINEAR (2) Atlantic

24 EXPOSÉ (3) Arista 25 WARRANT (4) Columbia

4 NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK (6) Columbia

12 LINDA RONSTADT & AARON NEVILLE (3) Elektra

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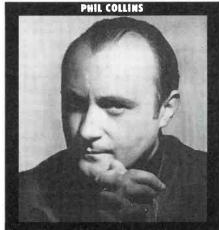
JANET JACKSON

19 VANILLA ICE (1) SBK

22 DINO (2) Island

6 ROD STEWART (2) Warner Bros. 7 RICHARD MARX (4) EMI

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted singles) Label 1 PHIL COLLINS (5) Atlantic 2 MICHAEL BOLTON (4) Columbia



Top Pop Singles Artists—Female

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted singles) Label 1 JANET JACKSON (7) A&M
- TAYLOR DAYNE (4) Arista
- 3 MADONNA (6) Sire 4 MARIAH CAREY (2) Columbia
- 5 LISA STANSFIELD (3) Arista
- 6 PAULA ABDUL (2) Virgin 7 SINEAD O'CONNER (2) Ensign
- 8 ALANNAH MYLES (2) Atlantic
- 9 JANE CHILD (2) Warner Bros. 10 GLORIA ESTEFAN (4) Epic
- 11 MICHEL'LE (2) Ruthless
- 12 CHER (3) Geffen 13 JODY WATLEY (2) MCA
- 14 TYLER COLLINS (2) RCA
- 15 PEBBLES (1) MCA 16 A'ME LORAIN (2) RCA
- 17 BELINDA CARLISLE (2) MCA 18 SYBIL (2) Next Plateau
- 19 WHITNEY HOUSTON (1) Arista
- 2C JAYA (1) LMR 21 BETTE MIDLER (1) Atlantic
- 22 SHANA (2) Visio
- 23 BASIA (1) Epic
- 24 TINA TURNER (2) Capitol
- 25 ANITA BAKER (2) Elektra

Top Pop Singles Artists-**Duos/Groups**

WILSON PHILLIPS

Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted singles) Label 1 WILSON PHILLIPS (3) SBK 2 ROXETTE (3) EMI







Top R&B Artists

Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted singles & albums) Label

- 1 JANET JACKSON (8) A&M
- 2 M.C. HAMMER (6) Capitol 3 BABYFACE (4) Solar
- 4 JOHNNY GILL (5) Motowr
- 5 REGINA BELLE (5) Columbia 6 AFTER 7 (6) Virgin
- 7 BELL BIV DEVOE (4) MCA
- 8 TROOP (5) Atlantic 9 QUINCY JONES (5) Qwest
- 10 MIKI HOWARD (5) Atlantic 11 LISA STANSFIELD (4) Arista
- 12 EN VOGUE (4) Atlantic
- 13 SOUL II SOUL (6) Virgin 14 TONY! TON!! TONÉ! (4) Wing
- 15 LUTHER VANDROSS (3) Epic
- 16 MICHEL'LE (5) Ruthless 17 KEITH SWEAT (3) Vintertainment
- 18 MAZE FEATURING FRANKIE BEVERLY (5) Warner Bros.
- (1) Capitol
- 19 ANGELA WINBUSH (5) Mercury
- 20 STEPHANIE MILLS (4) MCA
- 21 MARIAH CAREY (3) Columbia
- 22 PUBLIC ENEMY (4) Def Jam
- 23 LUKE FEATURING THE 2 LIVE CREW (1) Skyywalker (4) Luke
- 24 RANDY CRAWFORD (5) Warner Bros.
- 25 HEAVY D. & THE BOYZ (3) Uptown 26 THE GAP BAND (4) Capitol 27 HOWARD HEWETT (4) Elektra 28 ANITA BAKER (3) Elektra 29 DIGITAL UNDERGROUND (3) Tommy Boy 30 THE WINANS (4) Qwest 31 3RD BASS (4) Def Jam 32 SYBIL (5) Next Plateau 33 SNAP (3) Arista 34 PRINCE (3) Warner Bros (3) Paisley Park 35 TYLER COLLINS (4) RCA 36 ALYSON WILLIAMS (4) OBR 37 BARRY WHITE (4) A&M 38 DIANNE REEVES (4) EMI 39 THE TIME (3) Paisley Park 40 WHISPERS (3) Capitol 41 THE TEMPTATIONS (3) Motown 42 BY ALL MEANS (3) Island 43 DAVID PEASTON (4) Geffen 44 NAJEE (4) EMI 45 JERMAINE JACKSON (4) Arista 46 QUEEN LATIFAH (3) Tommy Boy 47 YOUNG M.C. (4) Delicious Vinyl 48 BIG DADDY KANE (4) Cold Chillin' 49 BLACK BOX (3) RCA 50 CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS (4) Geffen



Top New R&B Artists

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted singles & albums) Label
- 1 AFTER 7 (6) Virgin 2 BELL BIV DEVOE (4) MCA
- 3 LISA STANSFIELD (4) Arista
- 4 EN VOGUE (4) Atlantic

- 5 MICHEL'LE (5) Ruthless
- 6 MARIAH CAREY (3) Columbia 7 DIGITAL UNDERGROUND (3) Tommy Boy 8 3RD BASS (4) Def Jam
- 9 SNAP (3) Arista 10 TYLER COLLINS (4) RCA

Top R&B Labels

Pos. LABEL (No. of charted singles & albums) 1 ATLANTIC (40) MCA (52) 3 MOTOWN (32) 4 CAPITOL (42) 5 COLUMBIA (50) 6 VIRGIN (34) 7 ARISTA (37) 8 WARNER BROS. (34) 9 A&M (21) 10 SOLAR (13) 11 OWEST (10) 12 JIVE (34) 13 EMI (25) 14 DEF JAM (14) 15 RUTHLESS (13)

Top R&B **Album Labels**

- Pos. LABEL (No. of charted albums) 1 MCA (16)
- 2 ATLANTIC (13) 3 VIRGIN (13) 4 CAPITOL (16) 5 ARISTA (12) 6 MOTOWN (11) 7 COLUMBIA (18) 8 A&M (5) 9 WARNER BROS. (12) 10 JIVE (15) 11 DEF JAM (5) 12 SOLAR (3) 13 RUTHLESS (6)

14 QWEST (2) 15 COLD CHILLIN' (6)

MCA RECORDS

Top R&B **Singles Labels**

- Pos. LABEL (No. of charted singles) 1 ATLANTIC (27)
- MOTOWN (21)
- 3 MCA (36) 4 COLUMBIA (32)
- 5 CAPITOL (26) 6 ARISTA (25)
- 7 WARNER BROS. (22)
- 8 VIRGIN (21) 9 A&M (16)
- 10 QWEST (8)
- 11 SOLAR (10) 12 EMI (18)
- 13 JIVE (19)
- 14 REPRISE (13)
- 15 ELEKTRA (12)



Top R&B Distributing Labels

Pos DISTRIBUTING LABEL (No. of charted singles & albums)

- 1 ATLANTIC (55)
- 2 WARNER BROS. (60) 3 COLUMBIA (82)
- 4 MCA (62)
- 5 MOTOWN (41)



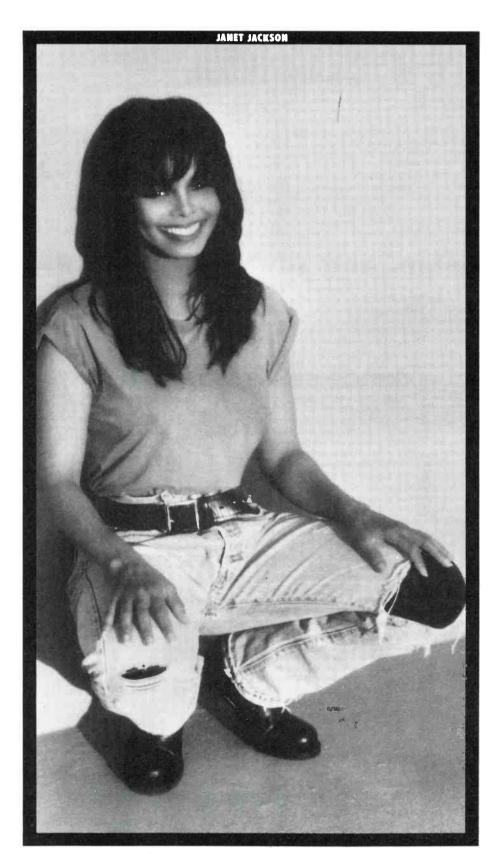
Top R&B Singles Producers

Pos. PRODUCER (No. of charted singles) 1 BABYFACE (13) (tie) 1 L.A. REID (13) (tie) 3 NICK MARTINELLI (6) 4 QUINCY JONES (4) 5 M C HAMMER (6) 6 MICHAEL POWELL (8) 7 ANGELA WINBUSH (8) 8 PRINCE (7) 9 JIMMY "JAM" HARRIS (10) (tie) 9 TERRY LEWIS (10) (tie) 11 DR. DRE (8) 12 GENE GRIFFIN.(8)

13 CHUCKII BOOKER (4) 14 TONY! TONI! TONÉ! (3) 15 TOMMY McELROY (7) (tie) 15 DENNY FOSTER (7) (tie) 17 KEITH SWEAT (2) 18 TEDDY RILEY (10) 19 LEMEL HUMES (2) 20 FRANKIE BEVERLY (4) 21 DR. FREEZE (2) 22 MARCUS MILLER (4) 23 DAVID "PIC" CONLEY (6) 24 TERRY COFFEY (4) 25 JOHN NETTLESBEY (4)

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Top **R&B** Album Artists

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted albums) Label 1 JANET JACKSON (1) A&M 2 BABYFACE (1) Solar

 - M.C. HAMMER (2) Capitol
- 4 AFTER 7 (1) Virgin 5 REGINA BELLE (1) Columbia
- QUINCY JONES (1) Qwest
- 7 BELL BIV DEVOE (1) MCA
- 8 TROOP (1) Atlantic
- 9 JOHNNY GILL (1) Motown 10 LUTHER VANDROSS (1) Epic
- 11 SOUL II SOUL (2) Virgin
- 12 LUKE FEATURING THE 2 LIVE CREW (2) Luke 13 EN VOGUE (1) Atlantic
- 14 LISA STANSFIELD (1) Arista
- 15 MIKI HOWARD (1) Atlantic
- 16 TONY! TONI! TONÉ! (1) Wing
- 17 3RD BASS (1) Def Jam
- 18 MICHEL'LE (1) Ruthless 19 HEAVY D. & THE BOYZ (1) Uptown
- 20 STEPHANIE MILLS (1) MCA 21 PUBLIC ENEMY (1) Def Jam
- 22 KEITH SWEAT (1) Vintertainment 23 MAZE FEATURING FRANKIE BEVERLY (1) Warner Bros. (1) Capitol
- 24 ANGELA WINBUSH (1) Mercury

Top R&B Albums

- Pos. TITLE—Artist—Label 1 JANET JACKSON'S RHYTHM NATION 1814-Janet Jackson—A&M
- 2 TENDER LOVER—Babyface—Solar
- 3 PLEASE HAMMER DON'T HURT 'EM-M.C. Hammer-Capitol
- 4 AFTER 7-After 7-Virgin
- 5 STAY WITH ME-Regina Belle-Columbia 6 BACK ON THE BLOCK--Quincy Jones-Qwest
- 7 POISON—Bell Biv Devoe—MCA 8 ATTITUDE—Troop—Atlantic
- 9 JOHNNY GILL—Johnny Gill—Motown 10 THE BEST OF LUTHER VANDROSS: THE BEST OF LOVE— Luther Vandross-Epic
- 11 BORN TO SING-En Vogue-Atlantic
- 12 AFFECTION—Lisa Stansfield—Arista
- 13 MIKI HOWARD-Miki Howard-Atlantic
- 14 THE REVIVAL—Tony! Toni! Toné!—Wing
- 15 THE CACTUS ALBUM-3rd Bass-Def Jam
- 16 MICHEL'LE—Michel'le—Ruthless
- 17 BIG TYME-Heavy D. & The Boyz-Uptown 18 HOME-Stephanie Mills-MCA
- 19 FEAR OF A BLACK PLANET-Public Enemy-Def Jam 20 I'LL GIVE ALL MY LOVE TO YOU-Keith Sweat-Vintertainment
- 21 THE REAL THING-Angela Winbush-Mercury
- 22 SILKY SOUL—Maze Featuring Frankie Beverly—Warner
- Bros. 23 AS NASTY AS THEY WANNA BE-Luke Featuring The 2 Live Crew-Luke
- 24 KEEP ON MOVIN'-Soul II Soul-Virgin
- 25 ALL HAIL THE QUEEN—Queen Latifah—Tommy Boy 26 SEX PACKETS—Digital Underground—Tommy Boy
- 27 RICH AND POOR-Randy Crawford-Warner Bros.
- 28 COMPOSITIONS-Anita Baker-Elektra 29 AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED-Ice Cube Priority
- 30 MARIAH CAREY-Mariah Carey-Columbia
- 31 THE MAN IS BACK-Barry White-A&M
- 32 HOWARD HEWETT-Howard Hewett-Eiektra
- 33 EYES ON THIS—MC Lyte—First Priority 34 SYBIL—Sybil—Next Plateau
- 35 STONE COLD RHYMIN'-Young M.C.-Delicious Vinyl
- 36 IT'S A BIG DADDY THING-Big Daddy Kane-Cold Chillin
- 37 TO THE EAST, BLACKWARDS-X-Clan-4th & B'Way 38 SEMINAR—Sir Mix-A-Lot—Nastymix 39 DANCE! ... YA KNOW IT!—Bobby Brown—MCA
- 40 WORLD POWER—Snap—Arista 41 RETURN—The Winans—Qwest
- 42 HOLY INTELLECT—Poor Righteous Teachers—Profile
- 43 THE BIZ NEVER SLEEPS—Biz Markie—Cold Chillin' 44 TOKYO BLUE—Najee—EM1
- 45 ROUND TRIP-The Gap Band-Capitol
- 46 WRECKS-N-EFFECT-Wrecks-N-Effect--Sound Of New York
- 47 INTRODUCING ... DAVID PEASTON-David Peaston Geffen
- 48 NEVER TOO FAR-Dianne Reeves-EMI
- 49 PANDEMONIUM—The Time—Paisley Park

26 DIGITAL UNDERGROUND (1) Tommy Boy 27 RANDY CRAWFORD (1) Warner Bros. 28 ANITA BAKER (1) Elektra 29 ICE CUBE (1) Priority 30 MARIAH CAREY (1) Columbia 31 BARRY WHITE (1) A&M 32 HOWARD HEWETT (1) Elektra 33 MC LYTE (1) First Priority 34 SYBIL (1) Next Plateau 35 YOUNG M.C. (1) Delicious Vinyl 36 BIG DADDY KANE (1) Cold Chillin' 37 BOBBY BROWN (2) MCA 38 X-CLAN (1) 4th & B'Way 39 SIR MIX-A-LOT (1) Nastymix 40 SNAP (1) Arista 41 THE WINANS (1) Qwest 42 POOR RIGHTEOUS TEACHERS (1) Profile 43 BIZ MARKIE (1) Cold Chillin 44 NAJEE (1) EMI 45 THE GAP BAND (1) Capitol 46 WRECKS-N-EFFECT (1) Sound Of New York 47 DAVID PEASTON (1) Geffen

25 QUEEN LATIFAH (1) Tommy Boy

- 48 DIANNE REEVES (1) EMI 49 THE TIME (1) Paisley Park
- 50 ABOVE THE LAW (1) Ruthless
- 50 LIVIN' LIKE HUSTLERS-Above The Law-Ruthless
- 51 LIVE—Kenny G—Arista 52 RAW—Alyson Williams—OBR
- 53 GRIP IT ON THAT OTHER LEVEL—The Ghetto Boys—Rap-A-Lot
- 54 MORE OF THE NIGHT-Whispers-Capitol
- 55 SPECIAL—The Temptations—Motown 56 VOL. II—1990—A NEW DECADE—Soul II Soul—Virgin
- 57 KID 'N PLAY'S FUNHOUSE—Kid 'N Play—Select 58 LET THE RHYTHM HIT 'EM—Eric B. & Rakim—MCA 59 DON'T TAKE IT PERSONAL—Jermaine Jackson—Arista
- WHAT YOU NEED-Stacy Lattisaw-Motown
- 61 MIDNIGHT RUN-Bobby "Blue" Bland-Maiaco 62 BLACK'S MAGIC-Salt-N-Pepa-Next Plateau
- 63 BE YOURSELF-Patti LaBelle-MCA
- 64 NICE & SMOOTH—Nice & Smooth—Sleeping Bag 65 PEOPLE'S INSTINCTIVE TRAVELS & THE PATHS OF
- RHYTHM----A Tribe Called Quest---Jive 66 GIRLS NITE OUT---Tyler Collins---RCA
- 67 THE ICEBERG/FREEDOM OF SPEECH ... -Ice-T-Sire 68 ADVENTURES IN PARADISE—Christopher Williams
- Geffen 69 THE INCREDIBLE BASE-Rob Base-Profile
- 70 CALL ME D-NICE-D-Nice-Jive 71 SERIOUS-The O'Jays-EMI
- 72 EDUTAINMENT—Boogie Down Productions—Jive 73 PUMP UP THE JAM—THE ALBUM—Technotronic—SBK
- 74 GRAFFITI BRIDGE—Prince—Paisley Park
- 75 BANNED IN THE U.S.A.-Luke Featuring The 2 Live
- Crew-Luke
- 76 LEGAL—Special Ed—Profile
- 77 100 MILES AND RUNNIN'—N.W.A—Ruthless 78 GIRL YOU KNOW IT'S TRUE—Milli Vanilli—Arista
- 79 FOREVER YOUR GIRL—Paula Abdul—Virgin
- 80 DREAMLAND—Black Box—RCA 81 ALL FOR YOUR LOVE—The Good Girls—Motown
- 82 WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME GANG-Various Artists-Warner Bros.
- 83 MILIRA-Milira-Apollo Theatre

Pandisc 90 HOUSE PARTY—Soundtrack—Motown

- 84 REAL MEN WEAR BLACK—Cameo—Mercury 85 BEYOND A DREAM—By All Means—Island 86 AND IN THIS CORNER—D.J. Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince-Jive
- 87 NO ONE CAN DO IT BETTER-The D.O.C.-Ruthless 88 SPEND THE NIGHT—The Isley Brothers Featuring Ronald Islev—Warner Bros 89 SOMETHING TO GET YOU HYPED-Young And Restless-

91 MAMA SAID KNOCK YOU OUT—L.L. Cool J—Def Jam 92 SHORT DOGS IN THE HOUSE—Too Short—Jive

93 LOVE, SMOKEY-Smokey Robinson-Motown

STILL TRAPPED-Denise Lasalle-Malaco

99 LALAH HATHAWAY-Lalah Hathaway-Virgin

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100 HERITAGE-Earth, Wind & Fire-Columbi

95 TOO MUCH PAIN-Little Milton-Malaco 96 TO THE EXTREME—Vanilla Ice—SBK

97 HERE I AM-Sharon Bryant-Wing 98 J BOYS-The Jamaica Boys-Reprise

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Top **R&B** Singles

- Pos. TITLE—Artist—Label 1 HOLD ON—En Vogue—Atlantic 2 MAKE IT LIKE IT WAS—Regina Belle—Columbia
- 3 REAL LOVE-Skyv-Atlantic
- 4 FEELS GOOD-Tony! Toni! Tone!-Wing
- 5 VISION OF LOVE Mariah Carey— Columbia 6 ALL AROUND THE WORLD—Lisa Stansfield—Arista
- 7 I'LL BE GOOD TO YOU---Quincy Jones Featuring Ray
- Charles & Chaka Khan—Qwest 8 MY, MY, MY—Johnny Gill—Motown
- 9 READY OR NOT-After 7-Virgin
- 10 POISON—Bell Biv Devoe—MCA 11 SPREAD MY WINGS—Troop—Atlantic
- 12 EVERYBODY EVERYBODY—Black Box—RCA 13 TENDER LOVER—Babyface—Solar
- 14 LOVE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT-Miki Howard-
- Atlantic 15 LIES—En Vogue—Atlantic
- 16 MAKE YOU SWEAT-Keith Sweat-Vintertainment
- 17 RUB YOU THE RIGHT WAY-Johnny Gill-Motown
- 18 CRAZY-The Boys-Motown
- 19 WHY YOU GET FUNKY ON ME (FROM "HOUSE PARTY")—Today—Motown 20 LET'S GET IT ON—By All Means—Island
- 21 GIVING YOU THE BENEFIT-Pebbles-MCA
- 22 NO MORE LIES-Michel'le-Ruthless

- 22 NO MORE LIES—Michel'IE—Ruthless
 23 CAN'T STOP—After 7—Virgin
 24 DO ME!—Bell Biv Devoe—MCA
 25 U CAN'T TOUCH THIS—M.C. Hammer—Capitol
 26 THE BLUES—Tony! Toni! Toné!—Wing
 27 TOMORROW (A BETTER YOU, BETTER ME)—Quincy Jones With Tevin Campbell—Qwest
 20 UTENTE YADAWA Chem Hammer
- 28 HEAVEN KNOWS-Lalah Hathaway-Virgin
- 29 SHOW ME—Howard Hewett—Elektra 30 CLOSE TO YOU—Maxi Priest—Charisma
- 31 JERK OUT The Time—Paisley Park 32 RHYTHM NATION—Janet Jackson—A&M
- 33 WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE-Stacy Lattisaw With Johnny Gill-Motowr
- 34 THE SECRET GARDEN—Quincy Jones—Qwest
- 35 ALL OF MY LOVE-The Gap Band-Capitol 36 HERE AND NOW-Luther Vandross-Epic
- 37 MY KINDA GIRL —Babyface—Solar
- 38 WALK ON BY-Sybil-Next Plateau
- 39 GHETTO HEAVEN—The Family Stand—Atlantic 40 OPPOSITES ATTRACT—Paula Abdul (Duet With The Wild
- Pair)—Virgin
- 41 SILKY SOUL—Maze Featuring Frankie Beverly—Warner Bros.
- 42 THIEVES IN THE TEMPLE—Prince—Paisley Park 43 ALL I DO IS THINK OF YOU—Troop—Atlantic
- 44 SO YOU LIKE WHAT YOU SEE—Samuelle—Atlantic

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- 45 TALK TO ME—Anita Baker—Elektra 46 ALL OVER YOU (FROM "DEF BY TEMPTATION")—Freddie
- Jackson—Orpheus 47 COME BACK TO ME—Janet Jackson—A&M

- 48 THE POWER—Snap—Arista 49 WHIP APPEAL—Babyface—Solar
- 50 EVERYTHING YOU TOUCH—Smokey Robinson—Motown
- 51 THE HUMPTY DANCE—Digital Underground—Tommy Boy 52 HAVE YOU SEEN HER—M.C. Hammer—Capitol
- 53 FAIRWEATHER FRIEND-Johnny Gill-Motown
- 54 ESCAPADE—Janet Jackson—A&M 55 IT'S GONNA BE ALRIGHT—Ruby Turner—Jive

- 56 ALRIGHT---Janet Jackson---A&M 57 INNOCENT---Whispers---Capitol 58 YOU CAN'T DENY IT---Lisa Stansfield---Arista
- 59 MERRY GO ROUND—Keith Sweat—Vintertainment 60 IT'S TIME—The Winans—Qwest
- 61 IT'S THE REAL THING—Angela Winbush—Mercury 62 AIN'T NUTHIN' IN THE WORLD—Miki Howard—Atlantic 63 EXPRESSION—Salt-N-Pepa—Next Plateau
- 64 CAN WE SPEND SOME TIME-Surface-Columbia
- 65 DON'T WANNA FALL IN LOVE—Jane Child—Warner Bros. 66 I WANNA BE RICH—Calloway—Solar
- 67 YOUR SWEETNESS-Good Girls-Motor 68 GOOD LOVE-Klymaxx-MCA
- WHAT GOES AROUND---Regina Belle---Columbia 69
- 70 UNTIL YOU COME BACK TO ME—Miki Howard—Atlantic 71 NEVER TOO FAR—Dianne Reeves—EMI
- 72 NICETY-Michel'le-Ruthless
- 73 THE BOOMIN' SYSTEM—L.L. Cool J—Def Jam 74 ALL NITE—Entouch Featuring Keith Sweat—
- Vintertainment 75 LOVE TAKES TIME—Mariah Carey—Columbia 76 GIRLS NITE OUT—Tyler Collins—RCA
- 77 I WANT IT NOW-Cameo-Atlanta Artists
- 78 STAY-Glenn Jones-Jive
- 79 PUMP UP THE JAM—Technotronic Featuring Felly-
- 80 MY BABY'S HOUSE—Michael Cooper—Reprise 81 I NEED YOUR LOVIN'—Alyson Williams—OBR
- 82 B.B.D. (I THOUGHT IT WAS ME)?-Bell Biv Devoe
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- 83 I'LL BE GOOD TO YOU—Najee—EMI 84 PROMISES, PROMISES—Christopher Williams—Geffen
- 85 SCANDALOUS!—Prince—Warner Bros. 86 JAZZIE'S GROOVE—Soul II Soul—Virgin
- 87 COMFORT OF A MAN-Stephanie Mills-MCA
- 88 FOOLISH HEART—Sharon Bryant—Wing 89 GET A LIFE—Soul II Soul—Virgin
- 90 TREAT YOU RIGHT-Luther Vandross-Epic
- 91 ALWAYS AND FOREVER—Whistle—Select 92 SERIOUS HOLD ON ME—O'Jays—EMI
- 93 THIS IS LOVE-Regina Belle-Columbia
- 94 LIVIN' IN THE LIGHT—Caron Wheeler—EMI 95 YO MISTER—Patti LaBelle—MCA
- 96 WHATCHA GONNA DO?—Tyler Collins—RCA 97 SHAKE IT UP!—The Jamaica Boys—Reprise 98 ICE ICE BABY—Vanilla Ice—SBK -RCA

- 99 A FRIEND The Winans—Qwest 100 HERITAGE—Earth, Wind & Fire (Featuring The Boys)— Columbia

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Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted singles) Label 1 JANET JACKSON (7) A&M 2 JOHNNY GILL (4) Motown **3 OUINCY JONES (4) Owest**

Top R&B Singles Artists

26 THE WINANS (3) Qwest 27 TODAY (2) Motown 28 HOWARD HEWETT (3) Elektra

29 THE BOYS (1) Columbia

30 ALYSON WILLIAMS (3) OBR 31 RUBY TURNER (3) Jive 32 STEPHANIE MILLS (3) MCA

33 MICHAEL COOPER (3) Reprise

36 THE FAMILY STAND (2) Atlantic

34 SNAP (2) Arista 35 ANITA BAKER (2) Elektra

37 CALLOWAY (3) Solar 38 SKYY (1) Atlantic 39 PUBLIC ENEMY (3) Def Jam 40 WHISPERS (2) Capitol

41 STACY LATTISAW (2) Motown

44 SURFACE (3) Columbia 45 BLACK BOX (2) RCA 46 PEBBLES (2) MCA

47 SYBIL (4) Next Plateau 48 DIANNE REEVES (3) EMI

49 THE TIME (2) Paisley Park

50 BODY (2) MCA

JANET JACKSON

42 DIGITAL UNDERGROUND (2) Tommy Boy 43 THE TEMPTATIONS (2) Motown

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(2) Motown

- 4 M.C. HAMMER (4) Capitol
- 5 BABYFACE (3) Solar

9 TROOP (4) Atlantic 10 AFTER 7 (5) Virgin

- 6 BELL BIV DEVOE (3) MCA
- 7 REGINA BELLE (4) Columbia 8 MIKI HOWARD (4) Atlantic

11 LISA STANSFIELD (3) Arista

12 EN VOGUE (3) Atlantic 13 TONY! TON!! TONÉ! (3) Wing

16 THE GAP BAND (3) Capitol

19 SOUL II SOUL (4) Virgin

20 PRINCE (2) Warner Bros. (2) Paisley Park

23 TYLER COLLINS (3) RCA

24 RANDY CRAWFORD (4) Warner Bros. 25 BY ALL MEANS (2) Island

14 MARIAH CAREY (2) Columbia. 15 ANGELA WINBUSH (4) Mercury

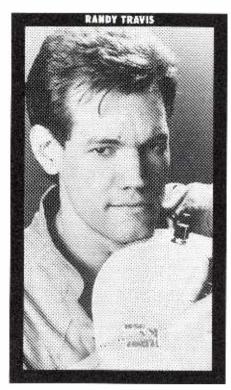
17 KEITH SWEAT (2) Vintertainment 18 MICHEL'LE (4) Ruthless

21 LUTHER VANDROSS (2) Epic 22 MAZE FEATURING FRANKIE BEVERLY (4) Warner Bros.



Top Country Artists

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted singles & albums) Label 1 RANDY TRAVIS (10) Warner Bros. 2 RICKY VAN SHELTON (9) Columbia
- 3 GEORGE STRAIT (11) MCA
- 4 CLINT BLACK (6) RCA
- 5 GARTH BROOKS (7) Capitol
- 6 ALABAMA (10) RCA 7 REBA McENTIRE (9) MCA
- 8 LORRIE MORGAN (5) RCA
- 9 HANK WILLIAMS, JR. (9) Warner/Curb
- 10 KEITH WHITLEY (6) RCA
- 11 SHENANDOAH (6) Columb
- 12 THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS (5) Mercury 13 KATHY MATTEA (7) Mercury
- 14 THE JUDDS (2) RCA/Curb
- (6) Curb/RCA
- 15 PATTY LOVELESS (6) MCA
- 16 TRAVIS TRITT (5) Warner Bros. 17 ALAN JACKSON (5) Arista
- 18 THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND (5) Epic
- 19 VERN GOSDIN (7) Columbia 20 RODNEY CROWELL (6) Columbia
- 21 RESTLESS HEART (6) RCA
- 22 PAUL OVERSTREET (4) RCA 23 TANYA TUCKER (6) Capitol
- 24 HIGHWAY 101 (6) Warner Bros. 25 SAWYER BROWN (3) Capitol/Curb
- (3) Curb/Capitol
- 26 DOUG STONE (4) Epic 27 STEVE WARINER (7) MCA
- 28 VINCE GILL (5) MCA
- 29 DOLLY PARTON (5) Columbia (1) Reprise
- 30 DAN SEALS (4) Capitol
- 31 THE DESERT ROSE BAND (5) MCA/Curb
- 32 BILLY JOE ROYAL (6) Atlantic
- 33 K.D. LANG & THE RECLINES (5) Sire 34 MARY-CHAPIN CARPENTER (6) Columbia
- 35 LIONEL CARTWRIGHT (6) MCA
- 36 EDDIE RABBITT (5) Capitol
- 37 DON WILLIAMS (6) RCA
- 38 WILLIE NELSON (9) Columbia 39 BAILLIE AND THE BOYS (6) RCA
- 40 MARTY STUART (4) MCA



- 41 KENNY ROGERS (1) RCA
- (1) Capitol
- (6) Reprise 42 WILLIE NELSON, WAYLON JENNINGS, JOHNNY CASH & KRIS KRISTOFFERSON (4) Columbia
- 43 K.T. OSLIN (5) RCA
- 44 RONNIE MILSAP (2) RCA 45 EXILE (4) Arista
- 46 EDDY RAVEN (5) Capitol
- 47 DWIGHT YOAKAM (4) Reprise
- 48 RICKY SKAGGS (5) Epic 49 THE OAK RIDGE BOYS (5) MCA
- 50 WAYLON JENNINGS (3) Epic
- (1) Columbia

THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS

- **Top Country** Labels
- Pos. LABEL (No. of charted singles & albums)
- 1 RCA (72) 2 MCA (88)
- 3 COLUMBIA (67)
- 4 CAPITOL (63) 5 WARNER BROS. (55)
- 6 EPIC (39)
- 7 MERCURY (30)
- 8 ARISTA (17) 9 REPRISE (21)
- 10 WARNER/CURB (9)
- 11 CURB/RCA (8)
- 12 MCA/CURB (9)
- 13 ATLANTIC (17) 14 CURB/CAPITOL (8)
- 15 SIRE (4)



- Pos. LABEL (No. of charted albums)
- 1 RCA (25)
 - 2 COLUMBIA (28) 3 MCA (30)
 - 4 WARNER BROS. (18)
- 5 CAPITOL (17) 6 MERCURY (8)
- 7 EPIC (13)
- 8 WARNER/CURB (4)
- 9 REPRISE (10) 10 CURB/RCA (4)
- 11 SIRE (3)
- 12 CURB/CAPITOL (3)
- 13 ARISTA (3) 14 ATLANTIC (5)
- 15 MCA/CURB (2)



Top Country Distributing Labels

Pos. DISTRIBUTING LABEL (No. of charted singles & albums)

- 1 RCA (80) 2 CBS (104)
- 3 MCA (99)
- 4 WARNER BROS. (88)
- 5 CAPITOL (70)

Top Country Singles Distributing Labels

Pos. LABEL (No. of charted singles) 1 RCA (51)

- 2 MCA (66)
- 3 CBS (63) 4 CAPITOL (51)
- 5 WARNER BROS. (54)

CBS RECORDS

Top Country Album Distributing Labels

Pos. DISTRIBUTING LABEL (No. of charted albums) 1 CBS (41) 2 RCA (29)

3 WARNER BROS. (34) 4 MCA (38) 5 CAPITOL (19)

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted singles & albums) Label 6 JOE DIFFIE (2) Epic 1 KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS (5) Mercury 7 WILD ROSE (3) Capitol 8 PIRATES OF THE MISSISSIPPI (3) Capitol 9 MAC McANALLY (3) Warner Bros.
 - 10 MARK COLLIE (4) MCA
- 4 DOUG STONE (4) Épic 5 MARK CHESNUTT (2) MCA

2 TRAVIS TRITT (5) Warner Bros. 3 ALAN JACKSON (5) Arista

Top New Country Artists

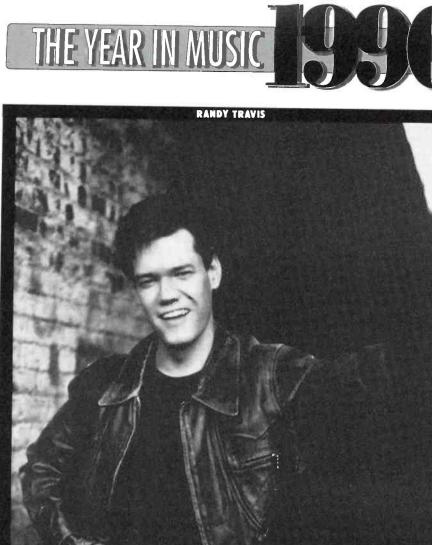
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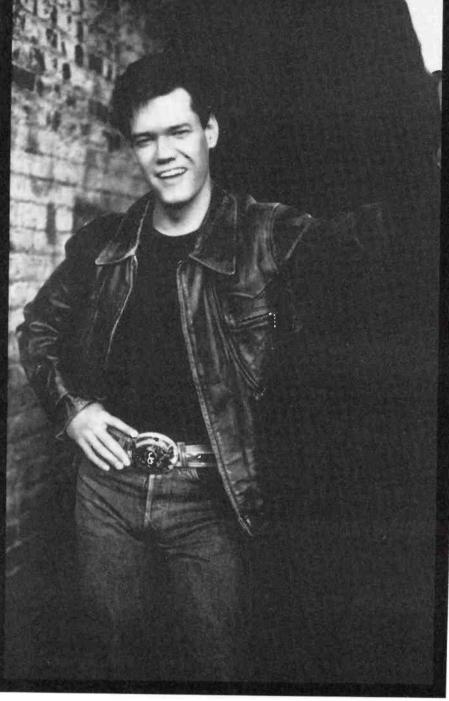
Top Country

- 3 CAPITOL (46) 4 COLUMBIA (39)
- 5 WARNER BROS. (37)
- 6 EPIC (26) 7 ARISTA (14)
- 8 MERCURY (22) 9 MCA/CURB (7) 10 ATLANTIC (12)

11 CURB/RCA (4) 12 REPRISE (11)

13 WARNER/CURB (5) 14 CURB (17) 15 CURB/CAPITOL (5)





Top Country Album Artists

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted albums) Label
- 1 RANDY TRAVIS (6) Warner Bros. 2 RICKY VAN SHELTON (4) Columbia
- GEORGE STRAIT (4) MCA
- 4 HANK WILLIAMS, JR. (4) Warner/Curb 5 CLINT BLACK (1) RCA
- 6 GARTH BROOKS (2) Capitol
- 7 REBA MCENTIRE (4) MCA
- 8 ALABAMA (5) RCA
- 9 KEITH WHITLEY (3) RCA
- 10 THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS (1) Mercury 11 THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND (2) Epic
- 12 KATHY MATTEA (2) Mercury
- 13 THE JUDDS (2) RCA/Curb
- (2) Curb/RCA
- 14 LORRIE MORGAN (1) RCA 15 SHENANDOAH (2) Columbia
- 16 K.D. LANG & THE RECLINES (3) Sire
- 17 PATTY LOVELESS (2) MCA 18 VERN GOSDIN (3) Columbia
- 19 SAWYER BROWN (1) Capitol/Curb
- (1) Curb/Capitol
- 20 TRAVIS TRITT (1) Warner Bros.
- 21 RODNEY CROWELL (2) Columbia 22 ALAN JACKSON (1) Arista
- 23 RESTLESS HEART (2) RCA
- 24 DOLLY PARTON (1) Columbia 25 DWIGHT YOAKAM (2) Reprise

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- 26 WILLIE NELSON, WAYLON JENNINGS, JOHNNY CASH & KRIS KRISTOFFERSON (2) Columbia 27 PAUL OVERSTREET (1) RCA
- 28 VINCE GILL (1) MCA 29 WILLIE NELSON (4) Columbia
- 30 PATSY CLINE (1) MCA
- 31 DOUG STONE (1) Epic 32 KENNY ROGERS (1) RCA
- (3) Reprise 33 BILLY JOE ROYAL (3) Atlantic
- 34 TANYA TUCKER (2) Capitol
- 35 K.T. OSLIN (2) RCA
- 36 MARY-CHAPIN CARPENTER (2) Columbia
- 37 MARTY STUART (1) MCA
- 38 THE DESERT ROSE BAND (1) MCA/Curb 39 DAN SEALS (1) Capitol 40 HIGHWAY 101 (2) Warner Bros.
- 41 WAYLON JENNINGS (1) Epic 42 STEVE WARINER (2) MCA
- 43 THE NITTY GRITTY DIRT BAND (2) MCA
- 44 BAILLIE AND THE BOYS (2) RCA 45 THE STATLER BROTHERS (2) Mercury
- 46 LIONEL CARTWRIGHT (2) MCA
- 47 ANNE MURRAY (2) Capitol 48 LYLE LOVETT (1) MCA/Curb
- 49 ROBIN LEE (1) Atlantic
- 50 THE OAK RIDGE BOYS (2) MCA

Top Country Albums

- Pos. TITLE—Artist—Label 1 KILLIN' TIME—Clint Black—RCA
- 2 NO HOLDIN' BACK—Randy Travis—Warner Bros. 3 PICKIN' ON NASHVILLE—The Kentucky Headhunters— Mercurv
- 4 GARTH BROOKS—Garth Brooks—Capitol 5 LEAVE THE LIGHT ON—Lorrie Morgan—RCA

- 6 RVS III—Ricky Van Shelton—Columbia 7 SIMPLE MAN—The Charlie Daniels Band—Epic 8 WILLOW IN THE WIND—Kathy Mattea—Mercury
- 9 THE BOYS ARE BACK—Sawyer Brown—Capitol/Curb 10 REBA LIVE—Reba McEntire—MCA 11 COUNTRY CLUB—Travis Tritt—Warner Bros.

- 12 HERE IN THE REAL WORLD-Alan Jackson-Arista
- 13 LONE WOLF—Hank Williams, Jr.—Warner/Curb 14 WHITE LIMOZEEN—Dolly Parton—Columbia
- 15 ALWAYS & FOREVER—Randy Travis—Warner Bros. 16 ABSOLUTE TORCH AND TWANG—k.d. lang & the
- reclines—Sire 17 GREATEST HITS III—Hank Williams, Jr.—Warner/Curb 18 THE ROAD NOT TAKEN—Shenandoah—Columbia
- 19 FAST MOVIN' TRAIN—Restless Heart—RCA
- 20 I WONDER DO YOU THINK OF ME-Keith Whitley-RCA
- 21 ALONE—Vern Gosdin—Columbia
- 22 LIVIN' IT UP—George Strait—MCA 23 LOVING PROOF—Ricky Van Shelton—Columbia 24 JUST LOOKIN' FOR A HIT—Dwight Yoakam—Reprise
- 25 SOWIN' LOVE—Paul Overstreet—RCA 26 HIGHWAYMAN 2—Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Johnny Cash & Kris Kristofferson—Columbia 27 GREATEST HITS—The Judds—RCA/Curb 28 WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME—Vince Gill—MCA

- 29 PASS IT ON DOWN—Alabama—RCA 30 KEYS TO THE HIGHWAY—Rodney Crowell—Columbia
- 31 BEYOND THE BLUE NEON—George Strait—MCA
- 32 HONKY TONK ANGEL—Patty Loveless—MCA
- 33 GREATEST HITS-Patsy Cline-MCA
- 34 DOUG STONE-Doug Stone-Epic
- 35 RIVER OF TIME—The Judds—Curb/RCA 36 HILLBILLY ROCK—Marty Stuart—MCA
- 37 EXTRA MILE—Shenandoah—Columbia
- 38 STATE OF THE HEART-Mary-Chapin Carpenter-

- 39 DON'T CLOSE YOUR EYES-Keith Whitley-RCA
- 40 OLD 8 X 10—Randy Travis—Warner Bros. 41 ON DOWN THE LINE—Patty Loveless—MCA 42 GREATEST HITS—Alabama—RCA
- 43 SOMETHING INSIDE SO STRONG-Kenny Rogers-
- Reprise
 - 44 GREATEST HITS, VOL. 2-George Strait-MCA
 - 45 THIS WOMAN—K.T. Oslin—RCA 46 SOUTHERN STAR—Alabama—RCA

 - 47 STORMS OF LIFE—Randy Travis—Warner Bros. 48 PAGES OF LIFE—The Desert Rose Band—MCA/Curb 49 GEORGE STRAIT'S GREATEST HITS—George Strait—MCA

 - 50 A HORSE CALLED MUSIC-Willie Nelson-
 - 51 ON ARRIVAL—Dan Seals—Capitol 52 TENNESSEE WOMAN—Tanya Tucker—Capitol

 - 53 THE EAGLE—Waylon Jennings—Epic 54 WILD EYED DREAM—Ricky Van Shelton—Columbia
 - 55 SWEET SIXTEEN—Reba McEntire—MCA
 - 56 TELL IT LIKE IT IS—Billy Joe Royal—Atlantic 57 A DECADE OF HITS—The Charlie Daniels Band—Epic

61 DIAMONDS & DIRT-Rodney Crowell-Columbia 62 WILL THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN, VOL. II-The Nitty

NO FENCES—Garth Brooks—Capitol

Warner/Curb

MCA/Curb

CLINT BLACK

67 SHADOWLAND-k.d. lang-Sire

58 GREATEST HITS-Keith Whitley-RCA 59 PAINT THE TOWN-Highway 101-Warner Bros.

Gritty Dirt Band —MCA 63 GREATEST HITS, VOL. I—Hank Williams, Jr.—

64 LAREDO—Steve Wariner—MCA 65 RUMOR HAS IT—Reba McEntire—MCA 66 A COLLECTION OF HITS—Kathy Mattea—Mercury

68 LYLE LOVETT AND HIS LARGE BAND-Lyle Lovett-

69 HEROES AND FRIENDS-Randy Travis-Warner Bros. 70 I WATCHED IT ALL ON THE RADIO -- Lionel Cartwright-

73 OUT OF THE SHADOWS-Billy Joe Royal-Atlantic

74 CHISELED IN STONE—Vern Gosdin—Columbia 75 AN OLD TIME CHRISTMAS—Randy Travis—Warner Bros.

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71 BLACK VELVET—Robin Lee—Atlantic 72 GREATEST HITS—Tanya Tucker—Capitol



GARTH BROOKS

28 VERN GOSDIN (4) Columbia

33 EDDY RAVEN (4) Capitol

35 VINCE GILL (4) MCA

31 DOUG STONE (3) Epic 32 BAILLIE AND THE BOYS (4) RCA

36 BILLY JOE ROYAL (3) Atlantic 37 T. GRAHAM BROWN (3) Capitol

38 HOLLY DUNN (3) Warner Bros. (1) Reprise 39 RICKY SKAGGS (4) Epic

40 THE OAK RIDGE BOYS (3) MCA

(1) Reprise 43 MARTY STUART (3) MCA 44 LEE GREENWOOD (2) Capitol

46 WILLIE NELSON (5) Columbia

(2) Reprise

(3) MCA/Curb

48 SKIP EWING (4) MCA

50 MARK CHESNUTT (1) MCA

45 CARLENE CARTER (1) Warner Bros.

47 THE BELLAMY BROTHERS (1) Warner Bros.

49 THE FORESTER SISTERS (3) Warner Bros.

TONY BROW

YE-25

41 HANK WILLIAMS, JR. (5) Warner/Curb 42 DOLLY PARTON (4) Columbia

30 THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS (4) Mercury

34 MARY-CHAPIN CARPENTER (4) Columbia

29 EXILE (3) Arista

Top Country Singles & Tracks

- 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 LOVE WITHOUT END, AMEN—George Strait—MCA
- 5 WALKIN' AWAY—Clint Black—RCA 6 I'VE CRIED MY LAST TEAR FOR YOU—Ricky Van
- Shelton-Columbia
- 7 NO MATTER HOW HIGH—The Oak Ridge Boys—MCA 8 HELP ME HOLD ON—Travis Tritt—Warner Bros.
- 9 CHAINS—Patty Loveless—MCA
- 10 HERE IN THE REAL WORLD—Alan Jackson—Arista 11 SOUTHERN STAR—Alabama—RCA
- 12 LOVE ON ARRIVAL-Dan Seals-Capitol
- 13 THE DANCE-Garth Brooks-Capitol
- 14 FIVE MINUTES—Lorrie Morgan—RCA
- 15 I'M OVER YOU -Keith Whitley-RCA
- 16 SEEIN' MY FATHER IN ME—Paul Overstreet—RCA 17 MY ARMS STAY OPEN ALL NIGHT—Tanya Tucker—
- Capitol
- 18 JUKEBOX IN MY MIND—Alabama-RCA
- 19 STATUE OF A FOOL—Ricky Van Shelton—Columbia 20 NOT COUNTING YOU—Garth Brooks—Capitol
- 21 STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED—Ronnie Milsap—
- RCA
- 22 NEXT TO YOU. NEXT TO ME-Shenandoah-Columbia
- 23 HE WALKED ON WATER-Randy Travis-Warner Bros.
- 24 NOTHING'S NEWS—Clint Black—RCA 25 GOOD TIMES—Dan Seals—Capitol
- 26 I MEANT EVERY WORD HE SAID-Ricky Van Shelton-Columbia
- 27 START ALL OVER AGAIN-The Desert Rose Band-MCA/Curb
- 28 FRIENDS IN LOW PLACES—Garth Brooks—Capitol 29 WHEN I COULD COME HOME TO YOU—Steve Wariner—
- 30 WANTED—Alan Jackson—Arista 31 WALK ON—Reba McEntire—MCA
- 32 HOLDIN' A GOOD HAND—Lee Greenwood—Capitol 33 I'M GONNA BE SOMEBODY—Travis Tritt—Warner Bros.
- 34 I'D BE BETTER OFF (IN A PINE BOX)-Doug Stone-
- Epic
- 35 PASS IT ON DOWN-Alabama-RCA

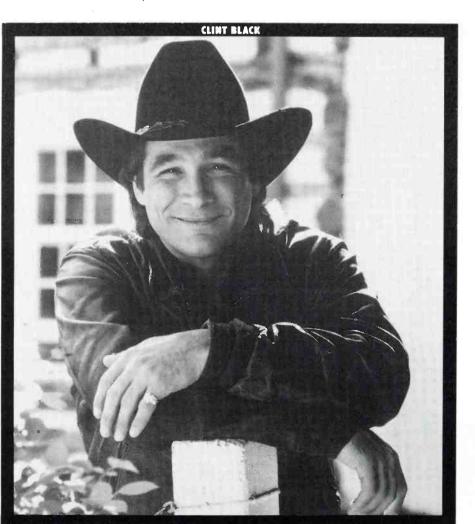
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- 36 OUT OF YOUR SHOES—Lorrie Morgan—RCA 37 FAST MOVIN' TRAIN—Restless Heart—RCA
- 38 A WOMAN IN LOVE-Ronnie Milsap-RCA

42 SHE CAME FROM FORT WORTH-Kathy Mattea-Mercury

39 WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME-Vince Gill-MCA 40 IT AIN'T NOTHIN'—Keith Whitley—RCA 41 WALKING SHOES—Tanya Tucker—Capitol

- 43 TILL I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE-Billy Joe Royal-Atlantic
- 44 JUST AS LONG AS I HAVE YOU—Don Williams—RCA 45 TOO COLD AT HOME—Mark Chesnutt—MCA
- 46 WALKIN', TALKIN', CRYIN', BARELY BEATIN' BROKEN
- HEART-Highway 101-Warner Bros. 47 MANY A LONG & LONESOME HIGHWAY-Rodney
- Crowell-Columbia 48 I CAN'T TURN THE TIDE—Baillie And The Boys—RCA
- 49 WHO'S LONELY NOW—Highway 101—Warner Bros. 50 TWO DOZEN ROSES—Shenandoah—Columbia
- 51 OVERNIGHT SUCCESS—George Strait—MCA
- THAT JUST ABOUT DOES IT-Vern Gosdin-Colu 52
- 53 IT'S YOU AGAIN—Skip Ewing—MCA 54 ON DOWN THE LINE—Patty Loveless—MCA
- 55 WHERE'VE YOU BEEN-Kathy Mattea-Mercury 56 LEAVE IT ALONE—The Forester Sisters—Warner Bros.
- 57 YOU LIE-Reba McEntire-MCA
- 58 LITTLE GIRL—Reba McEntire—MCA 59 NOBODY'S TALKING—Exile—Arista
- 60 I FELL IN LOVE-Carlene Carter-Reprise
- 61 SOONER OR LATER—Eddy Raven—Capitol
- 62 IF YOU COULD ONLY SEE ME NOW-T. Graham Brown-Capitol
- 63 FOURTEEN MINUTES OLD-Doug Stone-Epic
- 64 HE TALKS TO ME-Lorrie Morgan-RCA
- 65 WRONG—Waylon Jennings—Epic 66 ONE MAN WOMAN—The Judds—Curb/RCA
- 67 DANCY'S DREAM—Restless Heart—RCA
- 68 I WATCHED IT ALL (ON MY RADIO)-Lionel Cartwright-MCA
- 69 DON'T GO OUT-Tanya Tucker With T. Graham Brown-Canitol
- 70 QUITTIN' TIME—Mary-Chapin Carpenter—Columbia
- 71 RICHEST MAN ON EARTH—Paul Overstreet—RCA 72 DRINKING CHAMPAGNE—George Strait—MCA
- 73 OH LONESOME ME—The Kentucky Headhunters-
- Mercury
- 74 I COULD BE PERSUADED—The Bellamy Brothers—
- 75 IF TOMORROW NEVER COMES—Garth Brooks—Capitol



Top Country Singles Artists

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted singles) Label 1 GARTH BROOKS (5) Capitol
- CLINT BLACK (5) RCA
- 3 RICKY VAN SHELTON (5) Columbia 4 ALABAMA (5) RCA
- REBA MCENTIRE (5) MCA
- 6 LORRIE MORGAN (4) RCA
- RANDY TRAVIS (4) Warner Bros.
- 8 GEORGE STRAIT (7) MCA 9 SHENANDOAH (4) Columbia
- 10 TRAVIS TRITT (4) Warner Bros.
- 11 PATTY LOVELESS (4) MCA 12 HIGHWAY 101 (4) Warner Bros.
- 13 ALAN JACKSON (4) Arista
- 14 DON WILLIAMS (4) RCA
- 15 TANYA TUCKER (4) Capitol
- 16 STEVE WARINER (5) MCA 17 EDDIE RABBITT (4) Capitol
- 18 KEITH WHITLEY (3) RCA
- 19 DAN SEALS (3) Capitol 20 PAUL OVERSTREET (3) RCA
- 21 KATHY MATTEA (5) Mercury
- 22 THE DESERT ROSE BAND (4) MCA/Curb
- 23 RESTLESS HEART (4) RCA
- 24 THE JUDDS (4) Curb/RCA
- 25 RONNIE MILSAP (2) RCA
- 26 LIONEL CARTWRIGHT (4) MCA
- 27 RODNEY CROWELL (4) Columbia

Top Country Singles **Producers**

- Pos. PRODUCER (No. of charted singles) 1 TONY BROWN (29) 2 KYLE LEHNING (10) 3 ALLEN REYNOLDS (11) 4 BARRY BECKETT (18) 5 JIMMY BOWEN (31)
- 6 JAMES STROUD (18) 7 JERRY CRUTCHFIELD (9) 8 STEVE BUCKINGHAM (10)

22 JIM ED NORMAN (16) 23 TIM DUBOIS (8) 24 RICKY SKAGGS (8) 25 GEORGE STRAIT (6)

9 BOB MONTGOMERY (11) 10 GREGG BROWN (6) 11 MARK WRIGHT (5) 12 PAUL WORLEY (15) 13 ED SEAY (15) 14 GARTH FUNDIS (7) 15 RICHARD LANDIS (4) 16 NELSON LARKIN (9) 17 BRENT MAHER (4) 18 SCOTT HENDRICKS (10) 19 DOUG JOHNSON (8) 20 RANDY SCRUGGS (12) 21 THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS (4)



By PAUL GREIN

anet Jackson won the battle but New Kids won the war. Or was it the other way around? Jackson came out on top in a commanding eight categories in Billboard's 1990 chart recaps, but finished second behind New Kids on the biggest recap of all-top pop artists for combined albums/ singles activity. It's the second year in a row that New Kids have walked off with this grand-sweepstakes title. The teen sensations are the first act to land the title twice since it was introduced a decade ago. New Kids won last year by besting Bobby Brown and Guns N' Roses; they repeated this year by nosing out Jackson and Phil Collins, who are, respectively, the year's top female and male artists in combined albums/singles activity.

New Kids are also the top pop album artists. They finished second last year to Guns N' Roses. Though the Kids cooled in the second



half of the year, they had three albums in the top 25 on the pop chart in January, and in June landed the year's fastest-climbing No. 1 album with "Step By Step."

Jackson's eight-prize haul is the biggest sweep since 1984, when Lionel Richie won in 10 categories. The awards were keyed to her "Rhythm Nation 1814" album, which was rated the year's top album in both pop and R&B. Since the inception of the R&B album chart in 1965, only two other albums have topped both year-end recaps: Michael Jackson's "Thriller" in 1983 and "Whitney Houston" in 1986.

Jackson is the top pop singles artist for the second time in five years. She also earned that title in 1986, the year of her smash "Control" album. Only brother Michael has won the title more than twice. He scored in 1972, 1980, and 1983. Matching Janet's record of two wins are Madonna (1985 and 1987) and Gladys Knight & the Pips (1973-74).

Jackson was named top R&B artist (combined albums/singles activity), a title she had previously claimed in 1986. In the past decade, only one other artist-again, her brother Michael-has earned this title more than once. Michael triumphed three times-in 1980, 1983, and 1988. Janet Jackson is the only female artist to win this grand prize. Janet also wins both of the individual R&B titles—top R&B album artist and top R&B singles artist. She won the latter title in 1986 as well.

And Jackson is the year's No. 1 dance artist for the second time in five years. Jackson came out on top in both club play and 12-inch singles sales. She also won both titles in 1986. Madonna swept both titles in 1985; Rick Astley hit the jackpot in 1988

Beyond the Jackson/New Kids chart skirmish, it was also a good year for artists as diverse as M.C. Hammer, Clint Black, Wilson Phillips, Harry Connick, Jr., and Technotronic.

Here are the key winners in other categories. **POP:** Wilson Phillips' "Hold On" is the year's No. 1 pop single. It's the first time in 11 years that an artist's debut single has wound up as the No. 1 hit of the year. The Knack had the top single of 1979 with their breakthrough smash, "My Sharona." It's the second time in the past four years that an all-female group has had the year's No. 1 single. The Bangles scored in 1987 with "Walk Like An Egyptian.

Three film songs made the top 10 on the list of the year's 100 biggest hits. Roxette's "It Must Have Been Love" (from "Pretty Woman") is No. 2, Billy Idol's "Cradle Of Love" (from "Ford Fairlane") is No. 9, and Jon Bon Jovi's "Blaze Of Glory" (from "Young Guns II") is No. 10. On the pop album recap, "Pretty Woman" is No. 18—higher than any other soundtrack. The top three soundtracks—"Pretty Woman," "The Little Mer-maid," and "Beaches"—are all from Disney/Touchstone films.

"Janet Jackson's Rhythm Nation 1814" is the third A&M album to top the year-end chart. Herb Alpert & the Tijuana Brass' "Whipped Cream & Other Delights" was the No. 1 album of 1966—the year Jackson was born; Peter Frampton's "Frampton Comes Alive!" was the top album of 1976.

The year's best-selling album, M.C. Hammer's "Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em," ranks No. 5 on the pop recap. Hammer's album entered the chart in March, at which point four months

top modern rock track. WORLD MUSIC: Johnny Clegg & Savuka's "Cruel, Crazy, Beautiful World" is the year's top world music album, edging out the Gip-sy Kings' "Mosaique." But the Gipsy Kings are the top world music artists.

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of the eligibility period had al-

ready elapsed. "Please Ham-

mer " is the only album in

the year-end top 10 that

wasn't in release for the full

singles producer. Among his

hits during the year: Bad

English's "When | See You Smile" and Heart's "All |

Wanna Do Is Make Love To

top album rock artist. But Aerosmith's "What It Takes' wins as the top album rock

Depeche Mode is the top

modern rock artist. Sinead

O'Connor and Michael Penn

are the top female and male

artists in the field. Peter Mur-

phy's "Cuts You Up" is the

ROCK: Eric Clapton noses out Aerosmith as the year's

Richie Zito is the top pop

eligibility period.

M.C. HAMMER

You

track.

R&B: In combined albums/sin-

gles activity, M.C. Hammer is the year's top male R&B artist; After 7 is the top R&B group and the top new R&B artist

En Vogue's "Hold On" is the year's top R&B single. This is the third time in the past decade that an act's first chart hit has emerged as the No. 1 R&B hit of the VANILLA ICE year. Keith Sweat's "

Want Her" was No. 1 for 1988; Freddie Jackson's "Rock Me Tonight (For Old Times Sake)" was on top in 1985.

L.A. Reid & Babyface are the top R&B producers for the second straight year. The team produced six No. 1 R&B hits during the year, including Babyface's own "Tender Lover." This match-es the torrid pace they set in 1989, when they also landed six No. 1 R&B hits. Their 1990 six-pack of chart-toppers also in-cluded After 7's "Ready Or Not" and "Can't Stop," Johnny

Gill's "My, My, My," Pebbles' "Giving You The Benefit," and Whitney Houston's "I'm Your Baby Tonight."

RAP: Luke featuring 2 Live Crew is the year's top artist on the Top Rap Singles chart, displacing the 1989 champ, M.C. Hammer, who dips to No. 2. Salt-N-Pepa's platinum hit, "Expression," is the year's No. 1 rap single.

DANCE: Deee-Lite's "Groove Is In The Heart"/"What Is Love" is the No. 1 Dance Club Play Single. Technotronic featuring Felly's "Pump Up The Jam" is the No. 1 12-Inch. Both songs were also massive crossover hits. The Technotronic smash reached No. 2 on the Hot 100 in January; the Deee-Lite hit peaked at No. 4 in November.

COUNTRY: Randy Travis is the top country artist (combined albums/singles activity) for the third straight year. In the past decade, two other acts have won this grand prize three years running. Kenny Rogers scored in 1979-81; Alabama won in 1983-85. Travis is also the top country album artist for the third year in a row. Garth Brooks is top country singles artist.

But Clint Black walks off with both the top country album ("Killin' Time") and the top country single ("Nobody's Home") Black is the first artist to achieve this double-play since Willie Nelson scored in 1982 with his album and single, "Always On My Mind." Black also had the No. 1 country single of 1989, "Better Man." This makes him only the third artist to land the No. 1 country single of 1989, "Better Man." This makes him only the third artist to land the No. 1 country single of the year two years running. Freddie Hart scored in 1971-72 with "Easy Loving" and "My Hang-Up Is You"; Waylon Jennings led the way in 1977-78 with "Lucken-bach, Texas (Back To The Basics Of Love)" and "Mammas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up To Be Cowboys," the latter a duet with Willie Nelson.

Alabama is the top country group or duo (combined albums/ singles activity) for the eighth time in the past 10 years. The veteran group was nosed out in 1987 and 1989 by the Judds.

Reba McEntire is the top country female artist (combined albums/singles activity) for the sixth consecutive year.

Tony Brown is the top country singles producer, up from No. 2 on the 1989 recap. Brown's many hits during 1990 included two chart-toppers: Patty Loveless' "Chains" and Reba McEntire's "You Lie.

ADULT CONTEMPORARY: Phil Collins is the top adult contemporary artist and has the year's top AC single, "Do You Re-member." It's the first time since the early '80s that one act has It's the first time since the early '80s that one act has topped both of these recaps. Kenny Rogers scored in 1981, fol-lowed by Ronnie Milsap in 1982, and Lionel Richie in 1983.

Gloria Estefan is the year's top female AC artist and has the No. 2 AC hit, "Here We Are." Estefan & Miami Sound Machine had the No. 1 AC hit of 1988, "Can't Stay Away From You." Linda Ronstadt & Aaron Neville are the top AC duo/group of 1990

JAZZ: Harry Connick Jr.'s "Music From 'When Harry Met Sal-'" is the year's top jazz album. Connick is also the year's top jazz artist, up from No. 5 last year.

Basia's "London Warsaw New York" is the top contemporary jazz album. Basia is also the top contemporary jazz artist. Kenny G, who had won both titles in 1987 and 1989, finished second on both lists this year. The instrumentalist was represented this year by a live album rather than a new studio

recording.

Spyro Gyra featuring Jay Beckenstein is the top contemporary jazz group. It's the fifth time since 1980 that Spyro Gyra has clinched that title.

NEW AGE: Ray Lynch has the top new age album, "No Blue Thing," and is also the top new age artist

CLASSICAL: The late Vladimir Horowitz is the year's top classical artist for the third time in four years. Horowitz also makes a clean sweep of

the year's top three classical albums: "Horowitz At Home," "Horowitz: The Last Recording," and "Horowitz In Moscow." This is the fourth time in the past five years that Horowitz has had the year's No. 1 classical album. He scored in 1986 with "Horowitz: The Last Romantic," in 1987 with "Horowitz In Moscow," and in 1988 with "Horowitz Plays Mozart."



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DRIVE IT TO YA HARD!

AVAILABLE JANUARY 18

- Album mixed by Mark Tanzer who worked on Alice Cooper's Trash, Britany Fox's debut, and Boston's Third Stage
- Track appears on Album Network's CD #58
- "Drive It To Ya Hard!" winner of Rock Wars on Boston's top AOR Hard Rocker WAAF; Defeated Warrant, Iron Maiden, Leggs Diamond, Jet Boy, and Don Dokken. Combined total vote: Roxxi - 1074 to others - 22
- College/metal radio being worked by Concrete Marketing's Russ Gerroir
- Debut video on Concrete's Metalvision
- Listen for Roxxi on the nationally syndicated Metal Shop, and Z-Rock
- Watch for reviews/interviews in Circus, Tough Tracks, Powerline, Metal Explosion, etc.



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Top Dance Club Play Artists

Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted singles) Label 1 JANET JACKSON (5) A&M 2 LISA STANSFIELD (3) Arista



- 3 SEDUCTION (3) Vendetta 4 SOUL II SOUL (4) Virgin 5 MADONNA (2) Sire
- 6 49ERS (2) 4th & B'Way 7 D-MOB (3) FFRR
- 8 DOUG LAZY (3) Atlantic
- 9 SNAP (2) Arista 10 MR. LEE (2) Jive
- 11 DESKEE (2) RCA 12 THE CHIMES (2) Columbia
- 13 TECHNOTRONIC (3) SBK
- 14 BEATS INTERNATIONAL (2) Elektra 15 DEPECHE MODE (4) Sire
- 16 GRACE JONES (2) Capitol
- 17 FAST EDDIE (4) D.J. International 18 2 IN A ROOM (1) Cutting
- (1) Cutting/Charisma 19 GEORGE LAMOND (3) Columbia
- 20 DEEE-LITE (2) Elektra
- 21 EN VOGUE (2) Atlantic 22 D-MOB WITH CATHY DENNIS (1) FFRR
- 23 ERASURE (3) Sire
- 24 CLUBLAND FEATURING QUARTZ (1) Geffen 25 THE ADVENTURES OF STEVIE V (1) Mercury

Top Dance Club Play Singles

Pos. TITLE—Artist—Label 1 GROOVE IS IN THE HEART/WHAT IS LOVE—Deee-Lite—

3 ALL AROUND THE WORLD—Lisa Stansfield—Arista

4 RHYTHM NATION—Janet Jackson—A&M 5 LOVE ON TOP OF LOVE-KILLER KISS—Grace Jones—

6 C'MON AND GET MY LOVE-D-Mob-FFRR 7 THAT'S THE WAY OF THE WORLD-D-Mob With Cathy

9 GET UP! (BEFORE THE NIGHT IS OVER)—Technotronic—

15 HEARTBEAT/FREE YOUR BODY-Seduction-Vendetta

V—Mercury 18 1-2-3/UNDERESTIMATE—The Chimes—Columbia

22 DUB BE GOOD TO ME-Beats International-Elektra 23 GET BUSY—Mr. Lee—Jive 24 EVERYBODY EVERYBODY—Black Box—RCA

19 I'LL BE GOOD TO YOU-Quincy Jones-Qwest 20 WIGGLE IT—2 In A Room—Cutting/Charisma 21 TOUCH ME—49ers—4th & B'Way

25 DON'T YOU LOVE ME-49ers-4th & B'Way 26 ALRIGHT (REMIX)—Janet Jackson—A&M

27 PUMP THAT BODY----Mr. Lee-Jive 28 KEEP IT TOGETHER-Madonna-Sire

29 TELL ME WHY-Exposé-Arista 30 JAZZIE'S GROOVE-Soul II Soul-Virgin 31 DOIN' THE DO—Betty Boo—Sire 32 THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME—Lisa Stansfield—Arista

16 LET'S GET BUSY—Clubland Featuring Quartz—Geffen 17 DIRTY CASH (MONEY TALKS)—The Adventures Of Stevie

8 TWO TO MAKE IT RIGHT—Seduction—Vendetta

10 LET THE RHYTHM PUMP—Doug Lazy—Atlantic

12 VOGUE—Madonna—Sire 13 ESCAPADE (REMIX)—Janet Jackson—A&M

2 THE POWER-Snap-Arista

11 DANCE, DANCE-Deskee-RCA

14 HOLD ON-En Vogue-Atlantic

Capitol

SBK

Dennis-FFRR

- 33 FEELS GOOD-Tony! Toni! Toné!-Wing
 - 34 HEAVEN-The Chimes-Columbia
 - 35 POLICY OF TRUTH—Depeche Mode—Sire
 - 36 YOU CAN'T DENY IT—Lisa Stansfield—Arista 37 LET THERE BE HOUSE—Deskee—RCA
 - 38 HIPPYCHICK—Soho—Savage
- 39 IT'S GONNA BE ALRIGHT—Ruby Turner—Jive 40 ROOM AT THE TOP—Adam Ant—MCA
- 41 LIVIN' IN THE LIGHT-Caron Wheeler-EMI
- 42 GIT ON UP—Fast Eddie—D.J. International 43 SUGAR DADDY—Thompson Twins—Warner Bros.
- A DREAMS A DREAM/COURTNEY BLOWS-Soul II 44
- Soul-Virgin 45 DJ GIVE ME THAT FUNKY BASS-Lydia Rhodes-MCA 46 SUENO LATINO—Sueno Latino Featuring Carolina
- Damas-Capitol
- 47 PUMP UP THE JAM—Technotronic Featuring Felly—SBK 48 SPIN THAT WHEEL-Hi Tek 3 Featuring Ya Kid K-SBK 49 STAR-Erasure-Sire
- 50 PEOPLE-Soul II Soul-Virgin





Top Dance Club Play Labels

Pos. LABEL (No. of charted singles)

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- 1 ARISTA (14) 2 CAPITOL (26)
- 3 ATLANTIC (24) 4 SIRE (14)
- 5 MCA (18)
- 6 VIRGIN (18) 7 COLUMBIA (16)
- 8 ELEKTRA (11)
- 9 RCA (10)
- 10 JIVE (9)
- 11 SBK (10)
- 12 A&M (7)
- 13 VENDETTA (8)
- 14 EPIC (14)
- 15 FFRR (6)

- Top Combined Dance Distributing Labels Pos DISTRIBUTING LABEL (No. of charted sales & club play)
- 1 WARNER BROS. (54) 2 A&M (31) 3 ATLANTIC (52)
- 4 ARISTA (26) 5 RCA (41)



13 JAZZIE'S GROOVE-Soul II Soul-Virgin

15 FEELS GOOD—Tony! Toni! Toné!—Wing 16 C'MON AND GET MY LOVE—D-Mob—FFRR

17 ALRIGHT (REMIX)-Janet Jackson-A&M

21 POLICY OF TRUTH—Depeche Mode—Sire 22 DO ME!—Bell Biv Devoe—MCA

26 KEEP IT TOGETHER----Madonna---Sire 27 ESCAPADE (REMIX)--Janet Jackson---A&M

28 OVER AND OVER-Pajama Party-Atlantic 29 THIEVES IN THE TEMPLE—Prince—Paisley Park 30 HEARTBEAT/FREE YOUR BODY—Seduction—Vendetta

31 EXPRESSION-Salt-N-Pepa-Next Plateau

33 NEW JACK SWING-Wrecks-N-Effect-Sound Of New

34 THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME—Lisa Stansfield—Arista 35 ENJOY THE SILENCE—Depeche Mode—Sire

36 GET A LIFE/FAIRPLAY—Soul II Soul—Virgin 37 LET THE RHYTHM PUMP—Doug Lazy—Atlantic

38 BAD OF THE HEART—George LaMond—Columbia 39 HIPPYCHICK—Soho—Savage 40 RUB YOU THE RIGHT WAY—Johnny Gill—Motown

41 ME SO HORNY---The 2 Live Crew---Skyywalker 42 LOVE ON TOP OF LOVE---KILLER KISS--Grace Jones--

44 GET BUSY-Mr. Lee-Jive 45 THE LOVER WHO ROCKS YOU (ALL NIGHT)-India-

43 WIGGLE IT-2 In A Room-Cutting/Charisma

46 I LOVE THE BASS—Bardeux—Enigma

49 KNOCKIN' BOOTS-Candyman-Fpic

Top Combined

Pos. LABEL (No. of charted sales & club play)

YE-31

Dance Labels

1 ATLANTIC (50)

2 ARISTA (26) 3 SIRE (27)

4 VIRGIN (35)

5 CAPITOL (42)

6 MCA (35) 7 A&M (15) 8 EPIC (28)

9 SBK (16)

12 RCA (16)

15 JIVE (20)

10 COLUMBIA (23) 11 VENDETTA (16)

13 ELEKTRA (17)

14 TOMMY BOY (22)

48 DOIN' THE DO-Betty Boo-Rhythm King

50 YOU CAN'T DENY IT—Lisa Stansfield—Arista

JANET JACKSON

47 LAMBADA—Kaoma—Epic

32 FRENCH KISS-Lil Louis-Epic

23 WALK ON BY-Sybil-Next Plateau

SBK

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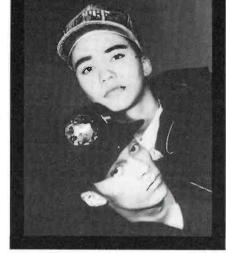
Soul-Virgin

14 THE HUMPTY DANCE—Digital Underground—Tommy Boy

18 POISON—Bell Biv Devoe—MCA 19 GET UP! (BEFORE THE NIGHT IS OVER)—Technotronic—

20 A DREAMS A DREAM/COURTNEY BLOWS-Soul II

24 JERK OUT—The Time—Paisley Park 25 MAKE YOU SWEAT—Keith Sweat—Vintertainment



Top Dance Sales 12-Inch Singles

- Pos. TITLE—Artist—Label 1 PUMP UP THE JAM—Technotronic Featuring Felly—SBK EVERYBODY EVERYBODY-Black Box-RCA
- 3 HOLD ON-En Vogue-Atlantic 4 THE POWER-Snap-Arista
- 5 ALL AROUND THE WORLD-Lisa Stansfield-Arista
- 6 NO MORE LIES—Michel'le—Ruthless
- 7 VOGUE-Madonna-Sire
- 8 TWO TO MAKE IT RIGHT—Seduction—Vendetta
- 9 RHYTHM NATION—Janet Jackson—A&M 10 GROOVE IS IN THE HEART/WHAT IS LOVE—Deee-Lite—
- Elektra
- 11 U CAN'T TOUCH THIS—M.C. Hammer—Capitol 12 DIRTY CASH (MONEY TALKS)—The Adventures Of Stevie V-Mercury

Top Dance Sales Artists

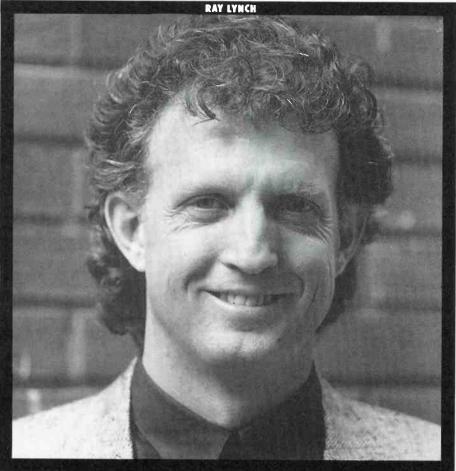
- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted singles) Label
- 1 JANET JACKSON (6) A&M SOUL II SOUL (4) Virgin
- 3 LISA STANSFIELD (3) Arista
- 4 MADONNA (3) Sire 5 SEDUCTION (3) Vendetta
- 6 DEPECHE MODE (4) Sire 7 MICHEL'LE (3) Ruthless
- 8 EN VOGUE (2) Atlantic
- 9 BELL BIV DEVOE (2) MCA 10 SNAP (2) Arista
- 11 TECHNOTRONIC FEATURING FELLY (1) SBK 12 BLACK BOX (1) RCA (1) De-Construction (UK)
- 13 DIGITAL UNDERGROUND (2) Tommy Boy
- 14 SYBIL (3) Next Plateau 15 M.C. HAMMER (2) Capitol
- 16 TECHNOTRONIC (2) SBK 17 D-MOB (2) FFRR
- 18 TONY! TONI! TONÉ! (3) Wing
- 19 DEEE-LITE (1) Elektra 20 GEORGE LAMOND (3) Columbia
- 21 THE ADVENTURES OF STEVIE V (1) Mercury
- 22 MR. LEE (2) Jive 23 ERASURE (3) Sire
- 24 PRINCE (2) Warner Bros.
- (1) Paisley Park 25 PAJAMA PARTY (2) Atlantic

Top Dance Sales Labels

Pos. LABEL (No. of charted singles) 1 ATLANTIC (26) 2 SIRE (13) 3 VIRGIN (17) 4 ARISTA (12) 5 MCA (17) 6 EPIC (14) 7 A&M (8) 8 SBK (6) CAPITOL (16) 10 TOMMY BOY (10) 11 VENDETTA (8)

- 12 WARNER BROS. (12)
- 13 MOTOWN (13)
- 14 RCA (6) 15 NEXT PLATEAU (4)





Top New Age Albums

- Pos. TITLE—Artist—Label 1 NO BLUE THING—Ray Lynch—Music West 2 DANCING WITH THE LION-Andreas Vollenweider-Columbia
- 3 YELLOWSTONE: THE MUSIC OF NATURE-Mannheim
- Steamroller-American Gramaphone 4 CRISTOFORI'S DREAM-David Lanz-Narada
- 5 NOUVEAU FLAMENCO-Ottmar Liebert-Higher Octave
- 6 REFLECTIONS OF PASSION—Yanni—Private Music
- 7 CITIZEN OF TIME—David Arkenstone—Narada 8 KOJIKI—Kitaro—Geffen
- 9 WATERMARK—Enya—Geffen 10 NIKI NANA—Yanni—Private Music
- 11 DEEP BREAKFAST—Ray Lynch—Music West
- 12 ELDORADO—Patrick O'Hearn—Private Music 13 ACROSS A RAINBOW SEA—Steven Kindler—Global
- 14 GARDEN CITY—John Tesh—Cypress 15 FOREVER BLUE SKY—Bruce Becvar—Shining Star 16 THE NARADA COLLECTION TWO-Narada Artists-Narada
- 17 THE ODD GET EVEN-Shadowfax-Private Music
- 18 WINDHAM HILL SAMPLER '89-Various Artists-Windham Hill
- 19 THEMES-Vangelis-Polydor
- 20 DECEMBER—George Winston—Windham Hill 21 PIANISSIMO—Suzanne Ciani—Private Music
- 22 CHAPTER II-Celestial Navigations-Nouveau
- 23 AND IT RAINED ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT-BII
- Wolfer-Nouveau 24 SET FREE-Constance Demby-Hearts Of Space 25 JET STREAM-Chi-Sonic Atmospheres

Top New Age Labels

- Pos. LABEL (No. of charted albums) 1 PRIVATE MUSIC (9)
- 2 NARADA (14)
- 3 MUSIC WEST (5)
- 4 GEFFEN (3) 5 WINDHAM HILL (9)
- 6 AMERICAN GRAMAPHONE (4)
- 7 COLUMBIA (1) 8 HIGHER OCTAVE (3)
- 9 NOUVEAU (3)
- 10 SHINING STAR (2)

Top New Age Artists

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted albums) Label
- 1 RAY LYNCH (2) Music West 2 YANNI (2) Private Music
 - 3 MANNHEIM STEAMROLLER (3) American Gramaphone
- 4 DAVID LANZ (2) Narada 5 ANDREAS VOLLENWEIDER (1) Columbia
- 6 OTTMAR LIEBERT (2) Higher Octave
- 7 JOHN TESH (1) Cypress (1) Private Music
- 8 ENYA (1) Atlantic
- (1) Geffen
- 9 DAVID ARKENSTONE (2) Narada 10 KITARO (1) Geffen
- Top New Age Distributing Labels
- Pos DISTRIBUTING LABEL (No. of charted albums) 1 PRIVATE MUSIC (9)
- 2 NARADA (14)
- 3 MUSIC WEST (5)



Top Jazz Albums

- Pos. TITLE—Artist—Label 1 MUSIC FROM "WHEN HARRY MET SALLY" —Harry
- Connick, Jr.—Columbia 2 WAITING FOR SPRING-David Benoit-GRP
- 3 ON FIRE—Michel Camilo—Epic 4 STANDARD TIME VOL. 3—THE RESOLUTION OF ROMANCE—Wynton Marsalis—Columbia 5 REMEMBRANCE—The Harper Brothers—Verve
- 6 DEEP IN THE SHED—Marcus Roberts—Novus
- 7 MOOD INDIGO—Frank Morgan—Antilles 8 WE ARE IN LOVE—Harry Connick, Jr.—Columbia
- 9 REUNION-Gary Burton-GRP 10 PARALLEL REALITIES-Jack DeJohnette-MCA
- 11 STOLEN MOMENTS-Lee Ritenour-GRP
- 12 TIME ON MY HANDS-John Scofield-Blue Note 13 APASIANADO-Stan Getz-A&M
- 14 MY FAVOURITE SONGS: THE LAST GREAT CONCERT-
- Chet Baker—Enja 15 LOFTY'S ROACH SOUFFLE—Harry Connick, Jr.—Columbia
- QUESTION AND ANSWER-Pat Metheny-Geffen

- 20 MUSIC FROM "MO' BETTER BLUES"-Branford Marsalis

- 22 ANNIVERSARY—Stan Getz—Emarcy
- 23 PITTSBURGH Ahmad Jamal Atlantic
- 24 CRAZY PEOPLE MUSIC—Branford Marsalis Quartet—
- 25 AFTER HOURS-Andre Previn, Joe Pass & Ray Brown-Telarc

Top Jazz Album Artists

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted albums) Label
- 2 MICHEL CAMILO (2) Epic
- 3 STAN GETZ (1) A&M
- (1) Emarcy 4 BRANFORD MARSALIS QUARTET (2) Columbia
- 5 WYNTON MARSALIS (3) Columbia (tie)
- 5 DAVID BENOIT (1) GRP (tie)
- 7 THE HARPER BROTHERS (1) Verve
- 8 MARCUS ROBERTS (1) Novus 9 FRANK MORGAN (1) Antilles
- 10 GARY BURTON (1) GRP
- HARRY CONNICK, JR.

Columbia

Top Jazz Labels

Pos. LABEL (No. of charted albums) 1 COLUMBIA (12) 2 GRP (4) 3 BLUE NOTE (7) 4 NOVUS (5) 5 WARNER BROS. (4) 6 EPIC (3) 7 ANTILLES (2) 8 VERVE (3) 9 MILESTONE (2) 10 A&M (2)





GRP

- 17 THE FABULOUS BAKER BOYS—Soundtrack—GRP 18 CARMEN SINGS MONK—Carmen McRae—Novus
- 19 ELIANE ELIAS PLAYS JOBIM-Eliane Elias-Blue Note
 - Quartet/Terence Blanchard-Columbia
- 21 SOLO GUITAR-Earl Klugh-Warner Bros
- 1 HARRY CONNICK, JR. (3) Columbia

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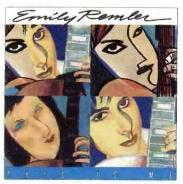
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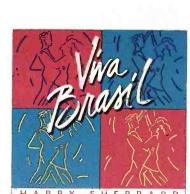


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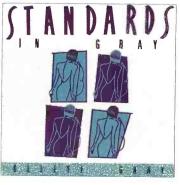
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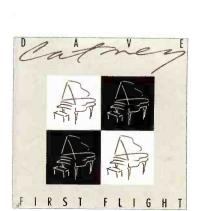




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THE YEAR IN MUSIC

Top Rap Singles

Pos. TITLE—Artist—Label

- 1 EXPRESSION—Salt-N-Pepa—Next Plateau
- 2 THE HUMPTY DANCE—Digital Underground—Tommy Boy 3 BUDDY—De La Soul—Tommy Boy
- 4 THE POWER—Snap—Arista
- 5 CALL ME D-NICE-D-Nice-Jive
- 6 BEEPERS-Sir Mix-A-Lot-Nastymix
- 7 MURDER RAP-Above The Law-Ruthless
- 8 OWNLEE EUE-Kwame & A New Beginning-Atlantic 9 FUNHOUSE—Kid 'N Play—Select
- 10 ME SO HORNY-The 2 Live Crew-Skyywalker
- 11 NEW JACK SWING-Wrecks-N-Effect-Sound Of New York
- WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME GANG—The West Coast Rap All-Stars—Warner Bros.
 THE BOOMIN' SYSTEM—L.L. Cool J—Def Jam
- 14 TREAT THEM LIKE THEY WANT TO BE TREATED-Father MC —Uptown
- 15 THE POWER-Power Jam Featuring Chill Rob G-Wild

- 16 LET THE RHYTHM HIT 'EM—Eric B. & Rakim—MCA 17 AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED—Ice Cube—Priority
- 18 911 IS A JOKE-Public Enemy-Def Jam
- 19 WELCOME TO THE TERRORDOME-Public Enemy Jam
- 20 PUMP IT HOTTIE—Redhead Kingpin & The F.B.I.—Virgin 21 THE D.O.C. & THE DOCTOR—The D.O.C.—Ruthless 22 U CAN'T TOUCH THIS—M.C. Hammer—Capitol

- 23 ICE ICE BABY—Vanilla Ice—SBK 24 CHA CHA CHA—MC Lyte—First Priority 25 ROCK DIS FUNKY JOINT—Poor Righteous Teachers— Profile
- 26 KNOCKIN' BOOTS-Candyman-Epic
- 27 SOMEBODY FOR ME—Heavy D. & The Boyz—Uptown 28 LOVE'S GONNA GET'CHA—Boogie Down Productions—
- Jive 29 PAWNS IN THE GAME-Professor Griff-Skyywalker 30 JUST A FRIEND-Biz Markie-Cold Chillin'

SALT-N-PEPA



Top Rap Artists

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted singles) Label
- 1 LUKE FEATURING THE 2 LIVE CREW (3) Skyywalker (2) Luke
- 2 M.C. HAMMER (6) Capitol
- 3 PUBLIC ENEMY (3) Def Jam 4 DIGITAL UNDERGROUND (3) Tommy Boy
- 5 SALT-N-PEPA (1) Next Plateau
- 6 L.L. COOL J (1) Motown
- (2) Def Jam
- 7 ABOVE THE LAW (2) Ruthless
- 8 SNAP (2) Arista 9 SIR MIX-A-LOT (3) Nastymix
- 10 HEAVY D. & THE BOYZ (3) Uptown



Top Rap Labels

- Pos. LABEL (No. of charted singles)
- 1 DEF JAM (7)
- 2 JIVE (12) 3 TOMMY BOY (7)
- 4 RUTHLESS (6) 5 CAPITOL (12)
- 6 ATLANTIC (10)
- 7 ARISTA (5) 8 SKYYWALKER (5)
- 9 UPTOWN (5)
- 10 PRIORITY (4)





Top Rap Distributing Labels

Pos DISTRIBUTING LABEL (No. of charted singles) 1 ATLANTIC (19) 2 COLUMBIA (8) 3 RCA (13) 4 MCA (12) 5 TOMMY BOY (7)



Top Contemporary Jazz Albums

- Pos. TITLE-Artist-Label
- 1 LONDON WARSAW NEW YORK-Basia-Epic 2 LIVE—Kenny G—Arista
- 3 BACK ON THE BLOCK—Quincy Jones—Qwest
- 4 TOKYO BLUE—Najee—EMI 5 TIME OUT OF MIND—Grover Washington, Jr.—Columbia
- 6 CORNUCOPIA—Stanley Jordan—Blue Note 7 NEVER TOO FAR—Dianne Reeves—EMI 8 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, CHARLIE BROWN—Various
- Artists—GRP 9 RICH AND POOR—Randy Crawford—Warner Bros. 10 FAST FORWARD—Spyro Gyra Featuring Jay
- Beckenstein-GRP
- 11 BLUE PACIFIC—Michael Franks—Reprise
- 12 MIGRATION—Dave Grusin—GRP

Top Contemporary Jazz Artists

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted albums) Label
- 1 BASIA (1) Epic 2 KENNY G (1) Arista
- 3 QUINCY JONES (1) Qwest

Contemporary

Jazz Labels

1 GRP (19) 2 WARNER BROS. (7)

3 BLUE NOTE (5)

5 COLUMBIA (5)

6 EPIC (2) 7 ARISTA (1)

8 QWEST (1)

9 ELEKTRA (3)

10 REPRISE (2)

4 EMI (2)

Pos. LABEL (No. of charted albums)

4 NAJEE (1) FMI

Top

5 GROVER WASHINGTON, JR. (1) Columbia



GRP Records

> **Top Contemporary** Jazz Distributing Labels

13 LOVE IS GONNA GETCHA—Patti Austin—GRP 14 PERSONAL—George Howard—MCA

19 LOVE GODDESS-Lonnie Liston Smith-Startrak

21 GRAND PIANO CANYON-Bob James-Warner Bros.

24 WELCOME TO THE ST. JAMES' CLUB—Rippingtons

8 RANDY CRAWFORD (1) Warner Bros.
 9 SPYRO GYRA FEATURING JAY BECKENSTEIN (1) GRP

20 INSIDE OUT-Chick Corea Elektric Band-GRP

16 UPTOWNSHIP—Hugh Masekela—RCA 17 PENSYL SKETCHES #2—Kim Pensyl—Optimism 18 AT LAST—Lou Rawls—Blue Note

22 COMPOSITIONS—Anita Baker—Elektra

Featuring Russ Freeman—GRP 25 COLLECTION—Larry Carlton—GRP

6 STANLEY JORDAN (1) Blue Note

7 DIANNE REEVES (1) EMI

10 MICHAEL FRANKS (1) Reprise

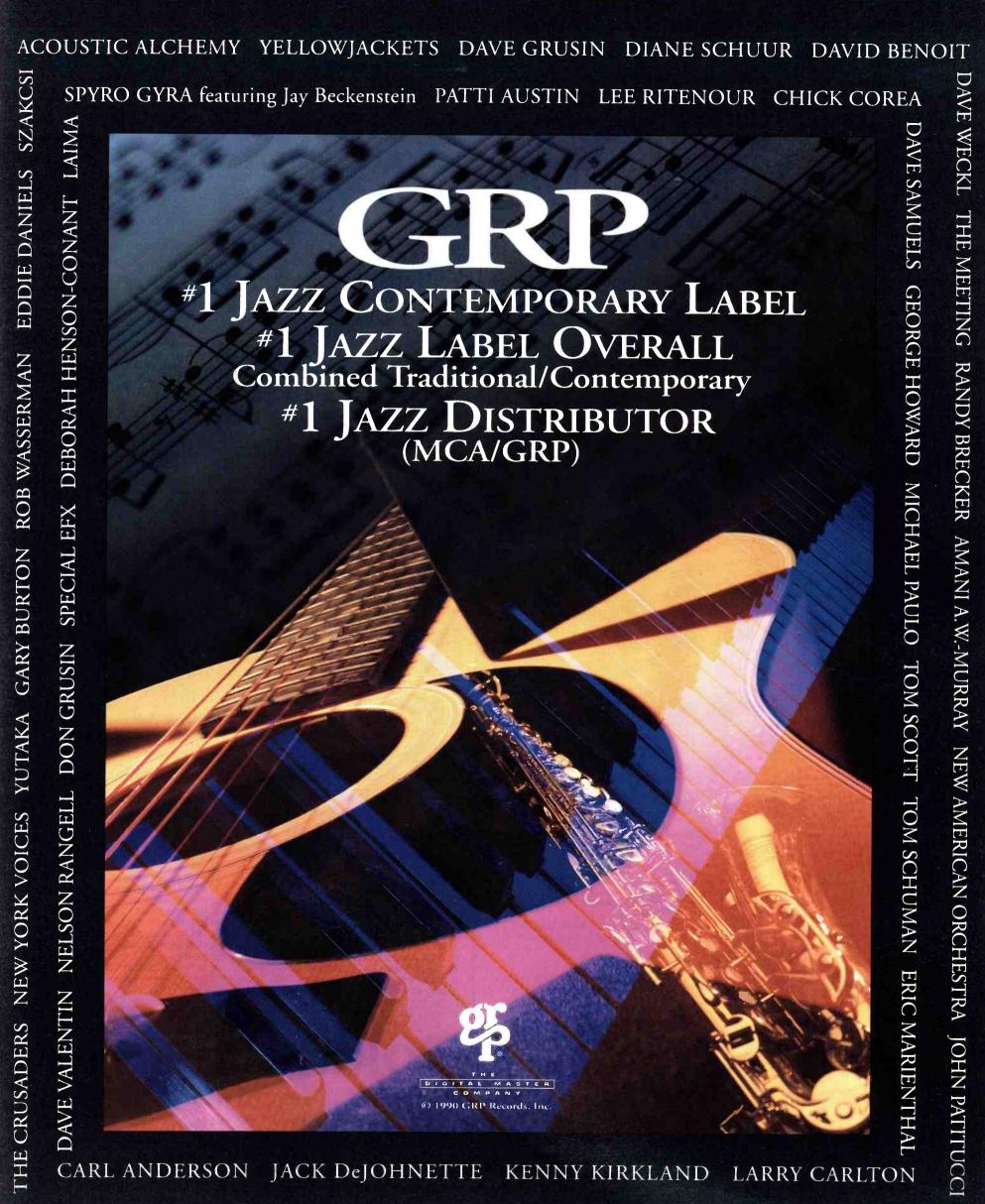
23 FRONT SEAT-Sadao Watanabe-Elektra

Trio----IMT

15 LIVE AT THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL-John McLaughlin

Pos LABEL (No. of charted jazz & contemporary jazz distributing labels) 1 GRP (23)

- 2 COLUMBIA (17)
 - 3 WARNER BROS. (14)
 - 4 CAPITOL (12)
- 5 RCA (7)



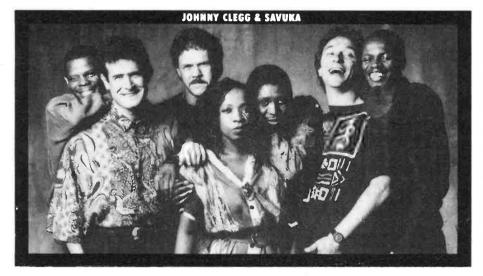
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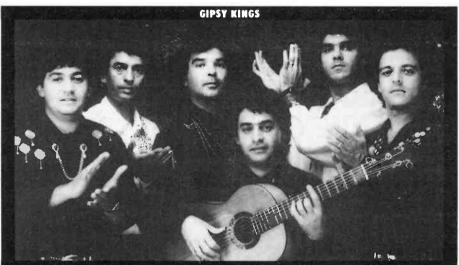


Top World Music Albums

- Pos. TITLE—Artist—Label 1 CRUEL, CRAZY, BEAUTIFUL WORLD—Johnny Clegg & Savuka-Capitol 2 MOSAIOUE—Gipsy Kings—Elektra
- 3 TWO WORLDS ONE HEART—Ladysmith Black
- Mambazo-Warner Bros.
- 4 NOW-Black Uhuru-Mesa
- 5 ELEGIBO-Margareth Menezes-Mango
- 6 MEK WE DWEET-Burning Spear-Mango 7 GIPSY KINGS-Gipsy Kings-Elektra
- 10 BRAZIL CLASSICS 2: O SAMBA-Various Artists-Luaka Ron/Sire 11 PUZZLE OF HEARTS Djavan Columbia
- 12 WELELA-Miriam Makeba-Mercury
- 13 UPTOWNSHIP—Hugh Masekela—Novus
- 14 BAREFOOT—Barefoot—Global Pacific
- 15 PARIS-SOWETO-Mahlathini & The Mahotella Queens-Polydor

8 COYOTE MOON—Ben Tavera King—Global Pacific 9 PASSAGES—Ravi Shankar & Philip Glass—Private Music





Top World Music Artists

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted albums) Label
- 1 GIPSY KINGS (2) Elektra 2 LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO (1) Warner Bros.
- (1) Shanach 3 JOHNNY CLEGG & SAVUKA (1) Capitol
- 4 BLACK UHURU (2) Mesa
- 5 MARGARETH MENEZES (1) Mango



Top World Music Labels

Pos. LABEL (No. of charted albums) 1 MANGO (8)

- 2 ELEKTRA (3)
- 3 MESA (3)
- 4 CAPITOL (1)
- 5 WARNER BROS. (1)

9 LE MYSTERE DES VOIX BULGARES (2) Nonesuch 10 RAVI SHANKAR & PHILIP GLASS (1) Private Music

(1) Shanachie

6 BURNING SPEAR (1) Mango

7 BEN TAVERA KING (1) Global Pacific

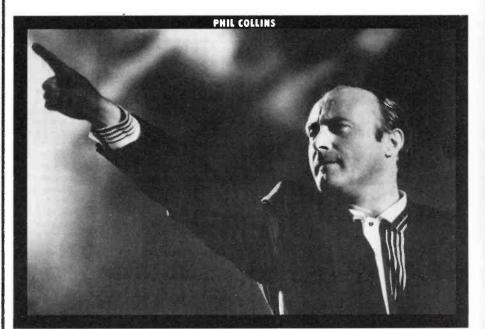
8 MAHLATHINI & THE MAHOTELLA QUEENS (1) Polydor



Top World Music Distributing Labels

Pos DISTRIBUTING LABEL (No. of charted albums) 1 ISLAND (8) 2 ELEKTRA (5)

3 WARNER BROS. (4)



Top Adult Contemporary Singles

Pos. TITLE—Artist—Label

- 1 DO YOU REMEMBER? Phil Collins Atlantic
- 2 HERE WE ARE-Gloria Estefan-Epic 3 I DON'T HAVE THE HEART-James Ingram-Warner
- 4 HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO LIVE WITHOUT YOU-Michael
- 5 VISION OF LOVE—Mariah Carey—Columbia
- 6 OH GIRL-Paul Young-Columbia
- 7 LOVE WILL LEAD YOU BACK—Taylor Dayne—Arista
- 8 SACRIFICE-Fiton John-MCA
- 9 ALL MY LIFE-Linda Ronstadt (Featuring Aaron
- Neville)—Elektra 10 CLUB AT THE END OF THE STREET—Elton John—MCA 11 ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE-Phil Collins-Atlantic
- 12 HOLD ON—Wilson Phillips—SBK 13 RELEASE ME—Wilson Phillips—SBK
- 14 HERE AND NOW-Luther Vandross-Epic
- 15 CUTS BOTH WAYS-Gloria Estefan-Epic
- 16 IT MUST HAVE BEEN LOVE—Roxette—EMI
- 17 THIS OLD HEART OF MINE-Rod Stewart With Ronald
- Islev-Warner Bros. 18 DOWNTOWN TRAIN-Rod Stewart-Warner Bros.
- 19 WHAT KIND OF MAN WOULD | BE?-Chicago-Reprise
- 20 COME BACK TO ME-Janet Jackson-A&M
- 21 WHEN I'M BACK ON MY FEET AGAIN-Michael Bolton-
- 22 SOMETHING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO HEAVEN-Phil Collins-Atlantic
- 23 THE HEART OF THE MATTER—Don Henley—Geffen 24 DON'T KNOW MUCH—Linda Ronstadt (Featuring Aaron
- _Flektra
- 25 TAKE IT TO HEART-Michael McDonald-Reprise 26 NOTHING COMPARES 2 U-Sinead O'Connor-Ensign
- 27 AND SO IT GOES—Billy Joel—Columbia 28 UNCHAINED MELODY-The Righteous Brothers-Verver
- 29 ANY OTHER FOOL-Sadao Watanabe (Featuring Patti Austin)___Elektra
- 30 EVERYTHING YOU TOUCH-Smokey Robinson-Motown
- 31 ANGELIA—Richard Marx—EMI
- 32 JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME-Lou Gramm-Atlantic
- 33 TALK TO ME-Anita Baker-Elektra
- 34 HOW CAN WE BE LOVERS-Michael Bolton-Columbia
- 35 I WISH IT WOULD RAIN DOWN-Phil Collins-Atlantic
- 36 THE LAST WORTHLESS EVENING-Don Henley-Geffen
- 37 CHILDREN OF THE NIGHT—Richard Marx—EMI 38 CRUISING FOR BRUISING—Basia—Epic
- 39 I GO TO EXTREMES—Billy Joel—Columbia 40 I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT—Rod Stewart—



- Pos. LABEL (No. of charted singles)
- 1 COLUMBIA (25) 2 ATLANTIC (13)
- 3 EPIC (14)
- 4 WARNER BROS. (9)
- 5 ARISTA (19) 6 EMI (12)
- 7 ELEKTRA (14)

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48 HAVE A HEART-Bonnie Raitt-Capitol 49 WALK ON BY-Melissa Manchester-Mika 50 ALL I WANNA DO IS MAKE LOVE TO YOU-Heart-Capitol

Warner Bros.

41 READY OR NOT—After 7—Virgîn 42 MAKE IT LIKE IT WAS—Regina Belle—Columbia

44 KING OF WISHFUL THINKING—Go West—EMI 45 EVERYTHING—Jody Watley—MCA

-EMI

43 GOING HOME—Kenny G—Arista

47 SAY A PRAYER-Breathe-A&M

46 STARTING OVER AGAIN—Natalie Cole

Top Adult Contemporary Artists

Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted singles) Label

- 1 PHIL COLLINS (4) Atlantic 2 MICHAEL BOLTON (4) Columbia
- 3 GLORIA ESTEFAN (5) Epic
- 4 ROD STEWART (4) Warner Bros. 5 LINDA RONSTADT & AARON NEVILLE (3) Elektra
 - 6 ELTON JOHN (4) MCA
 - 7 WILSON PHILLIPS (3) SBK 8 TAYLOR DAYNE (4) Arista
- 9 BILLY JOEL (4) Colu
- 10 ROXETTE (3) EMI 11 MARIAH CAREY (2) Columbia
- 12 DON HENLEY (4) Geffen 13 RICHARD MARX (4) EMI

19 CHICAGO (1) Reprise

(1) GRP

8 MCA (15) 9 CAPITOL (14)

10 REPRISE (9)

11 GEFFEN (12)

12 A&M (6)

13 SBK (3)

14 RCA (12)

15 VIRGIN (8)

20 ANITA BAKER (2) Elektra

- 14 JAMES INGRAM (1) Warner Bros.
- 15 JANET JACKSON (2) A&M
- 16 PAUL YOUNG (1) Columbia
- 17 LUTHER VANDROSS (1) Epic 18 FLEETWOOD MAC (2) Warner Bros.

21 BASIA (3) Epic 22 MICHAEL MCDONALD (2) Reprise 23 PATTI AUSTIN (1) Elektra

24 SMOKEY ROBINSON (3) Motown

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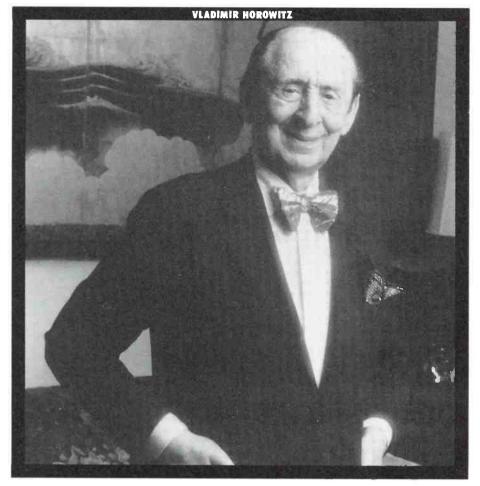
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Top Classical Albums

Pos. TITLE-Artist (Conductor)-Label

- 1 HOROWITZ AT HOME-Vladimir Horowitz-DG 2 HOROWITZ: THE LAST RECORDING-Vladimir Horowitz-Sony Classical
- 3 HOROWITZ IN MOSCOW-Vladimir Horowitz-DG
- 4 BEETHOVEN: SYMPHONY NO. 9—Leonard Bernstein—DG 5 TUTTO PAVAROTTI—Luciano Pavarotti—London
- 6 HANDEL: ARIAS-Kathleen Battle-Angel
- 7 VERDI & PUCCINI: ARIAS—Kiri Te Kanawa—Sony Classical
- 8 THE MOVIES GO TO THE OPERA-Various Artists-Angel
- 9 BLACK ANGELS—Kronos Quartet—Nonesuch
- 10 BEETHOVEN: 9 SYMPHONIES Arturo Toscanini RCA
- 11 TCHAIKOVSKY & VERDI ARIAS—Dmitri Hvorostovsky—
- Philips 12 BARTOK: 6 STRING QUARTETS-Emerson String Ouartet-DG
- 13 THE SUNDAY BRUNCH ALBUM-Various Artists-Sony Classical

Top Classical Artists

Pos. ARTIST (CONDUCTOR) (No. of charted albums) Label 1 VLADIMIR HOROWITZ (3) DG

- (1) Sony Classical 2 LEONARD BERNSTEIN (3) DG
- 3 LUCIANO PAVAROTTI (3) London
- **4 LONDON CLASSICAL PLAYERS (ROGER NORRINGTON)**
- (6) Angel
- 5 SEATTLE SYMPHONY (GERARD SCHWARZ) (4) Delos



- 14 CHOPIN: PIANO CONCERTOS 1 & 2-Murray Perahia-
- Sony Classical 15 BRAHMS/BRUCH: VIOLIN CONCERTOS-Nadja Salerno-
- Sonnenberg—Angel 16 CLASSICS OF THE SILVER SCREEN—Cincinnati Pops
- (Kunzel)—Telarc 17 DEBUSSY: 12 ETUDES—Mitsuko Uchida—Philips
- 18 BEETHOVEN: SYMPHONIES 4 & 5-London Classical
- Players (Norrington)—Angel 19 CARRERAS DOMINGO PAVAROTTI: IN CONCERT— Carreras, Domingo, Pavarotti (Mehta)-London
- 20 VIVALDI: CELLO CONCERTOS—Ofra Harnoy—RCA 21 RACHMANINOFF: VESPERS—Robert Shaw Festival
- Singers—Telarc 22 DVORAK: VIOLIN CONCERTO—Midori—Sony Classical 23 BIZET: CARMEN—Jessye Norman (Ozawa)—Philips
- 24 THE UNKNOWN PUCCINI-Placido Domingo-Sony Classical
- 25 PAGANINI: 24 CAPRICES-Midori-Sony Classical

6 KIRI TE KANAWA (1) London

- (1) Angel
 (1) Sony Classical
- 7 KRONOS QUARTET (2) Nonesuch 8 KATHLEEN BATTLE (1) Angel
- 9 MIDORI (2) Sony Classical 10 ARTURO TOSCANINI (1) RCA

Top Classical Labels

1	LABEL (No. of charted albums) DEUTSCHE GRAMMOPHON (14) SONY CLASSICAL (15)
3	ANGEL (13)
4	LONDON (7)
5	PHILIPS (7)
6	TELARC (9)
7	RCA (6)
8	NONESUCH (4)
9	DELOS (4)
10	CHANDOS (2)

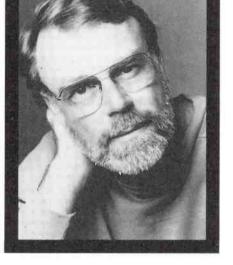
Top Classical Crossover Albums



- Pos. TITLE—Artist—Label 1 1712 OVERTURE—P.D.Q. Bach—Telarc 2 HENRY V SOUNDTRACK—City Of Birmingham Symphony (Rattle)—Angel 3 ANYTHING GOES—Criswell, Groenendaal, Von Stade
- (McGlinn)—Angel 4 MUSIC OF THE NIGHT—Boston Pops (Williams)—Sony
- Classical
- 5 FANTASTIC JOURNEY—Cincinnati Pops (Kunzel)—Telarc
- 6 THE ENCHANTED FOREST—James Galway—RCA 7 TRUMPET SPECTACULAR—Doc Severinsen with the
- Cincinnati Pops (Kunzel)—Telarc 8 SHOW BOAT HIGHLIGHTS—Von Stade, Hadley, Stratas (McGlinn)—Angel
- 9 HAPPY TRAILS—Cincinnati Pops (Kunzel)—Telarc 10 JAMES GALWAY'S GREATEST HITS—James Galway—RCA
- 11 ANYTHING GOES-Yo-Yo Ma, Stephane Grappelli-Sony Classical
- 12 CHILLER—Cincinnati Pops (Kunzel)—Telarc
- 13 SONGS OF INSPIRATION—Kiri Te Kanawa—London 14 FLICKA: ANOTHER SIDE OF FREDERICA VON STADE— Frederica Von Stade—Sony Classical
- 15 SINGS ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER -Jose Carreras-Telder

Top Classical Crossover Artists

- Pos. ARTIST (CONDUCTOR) (No. of charted albums) Label
- 1 CINCINNATI POPS (ERICH KUNZEL) (6) Telarc 2 BOSTON POPS (JOHN WILLIAMS) (3) Philips
- (1) Sony Classical
- 3 P.D.Q. BACH (2) Telarc 4 FREDERICA VON STADE (4) Angel
- (1) Sony Classical
- 5 JAMES GALWAY (2) RCA 6 CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY (SIMON RATTLE) (1)
- 7 CRISWELL, GROENENDAAL, VON STADE (JOHN
- McGLINN) (1) Angel 8 VON STADE, HADLEY, STRATAS (JOHN McGLINN) (2)
- Angel 9 DOC SEVERINSEN (1) Telarc
- 10 YO-YO MA, STEPHANE GRAPPELLI (1) Sony Classical



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Тор Classical Crossover Albums

Pos. LABEL (No. of charted albums) 1 TELARC (8) 2 ANGEL (9) 3 SONY CLASSICAL (5) 4 RCA (6) 5 LONDON (3) 6 PHILIPS (3) 7 TELDEC (1) 8 KOCH (1) 9 ERATO (1) **10 REFERENCE (1)**



Top Combined Classical Labels

- Pos. LABEL (No. of charted classical & classical crossover albums) 1 ANGEL (22) 2 SONY CLASSICAL (20) 3 DEUTSCHE GRAMMOPHON (14) 4 TELARC (17)
 - 5 RCA (12)
- 6 LONDON (10)
- 7 PHILIPS (10) 8 NONESUCH (4) 9 DELOS (4)
 - 10 TELDEC (1)



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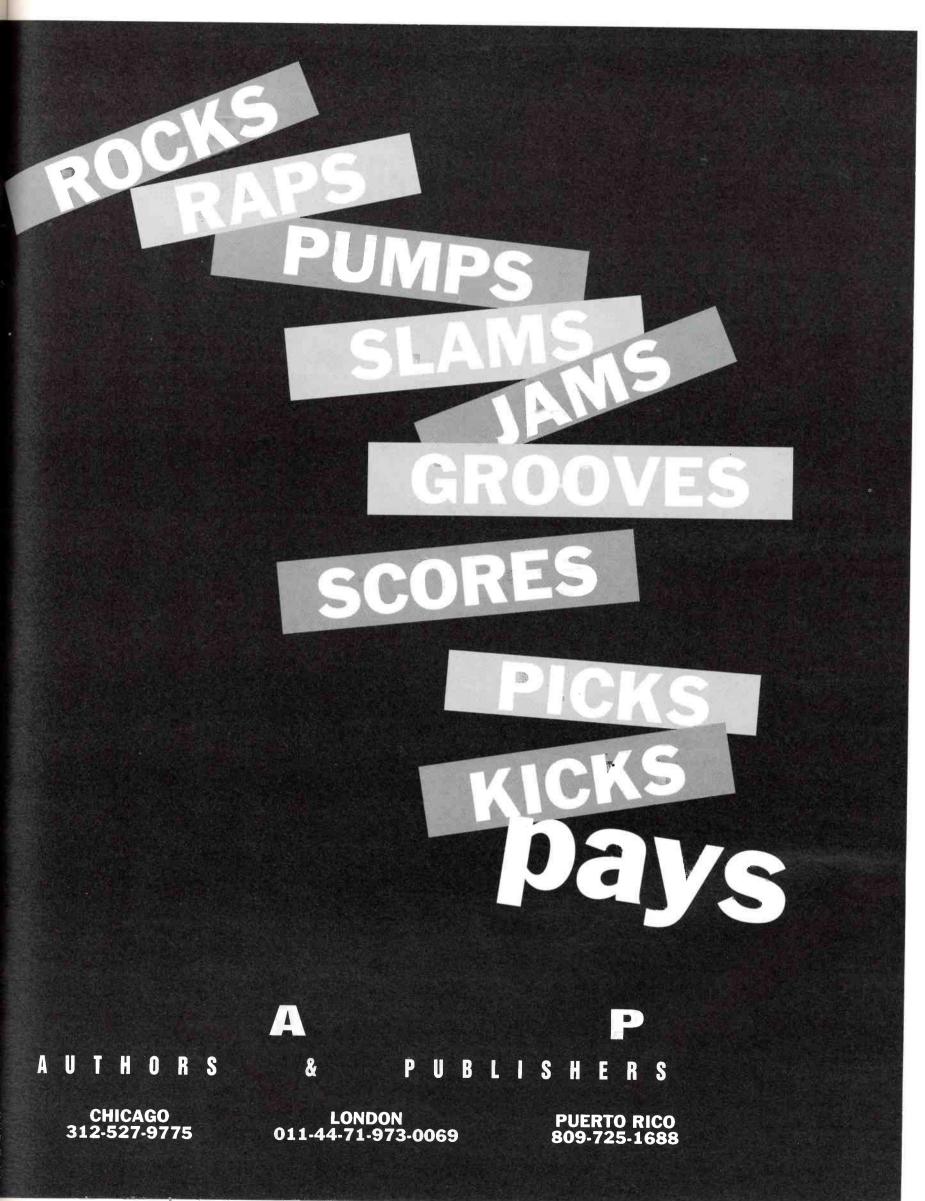
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Top **Pop Singles Publishers**

Pos. PUBLISHER (No. of charted singles) 1 REALSONGS, ASCAP (15) 2 EMI APRIL, ASCAP (37) 3 EMI BLACKWOOD, BMI (20) 4 WB. ASCAP (28) 5 FLYTE TYME, ASCAP (7) 6 VIRGIN, ASCAP (26) 7 BLACK ICE. BMI (4) 8 ZOMBA, ASCAP (14) 9 CBS EPIC/SOLAR, BMI (12) 10 KEAR, BMI (12) 11 COLGEMS-EMI, ASCAP (19) 12 IRVING, BMI (12) 13 JOEL, BMI (5) 14 EMILE, ASCAP (3) 15 HI-FROST, BMI (1) 16 MAURICE STARR, ASCAP (7) 17 JIMMY FUN, BMI (3) 18 CHI-BOY, ASCAP (5) 19 PRI, ASCAP (7) 20 WILLESDEN, BMI (7) 21 HIT AND RUN, ASCAP (3) 22 SCREEN GEMS-EMI, BMI (12) 23 RED INSTRUCTIONAL, ASCAP (5) 24 CONTROVERSY, ASCAP (6) 25 MCA, ASCAP (11) 26 WARNER-TAMERLANE, BMI (18) 27 BMG, ASCAP (6) 28 JOBETE, ASCAP (6) 29 FOREIGN IMPORTED, BMI (4)

30 RADICAL DICHOTOMY, BMI (2) 31 UNICHAPPELL, BMI (4) 32 VIRGIN SONGS, BMI (13) 33 RUTHLESS ATTACK, ASCAP (2) 34 BEEN JAMMIN', BMI (2) 35 VISION OF LOVE, BMI (2) 36 CHAPPELL & CO., ASCAP (9) 37 JALMA, ASCAP (1) 38 BON JOVI, ASCAP (3) 39 VARRY WHITE, ASCAP (5) 40 BRAINTREE, BMI (3) 41 MAN WOMAN TOGETHER NOW!, BMI (3) 42 SWAG SONG, ASCAP (2) 43 BLACK ICE, ASCAP (1) 44 BUST-IT, BMI (3) 45 CITY KIDD, ASCAP (2) 46 CHRYSALIS, BMI (6) 47 CHRYSALIS, ASCAP (6) 48 FRANK, ASCAP (2) 49 NEW JERSEY UNDERGROUND, ASCAP (3) 50 DESMOBILE, ASCAP (7)



Top R&B Singles **Publishers**

Pos. PUBLISHER (No. of charted singles) 1 WB, ASCAP (44) 2 ZOMBA, ASCAP (29) 3 VIRGIN, ASCAP (20) 4 KEAR, BMI (16) 5 EMI APRIL, ASCAP (31)

- 6 FLYTE TYME, ASCAP (10)
- 7 VIRGIN SONGS, BMI (22) 8 CBS EPIC/SOLAR, BMI (16)
- 9 COLGEMS-EMI, ASCAP (14)
- 10 WILLESDEN, BMI (20)
- 11 JOBETE, ASCAP (10)
- 12 WARNER-TAMERLANE, BMI (11)
- 13 RUTHLESS ATTACK, ASCAP (5) 14 BLACK ICE, BMI (4)

- 15 HIP TRIP, BMI (7) 16 MCA, ASCAP (24)

17 PRI. ASCAP (8) 18 BUST-IT, BMI (10) 19 AMAZEMENT, BMI (4) 20 BMG, ASCAP (9) 21 IRVING, BMI (7) 22 CONTROVERSY, ASCAP (9) 23 HI-FROST, BMI (2) 24 EMI BLACKWOOD, BMI (16) 25 SELESSONGS, ASCAP (3) 26 BEE GERMAINE, BMI (2) 27 CAL-GENE, BMI (10) 28 TWO TUFF-ENUFF, BMI (5) 29 FOR OUR CHILDREN/ZOMBA, ASCAP (1) 30 SKYYZOO, ASCAP (1) 31 GREENSKIRT, BMI (8) 32 TONY TONI TONÉ, ASCAP (3) 33 DEF JAM, ASCAP (16) 34 ANGEL NOTES ASCAP (7) 35 CHICAGO BROS., BMI (3) 36 DEF AMERICAN, BMI (5) 37 BUFF MAN, BMI (1) 38 BEEN JAMMIN', BMI (2) 39 VISION OF LOVE, BMI (2) 40 TRYCEP. BMI (7) 41 MUSIC CORP. OF AMERICA, BMI (11) 42 ISLAND, BMI (10) 43 CBS, ASCAP (10) 44 BLACK ICE, ASCAP (1) 45 DUNCANNE HILLE, BMI (3) 46 STONE DIAMOND, BMI (4) 47 ALMO, ASCAP (9) 48 SCREEN GEMS-EMI, BMI (6) 49 RADICAL DICHOTOMY, BMI (1) 50 KIDADA, BMI (2)

CAREERS MUSIC

Top Country Singles Publishers

Pos. PUBLISHER (No. of charted singles) 1 CAREERS, BMI (12) 2 CBS CROSS KEYS, ASCAP (21) 3 HOWLIN' HITS, ASCAP (5) 4 CBS TREE, BMI (22) 5 MCA, ASCAP (10) 6 ACUFF-ROSE, BMI (16) 7 IRVING. BMI (14) 8 TOM COLLINS, BMI (7) 9 BMG, ASCAP (9) 10 SCARLET MOON, BMI (5) 11 MAYPOP, BMI (6) 12 EDDIE RABBITT, BMI (4) 13 COLGEMS-EMI, ASCAP (5) 14 BUG, BMI (14) 15 WB, ASCAP (17) 16 ALMO, ASCAP (14) 17 EMI APRIL, ASCAP (13) 18 SILVERLINE, BMI (8) 19 SCREEN GEMS-EMI, BMI (13) 20 ESP, BMI (3) 21 W.B.M., SESAC (3) 22 DON SCHLITZ, ASCAP (10) 23 MAJOR BOB, ASCAP (3) 24 SONGS OF POLYGRAM, BMI (8) 25 COOLWELL, ASCAP (4) 26 BEGINNER, ASCAP (4) 27 PINK PIG, BMI (2) 28 MILLHOUSE, BMI (3) 29 SURE FIRE, BMI (1) 30 BAR NONE, BMI (3) 31 ABKCO, BMI (1) 32 BENEFIT, BMI (4) 33 DAVID 'N' WILL, ASCAP (4) 34 WARNER-TAMERLANE, BMI (12) 35 LITTLEMARCH, BMI (3) 36 HOOKEM, ASCAP (5) 37 MURRAH, BMI (4)

- 38 SEVENTH SON, ASCAP (3) 39 MATTIE RUTH, ASCAP (3) 40 LONG RUN, BMI (4) 41 POLYGRAM INT'L, ASCAP (18) 42 BOCEPHUS, BMI (4) 43 COBURN, BMI (2) 44 TEXAS WEDGE, ASCAP (1) 45 SUN MARE, BMI (2) 46 WITH ANY LUCK, BMI (2) 47 O-TEX, BMI (1)
- 48 BILL BUTLER, BMI (1) 49 GETAREALIOB, ASCAP (4)
- 50 MORGANACTIVE, ASCAP (2)

Top R&B Publishing Corporations

Pos PUBLISHING CORPORATION (No. of charted singles) 1 EMI MUSIC (173) 2 CBS MUSIC GROUP (60)

3 WARNER/CHAPPELL MUSIC (68) 4 VIRGIN MUSIC (42) 5 ZOMBA MUSIC (37)

EMI MUSIC PUBLISHING

Top Country Publishing Corporations

Pos PUBLISHING CORPORATION (No. of charted singles)

- 1 EMI MUSIC (85) 2 CBS MUSIC GROUP (48)
- 3 BMG MUSIC (29)
- **4 WARNER/CHAPPELL MUSIC (52)**
- 5 POLYGRAM MUSIC (49)

Top Pop Publishing Corporations

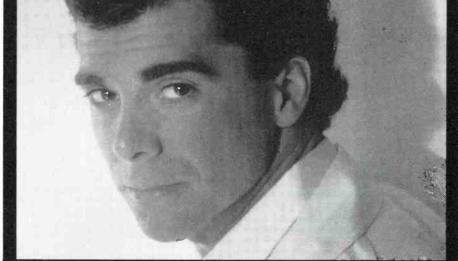
Pos PUBLISHING CORPORATION (No. of charted singles)

- 1 EMI MUSIC (202) 2 WARNER/CHAPPELL MUSIC (73)
- **3 REALSONGS MUSIC (15)**
- 4 CBS MUSIC GROUP (40)
- 5 VIRGIN MUSIC (39)









Top Contemporary Christian Albums

Pos. TITLE-Artist-Label

- 1 REVIVAL IN THE LAND—Carman—Benson 2 PETRA PRAISE: THE ROCK CRIES OUT-Petra-DaySpring
- 3 MORE TO THIS LIFE—Steven Curtis Chapman—Sparrow
- 4 1 2 (EYE)-Michael W. Smith-Reunion
- 5 THE FINEST MOMENTS-Sandi Patti-Word
- 6 THE WAY HOME-Russ Taff-Myrrh
- 7 BEYOND BELIEF—Petra—Word
- 8 THE COLLECTION—Amy Grant----Myrrh
- 9 ACAPELLA PROJECT II-Glad-Benson
- 10 THE MISSION—Steve Green—Sparrow
- 11 CRY FOR THE DESERT-Twila Paris-Starsong 12 LOVE'S STILL CHANGING HEARTS—The Imperials—
- Starsong 13 LEARNING TO TRUST—David Meece—Starsong
- 14 RETURN-The Winans-Warner Alliance
- 15 SLEEP SOUND IN JESUS—Michael Card—Sparrow 16 SANDI PATTI AND THE FRIENDSHIP COMPANY—Sandi
- Patti-Word
- 17 RADICALLY SAVED—Carman—Benson
- 18 THE BEGINNING—Michael Card—Sparrow
- 19 LEAD ME ON-Amy Grant-Myrrh

- 20 THE ALTAR-Ray Boltz-Diadem 21 CRANK IT UP—Mylon & Broken Heart—Starsong 22 OUR HYMNS—Various Artists—Word
- 23 FIND ME IN THESE FIELDS-Phil Keaggy-
- 24 THANK YOU—Ray Boltz—Diadem 25 GOD IS GOOD—First Call—Myrrh
- 26 HOLY SOLDIER-Holy Soldier-27 4 HIM-4 Him-Benson
- 28 DOING MY BEST-Steve Camp-Sparrow
- 29 THE ACAPELLA PROJECT-Glad-Bensor

- 32 SO MUCH 2 SAY-Take 6-Warner Alliance
- 33 SONGS FROM THE HEART-Sandi Patti-Benson

4 MICHAEL W. SMITH (4) Reunion 5 STEVEN CURTIS CHAPMAN (1) Starsong

40 ANOTHER TIME ANOTHER PLACE-Sandi Patti-Word

Top Contemporary Christian Artists

Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted albums) Label 1 CARMAN (1) Word

- (2) Bensor
- 2 PETRA (2) Starsong
- (1) DaySpring (1) Word
- 3 SANDI PATTI (2) Impact

Pos. LABEL (No. of charted albums)

- (4) Word
- (1) Benson

1 BENSON (17)

WORD (25)

3 SPARROW (15) 4 MYRRH (8)

5 STARSONG (12)

6 **REUNION** (12) 7 DAYSPRING (5)

8 WARNER ALLIANCE (2)

Top Contemporary Christian Labels 9 DIADEM (2)

10 FRONTLINE (7)

(1) Sparrow

(1) Bensor

7 GLAD (2) Bensor

6 AMY GRANT (3) Myrrh

8 RUSS TAFF (1) Myrrh

9 MICHAEL CARD (2) Sparrow 10 TWILA PARIS (3) Starsong





Top Contemporary Christian Distributing Labels

Pos DISTRIBUTING LABEL (No. of charted albums)

- 1 WORD (51) SPARROW (35)
- 3 BENSON (35)

- -Mvrrl
- 30 WIND'S OF HEAVEN, STUFF OF EARTH-Rich Mullins-Reunior
- 31 HANDEL'S YOUNG MESSIAH—Various Artists—Word
- 34 HEAVEN-BeBe & CeCe Winans-Sparrow
- 35 CHRISTMAS—Michael W. Smith—Reunion
- 36 NEVER PICTURE PERFECT---Rich Mullins---Reunion
- 37 PETRA MEANS ROCK—Petra—Starsong 38 HOME FREE—Wayne Watson—Word
- 39 GO WEST YOUNG MAN-Michael W. Smith-Reunion

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20 MORE THAN MUSIC-Nicholas-Command 21 LIVE IN NEW ORLEANS-Gospel Music Workshop of America/Rev. James Cleveland-Savoy

- 22 THE RICKEY GRUNDY CHORALE—The Rickey Grundy
- 23 FAMILY & FRIENDS CHOIR II-Ron Winans-Selah
- 24 HIGHER HOPE Florida Mass Choir—Malaco 25
- WHO'S ON THE LORD'S SIDE-Timothy Wright-Savoy 26 HEAVEN—BeBe & CeCe Winans—Sparrow
- 27 BRINGING IT BACK HOME-The Clark Sisters-Word
- 28 BREATHE ON ME-Rev. James Cleveland-Savoy
- 29 JESUS PAID IT ALL .-- Rev. R.L. White & Rev. D. Vails/Mt. Ephraim Baptist Choir—Faith
- 30 AIN'T LOVE WONDERFUL—The Williams Brothers— Malaco
- 31 ON THE THIRD DAY-The Jackson Southernaires-Malaci
- 32 THIS IS THE DAY-Walt Whitman & The Soul Children Of Chicago—I AM 33 LIVING AT THE TOP—Douglas Miller—Word
- 34 PORTRAIT—The Richard Smallwood Singers—Word 35 IN WORSHIP----New Jerusalem Baptist Church Choir-Sound Of Gospel
- 36 IN JESUS CHRIST I HAVE EVERYTHING I NEED-Donaid Vails Choraleers-Sound Of Gospel
- 37 STATE OF MIND—Commissioned—Benson
- 38 THERE IS HOPE-John P. Kee & Friends-Tyscot 39 I'M YOURS LORD—The Gospel Keynotes—Malaco

4 COMMISSIONED (2) Light

5 THE WINANS (1) Sparrow

(1) Warner Alliance 6 MILTON BRUNSON (1) Rejoice

9 GEORGIA MASS CHOIR (1) Savoy

BARNES (1) Atlanta International

Top Gospel

Labels

1 MALACO (22)

3 SPECTRA (17)

2 WORD (17)

Distributing

7 REV. JAMES CLEVELAND/SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

10 REV. F.C. BARNES & CO. WITH DEBRA AND GERALDINE

RECORDS

Pos DISTRIBUTING LABEL (No. of charted albums)

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COMMUNITY CHOIR (1) Savoy 8 THE WEST ANGELES C.O.G.I.C (2) Sparrow

(1) Bensor

40 IF ANYBODY CAN, GOD CAN-Cosmopolitan Church of Prayer with Dr. C.G. Hayes-Muscle Shoais



THE MISSISSIPPI MASS CHOIR

Top Gospel Artists

Top Gospel Albums

2 CAN'T HOLD BACK-L.A. Mass Choir-Light

3 I REMEMBER MAMA-Shirley Caesar-Word

4 OPEN OUR EYES-Milton Brunson-Rejoice 5 RETURN-The Winans-Warner Alliance

California Community Choir-Savoy

6 HAVING CHURCH-Rev. James Cleveland/Southern

and Geraldine Barnes-Atlanta International 9 WAIT ON HIM-New Life Community Choir Featuring

7 HOLD ON, HELP IS ON THE WAY-Georgia Mass Choir-

8 CAN'T YOU SEE ... - Rev. F.C. Barnes & Co. with Debra

10 SAINTS IN PRAISE VOL. I-The West Angeles C.O.G.I.C-

11 HOLD BACK THE NIGHT-Rev. Charles Nicks/St. James

Baptist Church Choir—Sound Of Gospel 12 ORDINARY JUST WON'T DO—Commissioned—Light

15 AND THEY SANG A HYMN-Thomas Whitfield & Co-

17 HE'S WORTHY-Dr.Jonathan Greer/Cathedral Of Faith

13 YOUNG ARTISTS FOR CHRIST-Young Artists For

Christ—Sound Of Gospel 14 WONDERFUL—Beau Williams—Light

16 LOVE ALIVE IV-Walter Hawkins-Malaco

18 HIGHLY RECOMMENDED—Helen Baylor—Word

19 NEW BORN SOUL-Wanda Nero Butler-Secret

1 MISSISSIPPI MASS CHOIR—Mississippi Mass Choir—

Pos. TITLE-Artist-Label

John P. Kee-Tyscot

Sound Of Gospel

Choir-Savov

Sparrow

Malaco

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted albums) Label 1 MISSISSIPPI MASS CHOIR (1) Malaco
- 2 L.A. MASS CHOIR (2) Light
- 3 SHIRLEY CAESAR (1) Word
- (1) Reioice



Top Gospel Labels

- Pos. LABEL (No. of charted albums) 1 SAVOY (12)
- 2 MALACO (9)
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- 7 ATLANTA INTERNATIONAL (6)
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RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS



By PAUL GREIN

year ago, if someone had told you that a certain duo would have two versions of the same song in the top 20 at the same time in 1990, you'd have predicted that it would be Milli Vanilli, right? Or maybe Hall & Oates. But the Righteous Brothers-no way.

Well, it's a year later and Bill Medley and Bobby Hatfield have had the last laugh. Two versions of their 1965 smash, "Unchained Melody," were in the top 20 simultaneously in November, and three greatest hits albums by the duo appeared on the pop chart this fall.

Milli Vanilli and Hall & Oates, meanwhile, both took their lumps this year. Milli Vanilli became a punchline and punching bag (Johnny Carson: "I understand the phrase 'Milli Vanilli' is Turkish for "Why aren't those guys out of breath?"). And Hall & Oates released their lowest-charting studio album since the Ford administration.

Those were hardly the only surprises on the charts in 1990. Dozens of other albums fared either much better or worse than expected. Here's a recap of some of the biggest hits and misses of the past 12 months

First, a couple of observations. George Michael's "Listen Without Prejudice Vol. 1" isn't listed in the "miss" column because he didn't tour or appear in videos to support the album. And three superstar albums that got off to slower-than-expected starts aren't listed because they may yet kick in. We'll have to wait and see with Whitney Houston's "I'm Your Baby Tonight," Steve Winwood's "Refugees Of The Heart," and Scorpions' "Crazy World."

Without further ado, here are the albums that fell short of expectations

1. Milli Vanilli, "The Remix Album," Arista, Bobby Brown and Paula Abdul both cracked the top 10 this year with albums of dance remixes, so it was reasonable to think that this album would follow suit. Instead, it stalled at a disappointing No. 32 in June. Of course, the real reason Milli Vanilli heads this list is the revelation in November that the duo didn't record its own albums. It was the juiciest show-biz story of the year, and made Rob and Fab the target of a thousand jibes. The most biting was Arsenio Hall's: "Girl you know it's true/oooh, oooh, oooh/You are through."

2. REO Speedwagon, "The Earth, A Small Man, His Dog And A Chicken," Epic, and Styx, "Edge Of The Century," A&M. Remember when these two heartland rock bands traded the No. 1 spot for months on end back in 1981? Welcome to the '90s. REO's latest stalled at No. 129 in September-more than 100 points below the peak of its previous studio album, "Life As We Know It." And Styx's first studio album since 1983 peaked at No. 63 in November-60 points below the peak of its previous release, "Kilroy Was Here."

3. Fleetwood Mac, "Behind The Mask," Warner Bros. The veteran band broke a long string of top 10 albums when its latest release peaked at No. 18 in May. It was the group's first studio album to fall short of the top 10 since 1974, before Stevie Nicks and Lindsev Buckingham joined the lineup. It was also the group's first album since Buckingham left the group. Draw your own conclusions. 4. Jeff Lynne, "Armchair Theatre," Reprise. As a producer,

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Lynne has had the Midas Touch the past few years. The former ELO mastermind has overseen top 10 albums by the Traveling Wilburys and three of that group's members---George Harrison, Roy Orbison, and Tom Petty. But Lynne's debut solo album never got off the ground, peaking at No. 83 in July. Remember, Jeff: It's more blessed to give than to receive.

5. Pretenders, "packed!" Warner Bros. This album stalled at No. 48 in June, a big drop-off from the top 10 pace of the group's first three studio releases and even a let-down compared to the No. 25 peak of its previous studio effort, "Get Close

6. Daryl Hall John Oates, "Change Of Season," Arista. This album, which had inched up to No. 60 at presstime, seems destined to become the duo's first studio album to fall short of the top 40 since 1974

7. Terence Trent D'Arby, "Neither Fish Nor Flesh," Columbia. D'Arby's second album stalled at No. 61 last December, far below the No. 4 peak of his critically-hailed debut, "Introducing The Hardline According To Terence Trent D'Arby.

8. Whitesnake, "Slip Of The Tongue," Geffen. This album cracked the top 10 for one week last December. So what's it doing on this list? The band's eponymous 1987 blockbuster logged 41 weeks in the top 10

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9. INXS, "X," Atlantic. A similar story. This album dropped out of the top 20 after just nine weeks, a letdown after the band's previous album, "Kick," logged 56 consecutive weeks in the top 20. It may turn around on a second or third single, but the surprise is that it will need to.

10. Lita Ford, "Stiletto," RCA. Ford's previous album, "Lita," rode the top 40 for four months in 1988, but this followup peaked at No. 52 in July. Where's Ozzy Osbourne when you need him?

On to cheerier news, the 10 albums that surpassed expectations. 1. Righteous Brothers, "Greatest Hits," Verve/Polydor. While many current acts were floundering with their new releases, the Righteous Brothers took this 1967 greatest hits collection to No. 31 in October. Two other compilations by the duo also appeared on the chart this fall, all because of the "Ghost"-sparked revival of their 1965 smash, "Unchained Melody." Supernatural.

2. Vanilla Ice, "To The Extreme," SBK. The fastest-selling debut album in years, this is shaping up as one of the most phenomenal hits in the history of the music biz. At presstime, the album was in its sixth week at No. 1 with no end in sight.

3. M.C. Hammer, "Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em," Capitol.



When Hammer's 1988 debut album, "Let's Get It Started," peaked at No. 32, who would have dreamed that his followup would be the top-selling album of 1990 and the top-selling rap album of all time? The album logged 21 weeks at No. 1 on the pop chart, and was the first rap

album to generate three top 10 pop hits. 4. Bonnie Raitt, "Nick Of Time," Capitol. A year ago, this album appeared to have run its course. It had dropped to No. 119 after having reached No. 22 in June 1989. But the album's unexpectedly strong showing in the Grammy nominations-and later, the awards themselves-brought it to No. 1 for three weeks in April. 5. Bell Biy Devoe, "Poison," MCA. This album by three moon-

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lighting members of New Edition was in and out of the top five on the pop chart from June to October. That's especially impressive when you consider that New Edition itself has never landed a top five album. Albums by the two other members of that quintet also did well this year. Johnny Gill's eponymous Motown album hit No. 8 in July; Ralph Tresvant's eponymous MCA debut was streaking toward the top 10 at presstime.

6. Faith No More, "The Real Thing," Slash/Reprise. Never say die! Released in June 1989, this critically-lauded album languished for eight months before it finally entered the pop chart in February at No. 188. It climbed into the top 100 in June and peaked at No. 11. in October. It even spawned a top 10 single, "Epic."

7. Sinead O'Connor, "I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got," En sign/Chrysalis. Propelled by the No. 1 smash, "Nothing Compares 2 U," O'Connor's second album was No. 1 for six weeks this spring. The Irish singer's 1988 debut album, "The Lion And The Cobra," had peaked at No. 36.

8. Jane's Addiction, "Ritual De Lo Habitual," Warner Bros. Who says nothing's shocking? The Los Angeles alternative band's critically-hailed 1988 debut, "Nothing's Shocking," peaked at No. 103, but this followup rocketed to No. 19 in its second week on the chart in September.

9. Robert Johnson, "The Complete Recordings," Columbia. The legendary bluesman, dead 52 years, reached the top 100 in December with this definitive compilation.

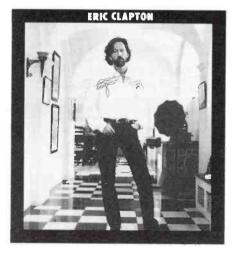
10. "Damn Yankees," Warner Bros. Ted Nugent, the '70s gonzo rocker, fronting a group that includes former members of Styx and Night Ranger? It doesn't exactly sound like the formula for a hit alburn, but that's what it turned out to be. The album reached No. 30 in May and has been in the top 100 ever since.





Top Album Rock Tracks

- Pos. TITLE—Artist—Label
- 1 WHAT IT TAKES—Aerosmith—Geffen 2 BAD LOVE—Eric Clapton—Duck
- 3 A GIRL LIKE YOU—The Smithereens—Enigma 4 CRADLE OF LOVE---Billy Idol---Chrysalis
- 5 BLACK VELVET-Alannah Myles-Atlantic
- 6 GOOD CLEAN FUN-Allman Brothers Band-Epic
- 7 JEALOUS AGAIN—The Black Crowes—Def American
- 8 THE OTHER SIDE --- Aerosmith --- Geffen
- 9 COMING OF AGE—Damn Yankees—Warner Bros. 10 HOLY WATER—Bad Company—Atco
- 11 BABY, IT'S TONIGHT-Jude Cole-Reprise
- 12 DOUBLEBACK—ZZ Top—Warner Bros. 13 PRETENDING—Eric Clapton—Duck
- 14 HURTING KIND—Robert Plant—EsParanza 15 ACROSS THE RIVER—Bruce Hornsby & The Range—RCA
- 16 THE HEART OF THE MATTER-Don Henley-Geffen
- 17 NO ALIBIS—Eric Clapton—Duck 18 DOWNTOWN TRAIN—Rod Stewart—Warner Bros.
- 19 I CAN'T EXPLAIN—Scorpions—Mercury
- 20 BLAZE OF GLORY-Jon Bon Jovi-Mercury 21 ANYTIME—McAuley Schenker Group—Capitol.
- 22 BRICKYARD ROAD-Johnny Van Zant-Atlantic
- 23 WILD CHILD-Heart-Capitol
- 24 SHOW DON'T TELL—Rush—Atlantic
- 25 TEXAS TWISTER—Little Feat—Warner Bros. 26 BLUE SKY MINE—Midnight Oil—Columbia



Top Pop Album Soundtracks

- Pos. TITLE—Label
- 1 PRETTY WOMAN-EMI
- 2 THE LITTLE MERMAID-Walt Disney 3 BEACHES—Atlantic
- 4 TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES-SBK
- 5 GHOST—Varese Sarabande
- 6 DAYS OF THUNDER-DGC
- 7 BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY-MCA
- 8 TWIN PEAKS—Warner Bros. 9 PHANTOM OF THE OPERA—Polydor

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10 PHANTOM OF THE OPERA HIGHLIGHTS-Polydor

- 27 SUICIDE BLONDE-INXS-Atlantic 28 I WISH IT WOULD RAIN DOWN-Phil Collins-Atlantic
- 29 COME AGAIN—Damn Yankees—Warner Bros. 30 I THINK I LOVE YOU TOO MUCH-The Jeff Healey Band—Arista
- 31 TIE DYE ON THE HIGHWAY—Robert Plant—EsParanza 32 LOVE SONG—Tesla—Geffen
- 33 DAYS LIKE THESE—Asia—Geffen
- 34 CAN'T GET ENUFF—Winger—Atlantic 35 ALMOST HEAR YOU SIGH—Rolling Stones—Columbia
- 36 FOOL FOR YOUR LOVING-Whitesnake-Geffen
- 37 A FACE IN THE CROWD-Tom Petty-MCA
- 38 THE DEEPER THE LOVE—Whitesnake—Geffen
- 39 CLIFFS OF DOVER—Eric Johnson—Capitol 40 PEACE IN OUR TIME—Eddie Money—Columbia
- 41 NO MYTH-Michael Penn--RCA
- 42 BEFORE YOU ACCUSE ME-Eric Clapton---Duck 43 A NIGHT ON THE TOWN—Bruce Hornsby & The Range-
- RCA 44 TWICE AS HARD—The Black Crowes—Def American
- 45 JUST CAME BACK-Colin James-Virgin
- 46 JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME-Lou Gramm -Atlantic
- 47 HIGH ENOUGH—Damn Yankees—Warner Bros. 48 I'LL SEE YOU IN MY DREAMS-Giant-A&M
- 49 UNSKINNY BOP—Poison—Enigma
- 50 BOYS CRY TOUGH-Bad Company-Atco

Top Album Rock Tracks Artists

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted tracks) Label 1 ERIC CLAPTON (5) Duck
- 2 AEROSMITH (5) Geffen
- (1) MCA
- 3 ROBERT PLANT (6) EsParanza
- 4 DAMN YANKEES (3) Warner Bros.
- 5 DON HENLEY (5) Geffen 6 THE BLACK CROWES (3) Def American
- 7 HEART (5) Capitol 8 THE SMITHEREENS (3) Enigma
- WHITESNAKE (4) Geffen 10 TOM PETTY (4) MCA





Top Modern **Rock Tracks**

Pos. TITLE—Artist—Label

- 1 CUTS YOU UP—Peter Murphy—Beggar's Banquet 2 POLICY OF TRUTH—Depeche Mode—Sire 3 HERE'S WHERE THE STORY ENDS—The Sundays—Rough
 - Trade
 - 4 METROPOLIS—The Church—Arista
 - 5 THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES—Sinead O'Connor— Ensign
 - 6 NOTHING COMPARES 2 U-Sinead O'Connor-Ensign

 - 7 NO MYTH—Michael Penn—RCA 8 HEAD ON—The Jesus and Mary Chain—Warner Bros. 9 LOVE AND ANGER—Kate Bush—Columbia

 - 10 WAY DOWN NOW—World Party—Ensign 11 JOEY—Concrete Blonde—I.R.S.

 - 12 I'M FREE --- The Soup Dragons---- Big Life 13 PROUD TO FALL--- Ian McCulloch--- Sire
 - 14 STANDING THERE—The Creatures—Geffen
 - 15 FORGOTTEN YEARS __Midnight Oil __Columbia
 - 16 JEALOUS-Gene Loves Jezebel-Beggar's Banquet 17 I DON'T KNOW WHY I LOVE YOU The House Of Love
- Mercury 18 ENJOY THE SILENCE—Depeche Mode—Sire
- 19 HOUSE—The Psychedelic Furs—Columbia
- 20 BLUE SKY MINE—Midnight Oil—Columbia 21 DELIVERANCE—The Mission U.K.—Mercury
- 22 FOOLS GOLD-The Stone Roses-Silvertone
- 23 GIVE IT UP—Hothouse Flowers—Polydor 24 BLUES FROM A GUN—The Jesus and Mary Chain—
- Warner Bros. 25 ROAM—The B-52's—Reprise
- 26 I'LL BE YOUR CHAUFFEUR—David J—Beggar's Banquet
- 27 NEVER ENOUGH—The Cure—Elektra 28 BIRDHOUSE IN YOUR SOUL—They Might Be Giants—
- Elektra 29 THE CRYING SCENE—Aztec Camera—Sire

30 TYPE-Living Colour-Epic

6 THE STONE ROSES (3) Silvertone

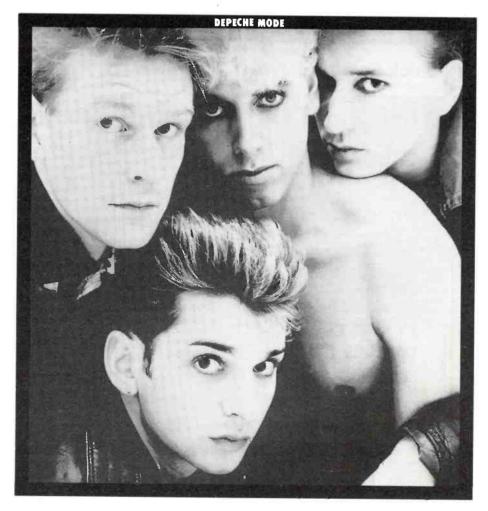
8 THE CURE (4) Elektra

10 IGGY POP (3) Virgin

9 WORLD PARTY (2) Ensign

7 PETER MURPHY (3) Beggar's Banquet

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Top Modern Rock Tracks Artists

Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted tracks) Label

5 THE JESUS AND MARY CHAIN (2) Warner Bros.

1 DEPECHE MODE (6) Sire 2 MIDNIGHT OIL (3) Columbia

4 MICHAEL PENN (3) RCA

3 SINEAD O'CONNOR (2) Ensign



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Тор Рор Latin Albums

- Pos. TITLE—Artist—Label 1 QUIERO AMANECER CON ALGUIEN—Daniela Romo—
 - Capitol-EMI Latin
- 2 QUIEN COMO TU-Ana Gabriel-CBS 3 SONRIE-Roberto Carlos-CBS
- 4 TIERRA DE NADIE—Ana Gabriel—CBS
- 5 JOSE L. RODRIGUEZ/M. VARGAS-Jose Luis Rodriguez-CBS
- 6 UN TOQUE DE MISTERIO-Ricardo Montaner-TH-
- Rodve 7 LAMBADA—Kaoma—Epic
- 8 SE ME ENAMORA EL ALMA-Isabel Pantoja-RCA 9 MIRIAN HERNANDEZ-Mirian Hernandez-Capitol-EMI
- Latin
- 10 Y PARA SIEMPRE—Los Bukis—Fonovisa 11 LUIS MIGUEL-20 ANOS—Luis Miguel—WEA LATINA
- 12 AL NORTE DEL SUR-Franco de Vita-CBS
- 13 CUANDO YO AMO—Rudy La Scala—Sonotone 14 RAICES—Julio Iglesias—CBS
- 15 TENGO DERECHO A SER FELIZ—Jose Luis Rodriguez—
- CBS
- 16 UN HOMBRE DISCRETO-Mijares-Capitol-EMI Latin
- 17 CHAYANNE—Chayanne—CBS 18 DOS —Myriam Hernandez—Capitol-EMI Latin
- 19 SUSPIROS—Dyango—Capitol-EMI Latin
- 20 XUXA—Xuxa—GLOBO 21 NINA—Jose Feliciano—Capitol-EMI Latin
- 22 SI ESTUVIERAS CONMIGO—Alvaro Torres—Capitol-EMI Latin
- 23 BANDIDO-Azucar Moreno-CBS
- 24 TIEMPO DE VALS-Chayanne-CBS 25 EN BUSCA DE UNA MUJER-Luis Miguel-WEA LATINA



Top Pop Latin Artists

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted albums)
- 1 ANA GABRIEL (2) CBS 2 JOSE LUIS RODRIGUEZ (3) CBS
- 3 DANIELA ROMO (1) Capitol-EMI Latin
- 4 ROBERTO CARLOS (1) CBS 5 RICARDO MONTANER (3) TH-Rodven
- 6 ISABEL PANTOJA (2) RCA
- 7 KAOMA (1) Epic 8 LUIS MIGUEL (2) WEA LATINA
- CHAYANNE (2) CBS
- 10 MIRIAN HERNANDEZ (1) Capitol-EMI Latin



Top Pop Latin Labels

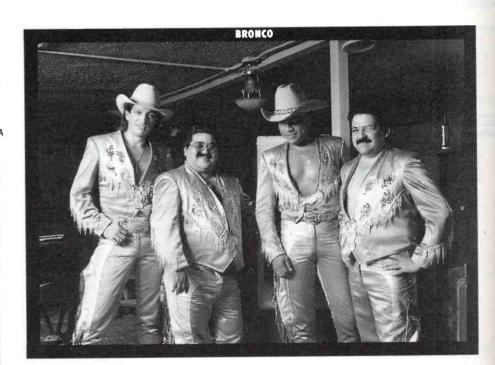
- Pos. LABEL (No. of charted albums) 1 CBS (24) 2 CAPITOL-EMI LATIN (15)
- 3 TH-RODVEN (8)
- 4 WEA LATINA (4)
- 5 RCA (3) 6 FONOVISA (10)
- 7 EPIC (2)
- 8 ARIOLA (7)
- 9 GLOBO (5) 10 SONOTONE (1)

Top Regional Mexican Latin Albums

Pos. TITLE—Artist—Label

- 1 A TODO GALOPE—Bronco—Fonovisa 2 NO TE OLVIDARE—Grupo Mazz—Capitol-EMI Latin 3 MI BUENA SUERTE—Los Tigres Del Norte—Fonovisa
- 4 POR TU MALDITO AMOR—Vicente Fernandez—CBS
- 5 A TU RECUERDO—Los Yonics—Fonovisa 6 ENTER THE FUTURE—La Mafia—CBS
- 7 TRISTES RECUERDOS—Ramon Ayala—Freddie 8 MI ACORDEON Y YO—Ramon Ayala—Freddie
- 9 EL QUE MAS TE HA QUERIDO—David Lee Garza—
- Capitol-EMI Latin 10 NO CANTAN MAL LAS RANCHERAS—Los Caminantes-
- 11 LIN GOLPE MAS-Bronco-Fonovisa 12 INCONTENIBLES—Los Temerarios—TH-Rodven

- 13 ON THE RISE —Grupo La Fiebre—CBS 14 NUEVOS CAMINOS—Roberto Pulido—Capitol-EMI Latin 15 DE LO NUEVO LO MEJOR—Los Temerarios—TH-Rodven
- 16 LAS CLASICAS DE JOSE ALFREDO JIMENEZ-Vicente Fernandez—CBS
- 17 LA NEGRA CATALINA-Fito Olivares-Gil
- 18 LOS FLAMERS—Los Flamers—RCA 19 SELENA—Selena Y Los Dinos—Capitol-EMI Latin
- 20 CON BANDA—Antonio Aguilar—Musart
- 21 AGUITA DE MELON—Fito Olivares—Gil 22 CANCIONES DE MI PUEBLO—Juan Valentin—Capitol-EMI Latin
- 23 ORO PURO-Los Invasores de Nuevo Leon-Fonovisa 24 EXPLOSIVO—La Mafia—CBS
- 25 DE LO NUESTRO LO MEJOR-Varios Artistas-CBS



Top Regional Mexican Latin Artists

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted albums) Label
- 1 BRONCO (3) Fonovisa
- 2 GRUPO MAZZ (1) CBS (1) Capitol-EMI Latin

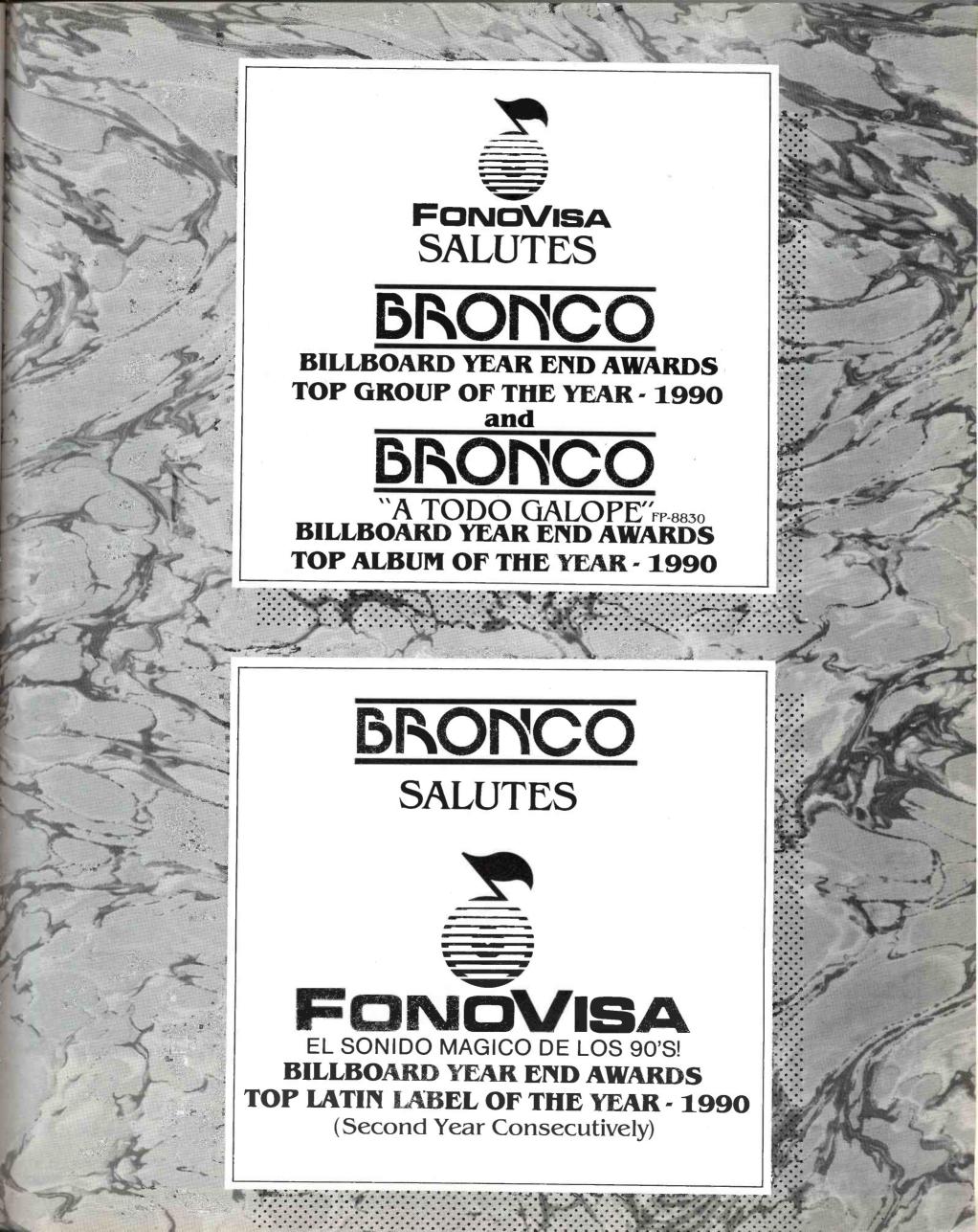


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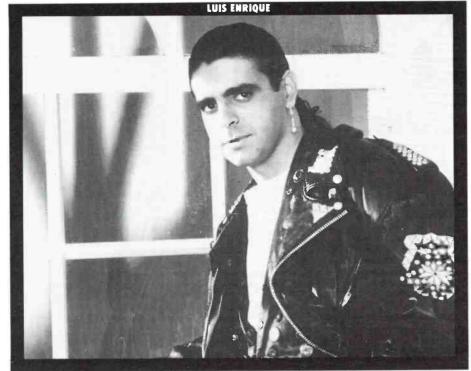
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7 LUNA (3) 8 MUSART (4) 9 RCA (1) 10 GUIA (1)

- - **3 VICENTE FERNANDEZ (2) CBS**
 - 4 LOS TIGRES DEL NORTE (3) Fonovisa
 - 5 RAMON AYALA (2) Freddie
 - 6 LA MAFIA (2) CBS
- 7 LOS TEMERARIOS (4) TH-Rodven 8 LOS YONICS (2) Fonovisa 9 FITO OLIVARES (2) Gil 10 LOS CAMINANTES (3) Luna







Top Tropical/Salsa Latin Albums

- Pos. TITLE—Artist—Label
- 1 MI MUNDO—Luis Enrique—CBS
- 2 MAS GRANDE QUE NUNCA—Franky Ruiz—TH-Rodven 3 OJALA QUE LLUEVA CAFE-Juan Luis Guerra y La 440-
- Karen 4 EL PRIMERO—Juan Manuel Lebron—Capitol-EMI Latin
- 5 EL CANTINERO—La Patrulla 15—TTH 6 NEW WABE—Eddie Santiago—TH-Rodven
- 7 LOS PRINCIPES DE LA SALSA-Luis Enrique Y Eddie Santiago-CBS
- 8 SEXSACIONAL !---Lalo Rodriguez---TH-Rodven 9 SALSA EN MOVIMIENTO-GILBERTO SANTARROSA-
- Combo
- 10 ACUARELA DEL CARIBE-Willie Chirino-CBS
- 11 CON LA MUSICA POR DENTRO—Nino Segarra—M.P.I. 12 VITI AT WORK—Viti Ruiz—Capitol-EMI Latin
- 13 VIVA ROSARIO-Willie Rosario-Bronco-Sonotor
- 14 POCHI Y SU COCO BAND-LA COCO BAND-Kubaney

Top Tropical/Salsa Latin Artists

Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted albums) Label 1 JUAN LUIS GUERRA Y LA 440 (3) Karen

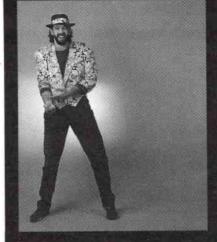
- 2 LUIS ENRIQUE (2) CBS
- 3 EDDIE SANTIAGO (2) TH-Rodven 4 FRANKY RUIZ (1) TH-Rodven
- 5 GILBERTO SANTARROSA (1) Combo
- (1) CBS 6 JUAN MANUEL LEBRON (1) Capitol-EMI Latin
- 7 LA PATRULLA 15 (1) TTH
- 8 FL GRAN COMBO (2) Combo
- 9 LALO RODRIGUEZ (2) TH-Rodven
- (1) Capitol-EMI Latin 10 MAX TORRES (2) Capitol-EMI Latin



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- 15 BURBUJAS DE AMOR-Juan Luis Guerra y La 440-Karer
- 16 EL CONJUNTO DEL AMOR-Conjunto Chaney-Hit Makers
- 17 CHANTELLE CON UN TOQUE DE CLASE-Chantelle-WEA LATINA 18 INVASION DE LA PRIVACIDAD—Eddie Santiago—TH-
- Rodven
- 19 PELIGROSO AMOR-MAX TORRES-Capitol-EMI Latin 20 AMAME-El Gran Combo-Combo
- 21 FUERA DE SERIE-Los Hermanos Rosario-Karen
- 22 LO MIO ES AMOR—Tony Vega—RMM-CBS 23 SALSA EN LA CALLE 8-1990—Varios Artistas—TH
- Rodven 24 PUNTO DE VISTA-GILBERTO SANTARROSA-CBS 25 SALSA CALIENTE DEL JAPON-Orquesta De La Luz-RMM-CBS

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Top Tropical/Salsa Latin Labels

os.	LABEL (No. of charted albums)
1	CBS (12)
2	TH-RODVEN (10)
3	KAREN (6)
4	CAPITOL-EMI LATIN (8)
5	COMBO (7)
6	SONOTONE (9)
7	RMM-CBS (4)

- 8 M.P.I. (6)

- 9 TTH (1) 10 KUBANEY (2)

Top Hot Latin Tracks

- Pos. TITLE—Artist—Label
- 1 EL CARINO ES COMO UNA FLOR-Rudy La Scala-
- 2 TENGO TODO EXCEPTO A TI-Luis Miguel-WEA LATINA
- 3 COMO FUI A ENAMORARME DE TI-Los Bukis-Fonovisa
- 4 OUIERO AMANECER CON ALGUIEN-Daniela Romo-Capitol-EMI Latin

- 5 LA CIMA DEL CIELO—Ricardo Montaner—TH-Rodven 6 QUIEN COMO TU—Ana Gabriel—CBS 7 LAMBADA—Kaoma—Epic
- 8 BURBUJAS DE AMOR-Juan Luis Guerra y La 440-Karen
- 9 AMNESIA—José José—Ariola
- 10 ME VA A EXTRANAR—Ricardo Montaner—TH-Rodven 11 ABRE LAS VENTANAS AL AMOR—Roberto Carlos—CBS
- 12 PORQUE TE TENGO QUE OLVIDAR -Jose Feliciano-
- Capitol-EMI Latin 13 LA CHICA DE HUMO-Emmanuel-CBS
- 14 NI UN ROCE—Ana Gabriel—CBS 15 EXPLORAME—Daniela Romo—Capitol-EMI Latin 16 PELIGROSO AMOR — Myriam Hernandez — Capitol-EMI
- Latin
- 17 TESORO MIO-Guillermo Davila/Kiara-TH-Rodven
- 18 SI ME VAS A OLVIDAR-Roberto Carlos-CBS
- 19 TE AMO-Rocio Durcal-Ariota

- 22 FLOR DORMIDA—Luis Angel—CBS
- 23 GRACIAS A TU AMOR-Lourdes Robles/Luis Enrique-CBS
- 24 COMPLETAMENTE ENAMORADOS—Chayanne—CBS
- 25 DANCANDO LAMBADA—Kaoma—Epic 26 NI TU NI ELLA—Alvaro Torres—Capitol-EMI Latin
- 27 FUISTE UN TROZO DE HIELO EN LA ESCARCHA-Chavanne—CBS
- 28 SE ME ENAMORA EL ALMA—Isabel Pantoja—RCA
- 29 DIMELO—Daniela Romo—Capitol-EMI Latin 30 SOLEDAD—Ana Gabriel—CBS
- 31 COMO HE DE VIVIR SIN TU CARINO-Danny Rivera-CBS
- 32 LAMBADA-LLORANDO SE FUE-Teresa Guerra-TH-
 - Rodven 33 EL QUE MAS TE HA QUERIDO—Dyango—Capitol-EMI Latin
 - 34 VAMOS A BAILAR—Gipsy Kings—Elektra 35 VOLARE—Gipsy Kings—Elektra

 - 36 ME ACORDARE DE TI-Mijares-Capitol-EMI Latin 37 EL HOMBRE QUE YO AMO-Mirian Hernandez-Capitol-
 - EMI Latin
 - 38 CUENTAME-Lucerito-Melody
 - 39 NO DIGAS NO-Ana Gabriel-CBS
 - 40 MARAVILLOSO, CORAZON, MARAVILLOSO-Raphael-CBS
- 20 PARA AMARNOS MAS-Mijares-Capitol-EMI Latin
- 21 ME TIENES QUE QUERER-Yuri-CBS





6 CHAYANNE (4) CBS 7 KAOMA (2) Epic

9 LOS BUKIS (1) Melody

8 RUDY I A SCALA (3) Sonotone

(2) Fonovisa 10 JUAN LUIS GUERRA Y LA 440 (4) Karen

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Top Hot Latin Tracks Artists

- Pos. ARTIST (No. of charted albums) Label
- 1 ANA GABRIEL (7) CBS 2 DANIELA ROMO (3) Capitol-EMI Latin
- 3 LUIS MIGUEL (6) WEA LATINA 4 RICARDO MONTANER (3) TH-Rodven
- 5 ROBERTO CARLOS (3) CBS

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TOP POP LATIN ARTIST: ANA GABRIEL

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TOP HOT LATIN TRACKS ARTIST: ANA GABRIEL



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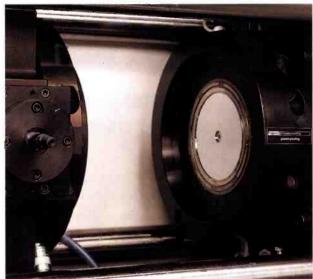


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COUNTRY

Country Wraps Year That Boasted Gifted New Talent

EDWARD MORRIS

NASHVILLE-A jump in record sales, a surge of new and bankable talent, and an increase in the number and importance of music videos rank high



music's achievements during 1990. The

among country

vear's

GOODBYE 1990. GOODBYE GERRY: What a year

for country music! The year-end spotlight focuses on

the remarkable and continued ability of country music

to keep adding new face after new face. The accep-

tance at radio, retail, and even in the pop arena has

been outstanding for such acts as Clint Black, Garth

Brooks, Alan Jackson, the Kentucky Headhunters,

Vince Gill, Ricky Van Shelton, Mark Chesnutt,

Travis Tritt, Mary-Chapin Carpenter, Carlene Car-

ter, Doug Stone, Joe Diffie, Pirates Of The Missis-

sippi, Shelby Lynne,

Matraca Berg, Aaron

Tippin, Rob Crosby, Ray

Kennedy, Lorrie Mor-

gan, Kevin Welch, Pam

Tillis, James House,

Daniele Alexander,

Suzy Bogguss, and Mike

Reid. Combine these

names with potent career

Yoakam, Hank Wil-

liams Jr., the Judds. Ala-

bama, Shenandoah, Ro-

sanne Cash. Vern Gos-

minuses for the industry include the failure of a once-promising label, radio playlists that were stretched to the limits, the announcement that the Judds must break up, and the deaths of several industry pioneers

At the end of 1980-when the "Urban Cowboy" movie was still working its trendy wonders for country music-there were 13 platinum and five gold records on Billboard's year-end Top Country Albums chart. This year, the totals are 18 platinums (or multiplatinums) and 15 golds. In fact, the total certifications for 1990 are the highest in the past 10 years, and possibly the highest ever. This year's final platinum and gold tallies are shared by 20 different acts, many of them still farm fresh. It seems that country music

New Faces, Old Pros Make For Stellar Year

Rising Stars Add To An Already Rich Talent Scene

has finally found a new sales gimmick: Lots of talent.

(For the record, the country platinums and golds, respectively, listed in recent vear-end Billboard charts were: 14 and eight, 1989; 10 and 11, 1988; nine and nine, 1987; 11 and six, 1986; eight and five. 1985: five and two, 1984; eight and four, 1983; and nine and five, 1982.)

Throughout the year, the combined rosters of the major country labels stood at between 185 and 190 acts. (Billboard, Dec. 15). Of these, newcomers Alan Jackson, Travis Tritt, Mark Chesnutt, Doug Stone, and Joe Diffie have shown particular chart strength, while Garth Brooks, Clint Black, and the Kentucky Headhunters have leaped from novice to superstar status

The year also saw Vern Gosdin. Vince Gill. Rodney Crowell, and Marty Stuart reach a measure of the sales and popularity potential their champions had long asserted they deserved. And it witnessed a comeback for the Charlie Daniels Band.

As if these commercial glories were not enough, veterans Randy Travis, Reba McEntire, Ricky Van Shelton, Alabama, Keith Whitley, and the Judds continued to sell well and chart high.

Music videos became even more solidly entrenched as a promotional tool in 1990, with some labels saying that the clips had the power to break acts that radio initially ignored. Responding to demands for more exposure time. The Nashville Network expanded its music video programming from $3^{1}/_{2}$ to $31^{1}/_{2}$ hours a week. TNN's parent company, Opryland USA, and Group W Satellite Communications announced in July their intent to purchase Country Music Television, the around-the-clock video programming service.

CMT reported that it had added more new video clips by the end of November than it had during all of 1989.

Here are some other events that shaped country in 1990:

• In publishing, fledgling BMG Music expanded its country presence by purchasing several catalogs and signing additional writérs. It also moved into gospel music by buying the Lorenz Creative Services. MCA also added catalogs, even as it was cutting its staff

· Booking mogul Jim Halsey merged his agency with the William Morris Co. but remained active in the industry as a talent manager.

• Country music figures were active (and successful) in resisting a move by the Tennessee legislature to pass a law that would demand record albums be stickered for content. Rodney Crowell, Emmylou Harris, Rosanne Cash, and Ricky Skaggs testified against the proposed statute.

• Willie Nelson masterminded his fourth Farm Aid benefit in April, enlisting appearances by such country acts as Bill Monroe, K.T. Oslin, Jackson, Jann Browne, Wil-liam Lee Golden, Brooks, Paul Overstreet, John Conlee, Southern Pacific, Foster & Lloyd, Dwight Yoakam, and Van Shelton.

• The Country Music Assn. launched a for-profit organization to appeal to country music fans.

• Joe Galante was elevated from his post as chief of RCA's Nashville division to head of the label's national operation. Jack Weston, who had been tapped to take charge of a new country label RCA was planning to start, moved into Galante's old position, and Ric Pepin was picked to lead the still-unnamed new record company.

• Jamboree In The Hills debuted in its new outdoor amphitheater near St. Clairsville, Ohio, and was near-

ly washed away in a weekend of heavy rains.

• Talent agents and buyers reported a generally healthy summer of concerts.

 Barbara Ann Brown launched an innovative in-store marketing comnany. Selavision. It uses specially created video segments of country artists. The clips are played periodically on store monitors to alert customers to new albums. Labels buy time on the system.

• During the last half of 1990, there were more than twice as many albums released by the major country labels as in 1989, a testimony to both the wealth of talent and the receptivity of the market.

• The International Bluegrass Music Assn. held its first awards show in Owensboro, Ky., and has since broken ground for new headquarters in that city.

• George Jones left Epic Records after 28 years to sign to MCA.

• After nearly three years of activity, Opryland Music Group's 16th Avenue Records closed its doors. leaving on the outside such acts as Charley Pride, Canyon, and John Conlee.

• In October, Naomi Judd announced that, because of illness, she would be leaving the act she founded with daughter Wynonna. The Judds, whose career has been on RCA/Curb, were scheduled to switch to MCA/Curb in 1991. Wynonna will be on that label as a solo act.

(Continued on page 59)

CMT Boasts A Royal Month Of November

NASHVILLE-Country Music Television added 22 music videos to its playlist in November, making a total of 226 adds for the year. During 1989, CMT added only 201.

The around-the-clock country music video programming service had two world premieres in November: Mike Reid's "Walk On Faith" and Marty Stuart's "Little Things."

Videos that went No. 1 during the month were Billy Joe Royal's "A Ring Where A Ring Used To Be," Canyon's "Dam These Tears," Billy and Terry Smith's "Blues Stay Away From Me," and Travis Tritt's "Put Some Drive In Your Country."

Between January 1987, when CMT began keeping such records, and the end of November 1990, Royal had been at the top of the charts longer than anyone else. His six videos have logged a total of 13 weeks in the No. 1 spot. Randy Travis, with five videos, peaked at nine weeks; Keith Whitley and Ricky Van Shelton, each with six videos, tied with eight weeks each at No. 1; and Reba McEntire, with five videos, topped the chart for five weeks.



by Gerry Wood

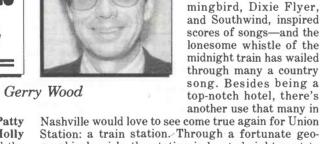
din, Willie Nelson, Michael Martin Murphey, Patty Loveless, Billy Joe Royal, Emmylou Harris, Holly Dunn, k.d. lang, Joe Ely, Tammy Wynette, and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band.

Has the well run dry? Don't count on it. In recent visits to such clubs as the Bluebird, Ace of Clubs, Douglas Corner, and Steve West's impressive new 328 Performance Hall, the talent cauldron proves to be bubbling over with such stars on the horizon as Chris Wall, Tricia Walker, Lisa Silver, Allison Taylor, South By Southwest, and the Gringo Dogs.

On the down side, we lost some good ones this year. Ed Shea, the lovable Irishman and former ASCAP chief; Wesley Rose, one of Nashville's all-time great publishers; and Ben Smathers, who took his group the Stoney Mountain Cloggers from the Grand Ole Opry to Carnegie Hall and back.

1990, a year to remember for country music. And now stay tuned for coming attractions: 1991 ... and beyond.

UHI-CHI CHOO-CHOO STATION: Nashville's favorite building, Union Station, is now beginning to thrive in its second reincarnation as a grand hotel. Owned by Historic Nashville Inc. and managed by Grand Heritage Corp., the station-turned-hotel has been majestically restored-from its stained-glass ceiling to handcarved oak railings. Arthur's Restaurant has taken up residence in the hotel, along with a moderately priced eatery, Greco's. Union Station has long been a Nashville music industry landmark. From the trains that



Nashville would love to see come true again for Union Station: a train station. Through a fortunate geographical quirk, the station is located right next to some dandy tracks. And Amtrak has contacted the hotel to see if there might be space to accommodate renewed Amtrak passenger service to Nashville sometime in the future. The answer is yes. It will be a great day for Nashville when people can get all aboard a train as well as all aboard the Union Station Hotel.

once carried Grand Ole Opry traveling performers

around the country to the recent music business par-

ties utilizing the hotel, the 90-year-old structure has

seen more than its share of fame seekers and fame

winners. Many country music veterans got their first

look at Nashville when arriving at Union Station. It

has been used often for album cover and video shoots,

and many songs have been written on trains heading

into the station. On one of the last runs of the Pan

American from New Orleans through Nashville, Jim-

my Buffett and Jerry

Jeff Walker wrote "Rail-road Lady," which both later recorded (along

with Willie Nelson,

Lefty Frizzell, and Merle

Haggard). Louisville &

trains, such as the Hum-

Railroad

Nashville

APPY BIRTHDAY/CHRISTMAS: Those celebrating birthdays on Christmas tend to get lost in the shuffle, so let's send birthday greetings for three stars born on Dec. 25: Jimmy Buffett, Barbara Mandrell, and Steve Wariner. And let's not forget to wish a happy birthday to the biggest star of all on Dec. 25.

GOODBYE: Since I'll be leaving Billboard effective Jan. 1, this is my last Nashville Scene column. Thanks to all who made this column and this job so enjoyable. It has been a fun run heading Billboard in Nashville for 10 years and in New York for three years. I've met many wonderful souls and spirits while following the muse of music and I'll never forget their love, laughter, and good times. As I prepare to split my time between Nashville and Key West, Fla., I'd like to leave you with these fitting words from a Robert Frost poem: "The woods are lovely, dark and deep/ But I have promises to keep/ And miles to go before I sleep/ And miles to go before I sleep." Goodbye. God bless.

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COMPILED FROM A NATIONAL SAMPLE OF MONITORED COUNTRY RADIO BY BROADCAST DATA SYSTEMS.

FOR	WEE			HOT COUNT				8	SINGLES TRACKS
	LAST WEEK	2 WKS AGO	WKS. ON CHART.	TITLE ARTIST PRODUCER (SONGWRITER) LABEL & NUMBER/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	2 WKS AGO	WKS. ON CHART	TITLE PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)
1	,	,	8	★ NO. 1 ★ ★ I'VE COME TO EXPECT IT FROM YOU 3 weeks at No. 1 GEORGE STRAIT	39	35	30	18	FEED THIS FIRE J.CRUTCHFIELD (H.PRESTWOOD)
2)	3	1 7	8	JBOWEN,G.STRAIT (D.DILLON,B.CANNON) (V) MCA 53369 UNANSWERED PRAYERS GARTH BROOKS	(40)	45	50	7	THERE FOR A WHILE T.BROWN (C.WRIGHT,A.L.GRAHAI
3)				A.REYNOLDS (ALGER.BASTAIN,BROOKS) (V) CAPITOL 44650 NEVER KNEW LONELY	(41)	44	47	9	THINGS ARE TOUGH AL B.MONTGOMERY (L.SILVER.T.BRU
	6	8	13	T.BROWN (V.GILL) (V) MCA 7-53092 CHASIN' THAT NEON RAINBOW ♦ ALAN JACKSON	(42)	48	55	6	WHAT A WAY TO GO R.KENNEDY (J.RUSHING, B.DAVJD
4	2	2	12	KSTEGALLS.HENDRICKS (A.JACKSON,J.MCBRIDE) (V) ARISTA 2095 GHOST IN THIS HOUSE	43	40	34	13	AMERICAN BOY R.LANDIS (E.RABBITT)
5	5	6	12	R.HALL.R.BYRNE (H.PRESTWOOD) (C) (V) COLUMBIA 38T-73520/CBS	(44)	53	-	2	IF YOU WANT ME TO B.MONTGOMERY, J.SLATE (L.WILI
6	4	5	9	PUT YOURSELF IN MY SHOES CLINT BLACK (V) RCA 2678-7 FOREVER'S AS FAR AS I'LL GO ALABAMA	45	41	39	17	THIS AIN'T MY FIRST R B.MONTGOMERY (V.GOSDIN,H.C
	9	10	6	JLEO.L.M.LEE.ALABAMA (M.REID) (V) RCA 2706-7 LIFE'S LITTLE UPS AND DOWNS RICKY VAN SHELTON	(46)	52	57	5	CAN'T HAVE NOTHIN' JLEO, R.FOSTER, BLLOYD (R.FOS
8	10	11	9	SBUCKINGHAM (M.A.RICH) (C) (V) COLUMBIA 387-73587/CBS CRAZY IN LOVE • CONWAY TWITTY	47	46	33	17	WESTERN GIRLS R.BENNETT, T.BROWN (M.STUAR)
9	8	3	16	JBOWENIC.TWITTY.D.HENRY (E.STEVENS,R.MCCORMICK) (V) MCA 79067 COME NEXT MONDAY	48	42	25	15	MOONSHADOW ROAD B.BECKETT.T.GRAHAM BROWN (I
10	7	4	13	JSCAIFE JLCOTTON (K.T.OSLIN.R.BOURKE.C.BLACK) (V) RG 2567-7 IT WON'T BE ME TANYA TUCKER	(49)	57	64	4	DON'T TELL ME WHAT P.WORLEY,E.SEAY (H.HOWARD,M
	11	15	10	J.CRUTCHFIELD (T.SHAPIRO,C.WATERS) CAPITOL PRO-79338	50	54	63	4	SAY IT'S NOT TRUE S.SMITH, T.BROWN (L.CARTWRIG
12)	13	16	9	H.EPSTEIN (C.CARTER) (C) (V) REPRISE 4-19564/WARNER BROS.	51	51	52	20	DRINKING CHAMPAGN J.BOWEN.G.STRAIT (B.MACK)
13	20	32	4	T.BROWN,R.MCENTIRE (B.BURCH,V.DANT,L.SHELL) (V) MCA 7-53970	52	49	49	20	BORN TO BE BLUE
14)	27	37	5	DADDY'S COME AROUND PAUL OVERSTREET B.BANNISTER (P.OVERSTREET, D.SCHLITZ) (V) RCA 2707-7	(53)	64	74	3	IS IT RAINING AT YOUR B.MONTGOMERY (V.GOSDIN,H.C
15)	18	27	7	A FEW GOOD THINGS REMAIN A REVNOLDS (J.V.ZNER, P.ALGER) (V) MERCURY B78246-7	54	47	41	17	HE WAS ON TO SOMET R.SKAGGS,S.BUCKINGHAM (S.CU
16)	19	28	10	TURN IT ON, TURN IT UP, TURN ME LOOSE DWIGHT YOAKAM C) (V) REPRISE 4-19543/WARNER BROS. C) (V) REPRISE 4-19543/WARNER BROS. DOLUMINGER DAME DOLUMINGER DAME<td>55</td><td>50</td><td>40</td><td>14</td><td>PUT SOME DRIVE IN YO G.BROWN (T.TRITT)</td>	55	50	40	14	PUT SOME DRIVE IN YO G.BROWN (T.TRITT)
17	12	9	15	BACK IN MY YOUNGER DAYS D.WILLIAMS.G.FUNDIS (D.FL.OWERS) D.WILLIAMS.G.FUNDIS (D.FL.OWERS) D.WILLIAMS.G.FUNDIS (D.FL.OWERS)			_		
18	22	26	10	YOU WIN AGAIN J.JENNINGS,M.C.CARPENTER (M.C.CARPENTER) (C) (V) COLUMBIA 387-73567/CBS	(56)	NE	W	1	LONG LOST FRIEND S.HENDRICKS,T.DUBOIS (D.ROBE
19	26	42	5	BROTHER JUKEBOX MWRGHT (PCRAFT) (V) MCA 7-53965	57	56	61	6	ROLLIN' HOME J.STROUD,R.ALVES (ALVES,MCCC
20	14	12	18	HOME JOE DIFFIE B.MONTGOMERY, J.SLATE (A SPOONER, F.LEHNER) (C) (V) EPIC 347 73447/CBS	(58)	62	66	4	IT WASN'T YOU, IT WAS H.SHEDD (D.ALEXANDER, A.GARD
21)	25	35	7	THESE LIPS DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY GOODBYE 	<u>(59)</u>	NE	WÞ	1	LITTLE THINGS R.BENNETT, T.BROWN (P.KENNEF
22	16	13	17	YOU REALLY HAD ME GOING H.DUNN,C.WATERS (H.DUNN,T.SHAPIRO,C.WATERS) (C) (V) WARNER BROS. 4-19756	60	65	73	3	BLUEBIRD J.CRUTCHFIELD (R.IRVING)
23)	29	31	10	NOW THAT WE'RE ALONE RODNEY CROWELL T.BROWN,R.CROWELL (R.CROWELL) (C) (V) COLUMBIA 387-73569/CBS	61	60	70	3	YOU JUST GET BETTER T.BROWN (T.J.WHITE, J.CHRISTO
24)	28	38	9	WE'VE GOT IT MADE LEE GREENWOOD J.CRUTCHFIELD (S.RAMOS,B.REGAN) (C) CAPITOL 4JM-44576	62	63	67	3	UNCHAINED MELODY B.KILLEN (A.NORTH,H.ZARET)
25	15	14	14	SOMEONE ELSE'S TROUBLE NOW HIGHWAY 101 P.WORLEY,E.SEAY (P. TILLIS,G. NICHOLSON) (C) (V) WARNER BROS. 4-19593	63	69	-	2	THERE YOU GO R.SHARP,T.DUBOIS (R.SHARP,D.I
26	23	23	11	ROCK 'N' ROLL ANGEL THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS (R.O. YOUNG) (V) MERCURY 878 214-7	64	59	56	12	WHEN LOVE COMES CA R.SCRUGGS,M.MILLER (M.MILLER
27	21	20	14	THE NIGHT'S TOO LONG T.BROWN (LWILLIAMS) (V) MCA 53895	65	67	69	4	THAT'S THE WAY LOVE B.BECKETT,R.BENSON (L.PREST
28)	20	E1		★★ POWER PICK/AIRPLAY ★★★	66	68	-	2	DOGHOUSE B.LOGAN (K.BEARD, J.BICKNELL,
-	36	51	3	LOVE CAN BUILD A BRIDGE THE JUDDS B.MAHER (N.JUDD, J.JARVIS.P.OVERSTREET) (Y) CURB/RCA 2708-7/RCA FRIENDS IN LOW PLACES GARTH BROOKS	67	58	59	15	A RING WHERE A RING N.LARKIN (G.EATHERLY, B.MOUL
29	31	21	19	AREYNOLOS (D.BLACKWELLBLEE) CAPITOL PRO-79239 YOU LIE REBA MCENTIRE	68	NE	₩Þ	1	ONLY HERE FOR A LITT C.HOWARD,T.SHAPIRO (W.HOLY
30	24	19	18	T.BROWN,R.MCENTIRE (B.FISCHER,A.ROBERTS,C.BLACK) (V) MCA 79071 WALK ON FAITH	69	NE	wÞ	1	CHASIN' SOMETHING (P.WORLEY;E.SEAY (M.SCHEER,G.
31)	37	44	5	SBUCKINGHAM (M.REID.A.SHAMBLIN) (C) (V) COLUMBIA 387-73623 YOU'VE GOT TO STAND FOR SOMETHING AARON TIPPIN	70	74	75	19	LOVE IS STRANGE J.E.NORMAN,E.PRESTIDGE (E.MO
32)	38	43	8	E.GORDY, JR. (A.TIPPIN, B.BROCK) (C) (V) RCA 2711-4	(71)	75	-	2	LEARNING THE GAME R.FISHER (B.HOLLY)
33	34	24	20	K.LEHNING (B.TRADER) (V) RCA 2641-7-R-A	72	55	53	10	PRAYING FOR RAIN P.WORLEY,E.SEAY (C.WATERS,D.
34)	39	45	7	S.HENDRICKS (R.CROSBY, W.ROBINSON) (C) (CD) (V) ARISTA ADC-2081	73	72	-	2	ALL THINGS MADE NE
35	30	22	16	A FEW OLE COUNTRY BOYS KLEHNING (T.SEALS.M.WILLIAMS) (C) (V) WARNER BROS. 4-19586 (C) (V) (V) WARNER BROS. 4-19586 (C) (V) (V) (V) (V) (V) (V) (V) (V) (V) (V	74	NE	w	1	BREAKIN' ALL THE WA B.KILLEN (R.LANE,H.BROCK)
36)	43	46	4	(YOU'RE MY) SOUL AND INSPIRATION THE OAK RIDGE BOYS R.LANDIS (B.MANN,C.WEIL) (C) (V) RCA 2665-4 (C) (V) RCA 2665-4	75	73	71	17	YOU MADE LIFE GOOD R.SCRUGGS,NITTY GRITTY DIRT
37	33	17	17	YET EXILE R.SHARP, T.DUBOIS (R.SHARP, S.LEMAIRE) (C) (V) ARISTA 2075		-		e chart w	ith airplay gains this week. Videoclip

WEEK	LAST WEEK	2 WKS AGO	WKS. ON CHART	TITLE	
⊢≤ 39	35	∾ ∢ 30	≤0 18	PRODUCER (SONGWRITER) FEED THIS FIRE	LABEL & NUMBER/DISTRIBUTING LABEL
(40)	45	50	7	J.CRUTCHFIELD (H.PRESTWOOD) THERE FOR A WHILE	CAPITOL PRO-79189 STEVE WARINER
(4)		_		T.BROWN (C.WRIGHT.A.L.GRAHAM) THINGS ARE TOUGH ALL OVER	(V) MCA 7-53936 ◆ SHELBY LYNNE
0	44	47	9	B.MONTGOMERY (L.SILVER.T.BRUCE)	(C) EPIC 34T-73521/CBS
(42)	48	55	6	R.KENNEDY (J.RUSHING, B.DAVJD, R.KENNEDY)	(C) (CD) ATLANTIC 3234-4 EDDIE RABBITT
43	40	34	13	R.LANDIS (E.RABBITT)	CAPITOL PRO-79398 ◆ JOE DIFFIE
(44)	53	-	2	B.MONTGOMERY, J.SLATE (L.WILLIAMS, J.DIFFIE) THIS AIN'T MY FIRST RODEO	(C) EPIC 34T-46047/CBS VERN GOSDIN
45	41	39	17	B.MONTGOMERY (V.GOSDIN,H.COCHRAN,M.D.BARNES)	(C) (V) COLUMBIA 38T 73491/CBS ◆ FOSTER & LLOYD
(46)	52	57	5	J.LEO,R.FOSTER.B.LLOYD (R.FOSTER,B.LLOYD)	(C) (V) RCA 2635-4 MARTY STUART
47	46	33	17	WESTERN GIRLS R.BENNETT,T.BROWN (M.STUART,P.KENNERLEY)	(V) MCA 79068
48	42	25	15	MOONSHADOW ROAD B.BECKETT.T.GRAHAM BROWN (BROWN, THOMPSON, NICHOL	
49	57	64	4	DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO P.WORLEY,E.SEAY (H.HOWARD,M.BARNES)	PAM TILLIS (v) ARISTA 2129
(50)	54	63	4	SAY IT'S NOT TRUE S.SMITH,T.BROWN (L.CARTWRIGHT)	◆ LIONEL CARTWRIGHT (V) MCA 7-53955
51	51	52	20	DRINKING CHAMPAGNE J.BOWEN.G.STRAIT (B.MACK)	GEORGE STRAIT (V) MCA 79070
52	49	49	20	BORN TO BE BLUE B.MAHER (M.REID.B.MAHER,M.DAVID)	THE JUDDS (C) (V) CURB/RCA 2597-4:R-S/RCA
53	64	74	3	IS IT RAINING AT YOUR HOUSE B.MONTGOMERY (V.GOSDIN, H.COCHRAN, D.DILLON)	VERN GOSDIN (V) COLUMBIA 38-73632/CBS
54	47	41	17	HE WAS ON TO SOMETHING R.SKAGGS,S.BUCKINGHAM (S.CURTIS)	RICKY SKAGGS (C) (V) EPIC 34T 73496/CBS
55	50	40	14	PUT SOME DRIVE IN YOUR COUNTRY GBROWN (LTRITT)	♦ TRAVIS TRITT (V) WARNER BROS. 4-26094
				***HOT SHO	T DEBUT * * * RESTLESS HEART
(56)	NE	W	1	LONG LOST FRIEND S.HENDRICKS,T.DUBOIS (D.ROBBINS,S.BOGARD,L.STEWART)	PIRATES OF THE MISSISSIPPI
57	56	61	6	ROLLIN' HOME J.STROUD,R.ALVES (ALVES.MCCORVEY,HARRISON)	CAPITOL PRO-79368
(58)	62	66	4	IT WASN'T YOU, IT WASN'T ME H.SHEDD (D.ALEXANDER, A.GARDNER)	DANIELE ALEXANDER & BUTCH BAKER (C) (V) MERCURY 878 256-4
(59)	NE	WÞ	1	LITTLE THINGS RBENNETT.T.BROWN (P.KENNERLEY.M.STUART)	♦ MARTY STUART (V) MCA 53975
60	65	73	3	BLUEBIRD J.CRUTCHFIELD (R.IRVING)	ANNE MURRAY CAPITOL PRO-79423
61	60	70	3	YOU JUST GET BETTER ALL THE TIME T.BROWN (T.J.WHITE,J.CHRISTOPHER)	◆ JAMES HOUSE (V) MCA 7-53934
62	63	67	3	UNCHAINED MELODY B.KILLEN (A.NORTH,H.ZARET)	RONNIE MCDOWELL (C) (V) CURB 4JM-76850
63	69	-	2	THERE YOU GO R.SHARP,T.DUBOIS (R.SHARP,D.LOWERY)	EXILE (V) ARISTA 2139
64	59	56	12	WHEN LOVE COMES CALLIN' R.SCRUGGS,M.MILLER (M.MILLER,R.SCRUGGS)	SAWYER BROWN CURB/CAPITOL PRO-79231/CAPITOL
65	67	69	4	THAT'S THE WAY LOVE IS B.BECKETT.R.BENSON (L.PRESTON)	ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL (V) ARISTA 2122
66	68	-	2	DOGHOUSE B.LOGAN (K.BEARD, J.BICKNELL, M.GRADY)	JOHN CONLEE (C) (V) CURB 4JM-70447
67	58	59	15	A RING WHERE A RING USED TO BE NLARKIN (GLATHERLY, B.MOULDS, K.BERGSNES)	BILLY JOE ROYAL (C) (CD) ATLANTIC 4-87867
68	NE	WÞ	1	ONLY HERE FOR A LITTLE WHILE C.HOWARD.T.SHAPIRO (W.HOLYFIELD.R.LEIGH)	BILLY DEAN CAPITOL PRO-79424
(69)	NE	w	1	CHASIN' SOMETHING CALLED LOVE PWORLEY:E.SEAY (M.SCHEER,G.BURR)	MOLLY & THE HEYMAKERS (C) (V) REPRISE 4-19517/WARNER BROS.
70	74	75	19	LOVE IS STRANGE J.E.NORMAN, E. PRESTIDGE (E. MCDANIEL, M. BAKER, S. ROBINS	♦ KENNY ROGERS & DOLLY PARTON
\overline{n}	75	_	2	LEARNING THE GAME R.FISHER (B.HOLLY)	BLACK TIE (V) BENCH BR-2-7/NSD
72	55	53	10	PRAYING FOR RAIN	(C) (V) RÉPRISE 4-19585/WARNER BROS.
73	72	-	2	P.WORLEY,E.SEAY (C.WATERS,D.COOK) ALL THINGS MADE NEW AGAIN DOWENE POCOUSE (P.VAN UCK DEEALS)	SUZY BOGGUSS CAPITOL PRO-79380
(74)		w	1	J.BOWEN,S.BOGGUSS (R.VAN HOY,D.SEALS) BREAKIN' ALL THE WAY	♦ TIM RYAN
		· ·	1	B.KILLEN (R.LANE,H.BROCK)	(C) (V) EPIC 34T-73578/CBS THE NITTY GRITTY DIRT BAND
units.	RIAA cer	tification f	e chart wit	Ř.SCRUGGS,NITTY GRITTY DIRT BAND (B.DIPIERO,S.SESKIN) th airplay gains this week. ♦ Videoclip availability. ● Recording Indi 1 1 million units, with additional million indicated by a numeral follon ter maxi-single, regular cascette single unavailable. (C) Cascette sing inyl single availability. (V) 7-inch vinyl single availability. ⓒ 1990, B	ustry Assn. Of America (RIAA) certification for sales of 500,000 wing the symbol. Catalog number is for cassette single. *Asterisk de availability. (CD) Compact disc single availability. (M) Cassett

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1	_	_	1	TOO COLD AT HOME M.WRIGHT (B.HARDEN)	MARK CHESNUTT	14	15	18	17	FOREVER AND EVER, AMEN K.LEHNING (P.OVERSTREET, D.SCHLITZ)	RANDY TRAVIS WARNER BROS
2	1	_	2	JUKEBOX IN MY MIND JLEO, LM LEE, ALABAMA (D.GIBSON, R.ROGERS)	ALABAMA. RCA	15	16	14	3	PRECIOUS THING T.BROWN (S.WARINER, M.MCANALLY)	STEVE WARINER
3	2	1	4	HOLDIN' A GOOD HAND J.CRUTCHFIELD (R.CROSBY,J.FEW)	LEE GREENWOOD CAPITOL	16	19	23	17	HARD ROCK BOTTOM OF YOUR HEART K.LEHNING (H.PRESTWOOD)	RANDY TRAVIS WARNER BROS
4	4	4	8	NEXT TO YOU, NEXT TO ME RHALL, R.BYRNE (R.E.ORRALL.C.WRIGHT)	SHENANDOAH COLUMBIA	17	14	10	3	FOURTEEN MINUTES OLD D.JOHNSON (D.KNUTSON,A.L.OWENS)	DOUG STONE EPIC
5	10	9	14	LOVE WITHOUT END, AMEN J.BOWEN,G.STRAIT (A.BARKER)	GEORGE STRAIT MCA	18		—	3	DEEPER THAN THE HOLLER K.LEHNING (P.OVERSTREET,D.SCHLITZ)	RANDY TRAVIS WARNER BROS
6	3	2	10	WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME TBROWN (V.GILL T.DUBOIS)		19	13	8	3	I FELL IN LOVE HEPSTEIN (C.CARTER, H.EPSTEIN, B. TENCH, P.LAMEK)	CARLENE CARTER
7	8	7	8	GOOD TIMES K.LEHNING (S.COOKE)	DAN SEALS CAPITOL	20	18	16	9	OH LONESOME ME THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS (D.GIBSON)	THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS MERCURY
8	5	11	7	I'M GONNA BE SOMEBODY G.BROWN (S.HARRIS.J.COLUCCI)	TRAVIS TRITT WARNER BROS	21	20	15	5	I COULD BE PERSUADED E.GORDY, JR. (D.BELLAMY, H.BELLAMY, D.SCHLITZ)	THE BELLAMY BROTHERS MCA/CURB
9	7	3	4	NOTHING'S NEWS JSTROUD,M,WRIGHT (C.BLACK)	CLINT BLACK RCA	22	23	-	15	IF YOU COULD ONLY SEE ME NOW B.BECKETT, T.BROWN (S.LONGACRE, R.GILES)	T. GRAHAM BROWN CAPITOL
10	6	6	5	I MEANT EVERY WORD HE SAID S BUCKINGHAM (C. PUTMAN, B. JONES, C. CHAMBERS)	RICKY VAN SHELTON	23	—	-	1	MY HEART IS SET ON YOU S.SMITH,T.BROWN (L.CARTWRIGHT)	
11	9	5	6	WANTED S.HENDRICKS,K.STEGALL (A.JACKSON,C.CRAIG)	ALAN JACKSON	24	25	17	16	WALK ON J.BOWEN,R.MCENTIRE (S.DEAN.L.WILLIAMS)	REBA MCENTIRE MCA
12	11	12	13	THE DANCE A.REYNOLDS (T.ARATA)	GARTH BROOKS CAPITOL	25			15	HELP ME HOLD ON G.BROWN (T.TRITT, P.TERRY)	TRAVIS TRITT WARNER BROS
13	12	13	12	HE WALKED ON WATER K.LEHINING (A.SHAMBLIN)	RANDY TRAVIS WARNER BROS.	 Video droppe 	oclip ava d below	ilability. the top	Recurre 20. Cor	ents are titles which have already appeared on the top 75 Sing mmercial availability is not indicated on the recurrent chart.	gles & Tracks chart for 20 weeks and have

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COUNTRY



by Marie Ratliff

NEW MOVERS

Neal McCoy-"If I Built You A Fire" (Atlantic): WHOK, KFDI, WAMZ, WSSL, WDSY, WDAF, WRKZ, KEEN, WYAY, WOWW, WKHX, WFLS, WQDR.

Conway Twitty—"I Couldn't See You Leavin'" (MCA): WKJN, WWKA, KXXY, WTQR, WSIX, KEAN, WKKX.

PARENTAL PRIDE: Earlier this year, **Paul Overstreet** had a top five hit with "Seein' My Father In Me"; now "Daddy's Come Around" (RCA) is streaking in the same direction-jumping 27-14 in its fifth week on the Hot Country Singles & Tracks chart.

"We're getting really good phones on it," says MD Al Hamilton, KEBC Oklahoma City. "This area is in the Bible Belt and his clean, tongue-in-cheek lyrics are going over real well with our audience.

Among those already playing it in heavy rotation are WBEE Rochester, N.Y.; KYGO Denver; WUBE Cincinnati; WPOC Baltimore; WDAF Kansas City, Mo.; and WAMZ Louisville, Ky. Big gains are showing at WQIK and WCRJ, Jacksonville, Fla., KSAN San Francisco, KILT Houston, and KMPS Seattle. It's new this week at WSM Nashville, WIL St. Louis, WYNY New York, and KIIM Tucson, Ariz.

STRAIT STILL NO. 1: George Strait's "I've Come To Expect It From You" (MCA) hangs on to the No. 1 position for the third straight week, still gaining gross impressions and still nearly 3 million gross impressions ahead of Garth Brooks' "Unanswered Prayers" (Capitol), which moves 3-2.

We've been asked to repeat the explanation of gross impressions for those who missed it earlier and are a little confused about what the phrase means. To determine gross impressions, we count the number of times each record plays on each monitored station and multiply each play by the number of listeners at that exact time according to Arbitron's hourly cume estimates. All titles on the singles chart are ranked in order of total gross impressions.

"AWESOME" is how MD Larry Pariegis, WSM Nashville, describes Joe Diffie's "If You Want Me To" (Epic). "It's such a beautiful ballad. The song has a terrific build and I can imagine every bar band in the country trying to play this song—and doing well until they get to the note at the end. They'll get derailed there. Joe has a stunning finish—he reaches for the note and gets it."

Diffie's record was last week's Hot Shot Debut at No. 53, and jumps to No. 44 with the help of adds at KYGO Denver; WCTK Providence, R.I.; WGEE Green Bay, Wis.; WKJN Baton Rouge, La.; KNIX Phoe-nix; KWEN Tulsa, Okla.; WTDR Charlotte, N.C.; WTQR Winston-Sa-lem, N.C.; WZZK Birmingham, Ala.; and WEZL Charleston, S.C.

IRST OUTINGS SCORE: Billy Dean hits the Hot Country Singles & Tracks chart at No. 68 with his first Capitol outing, "Only Here For A Little While." Also debuting this week are first-timers **Molly & the Heymakers**, whose "Chasin' Something Called Love" (Reprise) debuts at No. 69.

"T'S A SMASH," says MD John Saville, WWYZ Hartford, Conn., of Marty Stuart's "Little Things" (MCA). "It has a real '60s feel to it, real carefree rock'n'roll stuff."

Among those showing early interest in Stuart's record, which debuts at No. 59 on the singles chart: KXXY Oklahoma City, KASE Aus-tin, Texas, WNOE New Orleans, KSOP Salt Lake City, WSIX Nashville, KPLX Dallas, and WPOC Baltimore.

ECURRENT FACTS: Mark Chesnutt's debut single, "Too Cold At Home," moves to the No. 1 position on the Hot Recurrents chart after 20 weeks on the singles chart. It ranks at No. 31 in overall combined gross impressions of currents and recurrents.

IBMA Readies Ky. Museum

NASHVILLE-The International Bluegrass Music Assn. broke ground Nov. 30 for its museum in Owensboro, Ky. A joint venture between IBMA and a private nonprofit organization that is developing RiverPark Center, the museum will be located in a renovated

N'ville Auction To Be A Music Lover's Paradise

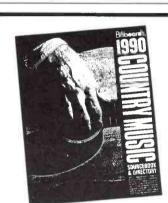
NASHVILLE—Collector Charles Allen will stage a "Music Lover's Auction" of promotional memorabilia, songbooks, antique instruments, radios, and phonographs Jan. 26 at the Park Plaza Hotel here. Potential bidders may preview the more than 600 items between 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Jan. 25 and between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. the next day.

Among the items for sale are old issues of Billboard, Metronome, Tempo, and others, as well as publicity photos and posters of country and big band acts from the '30s through the '50s.

There are also several Elvis Presley pieces in the collection.

CMA Gets New Digs

NASHVILLE-The Country Music Assn. will move from its current offices Dec. 26 to new ones at 1 Music Circle South, CMA will initially occupy 7.850 square feet of the new building. Neither the organization's phone nor fax number will change with the move.



building that has 21,000 square

Planned features of the museum

include exhibits that trace the his-

tory and traditions of bluegrass

music as well as indicate its cur-rent state of popularity and

growth. In addition, there will be a "hall of honor" section, a multi-

screen audio/visual display, an in-

strument maker's workshop, a radio station, archives, a library, and

a bluegrass cafe in which acts will

Adjacent to the bluegrass muse-

um in the new development will be

a 1,500-seat auditorium and a 200-

Owensboro is the IBMA head-

quarters and the site of its annual

trade show and awards ceremony.

seat experimental theater.

feet of floor space.

perform regularly.

COUNTRY ROUNDUP (Continued from page 57)

· Among the industry deaths this year were music publisher and Country Music Hall of Fame member Wesley Rose; Grand Ole Opry dancer Ben Smathers; founding Statler Brother and Grammy-winning songwriter Lew DeWitt; Grand Ole Opry announcer and staff drummer Harold Weakly; guitarist Phil Baugh; CMH Rec-ords founder Martin Haerle; former ASCAP official Ed Shea; and pioneer promoter X. Cosse.

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- HE WAS ON TO SOMETHING (CBS Tree, BMI) HL 54 TITLE (Publisher - Licensing Org.) Sheet Music Dist. HOME (Texas Wedge, ASCAP) IF YOU WANT ME TO (Songwriters Ink, BMI/Forrest 20 44
 - RMI
 - Hills, BMI) IS IT RAINING AT YOUR HOUSE (Hookem, ASCAP/CBS Tree, BMI/Jesse Jo, ASCAP/MCA, ASCAP) CPP
 - IT WASN'T YOU, IT WASN'T ME (Pri, ASCAP/Caddo, 58 BMD HL/WRM 11
 - IT WON'T BE ME (Edge O' Woods, ASCAP/Kinetic Diamond, ASCAP/Moline Valley, ASCAP) I'VE COME TO EXPECT IT FROM YOU (Jessie Jo, ĩ.
 - BMI/Music Corp. Of America, BMI/Buddy Cannon, ASCAP/Pri, ASCAP) HL/WBM 71 8
 - AGCAPYPTI, ASCAP) HL/MBM LEARNING THE GAME (Peer Int'I., BMI) LIFE'S LITTLE UPS AND DOWNS (Makamillion, BMI/Warner-Tamerlane, BMI) WBM LITTLE THINGS (Living, ASCAP/Littlemarch,
 - 59 BMI/Songs Of PolyGram, BMI) 56
 - LONG LOST FRIEND (WB, ASCAP/Uncle Beave, ASCAP/Rancho Bogardo, ASCAP/Warner-Tamerlane, BMI/Larry Stewart, BMI) LOVE CAN BUILD A BRIDGE (Kentucky Sweetheart,
 - 28 BMI/Bug, BMI/Scarlet Moon, BMI/Inspector Barlow, ASCAP) CLM
 - LOVE IS STRANGE (Ben-Ghazi BMI)

 - LOVE WILL BRING HER AROUND (Grand Coalition, BM/Maypop, BMI) WBM MOONSHADOW RAD (EMI April, ASCAP/Ides Of 48 March, ASCAP/CBS Cross Keys, ASCAP) HL
 - NEVER KNEW LONELY (Benefit, BMI) 27 THE NIGHT'S TOO LONG (Lucy Jones, BMI/Bug, BMI) CLM
 - NOW THAT WE'RE ALONE (Coolwell, ASCAP) 23 68
 - ONLY HERE FOR A LITTLE WHILE (EMI April, ASCAP/Ides Of March, ASCAP/Lion Hearted, ASCAP) PRAYING FOR RAIN (CBS Cross Keys, ASCAP) HL 72 55
 - PUT SOME DRIVE IN YOUR COUNTRY (CBS Tree, BMI/Post Oak, BMI) HL PUT YOURSELF IN MY SHOES (Howlin'Hits, 6
 - ASCAP/Red Brazos, BMI) CPP 67 A RING WHERE A RING USED TO BE (Great Shakes.
 - BMI/Hidden Harbor, BMI/Coxboro, BMI/Music Corp. Of America, BMI) CPP/WBM/HL 26
 - ROCK 'N' ROLL ANGEL (Head Cheese, ASCAP/Pri, ASCAP) WBM ROLLIN' HOME (Flawfactor, BMI/Great Cumberland, 57
 - BMI/Patrick Joseph, BMI/Warner-Tamerlane, BMI) WBM

- 13 RUMOR HAS IT (Ensign, BMI/Sheddhouse, ASCAP/Millhouse, BMI) CPP/HL SAY IT'S NOT TRUE (Silverline, BMI/Long Run, BMI) 50
- 25 SOMEONE ELSE'S TROUBLE NOW (CBS Tree,
- BMI/CBS Cross Keys, ASCAP) HL THAT'S THE WAY LOVE IS (Bug, BMI/Whiskey 65
- 40
- 63
- THAT'S THE WAY LUVE IS (DUB, DMI/MINSAGY Drinkin', BMI) THERE FOR A WHILE (David 'N' Will, ASCAP/Sheddhouse, ASCAP) HL THERE YOU GO (With Any Luck, BMI/Almo, ASCAP/Micropterus, ASCAP) THESE LIPS DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY GOODBYE (PDS Trae RMI) HI 21
- (CBS Tree, BMI) HL THINGS ARE TOUGH ALL OVER (MCA, ASCAP) HL THIS AINT MY FIRST RODEO (Hookem, ASCAP/Co-Heart, BMI/Hardscratch, BMI/Irving, BMI) CPP 41
- 16 TURN IT ON, TURN IT UP, TURN ME LOOSE (Songs
- JURN IT OR, JURN IT DP, JURN ME LOUSE (Son) Of PolyGram, BMI/Polygram Int'l, ASCAP/Amanda-Lin, ASCAP/ DHL UNANSWERED PRAYERS (Bait And Beer, ASCAP/FOREUMPR, ASCAP/ Mid-Summer, ASCAP/Major Bob, ASCAP) CLM/CPP 2
- ASCAP/Major Bob, ASCAP/CLM/CPP UNCHAINED MELODY (Frank, ASCAP) WALK ON FAITH (Almo, ASCAP/Brio Blues, ASCAP/Hayes Street, ASCAP) CPP WESTERN GIRLS (Songs Of PolyGram, BMI/Irving, BMI/Littlemarch, BMI) HL/CPP 31
- 47
- WE'VE GOT IT MADE (Wrensong, ASCAP/Miller's Daughter, ASCAP/AMR, ASCAP) WBM 24
- 42
- WHAT A WAY TO GO (Polygram Int'), ASCAP) WBM WHAT A WAY TO GO (Polygram Int'), ASCAP) HĻ, WHEN LOVE COMES CALLIN' (Zoo II, ASCAP/Warner-Tamerlane, BMI/Randy Scruggs, BMI) WBM
- 37 YET (With Any Luck, BMI/Sun Mare, BMI) 61 YOU JUST GET BETTER ALL THE TIME (Tennessee
- รก
- 75
- YOU JUST GET BETTER ALL THE TIME (Tennessee Swamp Fox, ASCAP) YOU LIE (Bobby Fischer, ASCAP/Five Bar-B, ASCAP/MCA, ASCAP/Krismik, ASCAP) HL YOU MADE LIFE GOOD AGAIN (Little Big Town, BMI/American Made, BMI/Love This Town, ASCAP) 22 YOU REALLY HAD ME GOING (Careers, BMI/Edge O'
- Woods, ASCAP/Moline Valley, ASCAP/Kinetic Diamond, ASCAP) CPP
- (YOU'RE MY) SOUL AND INSPIRATION (Screen Gems-EMI, BMI) WBM 32
- YOU'VE GOT TO STAND FOR SOMETHING (Acuff Rose, BMI) CPF
- YOU WIN AGAIN (EMI April, ASCAP/Getarealjob, ASCAP) HL 18

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- AIN'T NECESSARILY SO (Warner-Refuge, 38 AIN'I NECESSARILY SO (Warner-Retuge, ASCAP/Macy Place, ASCAP) WBM ALL THINGS MADE NEW AGAIN (Unichappell, BMI/Van Hoy, BMI/Pink Pig, BMI) AMERICAN BOY (Eddie Rabbitt, BMI) HL BACK IN MY YOUNGER DAYS (Danny Flowers, 73 53

- 60
- BACK IN MIT TOUMOER DATS (UARINY Flowers, ASCAP/Bug, BMI) H. BLUEBIRD (Minkey, PROCAN/Zoomik, PROCAN/Rana, BMI) BORN TO BE BLUE (Almo, ASCAP/Brio Blues, ASCAP/EMI April, ASCAP/Vancou, Ascap) CPP/HL BREAKIN' ALL THE WAY (CBS Tree, BMI/Hutson Prock BMI) -52
- 74 Brock, BMI) 19
- BROTHER JUKEBOX (Screen Gems-EMI, BMI/Black BROTHER JUREDUA (Screen Guine Linn, Linn, Sheep, BMI) WBM CAN'T HAVE NOTHIN' (BMG Songs, ASCAP/Muckleroy, ASCAP/Careers, BMI/Kung-Fu
- CHASIN' SOMETHING CALLED LOVE (CBS Tree, 69
- CHASIN' SOME INING CALLED LOVE (OS TIEE, BMI/MCA, ASCAP/Gary Burr, ASCAP) CHASIN' THAT NEON RAINBOW (EMI April, ASCAP/Seventh Son, ASCAP/Mattie Ruth, ASCAP) WBM/HL
- COME NEXT MONDAY (Tri-Chappell, SESAC/Chappell 10 & Co., ASCAP/Serenity Manor, ASCAP/ HL COME ON BACK (Carlooney Tunes, ASCAP/Chrysalis, ASCAP) CLM CRAZY IN LOVE (Screen Gems-EMI, BMI) WBM 12
- 14 DADDY'S COME AROUND (Scarlet Moon, BMI/Don Schlitz, ASCAP/Almo, ASCAP) CLM/CPP DOGHOUSE (Sheddhouse, ASCAP/Loggy Bayou,
- 66
- DOGHOUSE (Sneudinuuse, room, and ASCAP) DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO (CBS Tree, BMI) HL DRINKING CHAMPAGNE (Acudf-Rose, BMI) CPP FEED THIS FIRE (Careers, BMI) HL A FEW GOOD THINGS REMAIN (Sheddhouse, SCAP/Poit And Beer, ASCAP/Forerunner, ASCAP) 39 15
- HL/CLM
- A FEW OLE COUNTRY BOYS (WB, ASCAP/Two Sons, ASCAP/Bamatuck, ASCAP/Mentor Williams, ASCAP) WBM
- FOOL SUCH AS I (MCA. ASCAP) HI 33 7 FOREVER'S AS FAR AS I'LL GO (Almo, ASCAP/Brio Blues, ASCAP) CPP 29 FRIENDS IN LOW PLACES (Careers, BMI/Music

Ridge, ASCAP) HL 5 GHOST IN THIS HOUSE (Careers, BMI)

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	0	0		* * No. 1 * *	39	40	41	8	CHET ATKINS & MARK KNOPFLER COLUMBIA 45307*/CBS (8.98 EQ) NECK AND NECK
(1)	2	2	5	CLINT BLACK RCA 52372 (9.98) 1 week at No. 1 PUT YOURSELF IN MY SHOES	40	39	39	12	KENNY ROGERS REPRISE 26289*/WARNER BROS. (9.98) LOVE IS STRANGE
3	4	4	13	GARTH BROOKS A2 CAPITOL 93866* (9.98) NO FENCES	41	38	35	23	WAYLON JENNINGS EPIC 46104*/CBS (8.98 EQ) THE EAGLE
4	3	4	13	REBA MCENTIRE • MCA 10016 (9.98) RUMOR HAS IT PANDY TRAVIS • MCANER PROS SCALAR (0.02) LUEROES AND EDIENDS	42	43	43	60	MARTY STUART MCA 42312 (8.98) HILLBILLY ROCK
5	5	6	58	RANDY TRAVIS ● warner bros. 26310* (9.98) HEROES AND FRIENDS THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS ▲ MERCURY 838 744 (8.98 EQ) PICKIN' ON NASHVILLE	43	44	48	266	GEORGE STRAIT ▲ MCA 5567 (8 98) GEORGE STRAIT'S GREATEST HITS PIRATES OF THE MISSISSIPPI DIDATES OF THE MISSISSIPPI
6	6	5	50		44	45	52	19	CAPITOL 94389* (9.98)
7	7	13	4	VINCE GILL MCA 42321 (8.98) WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME	45	42	42	12	HIGHWAY 101 WARNER BROS. 26253* (9.98) GREATEST HITS
	8	-		K.T. OSLIN RCA 52365* (9.98) LOVE IN A SMALLTOWN	(46)	49	56	17	SHELBY LYNNE EPIC 46066*/CBS (8.98 EQ) TOUGH ALL OVER
8		8	84	GARTH BROOKS & CAPITOL 90897* (9.98) GARTH BROOKS	47	48	51	59	THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND ● EPIC 45316/CBS (8.98 EQ) SIMPLE MAN
9	10	9	29	GEORGE STRAIT © MCA 6415 (9.98)	48	46	44	22	BILLY JOE ROYAL ATLANTIC 82104* (9.98) OUT OF THE SHADOWS
10	9	10	40	ALAN JACKSON ● ARISTA 8623 (8.98) HERE IN THE REAL WORLD	49	50	54	7	EMMYLOU HARRIS REPRISE 26309+/WARNER BROS. (9.98) BRAND NEW DANCE
11	11	7	84	CLINT BLACK ▲ ² RCA 9668 (8.98) KILLIN' TIME	(50)	56	53	80	K.D. LANG & THE RECLINES ABSOLUTE TORCH AND TWANG SIRE 25877/WARNER BROS. (9.98) ABSOLUTE TORCH AND TWANG
12	13	17	5	DWIGHT YOAKAM REPRISE 26344*/WARNER BROS. (9.98) IF THERE WAS A WAY	51	53	58	235	RANDY TRAVIS ▲2 WARNER BROS. 25435 (9.98) STORMS OF LIFE
13	12	11	15	KATHY MATTEA MERCURY 842 330 (8.98 EQ) A COLLECTION OF HITS	52	54	50	95	HANK WILLIAMS, JR. A WARNER/CURB 25834/WARNER BROS. (9.98) GREATEST HITS III
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27	29	32	187	RANDY TRAVIS ▲4 WARNER BROS. 25568 (8.98) ALWAYS & FOREVER	66	62	61	14	MERLE HAGGARD CURB 77313* (9.98) BLUE JUNGLE
28	27	24	16	VERN GOSDIN COLUMBIA 45409/CBS (8.98 EQ) 10 YEARS OF GREATEST HITS	67	65	66	7	TAMMY WYNETTE EPIC 46238•/CBS (8.98 EQ) HEART OVER MIND
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First single—250,000 units sold and half way to GOLD!

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MUSIC VIDEO

New Players Bow, Others Bow Out, In Turbulent Year

BY MELINDA NEWMAN

NEW YORK-It was a turbulent year for the music video world as the industry rumbled and rolled into the '90s. Mergers, can-

cellations, and

format changes

caused seismic

quakes in video.

Although MTV



remained relatively quiet this year, several other national outlets did not exit 1990 as they entered it.

First the good news. Interactive video channel Video Jukebox Network became a major player in 1990. Its industry profile rose significantly in March when it hired former MTV VP Les Garland as VP of programming. It ended the year operating 121 units of The Jukebox Network, reaching a po-

tential audience of more than 10 million households. That was more than double the 50 cable and lowpower stations that carried that network at the end of 1989.

Black Entertainment Television turned 10 in 1990 and its role as the leader in the black music community continued to be felt. At year's end, a few labels vowed to start a wider awareness campaign for the network. At the same time, the channel took a more aggressive attitude toward playing clips that promoted blacks in a positive way.

Also promoting rap and black music was "Pump It Up," a weekly show produced by Fox Television Stations Productions, which had a limited national rollout in May before expanding to 82 stations in October.

Another show making a national impact was The Family Channel's "Videosyncrasy," a 60-minute weekly show with a potential audience of 52 million.

And after a several-year absence, "Night Flight" rose like a phoenix from the ashes of its former self. Reincarnated as a twohour weekly syndicated show, the video program began airing on several markets across the nation.

In addition to the new national shows, there was a proliferation of local and regional shows. Rap and dance programs showed the largest gains. However, local country outlets also grew. By the middle of the year, there were more than 120 outlets, up more than 15% over the previous year.

In terms of breaking acts, video became more and more important in the country field. Although their budgets still lagged behind their pop and R&B counterparts, country music clips helped break a number of artists, including the

Kentucky Headhunters, Alan Jackson, and Clint Black, with video outlets often airing the clips before radio would play the song.

More significantly on the country front, Opryland USA, owner of TNN, signed a letter of intent to purchase competitor Country Mu-

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sic Television in late July. Also involved with the deal was Group W Satellite Communications, which markets and promotes TNN. Following the announcement, TNN senior VP Stan Hitchcock resigned to form his own production company. By year's end, the merger had had no programming effect on either channel.

Another of the nation's 24-houra-day music channels, VH-1, continued to find its footing. The channel, which turned 5 in 1990, started the year as mainly a "lifestyle channel" with comedy and yuppie-oriented shows, then made the switch to an adult alternative music station in late winter and ended 1990 as primarily a hits-driven video channel playing 70% recurrents.

Additionally, VP of programming Jeff Rowe left the channel for NBC, replaced by Juli Davidson, formerly VH-1's creative director

On the down side, while VH-1 and CMT went through drastic changes, other networks simply went off the air. Houston-based Hit Video U.S.A. went dark in October as it faced an ever-dwindling market share and financial woes. The network provided up to 10 hours of programming a day to more than 20 markets. Its owner, Connie Wodlinger, vowed to bring the program back in some incarnation; however, by year's end, it had not resurfaced.

In December, after months of rumors, NCTV, which supplied programming to universities throughout the country, also ceased operation because of financial troubles

Domestically, music giant MTV maintained a business-as-usual stance in 1990, only occasionally making programming shifts that upset the balance. The high point for the channel was its eighth annual Video Music Awards, which received its highest ratings ever. It ended the year without announcing a replacement for VP of programming Tom Hunter, who moved over to head the international department.

Internationally, MTV continued its global manifest destiny of bringing music television to the planet. It launched a new network, MTV Brasil, in Brazil in October. And, perhaps more significantly, MTV began broadcasting in the Soviet Union. In addition to some cable feeds into hotels and embassies, MTV began broadcasting one hour a week on one of the most popular Soviet television programs, "Glance."

The area of music video that showed the most growth was the sellthrough market.

Record labels really got serious about home video, music and otherwise, as three companies appointed new division heads who vowed to take the medium where no one had taken it before. Joe Shults was named president of PolyGram Music Video; Jon Peisinger, president of CBS Music Video Enterprises; and Stuart Hersch to a similar post at A*Vision, Atlantic Records' home video division.

While the format continued to grow, there were numerous standouts that helped make it an outstanding year. Among the top sellers were M.C. Hammer's "Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em" and "Janet Jackson's Rhythm Nation 1814." Roger Waters' "The Wall-Live In Berlin," taken from this summer's performance of the Pink Floyd opus, became the first title to enter Billboard's Top Music Videos chart at No. 1

And, not one to end the year without a scandal, Madonna had the final footnote on 1990. As Christmas rolled around, the video single for the MTV-banned "Justify My Love" arrived in stores. With preorders at more than 200,000, it looked like a wonderful holiday for the Material Girl.



by Melinda Newman

SEASON'S GREETINGS: Does it seem to anyone else that the years are getting shorter and shorter? My, how quickly 365 days roll around. This was my first full calendar year of being music video editor, and I'd like to thank all of you for the support, ideas, and constructive criticism. I look forward to hearing more of all three in



1991. My phone lines are always open: 212-536-5037. AS THE SEPARATE story on this page attests, there was plenty going

on in the world of music video this year. Additionally, there were some great clips. In no particular order and without explanation (because even I don't understand why I liked some of these), here's my top 20 (more or less) list of clips that

- always caught my eye: "Justify My Love"—Madonna
- "Freedom 90"—George Michael "Ice Ice Baby"—Vanilla Ice
- "U Can't Touch This"-M.C. Hammer
- "Mama Help Me"—Edie Brickell & New Bohemians "Blaze Of Glory"—Jon Bon Jovi
- "Love Will Never Do Without You"-Janet Jackson
- "My Love Is A Fire"—Donny Osmond "Lyin' To Myself"—David Cassidy
- "Tick Tock"—The Vaughan Brothers
- "Wicked Game"-Chris Isaak
- "Groove Is In The Heart"—Deee-Lite
- "Epic"-Faith No More
- "Nothing Compares 2 U"—Sinead O'Connor "Crazy"—The Boys
- "Dance"-David Baerwald
- "Child Of The Wild Blue Yonder"-John Hiatt
- "Come Monday"—K.T. Oslin.
- "Escapade"-Janet Jackson
- "Opposites Attract"—Paula Abdul "The Dance"—Garth Brooks

-2-3, IT'S Square One TV: Just in time to fine-tune your skills so you can count all those presents under the Christmas tree, PBS is running "Square One Video Jukebox," an hourlong music video special produced by Children's Television Workshop. The program, which began airing Dec. 13 and runs through the end of the month, features a selection of the top music videos from "Square One TV," the daily math series for 8-to-12-yearolds. Artists with material on the Julie Brown-hosted show include Bobby McFerrin, the Fat Boys, and Regina Belle. Though there are no other specials planned, if this one's a success it could spur more.

ONE OF MY HOPES FOR 1991 is that programmers will take more chances and let the viewers decide what they want to see. We've seen some marvelous examples of this (though not nearly enough); most notably, "Video Music Box" giving Harry Connick Jr. a spin and CMT continually programming clips by acts not considered traditional country artists, such as the Indigo Girls and Bruce Hornsby. Everyone wants to discover the next big thing or be in at the start of an artist's career. Local shows still do this much more often than national shows and still receive much less credit than they deserve.

ANOTHER HOPE IS that VH-1 finishes getting its act together and turns into the great channel that everyone truly believes it can be. God knows the VH-1 team has taken its knocks this year-some deserved, some notbut it looks like things are coming together. And a word of note to those label folks who are bemoaning the VH-1 of yore when alternative artists ruled, those days are gone. I'm the first to weep with you, but it's time to rally round the channel and make sure there's still a VH-1 to support a year from now instead of living in the past. Remember, a VH-1 that plays only 30% currents is better than no VH-1 at all.

Speaking of which, Motown VP Traci Jordan led the rallying cry at the Billboard Music Video Conference in November about getting labels to show their support for B.E.T. It would be nice to see that get off the ground. As we've covered ad nauseam lately, people bow down at the altar of MTV and then bitch when the channel doesn't do their bidding. Well, the only way these other channels are going to become more powerful and a real force to contend with MTV's clout is if we give them the respect and help they deserve. I'm stepping down off my soapbox now ... oh yeah, remember to recycle all glass, aluminum, and paper products.

UNE FINAL word on the strength of local shows comes from Jesus Marcias, producer of El Paso, Texasbased program Musica Desde America. He writes: "On the recent comments that appeared in 'The Eye' on MTV Power. I'd like to add that in El Paso, Texas, only 40% have cable, in Las Cruces, N.M., only 50% have cable and in Juarez, Mexico, 0% have cable. [These are the markets in which Marcias' show is broadcast.] Total population in this area is over 3 million plus and only cable homes may see MTV. When you are in cable you compete with at least 40 other channels. When you are on local broadcast, you compete with 10 other channels. Lo-cal video shows do work!"

Hear, Hear, Hear and Ho, Ho, Ho



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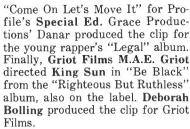
LOS ANGELES

"ENTERTAINMENT Tonight" host John Tesh's "On American Shores" is the latest clip by a Private Music artist. Alan Koziowski of Visualize Productions directed the video using winter imagery and footage of skiers who are perfectly in sync with the artist's music. The tune comes from Tesh's upcoming album, "Tour de France: The Early Years."

Vivid's L.A. crews have been busy reeling Extreme's A&M clip, "Get The Funk Of It," directed by Andy Morahan and produced by Doug Meyer, Warren Hewlitt, and Lyn Healy; Grady Herrell's RCA-BMG video, "Don't Look Back," directed by Michael Rann and produced by Healy and Allyson Scheu; and Modern English's TVT video, "Life's Rich Tapestry," directed by Simon Chaudoir and produced by Roger Hunt.

NEW YORK

RAP ACT Run-D.M.C. is "Back From Hell" with its fifth **Profile** album touting two new videos. Chica **Bruce** of **Flooded Films** directed the rappers in "The Ave." with producer **Pascal Faubert**, while **Grace Productions' Pam Thomas** directed "What's It All About" with producer Maria Danar. Meanwhile, **Malcolm Jamal Warner** directed

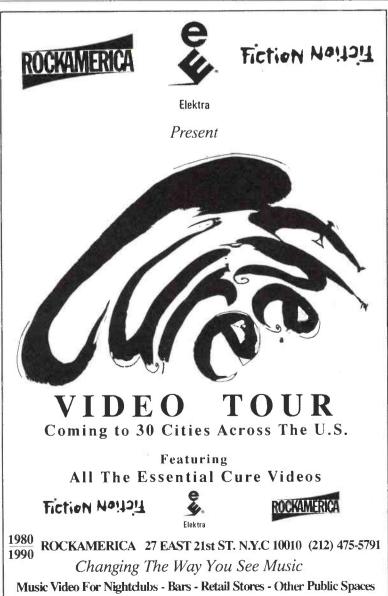


OTHER CITIES

EMMYLOU HARRIS' "Wheels Of Love" video is a colorful performance clip mixed with conceptual vignettes. Tom Krueger of Acme Pictures directed the Nashvillebased clip, which comes from the country singer's Reprise album, "Brand New Dance." Joanne Gardner produced.

Ralph Ziman is the eye behind the new L.A. Guns clip, "Malaria," a hard-hitting metal performance reeled in Denver. Romeo Tirone directed photography and Benjamin Howell produced the clip, which is featured in the upcoming longform home video, "Love, Peace & Geese." L.A. Guns' album, "Cocked And Loaded," is on PolyGram.

Chameleon's Ecotour performed on a barge in Island Lake, Wis., to capture the mood for its "Go To The Lake And Breathe" video from the "Weekend Guru" album. Bob Purman directed the concept performance, using fluid visuals to support the watery theme. Sheldon Rusch produced.





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Buena Vista Plots Moose & Squirrel Series

LOS ANGELES—Buena Vista Home Video says it will be promoting the long-awaited "The Adventures Of Rocky & Bullwinkle" beginning Feb. 8 with a substantial marketing campaign.

The company acquired the entire 156 hours of the Jay Wardcreated classic TV series and says it has spent a year cleaning and refurbishing the audio and video elements in preparation for home video release.

The first six volumes in the launch—each list-priced at \$12.99—are "Mona Moose," "Birth Of Bullwinkle," "Blue Moose," "Vincent Van Moose," "La Grand Moose," and "Canadian Gothic." Dealer prebook date is Jan. 22. Cassette packaging will have a "Classic Stuff" logo strip at the top.

Buena Vista Home Video says it will probably release titles every quarter.

Five of the first six tapes include a complete Rocky & Bullwinkle adventure, a Fractured Fairy Tales story, a Dudley Do-Right escapade, and a mix of other Ward-created characters. The sixth volume revolves around Dudley Do-Right, Nell, and Snidely Whiplash.

Among point-of-purchase material being made available to the trade are a 6-foot, full-color standee featuring such characters as Rocky & Bullwinkle, Boris and Natasha, Sherman and Mr. Peabody, Dudley Do-Right, Nell, and Horse and Snidely Whiplash; a full-color, $5^1/_2$ -foot, 48-piece prepack featuring Rocky & Bullwinkle and Boris and Natasha; and a collection of full-color shelf talkers.

On the advertising front, Buena Vista says the effort will include TV, billboards, print, and co-op allowances.

In addition, there will be a special T-shirt (valued at \$15) offer.

Consumers who purchase three volumes can mail in proofs of purchase, plus \$1 for postage and handling, to receive the shirt free of charge.

Consumers who buy two volumes can mail in two proofs of purchase, plus \$4.50, postage and handling, and receive the shirt. JIM MecULLAUGH

Industry Feels Impact Of Consolidation

BY PAUL SWEETING

NEW YORK—Consolidation. That was the one, overriding story in the video industry in 1990, and virtually no corner of the business was untouched by it—for better or for worse.

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the remnants of Vestron have been scattered far and wide, primarily among Dallas-based retail conglomerate Super Club Corp. and LIVE Entertainment.

And MGM/UA Home Video has virtually ceased to exist, the video rights to MGM/UA product having been licensed off to Time Warner.

By 1989, Blockbuster Video had already emerged as a dominant player among video specialty retailers, but people still spoke of West Coast Video, Erol's, and others in the same breath as the Fort Lauderdale, Fla.-based giant.

By the end of 1990, Blockbuster could swallow up Erol's, the thirdlargest chain in America, with a barely measurable impact on its market share.

And with the consolidation at the manufacturer and retail levels proceeding apace, distributors and rackjobbers increasingly found themselves competing with their own suppliers for accounts. At the National Assn. of Recording Merchandisers' rackjobbing conference in November, Steve Strome, head of the nation's largest rackjobber, Handleman, felt compelled to warn his own suppliers to think twice before establishing direct relationships with retailers heretofore serviced by the racks (Billboard, Nov. 17).

But for all the signposts pointing toward a Brave New World of megaretailing and massive distribution combines centered around the major studios, the road ahead still carries the potential for surprising twists and turns along the way.

THE CASE OF MGM/UA

The overnight dissolution of MGM/UA Home Video provides a sobering case in point. While the industry's attention naturally focused on the addition MGM/UA's product will make to the already substantial market share enjoyed by Time Warner (Warner Home Video, HBO Video, A*Vision, Warner-Reprise Home Video), comparatively little attention was paid to the forces be-

hind the most spectacular recent example of consolidation at the supplier level.

Warner's windfall had little if anything to do with forces indigenous to the home video industry; MGM/UA Home Video could probably have sustained itself for some time by repackaging its catalog the richest in the business—particularly as new sell-through markets emerged overseas. Moreover, the company seemed adept at exploiting the new product it was given to work with.

MGM/UA Home Video was a victim of a deal in which home video was an afterthought, an asset to be converted to cash for other purposes. Giancarlo Parretti's Pathé Communications did away with the home video company to raise the cash necessary to complete an acquisition of the parent company.

As big as the home video industry has become—\$9 billion or so in 1990—it will play a supporting role in the worldwide consolidation of the entertainment business and home video companies; even those currently regarded as "majors" could find themselves jerked to and fro, traded, swapped, and reconfigured as higher-level deals require.

VAGARIES AND VESTRON

Even the collapse of Vestron, a company that emerged from the video industry, was driven by factors having more to do with the vagaries of movie production and the burdens of debt service than the dynamics of the video industry. Vestron discovered too late that movie production can soak up huge reservoirs of capital quickly while producing returns on a sporadic, unpredictable basis.

When the crunch finally came, Vestron's video distribution operation was parceled out just like the office furniture and other assets. In that sense, LIVE's acquisition of the Vestron catalog resembled a mopping-up operation more than a proper example of consolidation.

The exceptions to this rule would seem to be acquisitions of two Hollywood studios, Columbia Pictures and MCA's Universal Pictures, by Japanese consumer electronics companies. What, after all, would such companies be interested in if not movies to play on their (next-generation) VCRs?

While those deals can be seen as being in large measure "video-driven," they will have minimal impact on the domestic home video business, at least in the short term.

Neither Sony's acquisition of Co-

lumbia Pictures nor Matsushita's proposed acquisition of MCA will have any significant impact on the market shares of the home video companies those studios control or in which they have an interest. From the perspective of the home video industry, then, they hardly qualify as examples of consolidation

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at all.

What then is the future trend of consolidation at the supplier level of the video industry? Deals on the magnitude of Warner's acquisition of the video rights to MGM/UA's product will continue to occur at unpredictable intervals, driven by forces beyond the control of anyone in the video business. But other examples of consolidation, more germane to the industry, will also grab headlines in the next few years.

CHANGES IN DISTRIBUTION

Such examples will arise from long-term changes in the distribution structure of the business, changes that inevitably favor the major studios, particularly those that are part of integrated entertainment companies with far-flung branch distribution systems already in place.

The addition of MGM/UA to the stable of Time-Warner-distributed video labels will not immediately change the company's reliance on the two-step distribution system. But it puts in place another necessary (if not by itself sufficient) element for such a change. The addition of MGM/UA will

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The addition of MGM/UA will give Time Warner (or, more specifically, Warner Home Video) a market share of roughly 22%, by far the largest in the industry. Such a bigger-than-big share of the market certainly makes adoption of a branch distribution system (such as used by the record industry) a plausible scenario in the not terribly distant future.

Time Warner, of course, already has another necessary element in place—an existing branch distribution system in WEA, one of the Big 6 record-distribution operations.

Sony, which acquired Columbia Pictures in 1989, also has a branch system in place by virtue of its acquisition of CBS Records in 1988, another of the Big 6. With the expiration of Columbia's video joint venture with RCA in 1992 (if the lawsuit currently pending between the partners does not bring about a quicker divorce), it would surprise no one if Sony decided to use CBS Distributing to funnel Columbia's video product directly to retailers, with minimal reliance on the current crop of independent, two-step wholesalers.

MCA is another company with a branch system in place, the newly rechristened Uni Distribution (Billboard, Dec. 1). Uni already handles MCA/Universal's product, along with that of LIVE Home Video, Rhino Home Video, and Rabbit Ears Productions. As with Warner Home (Continued on page 79)

It's A Sony Classical Series. Executives from Sony Classical present the new Karajan Legacy home video collection to Goethe House director Dr. Juergen Ohlau. Goethe House is the first library in the U.S. to receive the laserdisc series, which honors the late German composer Herbert von Karajan. Shown, from left, are Jim Gavigan, Sony Classical director of marketing; Barbara Aglietti, product manager; and Ohlau.

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1	Home Alone (20th Century Fox)	14,232,156	1,764 <i>8,068</i>	3	84,168,098
2	Misery (Columbia)	7,107,047	1,299 <i>5,471</i>	1	20,110,450
3	The Rookie (Warner Bros.)	5,510,056	1,862 <i>2,959</i>		5,510,056
4	Dances With Wolves (Orion)	5,385,579	1,051	4	32,019,043
5	Three Men And A Little Lady (Buena Vista)	4,575,817	1,282 <i>3,569</i>	2	35,887,884
6	Predator 2 (Fox)	2,101,472	1,809 1,162	2	23,061,118
7	Rocky V (MGM/UA)	1,800,838	2,093 <i>860</i>	3	34,654,072
8	Ghost (Paramount)	1,452,888	1,386 1,048	21	199,942,490
9	Rescuers Down Under (Buena Vista)	1,422,169	1,237 <i>1,150</i>	3	13,601,223
10	Child's Play 2 (Universal)	680,098	1,000 <i>680</i>	4	25,459,435
11	Jacob's Ladder (Tri-Star)	429,730	877 <i>490</i>	5	24,416,319
12	Reversal of Fortune (Warner Bros.)	401,585	434 <i>925</i>	8	10,231,202
13	Quigley Down Under (MGM/UA)	379,856	875 <i>434</i>	7	18,628,481
14	Avalon (Tri-Star)	361,030	457 790	9	14,607,018
15	Memphis Belle (Warner Bros.)	284,913	587 <i>485</i>	8	25,876,33
16	White Palace (Universal)	269,360	481 560	7	16,553,633
17	Sibling Rivalry (Columbia)	253,928	605 420	6	17,138,54
18	Marked For Death (Fox)	230,219	467	9	43,120,55
19	Henry & June (Universal)	222,630	181 <i>1,230</i>	9	10,758,43
20	GoodFellas (Warner Bros.)	213,856	199 1,075	11	39,631,74
21	Edward Scissorhands (Fox)	159,622	2 79,811	_	159,62
22	Flatliners (Columbia)	142,643	270 528	17	61,171,54
23	Postcards from the Edge (Columbia)	111,903	236 474	12	37,682,19
24	China Cry (Penland)	84,275	64 1,316	5	2,370,43
25		83,762		8	14,600,75
26	(Buena Vista) Arachnophobia (Buena Vista)	71,614	115 623	20	52,946,57
27	The Grifters	71,034	2	-	103,83
28		70,686		3	625,06
29		61,936		6	292,44
30		59,674	<i>6,882</i> 23	7	713,41
31		57,193		4	519,20
32		54,421		2	1,093,04
33		45,749		18	2,651,98
34		42,909		9	24,732,18
35		41,448		16	19,902,68
36		39,994		4	2,004,25
37		37,395		2	255,03
38		32,807		10	2,353,84
39		32,661		22	115,253,08
40	(Fox) Hidden Agenda	28,545		2	160,69
	(Hemdale)		7,136		

HOME VIDEO

Events Laid Groundwork For Growth

BY CHRIS McGOWAN

990 HIGHLIGHTS: It was a very good year for laserdiscs. The format received massive coverage in the press, and hardware manufacturers got involved in a big way. Although laserdisc household penetration is still tiny (less than 1% in the U.S.), the groundwork was laid for steady expansion in the years to come. Here are some of the key events of 1990 that had a significant impact on the creative and financial evolution of the laserdisc format (not in order of importance):

• Paramount's release of Steven Spielberg's widescreen adventure

film "Indiana Jones And The Last Crusade" in both letterboxed and pan-scan versions. Consumers could have it both ways, and the success

1990 IN REVIEW



of the letterboxed edition (which outsold the pan-scan discs) showed that many viewers prefer their movies intact, given a choice. • Sony Classical's launch of the

"Karajan Legacy" 45-title series (featuring conductor Herbert Von Karajan and the Berlin Philharmonic). An audio/visual landmark that should hook many classical music fans who aren't yet into the format.

• Pioneer Artists' venture into music video co-productions (such as on Marcus Roberts' "Deep In The Shed"), which helped boost laser as the "fifth configuration." • MGM/UA's 1990 release sched-

ule. Under the aegis of George Fel-tenstein (up until Warner took over its video rights), MGM/UA bowed a wealth of classic movies on laserdisc, many of them restored, retransferred, and letterboxed (when (Continued on page 68)

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1	1	5	THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER	★ NO. 1 ★ ★ Paramount Pictures Pioneer LDCA, Inc. LV32030-2	Sean Connery Alec Baldwin	1990	PG	29.9
2	2	5	TOTAL RECALL	Carolco Home Video Image Entertainment ID7779IV	A. Schwarzenegger	1990	R	39.9
3	3	3	BACK TO THE FUTURE PART III	Amblin Entertainment MCA/Universal Home Video 40979	Michael J. Fox Christopher Lloyd	1990	PG	39.9
4	NE	WÞ	BIRD ON A WIRE	Universal City Studios MCA/Universal Home Video 80959	Mel Gibson Goldie Hawn	1990	PG-13	34.
5	NE	w	ANOTHER 48 HRS.	Paramount Pictures Pioneer LDCA, Inc. 32386	Eddie Murphy Nick Notte	1990	R	24.
6	6	11	THE LITTLE MERMAID	Walt Disney Home Video Pioneer/Image Ent. 913	Animated	1989	G	29
7	18	101	TOP GUN	Paramount Pictures Pioneer LDCA, Inc. 1629	Tom Cruise Kelly McGillis	1986	PG	29
8	4	11	GLORY	Tri-Star Pictures Pioneer/Image Ent. 70286	Matthew Broderick Denzel Washington	1989	R	39
9	5	9	TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: THE MOVIE	New Line Cinema Image Entertainment 27345	Judith Hoag Elias Koteas	1990	PG	29
10	12	5	ROGER WATERS: THE WALL-LIVE IN BERLIN	PolyGram Music Video 082-649-3	Roger Waters	1990	NR	29
11	7	5	WILD ORCHID	RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video Pioneer LDCA, Inc. 59576	Mickey Rourke Jacqueline Bisset	1990	NR	24
12	15	22	BLUE VELVET	Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 692	Kyle MacLachlan Isabella Rossellini	1986	R	29
13	11	9	RETURN OF THE JEDI	CBS-Fox Video Pioneer/Image Ent. 1425-85	Mark Hamill Harrison Ford	1983	PG	69
14	8	7	JOE VERSUS THE VOLCANO	Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 11912	Tom Hanks Meg Ryan	1990	PG	24
15	9	24	BACK TO THE FUTURE PART II	Amblin Entertainment MCA/Universal Home Video 40914	Michael J. Fox Christopher Lloyd	1989	PG	3
16	24	17	DRIVING MISS DAISY	Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 11931	Jessica Tandy Morgan Freeman	1989	PG	2
17	10	13	ALL DOGS GO TO HEAVEN	MGM/UA Home Video Pioneer/Image Ent. 101868	Animated	1989	G	24
18	16	3	JETSONS: THE MOVIE	Universal City Studios MCA/Universal Home Video 40977	Animated	1990	Ġ	3
19	13	15	HARD TO KILL	Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 11914	Steven Seagal Kelly LeBrock	1990	R	24
20	14	15	BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY \diamond	Universal City Studios MCA/Universal Home Video 80901	Tom Cruise	1989	R	3
21	22	11	SUPERMAN: THE MOVIE	Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 12030	Marlon Brando Gene Hackman	1978	PG	2
22	NE	w	CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND	Criterion Collection CC1241L	Richard Dreyfuss	1977	PG	12
23	20	44	BACK TO THE FUTURE ◆	Amblin Entertainment MCA/Universal Home Video 80196	Michael J. Fox Christopher Lloyd	1985	PG	34
24	NE	w	I LOVE YOU TO DEATH	Tri-Star Pictures Pioneer LDCA, Inc. 70306	Tracey Ullman Kevin Kline	1989	R	34
25	23	3	THE FIRST POWER	Orion Pictures Image Entertainment 7779	Lou Diamond Phillips Tracy Griffith	1990	R	39

25,000 units and \$1 million at suggested retail for nontheatrical titles. ♦ ITA platinum certification for a minimum sale of 250,000 units or a dollar volume \$18 million at suggested retail for theatrical titles and of at least, 50,000 units and \$2 million at suggested retail for nontheatrical titles. © 1990, Billboard/BPI Communications, Inc. BILLBOARD DECEMBER 22, 1990

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HOME VIDEO



by Earl Paige

NEW YEAR IDEAS, HOPES: Most video retailers reviewing the past year and looking ahead are optimistic, despite some rough months in 1990. For sure, Blockbuster Entertainment will keep on keepin' on, says



zone marketing director out of Los Angeles. With about 65 stores open in

Steve Dimarco,

the main L.A. area, Blockbuster is excited about an industry party right before Christmas heralding the Sunset Boulevard Blockbuster unit, Dimarco says. Blockbuster and a few franchisees, mainly UI Video from Colorado, quietly started opening stores in early 1988, and there has never been a lot of grandopening fanfare until now-when Blockbuster feels confident it can officially hail its entry into the nation's most competitive video retail arena. Even H. Wayne Huizenga was among the company hosts, as was Scott Beck, vice chairman and chief operating officer. In a good example of 1990's problems, the much-touted L.A. Entertainment store on Ventura Boulevard is shuttered, and Blockbuster is purchasing the site, says Dimarco. The glitzy store was to have been a flagship for Supermarket Video but just never worked out. One observer says the problem was going into music-and therefore squaring off with combo giants Tower Records/ Tower Video, Wherehouse, Music Plus, and Sam Goody Music & Video.

GHAPTER OUTLOOK: There will be more, not fewer Video Software Dealers Assn. regional chapters. Already 1990 saw the U.S. number go from 42 to 46, compared with the roster from January 1990. New are Pennsylvania/New Jersey, Utah, Central Ohio, and Tennessee. Even though California boasts six chapters, Mitch Lowe, head of the Northern California group, has hinted that a new chapter may form in the Reno/Lake Tahoe area. And there has even been talk of yet another group opening around Bakersfield, now seen as too far south of Peggy Lake's Central California chapter around Fresno.

EXPERIENCED LEADERS: As chapter presidents get ready for San Diego and the annual leadership conference Jan. 19-22, many feel 1991 will be a critical turnover year for regional groups. Many chapters will have to elect a new chairman, says Chicago Chapter head Elaine Zizas, typical of the large number re-elected during the round of fall balloting. A comparison of rosters shows that about 33 incumbents were elected. "Our bylaws say we cannot go beyond three

years. I don't think it's a problem that so many were re-elected. It takes about three years. The first year, a president just gets their feet wet. The second, you begin to get a board that will work with you. The third year, you know the problems and the issues that will come up and you can be ready," says Zizas, who believes VSDA chapters now have the most experienced leadership ever.

NEW GAME IN GAMES: The new year will bring about some new developments in video games, according to numerous sources, including Ron Bernard, head of veteran Nintendo distributor rep firm Jack Carter & Associates in North Hollywood, Calif. (Billboard, Dec. 15). Already before the old year is out, Music Plus has decided to depart the games game entirely. A repre-sentative at the 80-store Southern California chain says that video games have not performed to expectations. Music Plus got into Nintendo early on with Jack Carter and was a direct customer, which meant, of course, no rental. Meanwhile, whether rental or not, video stores will look at video games from a new perspective, Bernard believes. "A lot of the titles that were shipped last year, both in terms of still being on retail store shelves, and in some cases in manufacturers' warehouses, have been marked down. So you have a whole new tier of pricing on a wide variety of Nintendo products that are hitting like a \$19.95 retail and those sales are very, very brisk. It's kind of analogous to sell-through video. There was some concern about inventory buildup going into the fall and this new tier pricing-which is not very profitable for the manufacturers-makes it very profitable for retailers. They're buying product that once had a wholesale price of \$25-\$30 for as low as \$10-\$14 and, selling them at \$20, they're making a good margin.

BURT'S BEST: A half-dozen or so VSDA chapters are familiar with management expert Burt Dubin, head of Management Achievement Institute and one of the busiest speakers on the regional circuit in 1990. In his own newsletter for other speakers, Dubin offers a credo of general interest to anyone in business: "1) Decide on your goal and start. 2) Never consider the possibility of failure. 3) The biggest goal in the world can be achieved one step at a time. 4) Avoid the naysayers. Use winners as your heroes. 5) Welcome difficulties as an instrumental part of success. 6) Be clear about your goal-flexible about the process of getting there. 7) Rememberno one does it alone.

Top Video Sales

Billboard.

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1	1	8	PRETTY WOMAN	★ NO.1 ★★ Touchstone Pictures Touchstone Home Video 1027	Richard Gere Julia Roberts	1990	R	19.99
2	2	12	PETER PAN	Walt Disney Home Video 960	Animated	1953	G	24.99
3	3	5	TOTAL RECALL	Carolco Home Video 68901	A. Schwarzenegger	1990	R	24.99
4	4	9	TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES: THE MOVIE	New Line Cinema Family Home Entertainment 27345	Judith Hoag Elias Koteas	1990	PG	24.99
5	5	30	THE LITTLE MERMAID	Walt Disney Home Video	Animated	1989	G	26.99
6	6	14	ALL DOGS GO TO HEAVEN	MGM/UA Home Video M301868	Animated	1989	G	24.98
7	7	222	THE SOUND OF MUSIC A +	CBS-Fox Video 1051	Julie Andrews Christopher Plummer	1965	G	24.98
8	8	13	LOOK WHO'S TALKING	Tri-Star Pictures RCA/Columbia Home Video 70183	John Travolta Kirstie Alley	1989	PG-13	19.95
9	9	3	MADONNA: THE IMMACULATE	Warner Reprise Video 3-38195	Madonna	1990	NR	19.9
0	15	4	COLLECTION RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED	Family Home Entertainment 27309	Animated	1989	NR	14.95
1	11	6	REINDEER JETSONS: THE MOVIE	Universal City Studios	Animated	1990	G	22.95
	13	8	STAR WARS TRILOGY GIFT PACK	MCA/Universal Home Video 80977 CBS-Fox Video 0609	Mark Hamill	1990	PG	59.9
2			ROGER WATERS: THE WALL-LIVE IN		Harrison Ford Roger Waters	1990	NR	19.9
3	12	8	BERLIN	PolyGram Music Video 082-649-3 GoodTimes Home Video				24.9
4	14	14	PETER PAN	RCA/Columbia Home Video 7001	Mary Martin New Kids On	1960	NR	-
5	18	27	STEP BY STEP ▲20	CBS Music Video Enterprises 19V-49047	The Block Tim Curry	1990	NR	19.9
6	10	4	THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW		Richard O'Brien	1975	R	89.9
7	24	11	FIELD OF DREAMS	Universal City Studios MCA/Universal Home Video 80884	Amy Madigan	1989	PG	19.9
8	16	5	M.C. HAMMER: HAMMER TIME	Capitol Video 40012	M.C. Hammer	1990	NR	19.9
19	19	2	JANET JACKSON: THE RHYTHM NATION COMPILATION	A&M Video 7502-61737-3	Janet Jackson	1990	NR	19.9
20	25	9	HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS!	MGM/UA Home Video	Animated	1966	NR	14.9
21	17	9	BACK TO THE FUTURE PART I	Amblin Entertainment MCA/Universal Home Video 80914	Michael J. Fox Christopher Lloyd	1989	PG	19.9
22	21	12	THE KING AND I	CBS-Fox Video 1004	Yul Brynner Deborah Kerr	1956	G	19.9
23	22	10	THREE TENORS IN CONCERT	London 071-223-3	Carreras - Domingo - Pavarotti	1990	NR	24.9
24	26	8	SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN	Family Home Entertainment 27312	Animated	1989	NR	14.9
25	35	152	TOP GUN	Paramount Pictures Paramount Home Video 1629	Tom Cruise Kelly McGillis	1986	PG	14.9
26	39	10	FROSTY THE SNOWMAN	Family Home Entertainment 27311	Animated	1989	NR	14.9
27	20	9	JANE FONDA'S LEAN ROUTINE	Jane Fonda Warner Home Video 654	Jane Fonda	1990	NR	29.9
28	32	2	IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE	Republic Pictures Home Video 2060	James Stewart Donna Reed	1946	NR	14.
29	NE	wÞ	BON JOVI: ACCESS ALL AREAS	PolyGram Music Video 082-767-3	Bon Jovi	1990	NR	29.9
30	NE	w	DR. FEELGOOD: THE VIDEOS	Elektra Entertainment 40117-3	Motley Crue	1990	NR	14.
31	28	28	LAWRENCE OF ARABIA	RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video	Peter O'Toole	1962	PG	29.9
32	34	3	PHIL COLLINS: SERIOUSLY LIVE	A*Vision Entertainment 3-50170	Phil Collins	1990	NR	19.
33	RE-E	NTRY	WHITE CHRISTMAS	Paramount Pictures	Bing Crosby	1954	NR	14.
34		w	FRANK SINATRA: THE REPRISE	Paramount Home Video 6104 Warner Reprise Video 3-38196	Danny Kaye Frank Sinatra	1990	NR	69.
34 35	36	14	COLLECTION DISNEY'S SING ALONG SONGS: VERY	Walter Reprise Video 3-33130	Animated	1988	NR	14.
		14	MERRY CHRISTMAS SONGS	CBS-Fox Video 1130	Mark Hamill	1977	PG	19.
36 27	33			MGM/UA Home Video 901648	Harrison Ford Dustin Hoffman	1977	R	19.
37	30	11	RAIN MAN PLAYBOY 1991 VIDEO PLAYMATE	MGM/UA Home Video 901648 Playboy Video	Tom Cruise	-	NR	19.
38	29	6	CALENDAR NATIONAL LAMPOON'S CHRISTMAS	HBO Video 90520 Warner Bros. Inc.	Various Artists	1990		-
39	NE	w⊳∣	VACATION	Warner Home Video 11889	Chevy Chase	1989	PG-13	19.

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HOME VIDEO

'Little Vegas' Is Worth A Gamble: 'Die' Is Well Cast

BY MICHAEL DARE

This weekly column is provided as a guide through the wilderness of unfamiliar feature video titles.

"Little Vegas" (1990), RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video, prebooks 1/3.

Perry Lang has made a career as an actor out of playing likable, ingratiating, low-key characters. With "Little Vegas," he has graduated to writer/director, and he has made a film that is surprisingly likable, ingratiating, and low key. Anthony John Denison ("Wiseguy")



plays Carmine Di Carlo, an amiable loser in a mad scramble to get his life together in a small desert town. His hustles don't work, his love life is in shambles, his only son doesn't like him, and he's surrounded by a group of misfits whose lives are only a little bit better than his. With an excellent supporting cast, includ-ing Catherine O'Hara ("Beetlejuice"), Michael Nouri ("The Hidden"), Jerry Stiller ("Hairspray"), director John Sayles, and Lang himself, this film works its way into your heart with delicacy and plenty of compassion. Rent it with "Bagdad Cafe."

"Living To Die" (1990), PM Home Video, prebooks 1/15.

Wings Hauser has made a career as an actor out of playing unlikable, grating, low-life characters. With "Living To Die," he has graduated to director, and he has made a film that's surprisingly full of unlikable, grating, low-life characters. A Vegas gaming commissioner picks up a hooker who OD's on cocaine. When her old boyfriend tries to blackmail him, he calls on his old buddy, an ex-cop played by Hauser, to help him out. Naturally, he discovers a tangled web of lies and lust that leads to numerous shoot-outs, chase sequences, and sex. I mean, if you're directing yourself in a picture, why not give yourself at least one nude love scene with a beautiful woman. Rent it with "Little Vegas" or "Viva Las Vegas."

"Love And Hate," Prism Entertainment, prebooks 1/15.

This TV-movie-of-the-week from the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. tells a frightening tale of betrayal, vengeance, and escalation in a marriage that's especially frightening because it's based on a true story. Kenneth Walsh ("Physical Evidence") plays Colin Thatcher, a politician whose public life is far different from his private one. His wife, played by Kate Nelligan ("Eye Of The Needle"), sees a whole other (Continued on page 69)

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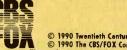
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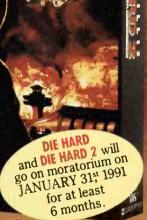
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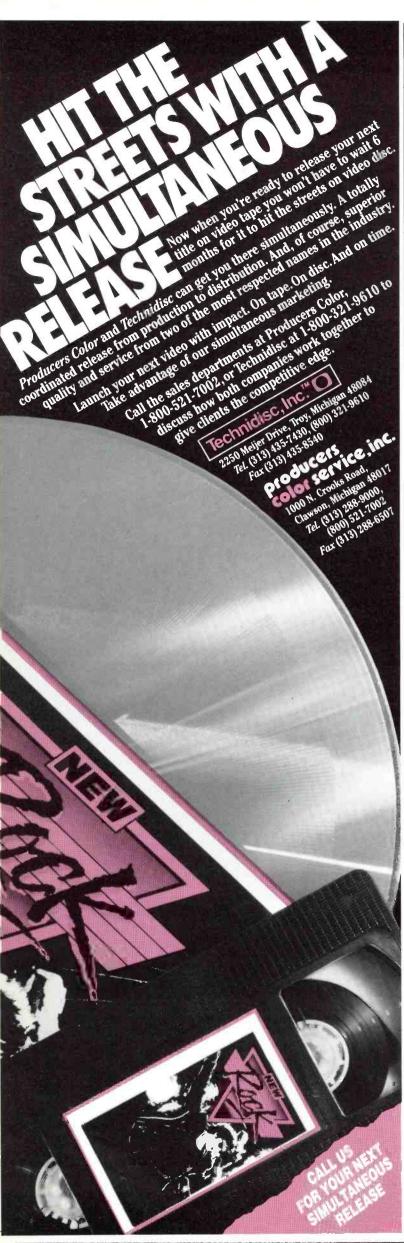
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LASER SCANS

(Continued from page 64)

widescreen). Movie buffs were pleased, indeed.

Billboard.

• Voyager's CAV edition of "Tokyo Olympiad" gave an incredible frame-by-frame, multispeed look at peak athletic performance. A new standard for sports videos.

Warner's "The James Dean 35th Anniversary Collection" four-title boxed set. An elegant presentation and the collector's package of the year.

• Pioneer's \$500-list CLD-980 combiplayer and Radio Shack's \$500-list Realistic MD-1000 combiplayer led the way in making the format affordable. Close behind were the Magnavox \$549-list CDV305, Philips' \$599list CDV400, RCA's \$599-list LDR-300, and Pioneer's \$600-list CLD-1080. • The boom in "special edition" la-

• The boom in "special edition" laserdisc releases that featured restored footage and/or supplementary material, a trend pioneered by **Voyager** and **MCA**. Many other labels got into the groove in 1990. A few examples: **MGM/UA's** "Meet Me In St. Louis," **Warner's** aforementioned James Dean boxed set, and **Image's** and **LumiVision's** two different versions of the original 1925 "Phantom Of The Opera."

Voyager and MCA continued their fine work in this area; kudos to the former for its many superb **Criterion Collection** releases in 1990 and to MCA for its excellent collectors' editions of "E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial" and "The Land Before Time."

• Voyager's encyclopedic, computer-friendly laserdisc releases, such as "Vienna, Spirit Of A City" and "Ancient Egypt: A Visual History." By releasing laserdiscs and accompanying computer software (for Macintosh micros that hook up to your player), Voyager continues to travel farther into the information galaxy's outer reaches.

• Pioneer's Light Years Ahead campaign. This massive promotional effort for its audio/visual gear brought a lot of attention to the format.

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• Voyager's deluxe edition of "Close Encounters Of The Third Kind." By programming your player, you can watch either the original 135minute "Close Encounters" or the reedited 132-minute 1980 special edition. The viewer becomes a film editor. • Pioneer Artists' "Blond Ambi-

• Pioneer Artists' "Blond Ambition" laserdisc exclusive. The marketing coup of the year.

• Image's November launch of a sell-through laserdisc software program in 20 Southern California outlets of the Circuit City consumer electronics web. Another big step.

• Panasonic, Mitsubishi, Denon, Kenwood, Quasar, RCA, and Radio Shack coming on board with laserdisc hardware in 1990.

• Warner's continuation of its sellthrough pricing, releasing many recent hits and old classics at \$24.98 and \$29.98. Warner led the way in keeping the software affordable.

keeping the software affordable. • Voyager's "Taxi Driver" deluxe edition. Yet another "film school in a sleeve" from Voyager's Criterion Collection line. On this Voyager release, you can listen to the normal soundtrack, just the music track, or running commentary on the film by writer Paul Schrader and director Martin Scorsese. Supplements in the CAV edition included the movie's screenplay, its storyboards, production photos, and an essay on Bernard Herrmann's film score. Whew!

UNTIL 1991 ... Have a happy new year.

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1	2	27	★ ★ NO. 1 ★ ★ STEP BY STEP ▲ ²¹ CBS Music Video Enterprises 19V- 49047	New Kids On The Block	LF	19.98
2	4	3	THE IMMACULATE COLLECTION Warner Reprise Video 3-38195	Madonna	LF	19.98
3	3	5	HAMMER TIME Capitol Video 40012	M.C. Hammer	LF	19.98
4	22	3	THE RHYTHM NATION COMPILATION A&M Video Janet Jackson L 7502-61737-3		LF	19.95
5	1	7	THE WALL-LIVE IN BERLIN PolyGram Music Video Roger Waters 082-649-3		С	19.95
6	NEW		ACCESS ALL AREAS PolyGram Music Video 082-767-3	Bon Jovi	D	29.95
7	6	3	DR. FEELGOOD: THE VIDEOS Elektra Entertainment 40117-3	Motley Crue	SF	14.98
8	NEW		PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC WHITE BOY SBK Music Video K5VA-07339	Vanilla Ice	SF	12.98
9	7	19	PLEASE HAMMER DON'T HURT 'EM ³ Capitol Video C540001	M.C. Hammer	LF	19.98
10	5	3	SERIOUSLY LIVE A*Vision Entertainment 3-50170	Phil Collins	С	19.98
11	8	55	HANGIN' TOUGH LIVE ▲24 CBS Music Video Enterprises 19V-49030	New Kids On The Block	С	19.98
12	10	71	HANGIN' TOUGH ▲ ²³ CBS Music Video Enterprises 14V-49028	New Kids On The Block	SF	14.95
13	NE	wÞ	PRIDE AND JOY CBS Music Video Enterprises 17V- 49069	Stevie Ray Vaughan	LF	17.98
14	15	11	THE THREE TENORS IN CONCERT London 071 223-3	Carreras - Domingo - Pavarotti	с	24.95
15	NE	wÞ	LIVE AT YANKEE STADIUM CBS Music Video Enterprises 19V-49061	Billy Joel	С	19.98
16	11	3	LIVE AROUND THE WORLD A*Vision Entertainment 3-50171	Debbie Gibson	с	19.98
17	17	5	HOME FOR CHRISTMAS A CBS Music Video Enterprises 17V-49059	Johnny Mathis	LF	17.98
18	NE	wÞ	THE REPRISE COLLECTION Warner Reprise Video 3- 38196	Frank Sinatra	с	69.98
19	12	15	ELVIS: VOL. 1-CENTER STAGE ▲ ³ Buena Vista Home Video 1032	Elvis Presley	D	19.99
20	9	3	STRANGE TOO Warner Reprise Video 38181	Depeche Mode	SF	19.98

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side of his personality that's well

hidden from the public, and she decides to divorce him.

It's a personal battle that becomes a public scandal as word of Thatcher's Palm Springs mistress reaches the courts and the television. As the fight for the custody of their three children intensifies, Thatcher is driven mad, and his desire for revenge against his ex-wife reaches epic proportions.

Thoroughly gripping throughout its entire 2 1/2 hours, this is a family drama that is fascinating and very well performed. Walsh is particularly good as the two-faced husband. Rent it with "The War Of The Roses," but only to happy couples.

"Whispers" (1990), LIVE Home Video, prebooks Tuesday (18).

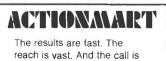
Novelist Dean R. Koontz writes twisted tales of madness and mayhem that are perfect for translating to the screen. In this one, he has come up with a mystery that's amazingly clever and difficult to second-guess. Victoria Tennant ("All Of Me") plays a woman who kills a madman who attacks her in her apartment. To her surprise, and everyone else's disbelief, she is attacked the next day by the same man.

A police detective played by Chris Sarandon ("The Princess Bride") takes her on a tour of morgues and mortuaries in an effort to find the culprit, who is played with fervor by Jean Leclerc ("All My Children"). Naturally, their relationship grows beyond cop/murder suspect, until the horrible truth is revealed. Luckily, it's all tempered with a nice sense of black humor. See it with "The Other."

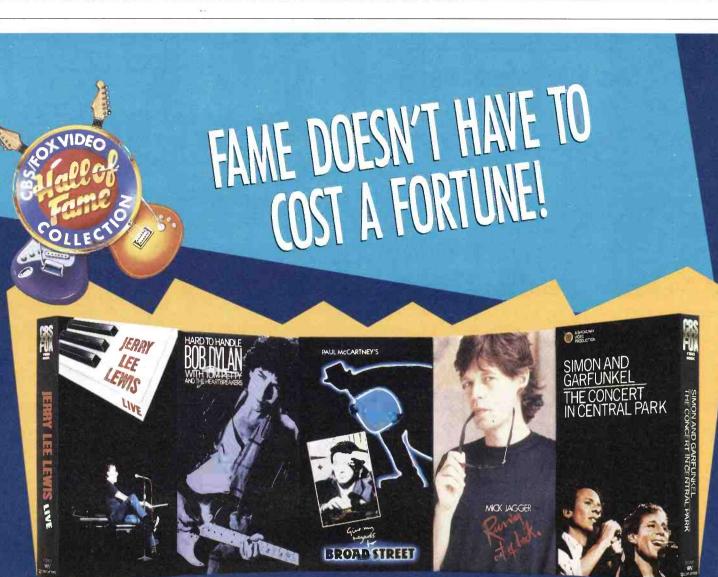
"Rainbow Drive" (1990), Vidmark Entertainment, prebooks 12/26.

Based upon a novel by Roderick Thorp ("Die Hard"), which was itself very loosely based on the John Holmes murders in Laurel Canyon, this cop thriller explores the wonderful world of sex, drugs, and police corruption in Los Angeles.

Peter Weller ("RoboCop") plays a homicide detective who stumbles upon a multiple-murder scene that he can't admit to seeing since he was only there to have an affair with a married woman. Soon, he discovers that the real investigation is ignoring facts that only he knows about, and he teams up with Bruce Weitz ("Hill Street Blues") and Sela Ward ("Rustler's Rhapsody") to become a serious thorn in the paw of a massive cover-up. Though it eventually degenerates into a predictable chase you've seen a million times, "Rainbow Drive" has enough plot twists and intense action to at least make you want to get to the end. Rent it with "Q&A" to people who haven't seen "Serpico."



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HOME VIDEO

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GoodTimes Dips Into Columbia's Catalog For 100 New-To-Video Titles

GoodTimes Home Video has licensed more than 100 titles directly from the Columbia Pictures catalog and will begin releasing them in January. None of the titles has been available on video before, including from Columbia's own label, RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video. "I assume they felt these were budget titles and we could exploit [the titles] better than they could themselves," says GoodTimes president Joe Cayre. GoodTimes will market the collection for less than \$10, primarily in the LP mode, although SP versions will be available to accounts for a slightly higher price. The initial batch of 18 re-leases will include "Love Has Many Faces," with Lana Turner; "The Tall T," starring Randolph Scott and Maureen O'Sullivan; and "Phfft!," with Jack Lemmon and Kim Novak.

"Lady" A Champ In International Markets

Buena Vista Home Video reports that "Lady And The Tramp" has become the best-selling video of all time in international markets, with more than 3 million units shipped outside the U.S. and Canada. In the U.K., "Lady" has shipped more than 1.3 million units in its first seven weeks, making it the all-time sales leader in that country. In Italy, 400,000 have been shipped, and 500,000 have been shipped in France.

Image Lands Buena Vista Laser Product

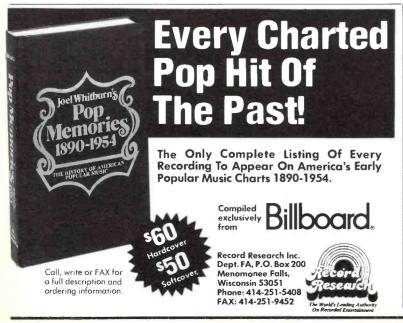
Image Entertainment has signed Buena Vista Home Video to its roster of companies for which it distributes laserdisc product. Under the agreement (which is exclusive except for Buena Vista's direct accounts), Image will handle product from Disney, Touchstone, and Hollywood Pictures Home Video. The first two titles to be released will be Touchstone's "Dick Tracy" (\$39.99 CLV, \$49.99 CAV) and "Pretty Woman" (CLV only, \$29.99). Several Disney titles not currently available on laser will be reintroduced under the agreement. In a statement, Buena Vista executive VP Richard Cohen said, "Another goal of this agreement is to minimize the back-ordering of our titles on laser

Kit Parker To Bow Thru Central Park Media

Central Park Media, the New York-based supplier headed by former Sony executive John O'Donnell, has picked up newly formed Kit Parker Video for distribution. Kit Parker Films, a distributor of 16mm product and the parent company of the new labels, has been telemarketing video via TV spots and 800-telephone numbers since the mid-'80s. The initial release under the new video label will be "Survival Of Spaceship Earth," an Emmy Award-winning documentary narrated by Raymond Burr. Street date is April 10 at \$24.95. The second release, due May 16 at \$39.95, will be "Mein Kampf," a documentary on Hitler's Third Reich originally released by Columbia Pictures.

Carolco To Bring Vid Product To Soviet Union

Carolco Films has signed a video licensing deal with Moscow-based Sintez In-ternational to introduce video product into the Soviet Union. The initial product under the deal will be television documentaries, specials, and children's programming from the Orbis Communications catalog that Carolco represents internationally through Carolco Films International Ltd. Included in the first batch of titles will be "The Wacky World Of Sports International Extravagan-"Sports Comedy Around The World," documentary series "Unauthorized za.' Biography," World War II series "War Chronicles," and "Smash Hits," an MTV-like music video show.



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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WKS. ON CHART	Compiled from a nationa	l sample of retail store rental reports. Copyright Owner, Manufacturer, Catalog Number	Principal Performers	Year of Release	Rating
1	2	5	TOTAL RECALL	NO. 1 ★ ★ Carolco Home Video 68901	A. Schwarzenegger	1990	R
2	1	8	PRETTY WOMAN	Touchstone Pictures Touchstone Home Video 1027	Richard Gere Julia Roberts	1990	R
3	6	3	ANOTHER 48 HRS.	Paramount Pictures Paramount Home Video 32386	Eddie Murphy Nick Nolte	1990	R
4	5	3	BIRD ON A WIRE	Universal City Studios MCA/Universal Home Video 80959	Mel Gibson Goldie Hawn	1990	PG-13
5	3	6	THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER	Paramount Pictures Paramount Home Video 32020	Sean Connery Alec Baldwin	1990	PG
6	4	4	BACK TO THE FUTURE PART III	Amblin Entertainment MCA/Universal Home Video 80976	Michael J. Fox Christopher Lloyd	1990	PG
7	8	3	CADILLAC MAN	Orion Pictures Orion Home Video 8756	Robin Williams Tim Robbins	1990	R
8	7	4	THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW	CBS-Fox Video 1424	Tim Curry Richard O'Brien	1975	R
9	9	7	Q&A	HBO Video 444	Nick Nolte Timothy Hutton	1990	R
10	16	3	BETSY'S WEDDING	Touchstone Pictures Touchstone Home Video 1067	Alan Alda Molly Ringwald	1990	R
11	11	5	WILD ORCHID	Vision p.d.g. RCA/Columbia Home Video 59573-5	Mickey Rourke Jacqueline Bisset	1990	NR
12	10	11	GLORY	Tri-Star Pictures RCA/Columbia Home Video 70283-5	Matthew Broderick Denzel Washington	1989	R
13	14	2	MEN AT WORK	Epic Home Video	Charlie Sheen Emilio Estevez	1990	PG-13
14	13	6	MIAMI BLUES	RCA/Columbia Home Video 59463-5 Orion Pictures	Alec Baldwin	1990	R
15	15	7	THE COOK, THE THIEF, HIS WIFE &	Orion Home Video 8746 Vidmark Entertainment 5330	Jennifer Jason Leigh Helen Mirren	1990	NR
16	17	7	HER LOVER	Tri-Star Pictures	Michael Gambon Tracey Ullman	1989	R
17	12	9	TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES:	RCA/Columbia Home Video 70303-5 New Line Cinema	Kevin Kline Judith Hoag	1990	PG
18	18	8	THE MOVIE THE FIRST POWER	Family Home Entertainment 27 345 Orion Pictures	Elias Koteas Lou Diamond Phillips	1990	R
19	24	3	BLIND FURY	Nelson Home Entertainment 7779 Tri-Star Pictures	Tracy Griffith Rutger Hauer	1990	R
20	19	5	THE ADVENTURES OF MILO AND OTIS	RCA/Columbia Home Video 70253-5 RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video	Dudley Moore	1989	G
20	20	4	PRANCER	50143 Nelson Home Entertainment 7780	Sam Elliott	1989	G
22		W	DADDY'S DYIN' WHO'S GOT THE	MGM/UA Home Video M902089	Rebecca Harrell Beau Bridges	1990	PG-13
23	22	19	WILL? DRIVING MISS DAISY	Warner Bros. Inc.	Beverly D'Angelo Jessica Tandy	1989	PG
_		9		Warner Home Video 11931 Universal City Studios	Morgan Freeman Jenny Seagrove	1990	R
24	32			MCA/Universal Home Video 80975 Paramount Pictures	Dwier Brown Richard Gere	1990	R
25	27	21		Paramount Home Video 32245	Andy Garcia Robert De Niro	-	
26	26	7	STANLEY & IRIS	MGM/UA Home Video 901694	Jane Fonda Michael Caine	1990	PG-13
27	39	11	A SHOCK TO THE SYSTEM	HBO Video 378 Orion Pictures	Elizabeth McGovern Isabelle Adjani	1990	R
28	29	3		Orion Home Video 5050 Epic Home Video	Gerard Depardieu Rob Lowe	1989	R
29	23	14	BAD INFLUENCE	RCA/Columbia Home Video 59233-5 Orion Pictures	James Spader Joe Strummer	1990	R
30		WÞ	MYSTERY TRAIN	Orion Home Video 5051	Screamin' Jay Hawkins Gary Oldman	1989	R
31	35	3	СНАТТАНООСНЕЕ	HBO Video 0307 Touchstone Pictures	Dennis Hopper Nicolas Cage	1990	R
32	25	10	FIRE BIRDS	Touchstone Home Video 1063 Universal City Studios	Tommy Lee Jones	1990	PG-13
33	21	6	JETSONS: THE MOVIE	MCA/Universal Home Video 80977	Animated Roy Scheider	1990	G
34	40	4	THE FOURTH WAR	HBO Video 519	Kevin Costner	1990	R
35	28	16	REVENGE	RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video 50213-5	Anthony Quinn	1990	R
36	38	11	PETER PAN	Walt Disney Home Video 960	Animated	1953	G
37	37	6	TALES FROM THE DARKSIDE: THE MOVIE	Paramount Pictures Paramount Home Video 32360	Christian Slater Deborah Harry	1990	R
38	33	8	LOOSE CANNONS	Tri-Star Pictures RCA/Columbia Home Video 70193-5	Gene Hackman Dan Aykroyd	1990	R
39	31	12	CRAZY PEOPLE	Paramount Pictures Paramount Home Video	Dudley Moore Daryl Hannah	1990	R
40	30	19	HARD TO KILL	Warner Bros. Inc. Warner Home Video 11914	Steven Seagal Kelly LeBrock	1990	R

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	1	9	ACEO PARKER VERVE 843 751*/POLYGRAM 3 weeks at No. 1 ROOTS REVISITED		
2	5	7	JON HENDERICKS AND FRIENDS DENON 6302*/A&M FREDDIE FREELOADER		
3	6	7	BETTY CARTER VERVE 843 991*/POLYGRAM DROPPIN' THINGS		
4	3	21	HARRY CONNICK, JR. COLUMBIA 46146 WE ARE IN LOVE		
5	2	17	BRANFORD MARSALIS QUARTET/T. BLANCHARD COLUMBIA 46792 MUSIC FROM "MO' BETTER BLUES"		
6	4	11	GEORGE BENSON WARNER BROS. 26295 BIG BOSS BAND FEATURING THE COUNT BASIE ORCHESTRA		
	11	5	KENNY GARRETT ATLANTIC 82156 AFRICAN EXCHANGE STUDENT		
8	7	13	MICHEL CAMILO EPIC 46236 ON THE OTHER HAND		
9	15	3	MARK WHITFIELD WARNER BROS. 28321 THE MARKSMAN		
10	9	9	OSCAR PETERSON TRIO TELARC JAZZ 83304+/TELARC LIVE AT THE BLUE NOTE		
	DAVE HOLLAND ECM 841 778*/POLYGRAM		DAVE HOLLAND ECM 841 778+/POLYGRAM EXTENSIONS		
12	8	25 WYNTON MARSALIS COLUMBIA 46143 STANDARD TIME VOL. 3 - THE RESOLUTION OF ROMANCE			
13	10	17	17 BRANFORD MARSALIS QUARTET COLUMBIA 46072* CRAZY PEOPLE MUSIC		
14	13	5	RALPH MOORE LANDMARK 1526 FURTHERMORE		
(15)	NE	wÞ	THE MANHATTAN PROJECT BLUE NOTE 94204*/CAPITOL THE MANHATTAN PROJECT		

TOP CONTEMPORARY JAZZ ALBUMS

	1	7	JOE SAMPLE WARNER BROS. 26138	3 weeks at No. 1		
2	2	11	TAKE 6 REPRISE 25892	ASHES TO ASHES		
4	2	11	SO MUCH 2 SAY			
3	5	13	DAVID BENOIT GRP 9621*	INNER MOTION		
4	3	15	BOBBY LYLE ATLANTIC 82138*	THE JOURNEY		
5	11	3	BOBBY MCFERRIN EMI 92048*	MEDICINE MUSIC		
6	6	7	LOU RAWLS BLUE NOTE 9384/CAPITOL	IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE FUN		
7	4	15	RIPPINGTONS FEATURING RUSS FREEMA WELCOM	N GRP 9618 TO THE ST. JAMES' CLUB		
8	8	15	ACOUSTIC ALCHEMY GRP 9614*	REFERENCE POINT		
9	13	5	SOUNDTRACK ANTILLES 422 846*/ISLAND	THE HOT SPOT		
10	NE	WÞ	GERALD ALBRIGHT ATLANTIC 82087*	DREAM COME TRUE		
11	7	11	MICHAEL BRECKER GRP 9622*	SEE IT NOW YOU DON'T		
12	9	13	DAVE WECKL GRP 9619*	MASTER PLAN		
(13)	21	5	FATTBURGER ENIGMA 73581*	COME & GET IT		
14	10	25	MICHAEL FRANKS REPRISE 26183	BLUE PACIFIC		
15	12	11	NINO TEMPO ATLANTIC 82142*	TENOR SAXOPHONE		
16	15	17	RONNIE LAWS PAR 2003*	TRUE SPIRIT		
17	23	3	KIM PENSYL OPTIMISM 3233*	PENSYL SKETCHES #3		
18	16	21	ANITA BAKER A ELEKTRA 60922	COMPOSITIONS		
19	25	3	MICHAEL PAULO GRP 9623*			
20	24	6	TOM COSTER HEADFIRST 384*/K-TEL FROM ME TO YOU			
21	14	15	JOHN PATITUCCI GRP 9617*			
22	NEW		NELSON RANGELL GRP 9624*	NELSON RANGELL		
23	20	7	EMILY REMLER JUSTICE 0501*	THIS IS ME		
24	17	21	BOB JAMES WARNER BROS. 26256	GRAND PIANO CANYON		
25	NE	wÞ	PHIL SHEERAN SONIC 80031*	BREAKING THROUGH		
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by Jeff Levenson

LET'S FACE IT, end-of-year summaries are about lists. Sort through everything that occurred during the year, toss out any extraneous truths or details that mess with your critical theses, then wail through a chorus or two. (Or is it whale? As in Darryl Strawberry whales one down the line at Dodger Stadium while the Mets' faithful gather be-

fore the right field wailing wall at Shea.) Here goes:



TEN BEST ALBUMS (or, more accurately, 10 CDs That I Liked A Lot, in no particular order):

Common" (Muse) 3. Chet Baker, "My Favourite Songs" (Enja)

Tommy Flanagan, "Jazz Poet" (Timeless)

5. Stan Getz, "Anniversary" (EmArcy) 6. Randy Weston, "Portraits Of Duke Ellington"

(Verve)

 Pierre Michelot, "Bass And Bosses" (EmArcy)
 8. Marty Ehrlich, "The Traveller's Tale" (Enja)
 9. Paul Motian, "Paul Motian On Broadway—Vol. 2" (JMT)

10. James Spaulding, "Gotstabe A Better Way" (Muse)

OP 10 REASONS TO DIG JAZZ (with apologies to David Letterman):

1. Two highly readable, neatly stacked charts in Bill-board every other week.

- Japanese people will like you.
 Spike Lee will like you.

4. Free wardrobe counseling from youngbloods. 5. Wide selection of fan clubs honoring men named

Cleanhead, Zoot, and Pee Wee.

6. Inclusion in Philip Morris' latest demographic survey, targeting consumer groups that must be courted.

7. Full NARAS recognition on Grammy telecast, citing the greatness, the glory, the grandeur of audience members like yourself who support America's only native art form. (Delivered in a 12-second sound bite, off camera.)

8. The New York Times Magazine will celebrate your hipness.

9. Time magazine will celebrate your hipness.

10. MTV will ignore you. ("A tattoo-poor music, this jazz," says one industry insider.)

A WORD TO REMEMBER: "Rhythmstick," this year's high-definition film produced by veteran label executive Creed Taylor, offered a number of performance sequences that were inspired. However, the movie's most memorable segment was a talking head of Dizzy Gillespie describing the trumpet play of comrade Art Farmer:

"His notes are so ...," Dizzy sifts the air, search-ing for the precise word. "So ...," he's close to find-ing it. "So ... so ...," and here's where his eyes brighten, as if someone has switched on that prover-bial light bulb inside his head. "PRETTY! His notes are so pretty." End of discussion. (Earlier in the film, Farmer is sitting in the record-

ing studio studying a score, when Dizzy sneaks in, leans over his shoulder, and settles in cheek to cheek while mocking the man's concentration. It takes

'10-bests,' a Connick Watch, and other notes from 1990

Farmer a second, but when he realizes who's messing with him, he unleashes a milewide smile, reaches back, and hooks Dizzy around the neck. The two crack up and smooch. Not a word is spoken.)

TEST-EASY DEPARTMENT: Amid the holiday mirth and merriment, let's remember some jazz folk who exited during this past 12 months: Sarah Vaughan, Dexter Gordon, Art Blakey, Major Hol-ley, Big Al Sears, Harry Lim, Bill Hardman, C. Sharpe, Lee Castle, Frank Wright. (Thanks to Phil Schapp for assistance.)

ARRY THE MAIN MAN, REDUX: During our last end-of-year summary, we were inspired to designate 1989 the Year of the Connick, citing young Harry's meteoric rise from two-fisted piano man to storybook matinee idol. So many readers approved of our selection that as a public service we've decided to hold our second annual Connick Watch.

Harry's peak career moment occurred this year not when he sold out two weeks at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre on Broadway, nor when his soundtrack album to "When Harry Met Sally..." charted for 41 straight weeks, nor when he sang for his chief influence and idol, **Frank Sinatra**, during a Hollywood taping. Harry's moment came when New York Times music

critic Stephen Holden gushed forth and likened him to Orson Welles, suggesting in print that Harry was our generation's counterpart to that magnificent citizen among Renaissance men. Hmm. Don't know what Holden had in mind, but I'm quite certain the comparison in stature had nothing to do with waistlines. (Or, has someone been smoking rosebuds around here?)

APPY NEW YEAR!

FROM DEALS TO INDECENCY TO THE BRINK OF WAR: IT WAS A VERY BUSY YEAR (Continued from page 18)

have something for everybody; now it has something to offend everybody. PDs cut out all the rap teens like, except "Ice Ice Baby" and "U Can't Touch This," which teens are sick of. They then play those all day and continue to annoy the adults who don't like rap at all.

(More irony? Consider that top 40 chose to resolve its dance side and its adult side in 1990 by playing a dance record that sampled Suzanne Vega. Or that top 40 stations went from bashing Milli Vanilli for being a studio group to trying to be first with "Do The Bartman.")

I have said plenty this year about why I think top 40's problems are fixable. And why broadcasters are not inclined to fix them just yet. For now, it should be noted that broadcasters are worried, just like the TV networks, that fewer people are listening to the radio. So why are so many people being told to leave?

Don't look for broadcasters to change their minds about demographic undesirables any time soon. At NAB, the bears gathered and what everybody suspected became what everybody knew, that radio was in for tough times.

How you see radio's current economic state depends on how you view the economy overall. Some folks think the recession should have been acknowledged a long time ago; there are those who think the recession is only a self-fulfilling prophecy. At year's end, sales were generally flat—except in the Northeast. And yet even healthy stations were laying folks off, as a hedge against 1991.

It is hard to confront what you cannot control. The NAB says DAB cannot be here until at least the late '90s. Its proponents say it can be here much sooner. And while NAB used its convention to assure everybody that things were going to be fine, it was clear that nobody had a lot of information at the time.

The other, more immediate concern is the prospect of a shooting war in

the Persian Gulf Jan. 15. Thus far, the conflict has been only a radio promotion for some broadcasters. For many, playing those teary dedications to loved ones over "God Bless The U.S.A." may be entirely sincere. But with Armed Forces Radio neither equipped nor disposed to deliver all those messages, not all of them reach their intended target.

Also remember that many of today's music radio programmers are too young to remember Vietnam, and their kids are too young to go to the Gulf. In other words, the Gulf is not close enough to home for many to understand how it feels for those whose loved ones are going, and none of us really know what to expect Jan. 15. Some of what you are hearing now may be good radio. Down the line, some of it will sound like those live spots for "Today's Go-Go Action Army" that you can still hear on '60s air checks.

Abdullah Ibrahim, "African River" (Enja)
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Billboard.

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FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 22, 1990.

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TOP CROSSOVER ALBUMS

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3	2	9	KISS ME KATE ANGEL CDC-54033* HAMPSON, BARSTOW, CRISWELL (MCGLINN)
4	6	3	THE STAR WARS TRILOGY SONY CLASSICAL SK 45947* JOHN WILLIAMS
5	5	5	FIESTA! TELARC CD-80235* CINCINNATI POPS (KUNZEL)
6	4	7	MY FUNNY VALENTINE ANGEL CDC-54071* FREDERICA VON STADE
7	12	3	THE CHRISTMAS ALBUM PHILIPS 426 835-2* CANADIAN BRASS
8	13	5	PUBLIC TELEVISON'S GREATEST HITS RCA 60470-2:RC U.K. SYMPHONY
9	9	5	AN OLD SONG RESUNG ANGEL CDC-54051* THOMAS HAMPSON
10	15	3	CHRISTMAS WITH THE POPS TELARC CD-80226* CINCINNATI POPS (KUNZEL)
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by Is Horowitz

A YEAR TO REMEMBER: What's better than one superstar? Two, or even three. Super sales of the live Rome concert starring Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo, and Jose Carreras have only reinforced efforts by major labels to bid for or otherwise capture the loyalty of the handful of sure-fire artists.



Last year, this traditional competitive exercise gained new momentum, in part, at least, because of the entry of Sony Classical into the bidding wars. It was again evident this year, not alone with the "Three Tenors" package, where London Records won

out over a number of potent rivals, but also with other artists whose popularity guarantees strong sales. It's no secret, for instance, that EMI/Angel's success in blocking out the bulk of upcoming **Itzhak Perlman** recordings was achieved in the face of strong competition from other majors. Money talks, but it's not the only factor.

If anything, high-profile bidding can be expected to continue into 1991. Deutsche Grammophon, for one, which suffered superstar erosion that trimmed three major artists from its ranks in little more than a year, cannot be expected to rely solely on the development of new talent. Surely, it will look with more than passing interest at talent opportunities elsewhere to fill gaps left by the loss of Vladimir Horowitz, Herbert von Karajan, and Leonard Bernstein.

On a smaller scale, but no less intriguing, has been this waning year's success with midcentury American repertoire—Hanson, Diamond, Barber, et al.—on disc. Delos Records has played a leading role in this development, aided immeasurably by the advocacy of **Gerard** Schwarz, the label's sweetheart deal with Schwarz's orchestra, the Seattle Symphony, and generous financial support from the National Endowment for the Arts. But Delos is far from alone. A host of major and minor labels have put out new effort in this area.

New artists who leap out from the pack always generate special excitement. For listeners, they provide a sense of discovery; for the industry, new potential. It has been a while since young artists have been received so overwhelmingly as baritone **Dmitri Hvorostovsky** and pianist **Evgeny Kissin** this year.

But "old" can be no less stimulating. The passing year saw a flood of vintage reissues. Many recordings of historical interest were returned to active circulation. More importantly, though, were newly processed treasures whose artistic or technical worth remain unchallenged. To cite only two examples: BMG's Toscanini cycle on the one hand, and the Philips series of Mercury "Living

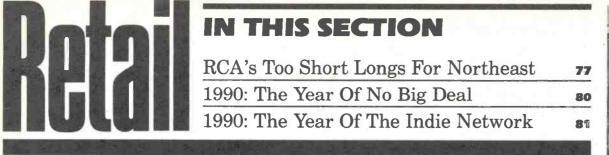
1990 saw the escalation of sure-fire-act bidding wars

Presence" classics on the other.

PASSING NOTES: Nicholas McGegan and the Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra will be recording Handel's "Messiah" in Berkeley, Calif., Jan. 3-7, for Harmonia Mundi. The score of the much-revised oratorio will be the "original" Dublin version, but inclusion of an addendum of alternate pieces will enable listeners to duplicate later versions (or create their own) via CD programming. Soloists include soprano Lorraine Hunt and countertenor Drew Minter. Robina Young will produce. HM, meanwhile, will be taking on record-store distribution of Gramophone, formerly handled by Allegro Imports.

Trade gossip has PolyGram Group Distribution removing distributed labels, such as Denon and Delos, from the ministrations of its regional classical and jazz specialists. Beginning in January, it's said, distribution will be via regular PGD staff, with specialists devoted





Visions Of Hardship In Retailers' Heads Weak Sales, Labeling, Longbox Issue Hurt

BY ED CHRISTMAN

NEW YORK-When retailers, rackjobbers, and one-stops look back on 1990, they may not remember it fond-

It was the year: • Most merchandisers suffered



sales, except for a couple of weeks following the Grammy Awards broadcast Feb. 21 and for about two

through weak

months in the second quarter.

• Retailers found themselves on the front line, caught between communities and labels over albums containing explicit lyrics. A number of them were even arrested for allegedly selling obscene material.

• Merchandisers saw labels respond to their request to lower CD prices by raising cassette prices.

 Counterfeiters seemed to ignore the law and set up shop on every street corner and in every flea market

• The longbox was under continual attack by environmentalists, forcing retailers to back away from their position on it and agree to search for an alternative package.

On the other hand, consolidation, the buzzword of 1989, became a whisper in 1990 (see Retail Track, page 80)

W.H. Smith, the giant U.K. retailer that has its U.S. headquarters in Philadelphia, and Camelot Music, in N. Canton, Ohio, were involved in four of the five acquisitions made during the year. With the exception of W.H. Smith's November acquisition of 49 Wall To Wall Sound & Video outlets, the other deals were each for fewer than 12 stores.

In addition to buying most of Wall To Wall's assets, W.H. Smith, which operates the Wee Three chain, acquired in August eight of 11 stores run by Variety Co., Chesapeake, Va., bringing the British retailer's total U.S. store count to about 85 units.

Wall To Wall, the Cinnaminson,

N.J.-based chain, was put up for sale because of financial difficulties. It filed July 23 for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Act. At press time, Camelot Music was close to buying the remaining 11 Wall To Wall stores, which would mark the chain's second acquisition of the year. Earlier, it acquired seven stores from San Francisco-based Rainbow. Rainbow sold another seven stores to Valley Record Distributors in Woodland, Calif.

Super Club, the company that dominated 1989's acquisition news, made three video chain acquisitions during 1990 (see story, page 63).

The other foreign retail chain making noise in the U.S. was HMV, which in November opened two superstores in New York. The U.K.-based chain seems to have a real estate strategy of opening stores in markets that house a unit of W. Sacramento, Calif.based Tower Records, which likely will result in additional market-share shootouts in other major cities.

As for U.S. chains, the two largest-in terms of total outlets-Music land Stores Corp. in Minneapolis and Trans World Music Corp. in Albany, N.Y., made news when they tried to tap the stock market for cash this year. But both withdrew their offerings when the stock market took a nose dive, following the onset of the Persian Gulf crisis.

The most important acquisition made this year conceivably was Wal-Mart's deal for the wholesaling operation of Amarillo, Texas-based Western Merchandisers.

As a tax-free exchange-Wal-Mart agreed to pay \$28 million in company stock to Western principals-the transaction was expected to take up to 10 months to complete because it required regulatory approval from several federal and state agencies. But once completed, many observers expect Wal-Mart, the Bentonville, Ark.-based discount department store chain, to phase out the other two suppliers-Troy, Mich.-based Handleman and and Minneapolisbased Lieberman.

The two largest racks experienced other problems during the year, too. Both were hit hard by large returns in music and video in the first quarter. And then Rocky Hill, Conn .based Ames Department Stores couldn't digest its \$800 million acquisition of the 318-unit Zayre discount chain and filed for Chapter 11 protection in May.

On the people front, Gil Wachsman resigned his post as Lieberman CEO. In other rackjobbing news, Cleve-

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Blake Waxies Triumphant. Blake E. Tyler of Waxie Maxies shows off the Fender Stratocaster guitar he won for best retail display in the Jeff Healey Band Play Like Hell promotion, co-sponsored by Musician magazine, Arista Records, and Fender Musical Instruments. Also winning guitars were BMG Chicago rep Carol Chase, for having the most retailers participating within her region, and consumer Kent Lindemere of Roxbury, Conn. The magazine is planning a similar promotion with PolyGram/Mercury and Fender, revolving around Robert Cray's latest release, "Midnight Stroll."

Kemp Mill Buys Gabriel Set, Under Protest

BY PAUL VERNA

WASHINGTON, D.C.-In a policy reversal, officials at the Kemp Mill Music chain say they have ordered the CD version of the new Peter Gabriel album, "Shaking The Tree: 16 Golden Greats," which Geffen Re-cords released Dec. 4 in a jewel-boxonly package.

The 33-unit, Beltsville, Md.-based chain, which had previously declined to purchase the greatest-hits disc because of the inherent problems associated with nonlongbox releasesthe incompatibility of the stores' existing fixtures with the jewel-box size, the increased potential for pilferage, and the reduced merchandising impact-has purchased approximately 25% of the quantity it would have otherwise bought, according to VP Howard Appelbaum.

"I hope we don't sell it. I'm putting it behind the counter and I'm refusing to let any of our managers play it in our stores or advertise it in any way," says Appelbaum.

A memo from Appelbaum to all of the company's store managers says, "While Kemp Mill Music applauds Gabriel's concerns for the environment and respects his anti-6-by-12inch-cardboard-package stance, we feel that eliminating the 6-by-12

package and shipping CDs only in the jewel box is a mistake and we will not support it."

Appelbaum's directive-which he says is intended to "send a strong signal to Geffen and the record manufacturers that we disapprove of the Gabriel package"-further prohibits store clerks from doing anything "to merchandise or help

'I hope we don't sell it. I'm putting it behind the counter...

sell this product." He has instructed his employees to "keep the CD behind the counter and sell it only when a customer asks for it."

Explaining the rationale behind the shift, he says, "From a public-relations point of view, it didn't make sense for us not to stock the Gabriel disc. That would put us in an untenable position with regard to our employees and our buying public," who might perceive the decision as a refusal to adapt to a new packaging standard. Appelbaum says he believes the industry should embrace

an alternative package to the long box, but he feels that the change should be made on a cooperative basis.

Furthermore, he says he favors a package like the one A&M plans to use for its upcoming Sting CD, i.e., an open longbox, shrink-wrapped and anchored by plastic guards, measuring 51/2-by-101/2 inches. That package, he says, addresses the retailers' fixturing, pilferage, and merchandising concerns while eliminating the cardboard waste.

Recently, a controversy erupted over the decision by several retailers, including Minneapolis-based Musicland Stores Corp. and Albany, N.Y.-based Trans World Music Corp., the nation's two largest chains, to forgo the jewel-box-only CD release by MCA artist Raffi (Billboard, Nov. 24). Appelbaum notes that Kemp Mill stocks the Raffi disc, albeit lightly.

Meanwhile, Show Industries president Lou Fogelman, who had vigorously refused to carry the Gabriel disc, is holding his ground. At press time, a source at the company, which operates the 82-unit, Los Angeles-based Music Plus, confirms that the chain still has no plans to stock the Gabriel compact disc.



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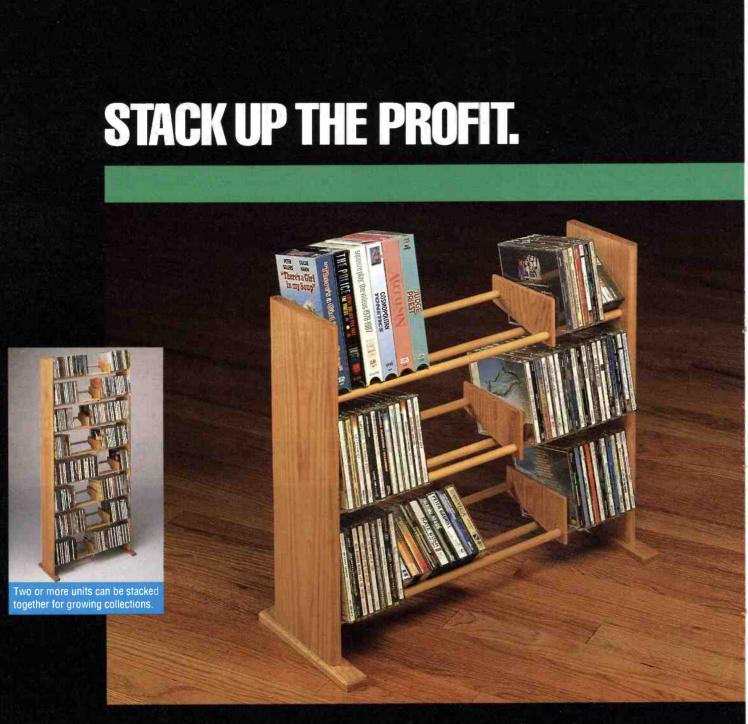


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RETAILERS' TOUGH YEAR (Continued from page 76)

is expected to announce a standard size in January. With the new standard size, packaging companies will design alternative packages that will allow for an orderly transition away from the longbox.

In the meantime, retailers showed they won't tolerate anyone not working within the cooperative framework that has been set up to select an alternative package. When Raffi put out his latest album in a shrinkwrapped jewel box, such chains as Musicland Stores Corp., Trans World Music Corp., and Sound Warehouse refused to carry it.

COUNTERFEITING

Counterfeiting re-emerged as a major industry concern during 1990. All year, the Recording Industry Assn. of America had been aggressively trying to get the crime of counterfeiting reclassified from a misdemeanor to felony. But until that happens in all 50 states, it seems that the counterfeiters will just keep shifting their base of operations. For instance, when counterfeiting was upgraded to a felony in California, it reduced the pirates' hold on the market. Unfortunately, many of them seemed to set up shop in New York and other states in the Northeast. In the coming year, the problem likely will remain at the forefront of industry concerns.

DISTRIBUTION

On the label side, two of the six majors revamped distribution. In April, PolyGram, which added Island and A&M to its holdings in 1989, created a separate distribution arm, Poly-Gram Group Distribution, and named Gary Rockhold, president and CEO of Commtron, as its first president. At the end of November, MCA Distribution changed its name to Uni Distribution Co. and expanded its audio distribution staff by 50% in anticipation of its handling product from Geffen and DGC at the beginning of 1991.



1990 MARKED BY CONSOLIDATION (Continued from page 63)

Video's reliance on WEA, Uni's role is basically to funnel the bulk of the product to the independent distributors, while handling the handful of direct retail accounts itself. But with its capacity and experience under its belt, a switch to more extensive direct distribution is certainly within its means.

DIRECT DISTRIB & MARKET SHARE

The capability to distribute directly to retailers, however, is only one of three elements necessary for such a move to make sense. Another element is market share. Time Warner has it; MCA, particularly if it continues to distribute LIVE's product, could have it; Sony may or may not have it.

But both Sony and MCA have the advantage that the capacity for direct distribution, if that indeed is the direction in which the industry is moving, has a way of attracting market share, principally in the form of distribution deals with smaller suppliers looking to shore up their access to retail real estate.

Other major suppliers, such as Buena Vista Home Video and Paramount, lack the existing branch systems enjoyed by Warner, MCA, and Sony. But both have recently stepped up their direct-to-retail distribution while simultaneously pursuing additional market share.

Buena Vista, as a consequence of a strategy pursued by its parent company, now distributes the product from three in-house "studios"— Disney, Touchstone Pictures, and Hollywood Pictures. Paramount, meanwhile, has picked up Prism Entertainment. Its recent, apparently unsuccessful, bid for a distribution agreement with Media Home Entertainment indicates Paramount is still looking to add market share.

As the major studios jockey for position in the emerging new distribution order, the independent suppliers, the marketers of B movies, are gradually being recast as chunks of market share to be added (or not) to the stables of the majors.

What makes these developments different from Pathé's acquisition of MGM/UA Communications (or even Matsushita's acquisition of MCA) is that they proceed directly as a result of the maturation of the domestic home video market.

As the business matures and the suppliers no longer enjoy virtually automatic growth as a result of an expanding base of consumers, access to distribution is becoming an increasingly valuable asset, much as it has in the record and theatrical film businesses. In that sense, the studio-affiliated home video companies are coming increasingly to resemble their parent companies; that is, they are becoming distributors, more than manufacturers, of product.

Moreover, the evolution of a distribution-driven business is a selfreinforcing process, particularly when those companies with the largest market shares also control the most desirable product. For it is the most desirable product, A titles, that gives them leverage with retailers. That leverage tends to attract market share (in the form of distribution deals), which, in turn, only increases the leading distributors' leverage with retailers. It is a very difficult process to stop.

RETAIL-BASE CONSOLIDATION

The one key element missing for the full blossoming of such a distribution-based market is the consolidation of the retail base to a point where direct selling can be done efficiently.

For now, the network of 15 or so independent distributors serves a useful purpose because the studios, even those affiliated with large branch distribution companies, are not set up to sell directly to the 25,000 or so video specialty outlets around the country.

What such a system would require is the consolidation of a substantial percentage of that retail base into the hands of a few hundred companies with their own, internal distribution systems.

But while the retail base is certainly consolidating, it is doing so in an unexpected fashion. Rather than the expected emergence of a handful of dominant players, the base of video specialty stores seems to be undergoing an almost complete "Blockbusterization."

Blockbuster Video, with more than 1,700 stores, is so much larger than its nearest competitors that those competitors barely register when measured against Blockbuster's empire. While Blockbuster often likens itself to the McDonald's of the video industry, no Burger King has yet emerged to present at least a semblance of competition. Moreover, with 1990 revenues of

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by Geoff Mayfield

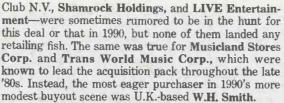
WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES: If 1989 was the year of The Big Deal in music retailing, and it was, the year that rang in the '90s will have to be remembered as the year of No Big Deal. Unfortunately, that 1990 appraisal is not confined to the year's consolidation—or lack thereof. At the cash register, too, 1990



was no big deal for too many retailers, although most were too shy or cautious to admit as much to Billboard on the several occasions we sought to document just how dreary things were.

The pattern for placid sales actually seemed to begin in 1989, but the topic didn't draw as much attention last year as it did in 1990. Maybe we were distracted by the headlines that screamed all those sexy '89 buyouts: The year began with large-sized webs Sound Warehouse and Strawberries changing owners, continued on to see regional powerhouses like Yorktown Music Shops and Waxie Maxie being gobbled up by larger chains, got exciting in the fall when foreign retailer Super Club N.V. scooped up The Record Bar and Turtle's, and ended amid heavy rumors that Wherehouse Entertainment and National Record Mart were headed for the selling block.

But, as 1990 marched forward, neither Wherehouse nor NRM was ultimately put into play, and the fact that neither sale happened seemed to set the tone for 1990's tome. The big bidders from 1989's sweepstakes—Super



W.H. Smith, which anchors its U.S. music operation with the Philadelphia-area Wee Three chain, came closest to a big score when it announced in November that it intended to take over 49 stores from Cinnaminson, N.J.based Wall To Wall Sound & Video, a company that had been scrambling for options since July, when it filed for Chapter 11 protection. More indicative of 1990's action were smaller deals, like W.H. Smith's August purchase of eight Variety Co. stores, and the two sevenstore packages sold by San Francisco's Rainbow Records to North Canton, Ohio-based Camelot Music and the Sacramento, Calif.-area Valley Records Distributors.

SHOULD I STAY OR SHOULD I GO: While it appeared that buy-a-chain fever was not as hot in 1990 as it was in recent years, the waves of consolidation that earmarked the '80s have still put pressure on locally owned regional chains, a category that still plays a vital role in the music-selling matrix.

A comment frequently made over the last couple of years by one such chain operator: "I'm just trying to figure out when I should throw up my hands and sell out to Trans World or Musicland." The crushing influx of new stores that have been rolled out in the last few years by the larger chains is one factor that puts pressure on smaller retailers. The notion to sell off is further encouraged by the fact that once-mighty local operations like Licorice Pizza, Great American Music, Record Factory, and Waxie Maxie have all been folded into larger (Continued on next page)



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largest company of any sort in the vid industry, larger even than any of the studios. It is rapidly becoming the proverbial 300-pound gorilla that can do pretty much whatever it wants.

That Blockbuster has so far chosen not to act like a gorilla does not mean the studios can ignore its growl forever. (Entertainment Weekly magazine, for instance, recently ranked Blockbuster's chairman H. Wayne Huizenga as the ninth most powerful person in the entertainment business.)

The danger for the studios is the emergence of a system such as exists in the book publishing business, in which two chains, Waldenbooks and B. Dalton, control so much of the market that they have a good deal of at least informal say over publishing schedules, packaging, and, to a more limited degree, creative matters.

More to the studios' liking is the development of the sell-through business, which is increasingly concentrated in the hands of the mass merchants and the big record/video combo chains. Indeed, it is with these retailers that the studios have moved to establish their initial direct relationships. The studios' best bet on the rental

The studios' best bet on the rental side is the emergence of strong regional chains, such as Super Club's Video Towne web of 111 stores in the Midwest, Video Express, a 90store chain in the Southeast, and RKO/Warner, with 45 locations in the New York area.

The regional concentration of these chains makes them good candidates for establishing the kind of internal distribution capability required for direct selling—something Blockbuster has so far eschewed. If the studios could ship product to one or two warehouse facilities and leave it to the chain to move the product around internally, there would be no need for the dropshipping services provided by independent wholesalers.

SQUEEZE ON INDIE DISTRIBS

Those independent wholesalers, of course, are the big losers in this scenario. Their fate is tied directly to the pace of consolidation of the retail base.

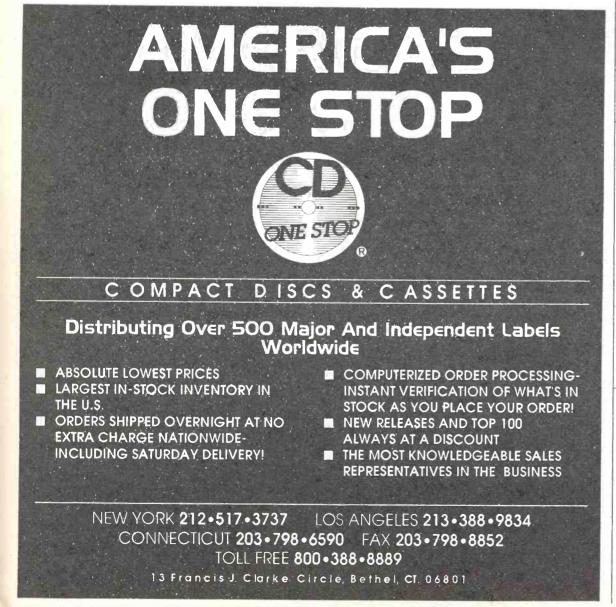
While it is unlikely that independent distributors will ever disappear entirely, it is entirely likely that there will be fewer of them in the future than there are now. And the key to survival, as in other segments of the industry, will be market share.

The squeeze on independent wholesalers has already set off a flurry of moves to shore up market share before the big crunch comes. Distributors have recently engaged in a new round of branch openings around the country, including "willcall-only" locations, which provide no shipping services and stock primarily the top sellers.

Thus, to paraphrase Shakespeare, consolidation doth make gluttons of them all. The scramble for market share is an inevitable byproduct of the consolidation that comes with a maturing market and it is likely to preoccupy the industry through 1991 and beyond.

And while consolidation may ultimately lead to a more orderly (and even more profitable) industry for the survivors, the process of consolidation can be a disruptive one. It is a truism that you pay for market share one way or another, either by acquiring competitors or through discounting to attract additional business.

Ultimately, the day will belong to those who can afford to pay the price.





RETAIL ME

Indies Counting Down To New Year Of 'Networking' In The Distribution Arena

BY DEBORAH RUSSELL

This is the first of a two-part roundup of the years' events.

990 IS LIKELY to be remembered in the independent community as the "year of the network."

Realignment of key indie players and changes in the rules of distribution took off in the final quarter of the year. Now the field is dressed for a whole new game, and industry leaders are suiting up for the challenge in 1991.

"We're going to see even more consolidation of independent distributors; it's a logical evolution that's been building for 20 years," says George Hocutt, president of California Record Distributors Inc. in San Fernando, Calif. His company was the first acquisition by the Independent National Distributors Inc. network that formed in 1990. This month, INDI acquired Malverne Distributors Inc. of Long Island City, N.Y., from president and owner Jerry Winston.

"It's time the independents had an alternative way to reach the [national] marketplace while maintaining the advantage of being independent," Hocutt says.

INDI's main competition at this point comes from the co-venture formed by Long Island City-based Landmark and Schiller Park, Ill.based Impact, which is spearheaded by co-owner Steve Plotnicki and Burt Goldstein, president. Plotnicki agrees that the trend to consolidate will continue.

"At least two networks formed this year, and there's probably enough [business] out there for everyone to survive," he says.

Alan Becker, director of pur-

chasing at Hollis, N.Y.'s Important Record Distributors Inc., has his own ideas about networks. Since its formation in 1979, Important has achieved the national coverage the other distributors are seeking through consolidation. Important was so successful, in fact, that CBS Records bought a 50% stake in the distributor and its Relativity, In-Effect, and Combat labels in May 1990.



"There's enough room out there for all of us to do our own thing," says Becker. "I see a very risky business atmosphere out there; just to survive in this business, there has to be consolidation of labels and distributors."

GOUNTERFEITING IS another key area to watch in 1991, as increasingly sophisticated audio pirates continue to reach unprecedented levels of penetration in the indie marketplace.

"Counterfeiting is rampant everywhere," says Billy Emerson, president of Dallas-based Big State Distributing. "A huge underground has saturated the country."

try." "They're not even stopping at hit product," adds Hocutt. "They're going after gospel, jazz, and blues, and they're selling everything."

The time and effort it takes to fight counterfeiters is such a huge

undertaking that it rarely delivers an early knockout punch to the bootleggers, says Emerson. "You can't just make a phone call and fix it." State and local lawmakers need to take counterfeiting out of the federal arena and prosecute on the local level, Emerson says. He points to Artists Against Counterfeit Tapes, an organization spearheaded out of New York by Fred Munao, president of Select Records, as an excellent beginning.

But despite industry efforts to educate consumers about bogus tapes, lost profits, and poor quality, illicit product still reaps big profits at flea markets and swap meets nationwide.

Plotnicki blames the record industry for the current crisis.

"The industry created its own monster by refusing to bring the price of CDs down," he says. "We need to move out of a cassettebased industry; it's something that should have happened a long time ago."

HE DOWNTURN IN the economy has some industry leaders understandably vexed. After all, the independents have a tough enough time competing with the majors when the market is *healthy*. The current "recession" has only exacerbated problems with payment and cash flow for some distributors.

"The account base is a little weary right now... collections are dismal, cash flow is very tight," says JFL Distributors Inc.'s Jerry Suarez. The president and CEO of the Miami-based distributor adds, "We're seeing lots of returns and very little money. Billing is stable, even up, but collections are down." (Continued on next page)

RETAIL TRACK (Continued from preceding page)

chains in the last few years, often for darn handsome price tags. The question for the local dealer: Do I stay and battle as only a locally attuned music merchant can in this more competitive, often overstored marketplace, or do I look for that big cash-out deal?

UANDARY: Throughout the year, record companies and retailers complained about lackluster numbers on hit product and painted a bleak picture of the overall sales scene. Although most merchandisers were reluctant to say so publicly, same-store numbers for several leading chains were disappointingly low, sometimes dipping into the loss column.

Gee, industry insiders thought, the midyear numbers from the **Record**ing Industry Assn. of America will be telling, won't they?

Well, as it turned out, tea leaves are easier to read. The midterm report card said unit shipments for the first half of 1990 were up 10.8% (Billboard, Oct. 13). How can this be? Does two plus two equal three?

Camelot CEO Jim Bonk and The Record Bar executive VP Steve Bennett, two of music retailing's sharper minds, solved the equation to Retail Track's satisfaction. Both point out that the plethora of new stores opened in '89 and '90 required stock from the ground up. Bennett says expansion was responsible for the decade-ending increases that record companies enjoyed, particularly the breathtaking gains of 1987 and '88, and that same rate of store openings should not be anticipated from here on out.

Bonk also points out that when a good retailer buys stores from a troubled chain, another common scenario in recent years, one of the first things that happens is the new owner pumps more offerings into inventorythin locations. Thus, it's possible for the labels' overall numbers to look impressive, despite the fact that the industry's current health appears to be suspect.

BACK TRACK: Of all the news items, commentaries, scoops, and people snapshots that ran in Retail Track, the column that elicited by far the most response was the June 9 portrait of a retail chain executive who had been stricken with AIDS and how his employer supported him, even holding his job open until the day he died. In the five years I've been at Billboard, none of the stories or columns that I have written has elicited as much response.

During the time of his struggle, I always felt that the fight shown by the victim (who was identified in the column by the ficticious name Steven) and his company's compassionate disposition were both important examples for our industry. It was heartwarming to find out how many of our readers agreed with those assessments. Steven would have been thrilled to learn that the plight of an anonymous AIDS victim could engender so much response.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS: Retail Track will be laying down fresh tracks in 1991. To that end, don't be surprised if this train adds a new conductor in the not-too-distant future. In the meantime, this columnist thanks all of you—whether you be Billboard colleagues or industry sources—who helped me fill this space each week. I wish you all the warmth of the holiday season and good news in the New Year ahead.

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But for Emerson, whose Lone Star state is emerging from a five-year "depression," the current cli-mate is actually an improvement over recent times. "We've already bottomed out; we're on a comeback now," he says.

Suarez sees the recession as a product of the media, which he claims is scaring customers out of the stores and away from sales. "We're not in a depression, but the media keeps telling people not to spend their money, because they'll need it later for gas," he says. "If we can convince the public the recession is over, we can bounce back."

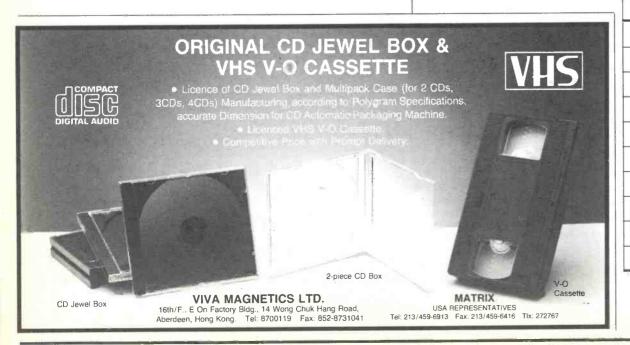
BOUNCING BACK may be difficult for the little players—the mom-and-pop outlets that rely on the independent labels and the music-buff customer for much of their livelihood. Many distributors note that major chains, especially the ones with the "superstore" mentality, are apt, more now than ever, to pick up independent product.

That is good news for independent labels and distributors, according to Jerry Richman, an owner of Pennsauken, N.J.'s Richman Brothers Records. "The chains realize that to keep an edge on the competition they have to carry a wider variety of product," he says. But as more superstores embrace that strategy, some observers sug-gest it could deal a fatal blow to the mom-and-pop contingent, which is already ailing.

Others, however, disagree. "It's impossible for a mom-and-pop outlet to compete with [a superstore] on [the superstore's] level," says Hocutt. "But they can be on the cutting edge and do fairly well in the specialty markets."

He adds that the indie retailers that tailor their inventory to a specific demographic will most likely survive. The mom-and-pop has to provide the consumer with service, information, and music unavailable elsewhere.

"The indie store of 1990 has to be run with a 'boutique' mental-ity," agrees Big State's Emerson. "The mom-and-pops are still very important to the indie business.



But to survive with customers, they have to be aggressive, and be interested in new music, new genres.'

(Next issue: the labels' perspective.)

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HOT ADULT CONTEMPORARY

SINGLE Do You Remember/Phil Collins

HOT ADULT CONTEMPORARY ARTIST **Phil Collins**

TOP ALBUM ROCK TRACKS What It Takes/Aerosmith **TOP ALBUM ROCK** ARTIST

Eric Clapton **TOP MODERN ROCK** TRACKS Cuts You Up/Peter Murphy

TOP MODERN ROCK ARTIST Depeche Mode

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Deee-Lite **HOT DANCE CLUB PLAY** ARTIST

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HOT RAP SINGLES ARTIST M.C. Hammer **TOP CLASSICAL**

ALBUM Horowitz at Home/ Vladimir Horowitz **TOP CLASSICAL** ARTIST

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TOP JAZZ TRADITIONAL ALBUM Music From "When Harry Met

Sally"/Harry Connick, Jr. **TOP JAZZ TRADITIONAL ALBUM**

ARTIST Harry Connick, Jr.

TOP JAZZ CONTEMPORARY ALBUM London Warsaw

New York/Basia TOP JAZZ

CONTEMPORARY ARTIST

Basia

TOP NEW AGE ALBUM No Blue Thing/Ray Lynch **TOP NEW AGE ARTIST**

Ray Lynch

TOP WORLD MUSIC ALBUM

Cruel, Crazy, Beautiful World/Johnny Clegg & Savuka



TOP NEW R&B ARTIST After 7

HOT LATIN SINGLE

El Cariro Es Como Una Flor/Rudy La Scala **HOT LATIN SINGLES** ARTIST Ana Gabriel **TOP TROPICAL/SALSA** LATIN ALBUM Mi Mundo/Luis Enrique **TOP TROPICAL/SALSA** LATIN ARTIST

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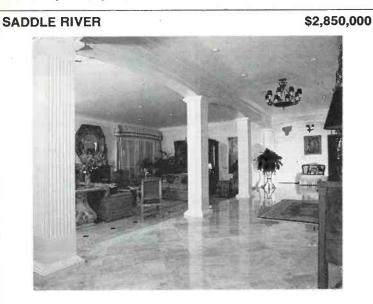


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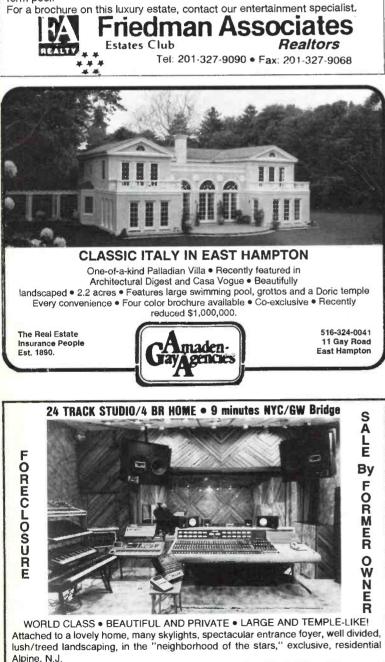


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EVER BEFORE IN THE history of the Latin music industry in the U.S. have the winds blown with as many omens as they did in 1990. These are not portents of crisis, however. If anything, the industry remained healthy and made substantial progress at a brisk pace, increasing the size of the market thanks to its growing incorporation into mainstream marketing and distribution schemes. No, those whispering winds are simply the winds of change, carrying news of distant lands where the magic of Latin music is beginning to heat the hearts of those hearing it to the point where they are form ing scores of bands and coming to



the States to perform. Perhaps they understand better than many here the ancient African rhythms combined with the gentle melodies of the Iberian peninsula, which long ago combined in the island of Cuba into what is known today by the generic/commercial name of salsa.

Other signs of change come from within. They are the sounds of a new and raw generation, those who take pride in being Latinos and Americans at the same time and don't think one excludes the other. They are making the music their own, mixing jazz with salsa, making tropical rap, trying to reshape rock into something with a voice in Spanish, rediscovering the infinite richness and wealth of Latin American folk music and, along with it, exploring vanguard paths. Paradoxically, while it is being discovered in other shores, Latin music in the U.S is less and less of the imported variety and more and more our own affair, even when it is made by immigrants who now live here.

Not long ago, the Latin music industry was almost a cottage industry. No more. Despite those who discount "Latinity" as a fad, the truth is that, mostly because of sheer demographic pressure, it has become a cultural phenomenon permeating more and more aspects of American life with each passing day. We Latinos long to be recognized for all the good things we are giving to this country, and, in our case especially, for the music. That such acknowledgment and its rewards are slow to come is true. But that they will is by now inevitable.

THE COMPANY VIEW: With the stroke of a pen, CBS Discos (soon to be Sony Discos) signed Danny Rivera, Jose Luis Rodriguez, and, last year, Emmanuel and was left with an even bigger slice of the (Continued on next page) Billboard. FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 22, 1990 t Latin Tracks Compiled from national Latin radio airplay reports. 2 WKS. AGO THIS WEEK' LAST WEEK WKS. C CHART TITI F ARTIST ** NO.1 ** ANA GABRIEL ES DEMASIADO TARDE (1)1 8 **ROBERTO CARLOS** PAJARO HERIDO 5 5 2 3 EL TRIBUNAL DEL AMOR BRAULIO 3 6 7 8 MARISELA Y SE OUE VAS A LLORAR 4 4 6 7 CUANDO YO AMO 5 7 **RUDY LA SCALA** 8 11 ENTREGATE LUIS MIGUEL 14 2 4 6 ATRAPADO JOSE JOSE $\overline{\mathbf{7}}$ 7 10 8 RENACER **GLORIA ESTEFAN** 9 10 9 8 ANGELICA MARIA **REINA Y CENICIENTA** 13 10 13 9 ♦ COMPLETAMENTE ENAMORADOS CHAYANNE 5 16 10 3 LA BALANZA ROCIO DURCAL (11) 6 15 31 JOSE LUIS RODRIGUEZ LA FIESTA (12)23 27 3 * * * POWER PICK * * * MYRIAM HERNANDEZ TE PARECES TANTO A EL $\overline{(13)}$ 36 2 JUAN LUIS GUERRA Y LA 440 BURBUJAS DE AMOR 14 12 25 12 UN AMOR COMO EL MIO LUNA (15) 16 23 4 EMI LATIN BRONCO CORAZON DURO 16 11 9 13 AMOR DE LOS DOS VICENTE Y ALEJANDRO FERNANDEZ 8 17 14 15 ***HOT SHOT DEBUT*** EMMANUEL BELLA SENORA (18) NEW ◆ ABRAZAME EUERTE LOURDES ROBLES 19 2 13 7 JUAN LUIS GUERRA Y LA 440 A PEDIR SU MANO (20) 25 21 4 WILFRIDO VARGAS BACHATA MERENGUE (21) **NEW** 1 ALEJANDRA GUZMAN ◆ TEN CUIDADO CON EL CORAZON (22)22 2 DAVID PABON Y NOS AMAMOS 5 19 23 20 Y PENSAR LUIS ENRIQUE 32 24 21 3 GILBERTO SANTA ROSA PERDONAME 25) 34 34 3 LOS TEMERARIOS CREO OUE VOY A LLORAR 11 26 28 LA SONORA DINAMITA EL VIEJO DEL SOMBRERON 19 17 11 27 MI VERDADERO AMOR ALVARO TORRES (28) NEW 1 MARIA CONCHITA ALONSO HAZME SENTIR 4 29 24 28 ♦ CUANTO TE QUIERO PIMPINELA 14 30 27 29 LOS CASTIGADOS BRONCO 5 31 31 35 JOAN SEBASTIAN CARICATURA 32 26 24 7 SOLO TE QUIERO A TI LOS TEMERARIOS 33 33 18 16 LOS HIJOS DE PUERTO RICO FIESTA EN LA VECINDAD (34) NEW 1 MADERA FINA YORDANO (35) NEW 1

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LATIN NOTAS

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music-market pie. It continued to make an international sensation of Luis Enrique and enlisted as an ally Ralph Mercado, with his roster of young salseros, his control of the clubs in Manhattan, and his great promoting ability that has made him the Don King of Latin music. Oh, and CBS also hired Sammy Vargas.

No doubt the company has been stimulated to take action to defend its first-place standing in the market by the aggressive strategy of Capitol-EMI in its bid to become a worthy competitor in the Latin arena. Capitol-EMI's prize is the prosperous Tex-Mex market, which it now dominates-although it is beginning to face increased competition. In the salsa field, the company has engaged in several deals whose payoffs are still to be seen, particularly in the case of the TH-Rodven roster, where Capitol is trying to fish in troubled waters.

BMG/RCA/Ariola has been hindered by its inability to sign artists, a directive that comes from its bosses in Spain, but it still has the biggest female seller in Isabel Pantoja. Juan Gabriel delivered a prized double set recorded live, and that is it for now. José José keeps doing what he can-but Pantoja, Rocio Durcal, and José José alone cannot sustain the company for long. Rock en español, where BMG has invested a lot of energy, is stagnant, in part due to lack of cooperation from radio but also due to the need for qualified promoters who are willing to take chances. Most probably, BMG has already moved into third place. WEA Latina does an able and quiet job with results that may surprise more than one. PolyGram has been eliminated for lack of results.

From there on down are the independents, starting with Fonovisa, still dominant in the norteño and grupos field; the Venezuelans Sonotone and TH-Rodven, the former staging a comeback and the latter no longer "the strongest salsa company" that it had been a few years ago. And then there are smaller, but no less efficient, companies: Combo, Kubaney, Gil, Luna, and Mar International are enjoing their share of their respective and prosperous markets.

As for piracy, the Recording Industry Assn. of America has been doing an outstanding job in trying to control it through its promotion of legislation imposing stiffer penalties and its assistance in enforcing the existing laws. In the face of piracy, parallel imports have become less urgent an issue, aided by the improved Mexican economy.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, this was the year of the first Billboard Latin Music Conference, which those of us who helped organize it—Angela Rodriguez, Gene Smith, Melissa Subatch, and Marv Fisher take pride in. Thanks also to Constanza Garcia, the Latin charts manager, for her 78 charts, for each of which she made an average of 220 phone calls—for a total of more than 17,000 phone calls in the year. That's endurance.



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Music Biz Mulls Europe's New Potential Mechanics Of Exploitation Are A Concern

BY JEFF CLARK-MEADS

LONDON—Europe's political and business communities have had to come to terms with the most powerful of realities this year: the fact that the Continent is now twice as big as it used to be. Geographically, that is obvious—

Geographically, that is obvious the opening of the borders to the old Communist Bloc means that Europe now stretches from the Atlantic to the Black Sea. No longer does it come to an artificial halt halfway across Germany.

But, what is simple fact to geographers is massive conjecture to the music industry and other business interests.

Reliable statistics show that a greater value of music is sold in Western Europe than anywhere else in the world. However, no such information exists for the East, so the size of the new, combined market can only be guessed at. What is sure, though, is that if Europe is already the biggest concentration of music buying power on the planet, that power can only increase in the coming months and years.

The mechanics of exploiting the new potential in the East have occupied much of the Western industry's thinking this year. So far, minds have been focused on the old East Germany, a country that now has a hard currency and a clamoring desire for Western music but does not have the distribution systems to satisfy either its retailers or the Western record companies that wish to trade there.

WEA tackled those problems head-on in October by mounting its wares on the back of a truck and driving around to dealers in eastern Germany, taking orders as it went. That circumvented an antiquated telephone system and a postal service not noted for its efficiency.

No record company is seriously considering such solutions, though, on a long-term basis or in countries further from the West's established centers.

The physical size of Europe means that some countries are so far from known territories that when Western companies go in, they go in blind. The International Federation of Phonogram and Videogram Producers has not been able to collate sales figures from five of the seven newly free Eastern European states and is not totally confident about the figures it has from the other two.

The statistics it does have show that last year in Hungary \$26.9 million of music product was sold and a further \$56.4 million of business was done in Czechoslovakia. Those two countries have a combined population of 26 million, less than onetenth of the total population of Eastern Europe.

Extrapolating from those facts, the Eastern European market should be worth \$916 million annually. This compares with the \$6.618 million of music that was sold in the 12 nations of the European Community in 1989. The EC's share of the world market was 31% last year.

The difference between East and West, though, is that in the EC piracy is largely under control and all the national currencies are fully

convertible.

To exploit a new market worth, potentially, nearly \$1 billion a year, the West and East working together will have to decide how to overcome those problems. The size of the rewards if they do so are becoming more apparent week by week as the East becomes more organized and begins to tell the rest of the world exactly how much product is being sold.

Germany Aims To Staunch Inflow Of Pirate Product

BY WOLFGANG SPAHR

HAMBURG, Germany—The new Germany, the West's front line against piracy from the East, says it is being flooded with counterfeit product.

Illegal tapes are most prevalent in the eastern part of the country. This is the territory that borders Poland, a country where piracy is rampant.

Manfred Zumkeller, president of the Federation of the German Phonographic Industry, estimates that illicit product has cost the legitimate industry in Germany about \$48 million this year.

He says pirate versions of new releases by leading British and U.S. acts are flooding in from Poland and are being sold in the streets of the old East Germany for less than \$2 per album. In a new development, illegal copies from Turkey have also been discovered in the run-up to Christmas.

The legitimate industry is fighting back with a series of seizures in which several hundred pirate tapes have been confiscated. A number of dealers, including some from Vietnam, have been arrested and proceedings under copyright legislation are now pending. The maximum penalty for such offenses is five years' imprisonment.

The industry is also trying to limit the damage the pirates cause by ensuring that sufficient copies of new releases are available all over Germany. The pirates have cashed in when distribution bottlenecks have produced shortages of bigname-artist albums in the east of the country.

Zumkeller adds that he is pleased the police in the old East Germany are cooperating in the monitoring of markets and street traders.

PolyGram Launching Chilean Operation

LONDON—PolyGram has established a wholly owned company in Chile, one of the more prosperous Latin American companies, where domestic acts are responsible for some 30% of total recorded-music sales.

PolyGram Discos Limitada begins operation Jan. 1, with Leopoldo Bentivoglio, previously marketing manager of PolyGram's Argentina subsidiary, as managing director with an initial staff of

- eight.

Bruce Mackenzie, senior VP of regional operation, PolyGram Group, says, "The setting up of a subsidiary in Chile, which is prosperous and also one of the most stable of South American territories, is a key element of our expansion policy. We can increase our market share there by signing and developing local acts and marketing them on a national basis. But there's also considerable scope for developing Chilean acts for international promotion through our global network of companies."

PolyGram Discos Limitada is PolyGram's fourth company in Latin America. The group owns operations in Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico and currently licenses its international repertoire to third parties in Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Equador, Guatemala, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

Centerpartiet's relationship

with the ruling but minority Social

Democrats may help it to get at

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riously. This would represent a

major breakthrough in a country

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tant, Ove Hultquist, says the part

hopes that at the very least its pro-

posals will mean that the forth-

coming discussions on the intro-

duction of commercial television

into Sweden will be extended to include radio. "We want to put the

radio question into the political

arena and this proposal goes some

way towards stimulating discussion," he says.

Centrepartiet's media consul-

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Commercial Radio Gets Push In Sweden

BY DAVID ROWLEY

STOCKHOLM, Sweden—The introduction of commercial radio in Sweden is finally set to enter the political arena following a move by one of the main opposition parties here.

The Centerpartiet is the first group to present concrete proposals for independent stations. Its plans call for:

BRUSSELS, Belgium-After the failure of CDV and Laservision,

hardware manufacturer Philips and

retailer Super Club are launching

The companies hope their joint

A. F. Simonis, senior product

laserdisc into the Belgian market.

promotion will mean a more effec-

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manager at Philips Interactive Me-

dia Systems, says, "Three things

are essential in promoting the laser-

disc towards a consumer market:

the availability of interesting soft-

ware, the availability of hardware

at reasonable prices, and, thirdly,

Club could become instrumental in

boosting sales of both hardware and

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A new definition of local stations

- as district broadcasters;
- New local, commercial stations;
 The current "naerradio" stations to go back to local, special-interest broadcasting;

• Between 50 and 100 independent local stations to be set up. These would consist of the current larger, more financially secure "naer-

Philips, Super Club Boost Laser In Belgium

here," he says.

Super Club is promoting the format in all 150 of its Belgian stores. Part of the promotion is a laserdisc player, which retails for about \$800, exclusive to the chain. MARC MAES

Greece Embracing Intl Concert Scene

ATHENS, Greece—Greece believes it has finally established itself on the international concert circuit this year through a combination of more effective promotion methods and healthier finances.

In the past six months, Athens gig-goers have seen Robert Plant, the Scorpions, Tina Turner, and Jerry Lee Lewis—acts that were once seen as too expensive for Greece.

"We've been getting more professional in organizing these things," says Nikos Sachpasidis, a director of Half Note Promotions, this country's biggest international-level concert promoter.

Whereas in the past mere poster advertising of concerts appeared enough, flexible advertising deals are now being struck with the successful private television channels.

Sachapisidis also dismisses as a myth the belief that the Greek authorities have, in the past, hindered exports of the hard currency needed to pay artists. JOHN CARR

U.K. Music Biz Celebrated At Brits Noms

LONDON—The global significance of the U.K. record industry was underscored at the announcement of the 1991 Brits awards nominees last week.

Awards committee chairman Paul Russell stated that onethird of all records bought in the U.S. in the last five years were by British artists. Jonathan King, producer of the awards ceremony television broadcast, added that one-quarter of all records sold in the world has a British connection.

CBS U.K. chairman Russell, who is overseeing the ceremony on behalf of the British Phonographic Industry, said that the music industry is in the top 10 of all British exporters. "There aren't many areas where we British can say we lead the world, but music is one of them," he declared.

King added, "This is the most successful international industry in the U.K." He said this year's show—which is due to be seen in 40 countries—will be "a celebration of the fun of British music." To that end, there will be greater emphasis on music outside London and on live performances than in previous years.

Acts with multiple nominations in the 14 categories are Elton John, George Michael, Van Morrison, Betty Boo, Lisa Stansfield, the Beautiful South, Mariah Carey, the Happy Mondays, and M.C. Hammer.

The Brits awards show is scheduled for Feb. 10 in London and will be broadcast in the U.K. the next day. An edited version of that show will be seen overseas later.

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CANADA

CBC Slices \$108 Million From Budget

BY KIRK LaPOINTE

OTTAWA—The Canadian Broadcasting Corp. has imposed the largestever cuts to public broadcasting in Canadian history, a \$108 million cut from its \$1.4 billion budget in the coming fiscal year, including widespread reductions to TV and significant radio curtailment.

Principal among the radio cuts: the closing of Radio Canada International, the CBC's overseas shortwave service. The federal government has already indicated it wishes to find a way to continue RCI, but its mandate may change and its funding may come from all sorts of sources.

Additionally, the cash-strapped AM and FM domestic services of the CBC, looking to expand and adapt to changing times, will face yet another budget cut, of 1%, in the coming year. Given that inflation within the radio business runs in the double digits, CBC's money will not go nearly as far next year.

In all, within the CBC, some 1,100 positions are being eliminated come fiscal year 1990-91, on April 1. That includes massive cuts to local programming and the closing or downsizing of 11 stations.

Radio services will be expected to provide more of the local-information component of the public broadcaster than they have in recent years, says CBC president Gerard Veilleux.

"International news-gathering operations for the domestic services will continue. All local and regional radio stations will continue to provide current levels of service."

In recent weeks, a discussion paper surfaced to indicate that CBC is examining the shifting of most of its national network services to FM radio and the creation of a third, commercial service that would be a music-oriented station appealing to a younger audience. Such moves are apparently in abeyance as the network finds ways to absorb the new cuts.

ways to absorb the new cuts. "The board of directors considered a wide range of options, and concluded that the only way to solve a financial problem of this magnitude is by fundamentally changing the way CBC delivers some of its services," says Veilleux, who took the CBC presidency about a year ago. CBC blames its financial woes on

CBC blames its financial woes on the federal government's expenditure-reduction program, inflation, declining advertising revenues for TV (radio is commercial-free), unavoidable new expenses, and higher pension costs.

And Veilleux says that, unless the economy perks up, the corporation faces yet another shortfall of some \$50 million in fiscal 1991-92. Denis Harvey, VP of English-language television, said in an interview that the corporation will begin examining how to further cut back by the spring.

Political reaction to the cuts has been critical, and protests have been organized in several cities.

The government was informed of the cuts before they took place and, apart from plans to try to maintain RCI and the parliamentary channel, it would not commit any new funds.

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1990 IN REVIEW



Latin Music Editor 1. Record Company Of The Year: CBS Internacional. It quickly rounded up the best talent, upgraded production, and is selling

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nonstop 2. Song Of The Year: "Burbujas De Amor," Juan Luis Guerra and 4.40.

3. Group Of The Year: Juan Luis Guerra and 4.40, again.

4. Jackpot Of The Year: Distribution of Karen Records, which includes Juan Luis Guerra and 4.40. They have had sooo many offers.

5. Album Of The Year: The new album by Juan Luis Guerra and 4.40, with "Burbujas De Amor," "La Bilirrubina," and "Como Aveia Al Panal."

6. Feud Of The Year: CBS vs. Capitol/EMI Latin (shootout in the Tex-Mex scene) and Capitol/EMI Latin vs. TH-Rodven. (Who is Lalo Rodriguez recording for?)

7. Music Program Of The Year: MTV Internacional. Great job at promoting new alternatives and trying to recoup the Latin youth for Latin music.

8. Concert Of The Year: "Spain, Where New Music Lives," Palladium, New York, July 14, featuring Ketama, Camaron de la Isla, and El Ultimo de la Fila.

9. Video Producer Of The Year: Abraham Pulido 10. Album Producer And Composer Of

The Year: Roberto Livi.





1. Trip Shakespeare, "Across The Universe" (A&M). A simply stellar album by a Minneapolis band that knows how to have a good time.

2. Neil Young & Crazy Horse, "Ragged Glory" (Reprise). Nothing ragged about this glorious sampling of classic rock'n'roll. 3. Living Colour, "Time's Up" (Epic). Jampacked with energy. 4. Jellyfish, "Bellybutton" (Charisma).

Ticklishly fun tracks.

5. Public Enemy, "Fear Of A Black Planet" (Columbia). Like a sharp rebuke you come to appreciate later.

6. Traveling Wilburys, "Vol. 3" (Wilbury/ Warner Bros.). These guys really know how to rock.

7. Sinead O'Connor, "I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got" (Ensign/Chrysalis). She may not be up for personality of the year, but she does have one hell of a voice. 8. Indigo Girls, "Nomads*Indians*Saints"

(Epic). Straight from the heart.

9. INXS, "X" (Atlantic). 10. Soul Asylum, "And The Horse They Rode In On" (A&M).



1. Iggy Pop, "Brick By Brick" (Virgin). This

year's Bonnie Raitt. 2. Paul Simon, "The Rhythm Of The Saints" (Warner Bros.). Why deny the obvious child?

3. Madonna, "Justify My Love" video (Sire). The Incandescent One's fearless exercise in eroticism potently served both freedom of self-expression and video retail. 4. AC/DC, "The Razors Edge" (Atco). Rock'n'roll!

5. Rosanne Cash, "Interiors" (Columbia). Depressing? Yes. Artistically risky? Of course. Brilliant? You said it. 6. Dece-Lite, "World Clique" (Elektra).

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BILLBOARD'S EDITORS AND WRITERS PICK THEIR TOP 10 RECORDS, VIDEOS, AND CONCERTS OF 1990

"Groove Is In The Heart." 7. Alan Jackson, "Here In The Real World" (Arista). Hat's off to the Hat's debut album of concise country gems.

8. Jill Sobule, "Things Here Are Different" (MCA). The title says it all about Sobule's

9. Alison Krauss, "I've Got That Old Feeling" (Rounder). A giant step toward preserving-and extending-bluegrass tradition.

10. Mary-Chapin Carpenter, "I'm Your Opening Act" as performed by this Columbia artist at the CMA Awards. An inferior song by a terrific artist made for the superior awards show moment.



1. Bob Mould, "Black Sheets Of Rain" (Virgin). Proof that he can still lead a searchand-destroy mission.

2. All About Eve, "Scarlet And Other Stories" (Mercury). Like many another great band, All About Eve seems destined, sadly, for obscurity.

3. The Posies, "Dear 23" (DGC). An example of how I define "pop."

4. The Monochrome Set, "Dante's Casino" (Vinyl Japan). An all-time favorite group re-

forms, and all is right in my world again. 5. Fugazi, "Repeater" (Dischord). 6. That Petrol Emotion, "Chemicrazy"

(Virgin).

7. Danzig, "Danzig II—Lucifuge" (Def American). You gotta love this guy's sense of humor.

8. Kirsty MacColl, "Kite" (Charisma).

9. Mother Love Bone, "Apple" (Polydor). 10. Megadeth, "Rust In Peace" (Capitol). For a solid week I agonized over this slot, listening to this, Anthrax's "Persistence Of Time" (Megaforce/Island), and Suicidal "Lights ... Camera ... Revolu-Tendencies' tion!" (Epic) before finally reaching a decision-much to the delight of my neighbors.



Top 10, listed alphabetically
1. The Choir, "Circle Slide" (Myrrh).
2. Rick Elias & the Confessions (Alarma). 3. Jacob's Trouble, "Door Into Summer"

and "Knock, Breathe, Shine" (Alarma). 4. Kaiser/Mansfield, "Trimmed & Bur-

nin' " (Ocean/Grrr). 5. Phil Keaggy, "Find Me In These Fields" (Myrrh).

6. Newsboys, "Hell Is For Wimps" (Star Song).

7. Charlie Peacock, "The Secret Of Time" (Sparrow).

8. The 77s, "Sticks And Stones" (Broken) and "More Miserable Than You'll Ever Be" (Alternative).

9. Ken Tamplin & Friends, "An Axe To Grind" (Frontline).

10. (Tie) Bryan Duncan, "Anonymous Confessions Of A Lunatic Friend" (Myrrh); "Iona" (ForeFront); Wes King, "Motiva-tion" (Reunion); Julie Miller, "Meet Julie Miller" (Myrrh); Petra, "Beyond Belief" (Dayspring); John Michael Talbot, "The Birth Of Jesus" (Sparrow).



1. Momus, "Monsters Of Love/Singles 1985-90" (Creation U.K. import). 2. Prefab Sprout, "Jordan: The Comeback"

(Epic). 3. Into Paradise, "Into Paradise" (En-

sign/Chrysalis).
4. Wild Swans, "Space Flower" (Sire).
5. Sea Stories, "Miller's Pond" (I.R.S.). 6. Tim Buckley, "Dream Letter/Live In

London 1968" (Enigma Retro/Straight). 7. Robert Forster, "Danger In The Past"

(Beggars Banquet U.K. import).
8. Television Personalities, "Privilege" (Fire).

9. Neil Young & Crazy Horse, "Ragged Glory" (Reprise).

10. Soft Machine, "The Soft Machine Turns On/BBC Sessions" (Strange Fruit U.K. import).



1. Neil Young & Crazy Horse, "Ragged Glory" (Reprise).

2. Paul Simon, "The Rhythm Of The Saints" (Warner Bros.).

Living Colour, "Time's Up" (Epic).
 Oleta Adams, "Circle Of One" (Fontana/

Mercury). 5. World Party, "Goodbye Jumbo" (En-

sign/Chrysalis). 6. Shazzy, "Attitude: A Hip-Hop Rapsody"

(Elektra). 7. Chris Thomas, "Cry Of The Prophets"

(Hightone/Sire). 8. Kris McKay, "What Love Endures"

(Arista). 9. Zachary Richard, "Women In The

Room" (A&M/Americana). 10. Wynton Marsalis, "Standard Time Vol. 3: The Resolution Of Romance" (Columbia).



Dance/Singles Reviews Editor

1. Deee-Lite, "World Clique" (Elektra). 2. Indigo Girls, "Nomads*Indians*Saints"

(Epic). 3. Beats International, "Let Them Eat Bin-

go" (Elektra).

4. The Beloved, "Happiness" (Atlantic). 5. Love & Laughter, "I Surrender" (SBK-One 12-inch).

6. C&C Music Factory, "Gonna Make You Sweat" (Columbia).

Madonna, "Rescue Me" (Sire album cut).
 Anything Box, "Peace" (Epic).
 Kris McKay, "What Love Endures"

(Arista) 10. The Underground Solution, "Luv Dan-

cin' " (Strictly Rhythm 12-inch).



1. Kirsty MacColl, "Kite" (Charisma). Dead-on, lyrically and musically. 2. Los Lobos, "The Neighborhood" (Slash).

I just keep going back. 3. Zachary Richard, "Women In The Room" (A&M/Americana). Modern without feeling "modernized," Zack's zydeco rings true to the genre and the times. 4. Gear Daddies, "Let's Go Scare Al" (Poly-

Gram). Arresting country-pop tales of small-town lovers, losers, longings. Good writing—and good fun.

5. Colin James, "Sudden Stop" (Virgin). Can a young Canadian rocker get the blues? And how.

6. Rosanne Cash, "Interiors" (Columbia). She holds nothing back-and the impact is powerful.

7. Faith No More, "Epic" (Slash/Reprise).

Grand; the single of the year. 8. David Baerwald, "Bedtime Stories" (A&M). David minus David equals a strong solo outing.

9. Concrete Blonde, "Bloodletting" (I.R.S.). My type

10. CONTROVERSY. Issues aside, it was nice to see popular music making headlines.



Music Research/Analysis Editor

1. Frank Sinatra, "The Capitol Years" (Capitol). First class-all the way.

2. Lisa Stansfield, "Affection" (Arista). Endearing, a quality in short supply recently. 3. Sinead O'Connor, "I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got" (Ensign/Chrysalis). In-cludes the most riveting, haunting single of the year.

4. Paul Simon, "The Rhythm Of The Saints" (Warner Bros.) He's one of the few artists who keeps challenging himself-and his audience. 5. Whitney Houston, "I'm Your Baby To-

night" (Arista). Frisky, fresh, and right on

6. Basia, "London Warsaw New York"

7. Various Artists, "Rubaiyat: Elektra's 40th Anniversary" (Elektra). Every other record company wishes it had thought of

this concept first. 8. Bette Midler, "Some People's Lives" (At

lantic). Philosophical and touching. Classy

production work by the peerless Arif Mar-

9. Al B. Sure!, "Private Times And The

Whole 9!" (Warner Bros.). In effect, he

mowed down the R&B competition. 10. Indigo Girls, "Nomads*Indians*Saints"

1. Best Single: Bette Midler, "From A Dis-

tance"-a crystalline experience, but let's

not forget Nanci Griffith's charming folk

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Assistant Country Music Editor

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(Epic). Wilson Phillips with less gloss.

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rendering.

2. Country Videos: K.T. Oslin's "Come Next Monday" and Eddie Rabbitt's "On Second Thought." Fine examples of inventive video production.

3. Country Albums: Mark Chesnutt., "Too Cold At Home," and Garth Brooks, "No Fences.

4. Christmas Picks: Dolly Parton's "Home For Christmas" album and Clint Black's "Till Santa's Gone (I Just Can't Wait)."

5. Nifty Pairings: Lorrie Morgan/Keith Whitley, "Til A Tear Becomes A Rose"; Rod Stewart/Ronald Isley, "This Old Heart Of Mine"; and Linda Ronstadt/Aaron Neville singles

6. Best New Artist: No doubt, Mariah Carev

7. Mish Mash: Vern Gosdin, "This Ain't My First Rodeo"; Babyface, "Whip Appeal"; Lisa Stansfield, "All Around The World"; Dan Fogelberg, "Rhythm Of The Rain."

8. Tomorrow's Shining Star: Karen Tobin-though currently unsigned, she's a country sparkler.

9. Movie Music: "Unchained Melody" from the film "Ghost"—the song and film will live magically forever.

10. Best At Worst: Straining to ride the cutting edge, Madonna's videos fall overboarderline exploiting forced sexcapades. Predictable, uneventful, and unentertaining.



1. Family Stand, "Chain" (Atlantic), Funk. rock, pop, and jazz with intelligent lyrics and great production.

2. L.L. Cool J, "Mama Said Knock You Out" (Def Jam). This rap superstar still

packs a punch. 3. En Vogue, "Born To Sing" (Atlantic). Al-bum contains "Hold On"—acknowledged by rap fans as the best hip-hop record of the vear.

4. Tony! Toni! Toné!, "Revival" (Wing/PolyGram). Young '90s-era bulls in the '70s china closet.

5. Public Enemy, "Welcome To The Terrordome" (Def Jam). Chuck & Flav's assault of rage and rhythm. Boogie Down Productions, "Edutainment" (Jive). Kris Parker's dissertation on rage and reason.

6. Bernadette Cooper, "The Drama According To Bernadette Cooper" (MCA). Every girl has a vice that she hates to cop to, and mine is the outrageously funny Bernadette. 7. Tribe Called Quest, "People's Instinctive Travels And The Paths Of Rhythm" (Jive). Bonita Applebum, I gotta get me some. 8. "Miki Howard" (Atlantic). She could

lead a horse to water and make him drink with a voice like that. 9. Bell Biv DeVoe, "Poison" (MCA). The

phrase "Hip-hop smoothed out on an R&B tip" is born as the boys gleefully besmirch their sterling New Edition image. Lyrically

insipid, musically a monster. 10. "Johnny Gill" (Motown); Pebbles, "Always" (MCA); Janet Jackson, "Rhythm Nation 1814" (A&M). L.A. & Face and Jimmy & Terry, just doin' what they do best with artists who know how to put it over the top



1. Eliane Elias, "Eliane Elias Plays Jobim" (Blue Note).

2. Ryuichi Sakamoto, "Beauty" (Virgin). 3. Paul Winter, "Earth: Voices Of A Planet" (Living Music).

4. Jack Kerouac, "The Jack Kerouac Collection" (Rhino).

5. Ladysmith Black Mambazo, "Two Worlds One Heart" (Warner Bros.)

6. Margareth Menezes, "Elegibo" (Mango). Eyuphuro, "Mama Mosambiki" (Real World/Virgin). 8. Zil, "Zil" (Verve Forecast).

9. Antonio Adolfo, "Jinga" (Happy Hour). 10. Paul Simon, "The Rhythm Of The Saints" (Warner Bros.).



1. They Might Be Giants, "Flood" (Elektra)

2. Traveling Wilburys, "Vol. 3" (Wilbury/Warner Bros.).

3. John Hiatt, "Stolen Moments" (A&M). 4. Various Artists, "Red Hot + Blue" (Chrysalis).

5. Robyn Hitchcock, "Eye" (Twin/Tone). 6. Indigo Girls, "Nomads*Indians*Saints" (Enic)

7. Billy Joel, "Storm Front" (Columbia).

8. Brian Eno & John Cale, "Wrong Way (Opal). Up"

9. Jellyfish, "Bellybutton" (Charisma); Posies, "Dear 23" (DGC).

10. Dead Milkmen, "Metaphysical Graffiti" (Enigma).



Album Reviews Co-Editor

1. The Black Crowes, "Shake Your Money Maker" (Def American). Some hard rock that truly works hard, and eminently replayable to boot.

2. Shoes, "Stolen Wishes" (Black Vinvl). The purest hard pop imaginable from the boys from Zion

3. Goo Goo Dolls, "Hold Me Up" (Metal Blade). Funny, touching breakneck rock from Buffalo, N.Y.

4. Neil Young & Crazy Horse, "Ragged Glory" (Reprise). Feedback really is back, praise the Lord

5. Jane's Addiction, "Ritual de lo Habitual" (Warner Bros.). More unclassifiable metallic mania from Perry Farrell's madhouse.

6. Bob Mould, "Black Sheets Of Rain" (Virgin). Head Hüsker roars back loud 'n' proud.

7. Soul Asylum, "And The Horse They Rode In On" (A&M). No horsing around for the Twin Cities foursome on their best record vet.

8. The Afghan Whigs, "Up In It" (Sub Pop). Ragin' guitar rock from Cincinnati's bestkept secret.

9. The Jody Grind, "One Man's Trash Is Another Man's Treasure" (dB). A tour of pop's past and present, divinely sung by Kelly Hogan Murray.

10. Robert Johnson, "The Complete Recordings" (Columbia). Reissue of the yearthe apotheosis of the country blues.



1. Best Album: Rhonda Vincent's "A Dream Come True" (Rebel). A flawless marriage of country and bluegrass. Vincent is too good to be mortal.

2. Best Song: "The Dance," written by Tony Arata, performed by Garth Brooks. A sweet hymn to letting go.

3. Best Music Video: "Wrong," Waylon Jennings. Produced and directed by Deaton Flanigen. Goofiness as therapy.

4. Best Awards Show: The International

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and "The Immaculate Collection" (Sire); and the Blonde Ambition tour. 2. Oleta Adams, "Circle Of One" (Fontana/

Mercury). 3. Yanni, "Reflections Of Passion" (Private

Music).

4. Lori Carson, "Shelter" (DGC). 5. Angelo Badalamenti, "Soundtrack From Twin Peaks" (Warner Bros.).

6. Caron Wheeler, "Living In The Light," single, (EMI).

7. Bonnie Raitt, "Nick Of Time," single, (Capitol)

8. Black Box, "Dreamland" (RCA).
 9. Deee-Lite, "World Clique" (Elektra).

10. Jennifer Holliday, concert appearance at New York's Radio City Music Hall.



CRAIG ROSEN

1. The Replacements, "All Shook Down" (Sire/Reprise). Never mind that it's basically a Westerberg solo album. Paul and company deliver.

2. Soul Asylum, "And The Horse They Rode In On" (A&M) and live at the Whisky. With each release they mature, without forgetting how to rock out.

3. The Black Crowes, "Shake Your Money Maker" (Def American). It's derivative. It rocks. It sells.

4. The Pixies, "Bossanova" (4AD/Elektra). Surf band of the '90s.

5. Jellyfish, "Bellybutton" (Charisma) and live at the Wadsworth Theatre. The best pure pop record since Crowded House's debut.

6. Iggy Pop, "Brick By Brick" (Virgin). Igster's back with Guns.

7. Concrete Blonde, "Bloodletting" (I.R.S.). For the top 40 hit "Joey" and the haunting "Tomorrow, Wendy" alone.

8. Galaxie 500, "This Is Our Music" (Rough Trade), live at the Wiltern. Feedback never sounded so sweet.

9. The Cavedogs, "Joyrides For Shut-Ins" (Enigma). A fine entry from Boston-based trio.

10. Angelo Badalamenti, "Soundtrack From Twin Peaks" (Warner Bros.). The best soundtrack from a TV show.

SEAN

ROSS

Radio Editor



Top singles of 1990

John Wesley Harding. "The Devil In Me" (Sire). Eerily prescient for the year of the S&L bailout and Jesse Helms' re-election.

2. Carlene Carter, "Come On Back" (Reprise). 1990's great "woman-tells-off-hertomcat" country hit.

3. Digital Underground, "The Humpty Dance" (Tommy Boy). Stupid. And fresh. (Not that any self-respecting rapper has used those terms together since 1986.)

4. Boogie Down Productions, "Love's Gonna Get You" (Jive). Crosses Fresh Prince and N.W.A for an ominous new rap subgenre—"gangster lite." 5. Poison, "Unskinny Bop" (Capitol). Why

wait for them to become respectable in 2005? Enjoy it now.

6. Nick Lowe, "All Men Are Liars" (Reprise). His sharpest writing in 10 years. 7. En Vogue, "Hold On" (Atlantic); Samuelle, "So You Like What You See" (At-

lantic). The next groove? Soul II Jack? 8. K-YZE, "Stomp" (Warner Bros.), 2 In A Room, "Wiggle It" (Charisma). Remember

when house was too odd for the radio? Like (Continued on next page)

05

SUSAN NUNZIATA Technology/Pro Audio Editor 1. Sinead O'Connor, "I Do Not Want What

I Haven't Got," (E from start to finish. (Ensign/Chrysalis). Art 2. Dread Zeppelin, "Un-Led-Ed" (I.R.S.).

Bluegrass Music Assn.'s first annual love

fest. Proof that talent is better than lighting.

5. Best Geographer Of The Heart: Mary

Chapin Carpenter. A spy satellite circling

6. Best Producer: Allen Reynolds. He turns

7. Best Evangelist Of Bluegrass: Alison

Krauss. She sings. She fiddles. She en-

8. Best Reason To Feed The Jukebox:

Keith Whitley and Lorrie Morgan's "Til A

9. The Twin Peaks Of Pandering: Charlie

Daniels' "A Few More Rednecks," and Hank

10. Worst News: That Naomi Judd must

quit singing. The fields have turned brown.

1. Jellyfish, "Bellybutton" (Charisma). Just

the right amount of sting. 2. Bobby McFerrin, "Medicine Music"

3. Kirsty MacColl, "Kite" (Charisma). Let's

go fly one now. 4. Jude Cole, "A View From Third Street" (Reprise/WB). The perfect pop record.

5. Bernadette Cooper, "The Drama Accord-ing To Bernadette Cooper" (MCA). Beauti-

6. Gary Moore, "Still Got The Blues" (Cha-

risma). Oh, but they hurt so good. 7. Sinead O'Connor, "I Do Not Want What

I Haven't Got" (Ensign/Chrysalis). Can I

8. World Party, "Goodbye Jumbo" (En-

9. SINGLES: "Wicked Game," Chris Isaak

(Warner Bros.); "Blue Sky Mine," Midnight Oil (Columbia); "Epic," Faith No More (Re-

10. CONCERTS: Peter Himmelman, The

Knitting Factory; John Hiatt, The Bottom

Line; Bruce Hornsby & the Range, Jones

Beach; Bela Fleck & the Flecktones, The

sign/Chrysalis). Hello great music.

ful blend of attitude and ability.

MELINDA

NEWMAN

Music Video Editor

Album Reviews Co-Editor

Williams Jr.'s "Don't Give Us A Reason."

pleasant voices into powerful ones.

emotional landscapes.

Tear Becomes A Rose."

(In no particular order)

(EMI). Cures my ills.

have it, then?

prise).

Bottom Line.

chants.

Its records, videos, and live shows. Pop eats itself.

3. Deee-Lite, "World Clique" album, "Groove Is In The Heart" video and single (Elektra). Retro refreshment.

4. Wendy & Lisa, "Eroica" (Virgin). Textured richness

5. Bob Geldof, "Vegetarians Of Love" (Atlantic). Van Morrison meets Bob Dylan. 6. Ferron, "Phantom Center" (Chameleon).

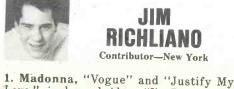
Brilliant songwriter keeps growing. 7. Lou Reed/John Cale, "Songs For

Drella" (Sire). Bittersweet tribute. 8. Julia Fordham, "Porcelain" (Virgin). Beautiful.

9. Various Artists, "Red Hot + Blue" (Chrysalis). Wow.

Love," singles and videos; "I'm Breathless

10. The Grateful Dead. The tour must go on.



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(Continued from preceding page)

10 months ago? 9. INXS, "Suicide Blonde" (Atlantic). Nature's way of compensating for Michael Bolton ballads.

10. Bell Biv DeVoe, "Do Me!" and "Poison" (MCA). This generation's "Work With Me Annie.'





1. The Replacements, "All Shook Down" (Sire/Reprise). Who cares if it's a "Paul Westerberg solo album"? I love Paul Westerberg.

2. Neil Young & Crazy Horse, "Ragged Glory" (Reprise). Rock'n'roll lives. Thank God

3. Blake Babies, "Sunburn" (Mammoth). Great harmonies, weird lyrics, and unavoidable hooks

4. Traveling Wilburys, "Vol. 3" (Wilbury/Warner Bros.). Rock on.

5. Iggy Pop, "Brick By Brick" (Virgin). "Home" is the ultimate anthem for these troubled times. 6. Eggplant, "Sad Astrology" (Doctor

Dream). Wonderful pop/rock.

7. Freddie Redd, "Live At The Studio Grill" (Triloka). This guy is so cool, a piano master of effortless, improvised perfection.

8. Lonesome Val, "Lonesome Val" (Bar None-Restless), "To Be Young" has the best pop chorus of the year. 9. Concrete Blonde, "Bloodletting" (I.R.S.).

10. Crazy 8's, "Doggapotamus World" (Red Rum). Funky jazz/R&B/rock from a band that doesn't take itself too seriously.



1. Best Rock Album: Los Lobos, "The Neighborhood" (Slash).

2. Best Belated Soundtrack To A Woody Allen Movie: Rosanne Cash, "Interiors (Columbia).

3. Best Dance Album: "Texas Tornados" (Reprise).

4. Most Overlooked: Bob Geldof, "Vegetarians Of Love" (Atlantic).

5. Most Confusing Politics: Sinead O'Connor, "I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got" (Chrysalis).

6. You-Make-Me-Feel-So-Young Award: Neil Young & Crazy Horse, "Ragged Glory" (Reprise).

7. Favorite Song: Gear Daddies, "Boys Will Be Boys" (PolyGram).

8. Favorite Song About Eating Pork: Monie Love, "Swiney Swiney" (Warner Bros.).

9. Best Jazz Album: Marcus Roberts, "Down In The Shed" (Novus/RCA).

10. Best John Hiatt Album: John Hiatt, "Stolen Moments" (A&M).



1. John Wesley Harding, "Here Comes The Groom" (Sire/Reprise).

2. John Hiatt, "Stolen Moments" (A&M). 3. Hothouse Flowers, "Home" (Poly-

Gram). 4. Depeche Mode, "Violator" (Sire/Reprise).

 Garth Brooks, "No Fences" (Capitol).
 Midnight Oil, "Blue Sky Mining" (Columbia).

7. The Black Crowes, "Shake Your Money Maker" (Def American).

8. "Hindu Love Gods" (Giant/Reprise).
 9. Various Artists, "Rubaiyat: Elektra's 40th Anniversary" (Elektra).

10. Suzanne Ciani, "Pianissimo" (Private Music).



1. Trip Shakespeare, "Across The Universe" (A&M). Love that stuff about the pants and the dance and the trance and the slacks and the one-eyed lady and Mrs. Braintree (that chilly Northern woman). 2. Urban Dance Squad, "Mental Floss For The Globe" (Arista). These guys have arrived-no more need to say a little prayer

for their demo. 3. Jellyfish, "Bellybutton" (Charisma). Goes to show that you can look '60s, sound

'70s, think '80s, and sell in the '90s.
4. Sinead O'Connor, "I Do Not Want What I Haven't Got" (Ensign/Chrysalis). I stand up and take off my hat every time I hear it.

5. Living Colour, "Time's Up" (Epic). Any band that can use the term "abstract ex-pressionism" in a rock song without sounding pretentious makes my list.

6. Kid Creole & the Coconuts, "Private Waters In The Great Divide" (Columbia). No more casual sex, mon. Jus' gud muzk. 7. Neil Young & Crazy Horse, "Ragged Glo-ry" (Reprise). Why does he keep feeding back? I don't know, but it never sounded so good.

8. Scatterbrain, "Here Comes Trouble" (In-Effect). Nice one, dudes.

9. Jane's Addiction, "Ritual de lo Habitual" (Warner Bros.). Habit forming. 10. Lach, "Contender" (Gold Castle). Best antidote to faux folk.



1. Big Dipper, "Slam" (Epic). Another delicious spoonful of crunchy pop that keeps its indie integrity even when immersed in a ma-

2. Rosanne Cash, "Interiors" (Columbia). The dreamiest songs she ever wrote also have a tendency to turn slightly nightmarish. 3. Don Cherry, "MultiKulti" (A&M). His masterful mix of jazz with world music gets

sharper all the time. 4. The Cavedogs, "Joyrides For Shut-Ins" (Enigma). Pop bands with songs as great as these deserve endangered-species protection.
5. Niels Lan Doky, "Dreams" (Milestone). But then most Vietnamese-Danish jazz pianists are brilliant.

6. Youssou N'Dour, "Set" (Virgin). The world-pop album he (and everyone else) has

been trying to make. 7. Darden Smith, "Trouble No More" (Co-lumbia). He pens these terrific tunes, now

you can't say Boo to him. 8. Prefab Sprout, "Jordan: The Comeback" (Epic). And a splendid comeback it is for

Paddy Joe & Co. 9. Jill Sobule, "Things Here Are Different" (MCA). This Todd-produced debut was the year's happiest singer/songwriter surprise. 10. Neil Young & Crazy Horse, "Ragged Glory" (Reprise). Tonight's still the night for some old-timers. My, my.

Congratulations Realsongs!

Diane, there's one reason why you're the #1 Singles Publisher

of the year . . .

Apparently You're the Best!

Love,

Michael Bolton



RADIO

Even More FM-FM Deals Are Announced; Taylor To Q105; Snowden Official At KHYS

HE PROGRAMMING DEALS between separately owned stations (see page 5) just keep coming: WSIX-AM Nashville is selling its AM to Bible Broadcasting Network which will then go religious. WSIX's N/T format will then be heard on area FM WNTS (currently WMSR). WSIX PD Duncan Stewart will be one of two PDs. Teddy Bart from N/T rival WLAC will do mornings. Overnights will be done by a "Midnight Caller" type host called the Prince of Darkness.

And in a similar deal, the people who bring you country KNUE Tyler, Texas, have taken crosstown oldies KISX to the top 40 as Kiss 107.3. Randy Ricci from crosstown KPXI is PD/afternoons. KNUE's Rick Evans will do mornings. Jesse St. James stays for middays. Will Wood from crosstown KTYL joins for nights. Michael Kelly of KPXI does overnights.

ETC: "SURVEY SAYS "

Arbitron has not announced if it will change its mind about the controversial "survey" direct mail pieces used by many stations (Billboard, Dec. 8). But Mel Goldberg, executive director of the Electronic Media Ratings Council, has decided that he con-siders the pieces "reprehensible," and says they "taint the value of all research." At press time, he was in the process of telling Arbitron this.

About 40 consultants attended a Dec. 10 meeting with Arbitron reps. One major topic was the amount of time it takes the ratings service to make stations aware of competing stations' slogans that change during the book. Some consultants were concerned that stations submit potentially conflicting slogans to Arbitron for diary credit and are not properly policed. Some consultants suggest a monthly slogan file update sent with Arbitrends.

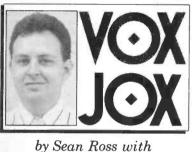
A Dayton advertising agency owner is suing WHIO/WHKO, two of its sales people, and owner Cox Enterprises for defamation, libel, slander, malicious and unfair competition, and antitrust violations. Jean DeWitt, owner of The Agency, seeks \$2.5 million punitive damages and \$25,000plus in compensatory damages. She claims the station repeatedly tried to "bully" her into a combo buy she didn't want and sent letters to her clients saying they had "de-recognized" her as an agency. Cox's lawyers had not seen the papers at press time.

CBS Radio will charge affiliates for its Major League Baseball and NFL football coverage beginning in 1991. The upcoming NFL playoffs and Super Bowl will not be affected. CBS says the fees-which one majormarket affiliate says are \$15,000 for baseball or football, or \$25,000 for both-will pay for the rising cost of broadcast rights and its expanded coverage. The news surprised some affiliates, "I wish them a lot of luck." said KYCA Prescott, Ariz., PD Lou Silverstein. KINS Eureka, Calif., president Hugo Papstein noted that. CBS already "makes considerable demands on inventory," and says he had to double his commitment to regular-season baseball games to receive

All-Star and World Series coverage.

In other network news, ABC commentator Paul Harvey took heat for a racist remark made, inadvertently he says, as part of his "Bumper Snickers' segment. Harvey asked listeners if they understood a humper sticker seen around Dallas saying, "If I knew then what I know now, I would have picked my own cotton." The NAACP and other listeners called to explain it. He apologized.

Top 40 WNVZ (Z104) Norfolk, Va., PD Chris Bailey denies any "pay-forplay" improprieties in his recent proposal that some record label go halfsies on a station billboard with him. Bailey says he has turned down Warner Bros., who wanted to put Paul Simon on the board, and Chrysa-



Craig Rosen & Phyllis Stark

lis, who wanted to feature Slaughter, because he didn't plan to play their records. He says four other labels have expressed interest.

Statistical Research's Fall 1990 RADAR report says that 77% of the national population is reached by RA-DAR-ranked networks, down about 2% from last year. Other findings: 96% of people 12-plus hear radio during the week, which amounts to about one million more than a year ago; FM controls 77% of all listening.

In D.C. news, the FCC, at its Dec. 13 open meeting, was expected to finalize its revision of its rules governing comparative renewal hearings. The changes should shorten the hearings-it often takes stations three years to fight challenger filings-and will most certainly cut the drop-out payoffs that stations have had to pay 'sham" applicants. Also, at the behest of several civil-rights groups, the FCC has extended its deadline for comments on digital-audio broadcasting from Dec. 14 to Jan. 7. And the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which handles broadcast issues, has two new members, Republicans Reps. Dennis Hastert, Ill., and Clyde Holloway, La.

PROGRAMMING: TAYLOR TO 0105

After five years as MD at KLUC Las Vegas, and three before that with PD Jerry Dean at KQKQ Omaha, Neb., Jay Taylor is the new PD at WRBQ (Q105) Tampa, Fla. That leaves Dean with an MD/afternoon drive opening ... Morning man Jim Snowden is now officially PD at urban KHYS Houston replacing Ross Holland ... Acting PD Jay Michaels gets the official nod at urban WQUE (Q93) New Orleans replacing Derek Monet. Davy D. returns to the station for nights from KOY-FM Phoenix; Janet Gee goes to middays. On Dec. 10, WSNI Philadelphia be-

came WYXR (Star 104.5) under new VP/programming Gerry De-Francesco and consultant Jack Taddeo but stayed bright AC. Former WSNI midday man Paul Michael Tyler resurfaces at crosstown AC WKSZ as assistant OM. Night jock Randy Kotz replaces him Adult standards WFTL Miami re-

turns to N/T under new PD Steve Kane, who joined for afternoons several weeks ago. He replaces Mike Roberts. Also, APD Jim Michaels is upped to OM. Norman Kent and Craig Worthington return for mornings and late nights, respectively. Al Rantel joins for middays from WNWS Miami. Bill Gardner does overnights. Bob Gordon and Mark Carlton exit.

Details were being worked out at press time, but pending the sale of oldies WMJI Cleveland to Legacy, Joel Lind was set to stay with Jacor's Critical Mass Media in a VP position. Legacy's Dean Thacker will manage WMJI himself when LBI takes over. Look for consultant John Gorman to program WMJI ... APD Brad Ellis is upped to PD at AC WMJJ Birmingham, Ala. Top 40 WROK/WZOK Rockford,

Ill., OM John Ivey is the new PD at top 40 WPXY Rochester, N.Y., replacing Kevin Kenney ... WSTR (Star 94) Atlanta PD Bill Cahill has a new job-his own. Cahill, rumored to be job-hunting following the arrival of OM Tony Novia, will officially stay put as PD.

PD Doug Gondek resigns at classic rock KCFX Kansas City ... Country KWDJ Riverside, Calif., will become AC KQLH on Christmas. PD Bill Georgi will stay on and needs AC service. Country rival KNTF is reportedly eyeing a similar change under PD Dave Clark, from KFRG.

Sandy Davis, currently GM/PD of adult standards/R&B oldies combo CKLW/CKMR Detroit, is the new PD of Rawlco's forthcoming AC FM in Ottawa. He'll consult CKMR for six months ... At modern WXVX (X15) Pittsburgh, 23-year-old Jim Kerr becomes GM/PD/p.m. driver, replacing Dave Calabrese. Dan Glunt is now MD/middays.

Santiago Nieto is out as PD of Spanish-language combo KXTN/ KZVE San Antonio, Texas. His replacement is Rudy Rocha from crosstown top 40 KSRR, which prompts a string of people changes there. Chris Blake from KHMX Houston joins for middays, sending Larry Hayden to nights and Blake Lindsay to late nights.

APD John Thomas is upped to PD at album WFXS (Fox 102) Chattanooga, Tenn., replacing Bob Raleigh who can be reached at 615-842-3443. Across town, top 40 WBDX is now soft AC Magic 102.7. PD Rich Philips and the staff stay on ... WRCN Long Island, N.Y., PD Zack Martin resigns to become nights/assistant MD at KAZY Denver replacing Beau Roberts. Former asst. MD Lois Todd assumes Roberts' MD duties.

Oldies KOIL Omaha, Neb., goes to Satellite Music Network's Pure Gold format. Morning jock Dave Conley and evening jock Tommy Tucker are both gone. Urban WZLA Abbeville,

newsline...

BRENT OSBORNE is named director of broadcasting operations for Bedford Broadcasting, which is in the process of acquiring KXXX San Francisco. He was NSM for crosstown KNBR/KFGO.

PHIL MELROSE is named president of the Brown Organization's radio division. He was group operations director for Brown Broadcasting.

SHERIDAN BROADCASTING NETWORKS promotes VP/operations Thad Hill to VP/network operations and entertainment programming, replacing Chuck Woodson. VP/news and sports Jerry Lopes is now executive VP/ operations and programming. Advertising/marketing director Fred Mattingly is now VP/marketing and communications.

DUANE DAVIS has officially been upped to executive VP for All-Pro Broadcasting, replacing Jim Maddox.

CHRIS MCMURRAY, GSM of WNCI Columbus, Ohio, will be GM of KMGC Dallas when that station's sale to Nationwide Communications closes in mid-February. It is her first GM job.

JACK WILLIAMS is named chairman/CEO at Spectacor Broadcasting and GM of its WIP Philadelphia. He was acting GM there.

CHRIS MURRAY is the new GM at WKXX Birmingham, Ala., replacing Berkley Fraser, who will still consult parent company SunGroup. Murray was LSM of WYHY Nashville.

BILL FRANCE JR. is upped from GSM to GM at country WHOK Columbus. Ohio. He replaces Stan Robinson, who is now GM of WLOH.

HOWARD NEMENZ, station manager of WSJS/WTQR Winston Salem, N.C., is upped to GM.

ALSO: KLOL Houston GM Pat Fant adds VP stripes; Dan Forth, previously president of the Wescom Group joins Joint Communications as VP/ marketing; Pete Vincelette from WHEN/WRHP Syracuse, N.Y., to WKPE Cape Cod, Mass. as GM; the sale of WBVE from Reams to L.C. Communications is off.

S.C., adds SMN R&B/oldies ... Nevin Grant, PD of CKLH (K103) Hamilton, Ontario, reclaims those duties at top 40 CKOC from John Novak.

At album KZTR Ventura, Calif. MD Donna Richards adds PD stripes. The new morning team, replacing former PD/morning man Jeff McMurray, is Kat Shannon from KJNO Simi Valley, Calif., and Stephanie Rose from middays. Anita Fajita from the former KEDG Los Angeles joins for evenings ... At country KMIX Modesto, Calif., p.m. driver Ed Nickus adds PD stripes, replacing Bill Mackie.

AC WAKS Fort Myers, Fla., is now album rock under WKGR West Palm Beach, Fla., PD Rich Dickerson. Joe & Stan from WMMY Melbourne. Fla., join for mornings. The switch took place within days of AC WQEZ's change to classic rock WZCR under PD Dean Tyler and consultant Fred Jacobs.

PEOPLE: OWENS IS EASY

The longstanding morning slot at WPAT (Easy 93) New York is filled this week by Bruce Owens from soft AC WEZN Bridgeport, Conn. ... KLOS Los Angeles morning team Mark & Brian will broadcast live from Saudi Arabia on Dec. 18.

Night jock Kelly Iris is upped to APD at country WMIL Milwaukee. P.M. driver Mitch Morgan adds MD stripes ... Kim Jeffries steps down as MD at AC KSTP-FM (KS95) Minneapolis but remains on for middays ... Dave McKay goes from mornings at AC WCRZ Flint, Mich., to the same slot at top 40 WZPL Indianapolis, replacing Barry Donovan.

Jody Ryan, last an Atco rep for New York, returns to the Carolinas

where she joins the morning team at top 40/dance WCKZ (Kiss 102) Charlotte, N.C. ... At N/T WBT Char-lotte, James K. Flynn exits as half of the morning team which now becomes Don Russell & Friends. Talk host Tom Desio is out of evenings, replaced by Henry Boggan who returns to the shift from middays. A.I. Thompson is also out of middays, replaced by John Hancock from WIVY Jacksonville, Fla., and Mike & Barbara McKay from co-owned WBTV.

Former WSHE Miami midday jock Wendy Steele becomes marketing director for the area's RT-60 Studios . Dancin' Danny Wright is out of afternoons at top 40 WKDD Akron, Ohio. MD/night jock Dave Nicholas takes that shift.

At oldies WRKA Louisville, Ky., PD Andy Barber goes from mornings to afternoons as Larry Miller moves middays to mornings. Steve Jansen goes nights to middays, replaced by overnighter Tracy Bond. Weekender Drew Lambert replaces him. P.M. driver Scott Brady goes to that shift at top 40 WZKS replacing Tom Kennedy.

Victoria Jones from KFYI Phoenix and David Hansen from WVNN Huntsville, Ala., are the new morning-show team at WLAC Nashville Gary Zane (801-266-0769) exits afternoons at AC KCPX Salt Lake City PM driver Chris Conners is MD at urban WQOK Raleigh, N.C. Jim Arnold replaces Johnny Walker in mornings at KKZX Spokane, Wash. Chuck Matheson is upped to APD at rival KZZU ... At top 40 WAZY Lafayette, Ind., midday jock

Randy Kenyon is now MD.

Bilboard R HOT 100 SINGLES COMPILED FROM A NATIONAL SAMPLE OF RETAIL STORE AND ONE-STOP SALES REPORTS AND RADIO PLAYLISTS.

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THE BLACK CROWES (C) DEF AMERICAN 4-19668/GEFFEI	HARD TO HANDLE G.DRAKOULIAS (REDDING.ISBELL.JONES)	9	49	45	50
CELINE DION (C) EPIC 34-7353	WHERE DOES MY HEART BEAT NOW C.NEIL (R.W.JOHNSON, T.RHODES)	3	80	65	51
C) (C) (M) (T) SIRE 4-19580/REPRIS	WORLD IN MY EYES DEPECHE MODE.FLOOD (M.L.GORE)	5	59	53	52
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◆ PEBBLES (C) MCA 5397	LOVE MAKES THINGS HAPPEN LAREID,BABYFACE (BABYFACE,LA.REID)	4	74	66	(55)
BAD COMPANY (C) ATCO 4-9891	IF YOU NEEDED SOMEBODY T.THOMAS (B.HOWE,T.THOMAS)	7	65	56	<u>(56)</u>
	B.B.D. (I THOUGHT IT WAS ME)? SHOCKLEE, SADLER, SHOCKLEE (HOOKS, SADLER, SHOCKLEE, DURAN	11	26	43	57
MOND (DUET WITH BRENDA K. STARR) (C) COLUMBIA 38-7360	NO MATTER WHAT M.LIGGETT.C.BARBOSA (A.GODWIN,L.LANGE)	4	69	61	<u>58</u>
JAMES INGRAM (C) (V) WARNER BROS. 4-1991	I DON'T HAVE THE HEART T.BELL.J.INGRAM (A.RICH,J.FRIEDMAN)	21	31	40	59
◆ AC/DC (C) (V) ATCO 4-9888	MONEYTALKS B.FAIRBAIRN (A.YOUNG,M.YOUNG)	3	76	67	60
◆ IGGY POP WITH KATE PIERSON (C) VIRGIN 4-98900	CANDY D.WAS (I.POP)	5	68	63	61
◆ AFTER 7 (C) (M) (T) VIRGIN 4-9655	HEAT OF THE MOMENT L.A.REID,BABYFACE (L.A.REID,BABYFACE)	17	70	64	62
MAXI PRIES (C) (T) CHARISMA 4-9895	CLOSE TO YOU . G.CHUNG,S.DUNBAR,H.TUCKER (G.BENSON,W.SELA,M.ELLIOTT)	26	43	47	63
CHRIS ISAA	WICKED GAME E.Jacobsen (C.Isaak)	4	77	69	64
(C) (C) (M) (T) MCA 5392	LJACUBSEN (U.ISAAK)	7	50	57	65
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(C) (M) (T) (V) VIRGIN 4-9896 • JOEY B. ELLIS & TYNETTA HAR	LA.REID.BABYFACE (BABYFACE.LA.REID) GO FOR IT! (HEART AND FIRE)	22	46	59	69
(C) (T) BUST IT 44667/CAPITO	M.C.HAMMER (KELLY, EARLEY, ELLIS, HARE)	3	92	83	(70)
JUDE COL (C) REPRISE 4-1953	HOUSE FULL OF REASONS D.TYSON (JCOLE)	4	73	71	71
INFORMATION SOCIET (C) (CD) (M) (T) (V) TOMMY BOY 4-19591/REPRIS	THINK F.MAHER,INFORMATION SOCIETY (P.ROBB)	12	33	54	72
C) MECHANIC 53863/MC	GIVE IT TO ME GOOD B.WRAY (S.BROWN)	4	87	77	(73)
◆ STY (C) A&M 153	SHOW ME THE WAY D.DEYOUNG (D.DEYOUNG)	3	96	81	74
TEVIN CAMPBEL D) (M) (T) (V) PAISLEY PARK 4-19748/WARNER BRO	ROUND AND ROUND PRINCE (PRINCE) (C) (CI	3	78	76	75
(C) (M) (T) (V) MCA 5389	GIVING YOU THE BENEFIT L.A.REID,BABYFACE (L.A.REID,BABYFACE)	19	44	62	76
◆ MAXI PRIES (C) (M) (T) CHARISMA 4-9888	JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER A.G.CLARKE (H.TUCKER)	3	84	82	1
◆ URBAN DANCE SQUA (C) (T) (V) ARISTA 202	DEEPER SHADE OF SOUL J.M.A., URBAN DANCE SQUAD (U.D.S., R.BARRETTO)	2	_	93	78
C) (V) FONTANA 878 476-4/MERCU	GET HERE R ORZABAL D. BASCOMBE (B. RUSSELL)	2		89	79
◆ BILLY JOE (C) COLUMBIA 38-7360	AND SO IT GOODE (MICOLEC) M.JONES,B.JOEL (B.JOEL)	10	37	60	80
◆ WARRAN	CHERRY PIE	16	45	70	81
(C) (V) COLUMBIA 38-7351 ◆ TKA FEATURING MICHELLE VISAG	B.HILL (J.LANE) CRASH (HAVE SOME FUN) J.GARDNER (F.DEWULF,P.LANNOYS) ((4	85	80	82
(C) (CD) (M) (T) TOMMY BOY 4-19527/WARNER BRC CONCRETE BLONE	JOEY	19	55	68	83
(C) I.R.S. 730 PAT & MIC	CONCRETE BLONDE,C.TSANGARIDES (J.NAPOLITANO)		55		
(C) CHARISMA 4-988 CANDYMA	STOCK AITKEN, WATERMAN (LRUSSELL BROWN, S.LINZER)	2	_	86	84
	CANDYMAN, JOHNNY "J" (CANDYMAN, M. STEALS, M. STEALS, CANDY THIS IS PONDEROUS	2	-	95	(85)
(C) (V) ATLANTIC 4-877	M.NEALY, J.BLANEY (J.BLANEY, M.NEALY, P.DE VAULT, T.MARTIN)	1		NEV	(86)
(C) ENIGMA 7508	LYIN' TO MYSELF E.THORNGREN (CASSIDY,SHIFRIN)	14	52	73	87
◆ AL B. SUR (C) (CD) (M) (T) (V) WARNER BROS. 4-1959	MISSUNDERSTANDING DJ EDDIE F.NEVELLE (AL B.SUREI.DJ EDDIE F.NEVELLE)	11	67	75	88
TRACIE SPENCE (C) (T) CAPITOL 446	THIS HOUSE M.SHERROD, P.SHERROD (M.SHERROD, P.SHERROD, SIR SPENCE)	1	N	NEV	(89)
NOTORIOU (C) DGC 4-196	THE SWALK R.GEORGE,S.HARRIS,P.WINKELMAN (S.HARRIS,R.GEORGE)	2	-	90	90
(C) HOLLYWOOD 4-64931/ELEKT	I FOUND LOVE JELLYBEAN (A.PREVEN)	8	88	85	91
TIMMY (C) (T) QUALITY 1511	ONE MORE TRY TIMMY T. (TIMMY T.)	1	N	NEV	92)
◆ PAUL SIMO (C) (V) WARNER BROS. 4-1954	THE OBVIOUS CHILD PSIMON (PSIMON)	2	-	96	93
	(CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT YOUR) LOVE AND AFFE(M.TANNER, D.THOENER (M.NELSON, G.NELSON, M.TANNER)	25	75	87	94
◆ CHEAP TRIC (C) (V) EPIC 34-7350	WHEREVER WOULD I BE	9	61	78	95
♦ SLAUGHTE	R.ZITO (D.WARREN) SPEND MY LIFE D.STRIM MSL AUCHTER)	1		NEV	(96)
(C) CHRYSALIS 236 THE RIGHTEOUS BROTHER	D.STRUM,M.SLAUGHTER (D.STRUM,M.SLAUGHTER) UNCHAINED MELODY				
(V) VERVE 871 882-7/POLYDO	PSPECTOR (H.ZARET.A.NORTH)	31	72	84	97
(C) (CD) (T) (V) A&M 14	JJACKSON,JJOHNSON (JJACKSON)	15	58	79	98 99
♦ SPECIAL GENERATIO		3	95	91	

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WEEK	LAST WEEK	2 WKS AGO	WKS. ON CHART	TITLE PRODUCER (SONGWRITER)	ARTI LABEL & NUMBER/DISTRIBUTING LA
1	h.			★ ★ NO.1 ★ BECAUSE I LOVE YOU (THE POSTMAN SONG) ●	and the second of the second second
2	1	1	12	STEVIE B (W.BROOKS)	(C) (V) LMR 2724/R MADONN
_	4	10	6	LKRAVITZ (LKRAVITZ,MADONNA) (C. FROM A DISTANCE ●	(CD) (M) (T) (V) SIRE 4-19485/WARNER BR BETTE MIDLE
3	2	3	12	A.MARDIN (J.GOLD)	(C) (V) ATLANTIC 4-878
4	5	7	11	IMPULSIVE G.BALLARD (S.KIPNER,C.MAGNESS)	♦ WILSON PHILLIF (C) SBK 073
5	7	9	12	S.ADDABBO,L.KAYE (S.VEGA)	DNA FEATURING SUZANNE VEC
6	10	11	14	HIGH ENOUGH R.NEVISON (TOMMY, JACK, TED)	DAMN YANKEI (C) (V) WARNER BROS. 4-195
7	3	2	10	I'M YOUR BABY TONIGHT ● L.A.REID.BABYFACE (L.A.REID.BABYFACE)	WHITNEY HOUSTO (C) (M) (T) (V) ARISTA 21
8	9	12	9	FREEDOM G.MICHAEL (G.MICHAEL)	◆ GEORGE MICHA (C) (CD) (M) (T) (V) COLUMBIA 38-735
9	6	8	15	THE WAY YOU DO THE THINGS YOU DO UB40 (ROBINSON, ROGERS)	◆ UB4 (C) VIRGIN 4-989
10)	14	19	8	SENSITIVITY J.JAM.T.LEWIS (J.HARRIS III.T.LEWIS)	♦ RALPH TRESVAI (C) (CD) (M) (T) (V) MCA 539
11)	17	24	6	LOVE WILL NEVER DO (WITHOUT YOU) J.JAM.T.LEWIS (J.HARRIS III.T.LEWIS)	◆ JANET JACKSC (C) (T) (V) A&M 15
12	13	18	9	MIRACLE (FROM "YOUNG GUNS II") DKORTCHMAR,J.BON JOVI (J.BON JOVI)	♦ JON BON JC
13	8	4	12	SOMETHING TO BELIEVE IN	(C) (V) MERCURY 878 39 POISC (C) ENIGMA 44617/CAPIT
14	12	5		B.FAIRBAIRN (B.DALL,C.C.DEVILLE,B.MICHAELS,R.ROCKETT)	(C) ENIGMA 44617/CAPIT MARIAH CAR
			15	W.AFANASIEFF (M.CAREY,B.MARGULIES) GROOVE IS IN THE HEART ●	(C) (V) COLUMBIA 38-734 • DE EE-L
15	11	6	15	DEEE-LITE (DEEE-LITE,H.HANCOCK,J.DAVIS) THE FIRST TIME	(C) (CD) (M) (T) ELEKTRA 4-649
16	19	27	8	SURFACE (B.JACKSDN,B.SIMPSON)	(C) COLUMBIA 38-735
17)	18	22	11	MILES AWAY B.HILL (P.TAYLOR)	♦ WINGI (C) ATLANTIC 4-878
18	22	25	8	ONE AND ONLY MAN S.WINWOOD (S.WINWOOD, J.CAPALDI)	STEVE WINWOO (C) (V) VIRGIN 4-988
19	15	17	12	WIGGLE IT G.MOREL (G.MOREL,R.VARGAS)	◆ 2 IN A ROC (C) (M) (T) CUTTING 4-98887/CHARIS
20	24	30	8	AFTER THE RAIN M.TANNER,D.THOENER (M.NELSON,G.NELSON,M.TANNER,R.WILSON)	◆ NELSO (C) (V) DGC 4-196
				★★★POWER PICK/AIR GONNA MAKE YOU SWEAT ◆ C&C MUSIC FA	PLAY * * * CTORY FEAT. FREEDOM WILLIAM
21)	30	41	6	R.CLIVILLES.D.COLE (R.CLIVILLES.F.B.WILLIAMS)	(C) (CD) (M) (T) COLUMBIA 38-736
22	16	14	17	FEELS GOOD • TONYTONITONE! (D.WIGGINS, R.WIGGINS, T.CHRISTIAN, C.WHEELER)	TONY! TON! TON (C) (T) (V) WING 877 436-4/POLYE
23	37	66	3	★★ POWER PICK/SA PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC VANILLA ICE.EARTHQUAKE)	LES ★ ★ ★ ♦ VANILLA I((C) (T) SBK 073
24)	25	34	9	JUST ANOTHER DREAM DANCIN' DANNY D.S.PETTIBONE (C.DENNIS,D.POKU)	◆ CATHY DENN
25)	27	39	6	I'M NOT IN LOVE	(C) (CD) (M) (T) (V) POLYDOR 877 96 WILL TO POW
26)	32	35	8	B.ROSENBERG (G.GOULDMAN,E.STEWART)	(C) (V) EPIC 34-736 THE OUTFIE
27)				J.SPINKS (J.SPINKS) HANG IN LONG ENOUGH	(C) (V) MCA 539 PHIL COLLI
	33	36	7	P.COLLINS,H.PADGHAM (P.COLLINS) MORE THAN WORDS CAN SAY	(C) (M) (T) (V) ATLANTIC 4-878 ♦ ALI
28	21	16	16	F.CURCI.S.DEMARCHI.R.NEIGHER (F.CURCI.S.DEMARCHI)	(C) EMI 503 ◆ ELISA FIORIL
29)	34	38	13	DAVID Z. (E.FIORILLO.PRINCE, L.SEACER, JR., DAVID Z.)	(C) (T) CHRYSALIS 23
30	20	13	14	STRANDED R.ZITO (J.KYLE, J.HARRINGTON)	◆ HEA (C) (CD) CAPITOL 446
31	28	32	10	FAIRWEATHER FRIEND L.A.REID.BABYFACE (L.A.REID.BABYFACE,D.SIMMONS)	JOHNNY G (C) (T) MOTOWN 20
32	35	42	6	ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE D.GIBSONIL.DOZIER (D.GIBSONIL.DOZIER)	DEBBIE GIBS((C) (M) (T) (V) ATLANTIC 4-87
33)	41	51	6	YOU'RE AMAZING R.PALMER (PALMER, FELLOWS, PRATT, STEVENS, MANSFIELD)	ROBERT PALM (C) EMI 503
34	42	47	7	GENTLE DINO (G.MIMS)	◆ DII (C) ISLAND 878 47
35	29	20	16	ICE ICE BABY A VANILLA ICE (VANILLA ICE.EARTHQUAKE.D.BOWIE.B.MAY.F.MERCURY.R.	◆ VANILLA I
(36)	44	48	4	I'LL GIVE ALL MY LOVE TO YOU	♦ KEITH SWE
37	23			K.SWEAT (K.SWEAT.B.WOOTEN) MY LOVE IS A FIRE	(C) VINTERTAINMENT 4-64915/ELEK
		21	11	C.STURKEN,E.ROGERS (C.STURKEN,E.ROGERS)	(C) (T) CAPITOL 444
38	26	23	17	CANDYMAN (CANDYMAN, W.CLARKE, B.WRIGHT, E.HAMILTON, R.WYLIE, A.I	
39)	46	54	5	DISAPPEAR C.THOMAS (J.FARRISS.M.HUTCHENCE)	(C) (V) ATLANTIC 4-87
40	39	40	12	UNCHAINED MELODY B.MEDLEY (H.ZARET,A.NORTH)	THE RIGHTEOUS BROTHE (C) CURB 768
41)	52	62	4	AROUND THE WAY GIRL M.MARL (M.WILLIAMS, J.T.SMITH)	♦ L.L. COO (C) (CD) (M) (T) DEF JAM 38-73610/COLUM
42	31	15	13	SO CLOSE D.KORTCHMAR, J.BON JOVI (D.HALL,G.GREEN,D.KORTCHMAR, J.BON JOV	DARYL HALL JOHN OAT (C) (V) ARISTA 2(
43	48	56	6	DOES SHE LOVE THAT MAN? B.SARGEANT.BREATHE (D.GLASPER.M.LILLINGTON)	ATHE FEATURING DAVID GLASP
44	50	57	6	THE GHETTO TOO SHORT A EATON (T.SHAW, A EATON, D. HATHAWAY, L. HUTSON)	◆ TOO SHO (C) (M) (T) (V) JIVE 1414/I
45	51	60	5	YOU GOTTA LOVE SOMEONE	◆ ELTON JOI (C) MCA 539
(46)	58	71	4	D.WAS (E.JOHN, B.TAUPIN)	♦ WARRA
		-		B.HILL (JLANE) PRAY ●	(C) (V) COLUMBIA 38-73 ♦ M.C. HAMM
47	36	28	13	M.C.HAMMER (PRINCE.M.C.HAMMER)	(C) (T) (V) CAPITOL 440 DON HENL
48	49	53	7	D.HENLEY, D.KORTCHMAR (D.HENLEY, D.KORTCHMAR, J.WINDING)	(C) (V) GEFFEN 4-190
(49)	55	63	5	THE SHOOP SHOOP SONG (IT'S IN HIS KISS)	♦ CH

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CHAMELEON CUTS

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Lee Hooker's Grammy-winning "The Healer," which Powers says is close to gold certification.

The Chameleon roster also includes Precious Metal, Mary's Danish, Ferron, Dramarama, and Lowen & Navarro. Powers says the roster will remain intact.

Powers ties the relocation to the desire of the company's Chicagobased chairman, Dan Pritzker, to move the operation closer to home.

"The principal factor is Dan and his involvement and integration in the la-bel," Powers says. "He had been looking at moving out here, and we had been looking at new offices When push came to shove, he decided he didn't really want to relocate out here. New York and Chicago are

more like a commute [for him]." Noting that Chameleon's current distribution deal with CEMA is up for review in March of next year, Powers adds, "The model that we're looking to for the future is an association that would cover a lot of back-office and administrative functions."

Sources say that Chameleon has been in discussions with BMG, Poly-Gram, and CBS as well as CEMA regarding a future distribution arrangement.

No CEMA-distributed records are set for imminent release by Chameleon; three albums scheduled for early 1991—a solo set by Violent Femmes drummer Victor Delorenzo, the debut of blues singer Vala Cupp, and a new album from Wisconsin-based rock act Spooner-will go through Chameleon's independent distribution network.

Chameleon's L.A. office, compris-ing about a half-dozen employees, will open at a new location by February; the lease on the company's Hawthorne office expires at the end of January. Powers says a fully staffed New York office will be in operation by the end of the first quarter.

Powers, executive VP Bob Brown, VP of sales Bill Meehan, chief financial officer Al Sands, VP of business affairs Kent Klavens, and VP of media and artist relations Barbara Shelley are the senior executives who will head Chameleon's transition unit.

Among the departing staff members are such high-ranking execu-tives as senior VP Andy Francis and VP of promotion Jack Hopke.

The company says terminated employees have been provided with "an extended severance package.

NAACP MEETING (Continued from page 12)

for a production assistant and you get 80 respondents, all of whom are white, what are you supposed to do?"

What they can do is call the NAACP and get names of black industry professionals, says Fletcher. "I don't want them to feel like their backs are up against the wall," he says. "We're not here to tell them how to run their company; we're just here to tell them how the African-American can get more involved, but they have to make the effort.

Fletcher says the NAACP is com-piling a directory of more than 200 black professionals that it will distribute to the Music Video Producers Assn. members. In addition to meeting with Hamlyn, Fletcher is asking for another meeting with the music video group before the end of the year that will be dedicated to this issue.

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ion on the main Hot 100 Singles chart

ARTIST

WILSON PHILLIPS

WHITNEY HOUSTON 7 MADONNA 2

BETTE MIDLER 3 JANET JACKSON 11

DAMN YANKEES 6

GEORGE MICHAEL 8 MARIAH CAREY 14

DNA FEATURING SUZANNE VEGA 5 HINGS YOU DO UB40 9

DEEE-LITE

SURFACE 16 JON BON JOVI 12

WINGER 17

HEART 30

STEVE WINWOOD 18

RALPH TRESVANT 10

WILL TO POWER 25 NELSON 20 TONY! TONI! TONE! 22

CATHY DENNIS 24

PHIL COLLINS 27 BART SIMPSON -

THE OUTFIELD 26 DEBBIE GIBSON 32

DONNY OSMOND 37

VANILLA ICE 35

JOHNNY GILL 31 ELISA FIORILLO 29 2 IN A ROOM 19

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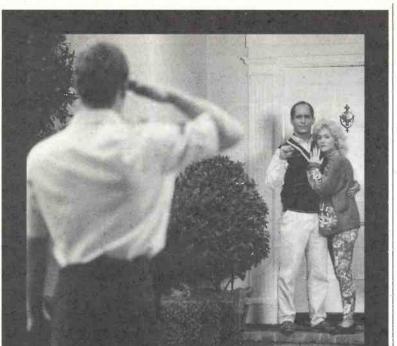
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"People love this thing!" Bob Baker, WBGF, Belle Glade, FL "Many requests for this gem..." Robert Heinlein, WGCD, Chester, SC

"<u>Really</u> good response... it tugs at the heartstrings." Tom Palmer, KSBT, Steamboat Springs, CO

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WEEK	LAST	TITLE	HOT
1	3	JUSTIFY MY LOVE MADONI	NA 2
2	1	FROM A DISTANCE BETTE MIDLI	ER 3
3	2	BECAUSE I LOVE YOU (THE POSTMAN SONG) STEVIE	B 1
4	4	TOM'S DINER DNA FEATURING SUZANNE VEC	GAÍ 5
5	9	HIGH ENOUGH DAMN YANKE	ES 6
6	8	SENSITIVITY RALPH TRESVAL	NT 10
7	11	FREEDOM GEORGE MICHA	EL 8
8	10	1MPULSIVE WILSON PHILLI	PS 4
9	5	THE WAY YOU DO THE THINGS YOU DO UB4	40 9
10	7	WIGGLE IT 2 IN A ROO	DM 19
11	14	MIRACLE (FROM "YOUNG GUNS II") JON BON JC	VI 12
12	6	I'M YOUR BABY TONIGHT WHITNEY HOUSTO	DN 7
13	19	LOVE WILL NEVER DO (WITHOUT YOU) JANET JACKSO	DN 11
14	16	MILES AWAY WING	ER 17
15	38	PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC VANILLA IS	ÇE 23
16	12	SOMETHING TO BELIEVE IN POISO	DN 13
17	21	THE FIRST TIME SURFA	CE 16
18	15	LOVE TAKES TIME MARIAH CAR	EY 14
19	30	GONNA MAKE YOU SWEAT C&C MUSIC FACTOR	RY 21
20	13	GROOVE IS IN THE HEART DEEE-LI	TE 15
21	24	AFTER THE RAIN NELSO	DN 20
22	26	ONE AND ONLY MAN STEVE WINWOO	DD 18
23	20	UNCHAINED MELODY THE RIGHTEOUS BROTHER	RS 40
24	18	FEELS GOOD TONY! TON!! TON	
25	29	ON THE WAY UP ELISA FIORILI	
26	32	JUST ANOTHER DREAM CATHY DENN	
27	23	FAIRWEATHER FRIEND JOHNNY GI	LL 31
28	34	THE GHETTO TOO SHO	
29	33	FOR YOU THE OUTFIE	LD 26
30	17	KNOCKIN' BOOTS CANDYM/	
31	22	MORE THAN WORDS CAN SAY ALL	AS 28
32	-	AROUND THE WAY GIRL L.L. COOL	
33	40	I'M NOT IN LOVE WILL TO POW	
34	27	PRAY M.C. HAMM	ER 47
35		GENTLE DI	
36	-	YOU'RE AMAZING ROBERT PALM	
37	25	HIPPYCHICK SOF	10 54
38	-	HANG IN LONG ENOUGH PHIL COLLI	NS 27
39	36	HARD TO HANDLE THE BLACK CROW	
40	-	IT NEVER RAINS TONY! TON!! TON	NE! 66

Hot 100. Sales & Airplay.

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10 5 LOVE TAKES TIME 11 6 GROOVE IS IN THE HEART

12 15 TOM'S DINER

14 18 THE FIRST TIME

17 19 MILES AWAY 18 24 SENSITIVITY

23 14 STRANDED

19 23 I'M NOT IN LOVE

25 33 DO THE BARTMAN

FOR YOU

ICE ICE BABY

DISAPPEAR

WIGGLE IT 38 39 DOES SHE LOVE THAT MAN?

35 34 FAIRWEATHER FRIEND

ON THE WAY UP

YOU'RE AMAZING

MY LOVE IS A FIRE

16 17 ONE AND ONLY MAN

AFTER THE RAIN 21 16 FEELS GOOD 22 27 JUST ANOTHER DREAM

HANG IN LONG ENOUGH

GONNA MAKE YOU SWEAT

MORE THAN WORDS CAN SAY

PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC

I'LL GIVE ALL MY LOVE TO YOU

ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

9 9 FREEDOM

3 2 I'M YOUR BABY TONIGHT

6 13 LOVE WILL NEVER DO (WITHOUT YOU)

13 10 THE WAY YOU DO THE THINGS YOU DO

MIRACLE (FROM "YOUNG GUNS II")

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- BMI/Body Electric, BMI/Fifth Of March, BMI) AND SO IT GOES (heel BMI) HI
- ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE (Deborah Ann's, ASCAP/Beau Di O Do, BMI/Warner-Tameriane, BMI)
- NBM AROUND THE WAY GIRL (Marley Marl 41
- AROUND THE WAY GRE (mailey main, ASCAP/LL Cool J, ASCAP/Def Jam, ASCAP) B.B.D. (I THOUGHT IT WAS ME) ? (Ronestone, BMI/Strong Island, ASCAP) BMI/Strong Island, ASCAP) BECAUSE I LOVE YOU (THE POSTMAN SONG) (Saja, 57
- BECAUSE I LUVE YOU (I'HE POSTMAN SUNG) (Saja, BMI/Mya-T, BMI) HL BLACK CAT (Black Ice, BMI) HL CANDY (James Osterberg, BMI /Bug, BMI) (CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT YOUR) LOVE AND AFFECTION (Matt-Black, ASCAP/Gunster, ASCAP/Otherwise, ASCAP/BMG, ASCAP/EMI April, ASCAP/ WBM/HL CAN'T STOP (CBS Epic/Solar, BMI/Kear, BMI) HL CANT STOP (CBS Epic/Solar, BMI/Kear, BMI) HL
- 81 CHERRY PIE (Virgin Songs, BMI/Dick Dragon, BMI)
- CLOSE TO YOU (E.G., BMI/W.S., BMI/Chappell & Co., ASCAP/Level Vibes, ASCAP/Colgems-EMI,
- ASCAP/Forever, PRS) WBM 82 CRASH (HAVE SOME FUN) (BMC, ASCAP/Musko ASCAP

- ASCAP) DEEPER SHADE OF SOUL (BMG, ASCAP) HL OISAPPEAR (Tol Muziek, ASCAP/MCA, ASCAP) HL DOES SHE LOVE THAT MAN? (Virgin, ASCAP) CPP FAIRWEATHER FRIEND (Kear, BMI/CBS Epic/Solar, DMI/Computed DNIN UK 31 BMI/Greenskirt, BMI) HL
- FEELS GOOD (Tony Toni Tone, ASCAP/Pri, ASCAP) WBM 22
- WBM THE FIRST TIME (Colgems-EMI, ASCAP/Stansbury,
- BMI) WBM 26 FOR YOU (John Spinks, ASCAP/Tony Lewis, ASCAP)
- FREEOOM (Morrison Leahy, ASCAP/Chappell & Co.,
- ASCAP) HL FROM A DISTANCE (Julie Gold, BMI/Wing And Wheel, 3
- BMI/trving, BMI) CPP GENTLE (New Trend, BMI) GET HERE (WB, ASCAP/Rutland Road, ASCAP) WBM THE GHETTO (Willesden, BMI/Zomba, ASCAP/Atco, ASCAP/Don-Pow, ASCAP) GIVE IT TO ME GOOD (Brownstone, ASCAP/MCA, ASCAP). 73
- ASCAP) HL 76
- GIVING YOU THE BENEFIT (Kear, BMI/CBS Epic/Solar, BMI) HL GO FOR IT! (HEART AND FIRE) (Bust-It, BMI)
- 21 GONNA MAKE YOU SWEAT (Virgin, ASCAP/Cole-Clivilles, ASCAP) CPP GROOVE IS IN THE HEART (Delovely 15
- ASCAP/Hancock, BMI/Virgin, ASCAP/Zomba, ASCAP/ HANG IN LONG ENOUGH (Philip Collins, ASCAP/Hit & Run, ASCAP) WBM 27
- 50 62 HARD TO HANDLE (Irving, BMI) CPP
- HEAT OF THE MOMENT (Hip Trip, BMI/Kear, BMI)

6 HIGH ENOUGH (Ranch Rock, ASCAP/Warner-Tamerlane, BMI/Tranquility Base, ASCAP/WB,

- Tameriane, BMI/Tranquitty Base, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP/Broadhead, BMI) WBM HIPPYCHICK (Polygram, ASCAP) HOUSE FULL OF REASONS (Coleision, BMI/EMI Blackwood, BMI) WBM
- 71
- ICE ICE BABY (Ice Baby, ASCAP/QPM, ASCAP/Jones, 35 ASCAP/Screen Gems-EMI, BMI/Beechwood, BMI)
- WDm I DON'T HAVE THE HEART (Music Corp. Of America, BMI/Nelana, BMI/Music By Candelight, ASCAP/PSO Ltd., ASCAP) CPP/HL
- EDON'T KNOW ANYBODY FLSE (Lombardoni Edizioni 68

- F DON'T KNOW ANYBODY ELSE (Lombardoni Edizio ASCAP/Intersong, ASCAP) HL I FOUND LOVE (House Of Fun, BMI) IF YOU NEEDED SOMEBODY (Warner Chappell/TJT, ASCAP/Phantom, ASCAP) WBM I'LL GIVE ALL MY LOVE TO YOU (WB, ASCAP/E/A, 36 ASCAP/Keith Sweat, ASCAP/CBS, ASCAP/Maestro B.
- ASCAP) WRM 25
- ASCAP) WBM I'M NOT IN LOVE (Man-Ken, BMI) IMPULSIVE (EMI April, ASCAP/Stephen A. Kipner, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP/Magnified, ASCAP) WBM/HL I'M YOUR BABY TONIGHT (Kear, BMI/CBS 7 Epic/Solar: BMI) HL
- 46 I SAW RED (Virgin Songs, BMI/Dick Dragon, BMI)
- IT NEVER RAINS (IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA) (Tony Toni Tone, ASCAP/Pri, ASCAP)
- I WANNA GET WITH U (Donril, ASCAP/Jamron. 65
- JOEY (International Velvet, BMI/Bug, BMI/I.R.S., BMI) CLM 83
- JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER (Gunsmoke, ASCAP) 24
- 2
- JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER (Gunsmoke, ASCAP) JUST ANOTHER DREAM (Colgems-EMI, ASCAP/EMI Blackwood, BMI) HL/WBM JUSTIPY MY LOVE (Miss Bessie, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP/Bleu Disque, ASCAP/Webo Girl, ASCAP) WBM KNOCKIN' BOOTS (Diabetic, ASCAP/Mille Miglia, ASCAP/Windswept Pacific, ASCAP/D/B/A Longitude, BMI/Stome deate, BMI) COP/WBM
- BMI/Stone Agate, BMI) CPP/WBM 55
- LOVE MAKES THINGS HAPPEN (Kear, BMI/CBS Epic/Solar, BMI) HL LOVE MAKES THINGS HAPPEN (Kear, BMI/CBS Epic/Solar, BMI) HL LOVE ME JUST FOR ME (Bust-It, BMI) LOVE TAKES TIME (Vision Of Love, BMI/Been
- 14
- Jammin', BMI) HL LOVE WILL NEVER DO (WITHOUT YOU) (Flyte Tyme, 11 ASCAP) WBM
- 87
- ASCAP) WBM LYIN' TO MYSELF (WB, ASCAP/Palancar, ASCAP/Intersong U.S.A., ASCAP) HL/WBM MELT IN YOUR MOUTH (Mille Miglia, ASCAP/Diabetic, ASCAP/Mighty Three, BMI/Warner-Tamerlane, BMI) 85
- WRM MILES AWAY (Virgin Songs, BMI/Small Hope, BMI/Paul Taylor, BMI) CPP MIRACLE (FROM YOUNG GUNS II) (Bon Jovi, ASCAP/Pri, ASCAP) WBM 17
- 12
- MISSUNDERSTANDING (EMI April, ASCAP/Across 88 110th Street, ASCAP/Frank Nitty, ASCAP/Velle Int'l, ASCAP/Ness, Nitty & Capone, ASCAP/AI B. Surel,
- ASCAP) HL MONEYTALKS (J.Albert & Son, ASCAP) MORE THAN WORDS CAN SAY (Pasta,
- 28 ASCAP/De'Mar, ASCAP/Warner-Tameriane, BMI/Could

- Be Music, ASCAP/Rico, BMI) WBM MY LOVE IS A FIRE (Music Corp. Of America, 37
- 48
- MY LOVE IS A FIRE (MUSIC Corp. Of America, BMI/Bayiun Beat, BMI) HL NEW YORK MINUTE (Cass County, ASCAP/Kortchmar, ASCAP/Dobbs, ASCAP) WBM NO MATTER WHAT (Tosha, ASCAP/Barbsa, ASCAP/Hit & Run, ASCAP/Jobete, ASCAP/Hit & Hold, ASCAP) CPP/W8M
- THE OBVIOUS CHILD (Paul Simon, BMI) ONE AND ONLY MAN (F.S., BMI/Warner-Tamerlane, BMI/Freedom, BMI/Warner Chappell) WBM ONE MORE TRY (RMI, BMI) 18
- ON THE WAY UP (Gribbles, ASCAP/Controversy, 29
- ASCAP/WB, ASCAP/Chrysalis, ASCAP/Mittokelsy, Asthony, ASCAP/Chrysalis, ASCAP/Michael Anthony, ASCAP/David Z., ASCAP, WBM/CLM PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC (ice Baby, ASCAP) ASCAP) 23
- 47 PRAY (Controversy, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP/Bust-It, BMI)
- CLM/WBM ROUND AND ROUND (Controversy, ASCAP/WB 75
- ASCAP) WRM
- ASCAP) WBM SENSITIVITY (Flyte Tyme, ASCAP) WBM SHELTER ME (Chappell & Co., ASCAP/Eve, ASCAP)
- THE SHOOP SHOOP SONG (IT'S IN HIS KISS) (Alley 49
- THE SHOUP SHOUP SONG (1'S IN HIS NOS) (4) BMI/Trio, BMI/Hudson Bay, BMI) HL SHOW ME THE WAY (Grand Iflusion, ASCAP/Almo, ASCAP) CPP SO CLOSE (Hot-Cha, BMI/Careers, BMI/Full Keel, BMI/EEG, ASCAP/Kortchmar, ASCAP/New Jersey 74
- 42
- Underground, ASCAP/Polygram, ASCAP/HEW Jesep Underground, ASCAP/Polygram, ASCAP/HL SOMETHING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO HEAVEN (Philip Collins, PRS/Hit & Run, ASCAP) WBM SOMETHING TO BELIEVE IN (Cyanide, BMI/Willesd 13
- BMD HI SPEND MY LIFE (Topless, BMI/Chrysalis, BMI) 96
- SPEND WY LIFE (Topiess, BMI/Chrysalis, BMI) STRANDED (Wrensong, ASCAP) WBM THE SWALK (Bronze, BMI/Warner-Tamerlane, BMI) WBM THINK (T-Boy, ASCAP/INSOC, ASCAP) THIS HOUSE (Zodroq, ASCAP/Zodboy, ASCAP/Editions EG, ASCAP/Sir Spence, ASCAP/M&T Spencer, ASCAP) THIS IS PONDEROUS (2014, ASCAP) 90
- 89
- ED, AGCAPTSII Spence, ASCAPTMET Spencer, ASC THIS IS PONDEROUS (2NU, ASCAP) TOM'S DINER (Waifersongs, ASCAP/AGF, ASCAP) CLM UNCHAINED MELODY (Frank, ASCAP) HL 86
- 97 UNCHAINED MELODY (Frank, ASCAP) HL
- 84
- UNCHAINED WELDDY (FTBIK, ASAAP) RL USE IT UP AND WEAR IT OUT (Larbal, BMI/EMI Blackwood, BMI/Featherbed, BMI) HL THE WAY YOU DO THE THINGS YOU DO (Jobele, ASCAP) CP WHERE DOES MY NEART BEAT NOW (HIT List,
- <u>51</u> ASCAP/Dejamus California, ASCAP/Taylor Rhodes,
- ASCAP) HI ASCAP) HL WHEREVER WOULD I BE (Realsongs, ASCAP) WBM WICKED GAME (Isaak; ASCAP) WIGGLE IT (Cutting, ASCAP/Groove On, ASCAP/Dose Rocks, ASCAP)

WORLD IN WY EYES (Emile, ASCAP) YOU GOTTA LOVE SOMEONE (Big Pig, ASCAP/Famous, ASCAP/Intersong, ASCAP) HL/CPP YOU'RE AMAZING (Heavy Nova, ASCAP/Zomba, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP/Sitting Pretty, ASCAP/ZMI Blackwood, BMI) WBM

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WORLD IN MY EYES (Emile, ASCAP)

19

52

45

33



by Michael Ellis

"BECAUSE I LOVE YOU" by Stevie B (LMR) holds on to the No. 1 spot for a third week, although with a reduced margin of victory due to a loss in sales points. It's still No. 1 and gaining points on the airplay side. (It also moves to No. 1 on the Top 40 Radio Monitor.) **Madonna**'s "Justi-fy My Love" (Sire) surges so strongly—to No. 1 in sales and No. 2 over-all—that it pushes "From A Distance" by **Bette Midler** (Atlantic) down to No. 3 although "Distance" is still gaining points. "Justify" will almost certainly be No. 1 when the chart returns in two weeks and should hold for two to three weeks since all challengers are far behind. Next week there is no issue, so the chart is considered frozen.

GONNA MAKE YOU SWEAT" by C&C Music Factory (Columbia) wins the Power Pick/Airplay, and with it an 88% chance of hitting the top five. It's already top five at Hot 97 New York (5-4), Power 102 El Paso, Texas (5-2), and Z90 San Diego (6-3). "Play That Funky Music" by Vanilla Ice (SBK) wins the sales Power Pick, for the second week in a row, and is the runner-up for the airplay pick. It has zoomed from No. 66 to No. 23 in just two weeks. The airplay points for "Funky" are actually lower than its sales points (No. 34 vs. No. 15), which is unusual for a new record since airplay usually precedes sales. Strong radio jumps include 18-9 at Power 96 Detroit and 14-9 at Y95 Phoenix.

FOUR RECORDS THAT LOSE bullets this week look better on close examination. "House Full Of Reasons" by Jude Cole (Reprise) is gaining points but holds at No. 71 in a tightly competitive part of the chart. Ten stations list the single in their top 20, including WSKZ Chattanooga, Tenn. (12-10), and Q105 Portland, Ore. (17-11). "Use It Up And Wear It Out" by Pat & Mick (Charisma) moves up only two places to No. 84 nationally but is doing great in several markets: No. 1 at Kiss 108 Boston, No. 11 at WDJX Louisville, Ky., and jumps of 27-15 at WTIC Hartford, Conn., and 14-10 at WKZL Winston-Salem, N.C. "The Swalk" by Notorious (DGC) holds at No. 90 but gains points and jumps 23-16 at Z104.5 Tulsa, Okla. "The Obvious Child" by **Paul Simon** (Warner Bros.) is un-bulleted at No. 93 but moves 17-12 at WIXX Green Bay, Wis.

UICK CUTS: "All The Man That I Need" by Whitney Houston (Arista) is the most-added record at radio (141 adds) and the Hot Shot Debut at No. 53. It jumps 24-13 at Kiss 102 Charlotte, N.C. . . . The second- and sixth-most-added records aren't on the Hot 100, for different reasons. "Here Comes The Hammer" by M.C. Hammer (Capitol) has 38 adds but is just below the point total needed to debut; look for a strong debut on the next chart. "Do The Bartman" by **Bart Simpson** (Geffen) has 27 more adds and is up to No. 25 on the airplay-only chart but is still not commercially available as a single ... 2nu, a quartet from Seattle, makes its Hot 100 bow at No. 86 with "This Is Ponderous" (Atlantic). The single is breaking out of Detroit (20-16 at WDFX), Atlanta (18-10 at Power 99), and Houston (25-20 at 93Q) ... "The Ghetto" by Too Short (Jive) is at No. 28 in sales but not in the airplay top 40, although it is top five at four reporting stations. Overall, it is bulleted at No. 44.

HOT	100	SINGLES	ACTION
		RADIO MOST ADDED	

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* A	PLATINUM/ GOLD ADDS 26 REPORTERS	SILVER ADDS 51 REPORTERS	BRONZE/ SECONDARY ADDS 171 REPORTERS	TOTAL ADDS 248 REP	TOTAL ON ORTERS
ALL THE MAN THAT I NEED WHITNEY HOUSTON ARISTA	14	28	99	141	143
HERE COMES THE HAMMER	14	20	55	1 44 1	,143
M.C. HAMMER CAPITOL	4	5	29	38	38
WHERE DOES MY HEART					
CELINE DION EPIC	4	8	25	37	132
GONNA MAKE YOU SWEAT C&C MUSIC FACTORY COLUMBIA	0	8	21	29	148
PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC					
VANILLA ICE SBK	1	4	24	29	134
DO THE BARTMAN			~		
BART SIMPSON GEFFEN	1	9	17	27	195
WARRANT COLUMBIA	3	2	19	24	108
SHOW ME THE WAY					
STYX A&M	Q	1	21	22	81
SENSITIVITY		0			
RALPH'TRESVANT MCA	1	9	11	21	182
I'LL GIVE ALL MY LOVE TO YOU KEITH SWEAT VINTERTAINMENT	0	4	17	21	1.4.1
ALTER SWEAT VINTERTAINMENT	0	4	1/	21	1.41

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 periodi cally 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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search analyst with Gerard Klauer Mattison in New York. "All you need is to give the consumer an excuse not to make that purchase and he'll take you up on it.'

However, when compared with other high-ticket items, such as major appliances, observers note that audio and video hardware sales have remained relatively stable this year.

"Audio sales were good [over the Thanksgiving weekend]," says Bill Taylor, senior buyer of home audio with the 58-store Best Buy Co. in Bloomington, Minn. "We made our budgets, which, considering the economy, is not bad at all. Sales weren't stellar, but we did what we legitimately expected to do."

Taylor says Best Buy is trying to maintain an optimistic outlook about the holiday season. "I think we're planning very well, we're not experiencing the down trends that some other retailers are experiencing.'

Analysts say that certain regions have had more hardware sales success than others. The Pacific Northwest, Northern California, and the Southwest are the strongest regions, with some softening in Southern California and the Middle Atlantic states, and a downturn in the Northeast.

"There are some tough times for some dealers and there are some economic conditions beyond their con-' says Paul Foschino, assistant trol. GM with Technics. "At the same time, there are dealers in the same market that are taking what business there is and capturing it.'

Wayne Inouye, VP and co-head of merchandising with the 30-store Good Guys chain, based in San Francisco, notes that audio sales have been brisk since Thanksgiving, particularly for CD players, including combination laserdisc/CD units, speakers, and surround sound products such as receivers, integrated amps, and processors.

Assistance in preparing this story was provided by Ed Christman.

BILLBOARD AWARDS (Continued from page 11)

Paul McCartney, Eric Clapton, and New Kids On The Block, accepted their awards via taped speeches. "It was a ball winning this," said McCartney, who won for the No. 1 Concert Gross (compiled from the Amusement Business Boxscore chart). "And I've resisted the temptation to ring up Mick Jagger and congratulate him on coming [in] second."

'The show proved to be everything we hoped it would be and more," says Brad Turell, Fox's senior VP of pro-gramming. "It not only delivered all the talent that it promised and truly was a celebration of the year in music, but we have to be extremely gratified that the public came to the program in its first year to give us our strongest Monday night ever.'

"The ratings success was particularly pleasing because we were already confident about the quality of the performances and the production itself," says Howard Lander, Billboard publisher and VP of BPI Communications Inc.

"Billboard has long enjoyed a special relationship with artists and we were thrilled by the positive reaction of the fans," he continues. "After all, it was the fans who ultimately decided the winners.

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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON	TITLE ARTIST (LABEL)	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON	TITLE ARTIST (LABEL)
	1		* * NO. 1 * *	38	39	11	B.B.D. (I THOUGHT IT WAS ME)? BELL BIV DEVOE (MCA)
1	2	12	BECAUSE I LOVE YOU STEVIE B (LMR/RCA) 1 week at No. 1	(39)	46	4	I'LL GIVE ALL MY LOVE TO YOU KEITH SWEAT (ELEKTRA)
2	1	15	LOVE TAKES TIME MARIAH CAREY (COLUMBIA)	40	35	12	THINK INFORMATION SOCIETY (TOMMY BOY)
3	3	10	I'M YOUR BABY TONIGHT WHITNEY HOUSTON (ARISTA)	(41)	49	5	HEAT OF THE MOMENT AFTER 7 (VIRGIN)
4	4	6	LOVE WILL NEVER DO JANET JACKSON (A&M)	(42)	48	8	FOR YOU THE OUTFIELD (MCA)
5	11	6	JUSTIFY MY LOVE MADONNA (SIRE/WARNER BROS.)	(43)	53	3	DISAPPEAR - INXS (ATLANTIC)
6	5	15	GROOVE IS IN THE HEART DEEE-LITE (ELEKTRA)	44	43	18	UNCHAINED MELODY
7	7	17	FEELS GOOD	(45)	51	13	RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS (VERVE/POLYDOF ON THE WAY UP
8	6	16	TONY! TON!! TONE! (WING/POLYDOR)	46	40	15	ELISA FIORILLO (CHRYSALIS) BLACK CAT
9	8	16	VANILLA ICE (SBK) MORE THAN WORDS CAN SAY	(47)	55	4	JANET JACKSON (A&M) RESCUE ME
10	10	26	ALIAS (EMI) CLOSE TO YOU	48	62	3	MADONNA (SIRE/WARNER BROS.)
11	9	19	MAXI PRIEST (CHARISMA)	40	45	7	BLACK BOX (RCA) HANG IN LONG ENOUGH
12	15	15	PEBBLES (MCA) THE WAY YOU DO THE THINGS	E		7	PHIL COLLINS (ATLANTIC) GENTLE
_	_		UB40 (VIRGIN) FROM A DISTANCE	50	56 52	5	DINO (ISLAND) WORLD IN MY EYES
<u>13</u>) 14	17 12	12 22	BETTE MIDLER (ATLANTIC) CAN'T STOP	-			DEPECHE MODE (SIRE/REPRISE)
_			AFTER 7 (VIRGIN)	(52) 53	58 37	7	GUY (MCA)
<u>15)</u>	16	11	WILSON PHILLIPS (SBK)	-	-		M.C. HAMMER (CAPITOL)
16	14	12	SOMETHING TO BELIEVE IN POISON (ENIGMA/CAPITOL)	54	44	20	DINO (ISLAND)
17	18	12	TOM'S DINER DNA FEATURING SUZANNE VEGA (A&M)	55	54	20	POLICY OF TRUTH DEPECHE MODE (SIRE/REPRISE)
18)	19	14	STRANDED HEART (CAPITOL)	56	50	16	HIPPYCHICK SOHO (SAVAGE/ATCO)
19	13	21	I DON'T HAVE THE HEART JAMES INGRAM (WARNER BROS.)	57	_	1	SOMEDAY MARIAH CAREY (COLUMBIA)
20)	21	8	THE FIRST TIME SURFACE (COLUMBIA)	58		1	YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY EN VOGUE (ATLANTIC)
21	20	8	SENSITIVITY RALPH TRESVANT (MCA)	59	61	3	NO MATTER WHAT GEORGE LAMOND (COLUMBIA)
22)	23	14	HIGH ENOUGH DAMN YANKEES (WARNER BROS.)	60	64	3	ROUND AND ROUND TEVIN CAMPBELL (PAISLEY PARK/WB)
23)	26	9	JUST ANOTHER DREAM CATHY DENNIS (POLYDOR)	61)	63	3	LOVE MAKES THINGS HAPPEN PEBBLES (MCA)
24)	41	3	DO THE BARTMAN BART SIMPSON (GEFFEN)	62	68	2	AROUND THE WAY GIRL LL. COOL J (DEF JAM/COLUMBIA)
25)	27	6	I'M NOT IN LOVE WILL TO POWER (EPIC)	63)	70	3	NEW YORK MINUTE DON HENLEY (GEFFEN)
26	22	9	FREEDOM GEORGE MICHAEL (COLUMBIA)	64)	÷	1	FOUND LOVE DOUBLE DEE FEATURING DANY (EPIC)
27)	32	3	GONNA MAKE YOU SWEAT C&C MUSIC FACTORY (COLUMBIA)	65	60	4	CRASH (HAVE SOME FUN) TKA/MICHELLE VISAGE (TOMMY BOY/WB)
28	24	13	SO CLOSE DARYL HALL JOHN OATES (ARISTA)	66	67	2	USE IT UP ANO WEAR IT OUT PAT & MICK (CHARISMA)
29)	29	12	WIGGLE IT 2 IN A ROOM (CUTTING/CHARISMA)	67	66	3	CANDY IGGY POP WITH KATE PIERSON (VIRGIN)
30	31	8	ONE AND ONLY MAN STEVE WINWOOD (VIRGIN)	68	57	19	JOEY CONCRETE BLONDE (I.R.S.)
31	28	9	MIRACLE JON BON JOVI (MERCURY)	69		1	WHERE DOES MY HEART BEAT NOV CELINE DION (EPIC)
32	30	6	ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE DEBBIE GIBSON (ATLANTIC)	70	-	1	WICKED GAME CHRIS ISAAK (REPRISE)
33)	38	8	AFTER THE RAIN	(71)	_	1	YOU'RE AMAZING ROBERT PALMER (EMI)
34	36	17	NELSON (DGC)	(72)		1	DOES SHE LOVE THAT MAN?
35	34	10	CANDYMAN (EPIC) FAIRWEATHER FRIEND	73		1	BREATHE (A&M) THIS IS PONDEROUS
36)	42		JOHNNY GILL (MOTOWN) MILES AWAY	74	73	17	2NU (ATLANTIC) PRAYING FOR.TIME
~	42	11	WINGER (ATLANTIC)	-		-	GEORGE MICHAEL (COLUMBIA)

FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 22, 1990

TOP 40 RADIO RECUBRENT MONITOR

1	-	1	SOMETHING HAPPENED ON PHIL COLLINS (ATLANTIC)	14	9	3	DREAM BOY/DREAM GIRL CYNTHIA & JOHNNY O (MICMAC)
2	1	3	LOVE AND AFFECTION NELSON (DGC)	15	14	3	ESCAPADE JANET JACKSON (A&M)
3	2	3	RUB YOU THE RIGHT WAY JOHNNY GILL (MOTOWN)	16	11	3	RELEASE ME WILSON PHILLIPS (SBK)
4	3	3	KING OF WISHFUL THINKING GO WEST (EMI)	17	18	3	OPPOSITES ATTRACT PAULA ABDUL (VIRGIN)
5	4	3	U CAN'T TOUCH THIS M.C. HAMMER (CAPITOL)	18	13	3	DIRTY CASH (MONEY TALKS) THE ADVENTURES OF STEVIE V (MERCURY)
6	5	3	DO ME! BELL BIV DEVOE (MCA)	19	17	3	POISON BELL BIV DEVOE (MCA)
7	-	1	EVERYBODY EVERYBODY BLACK BOX (RCA)	20	-	1	HOLD ON WILSON PHILLIPS (SBK)
8	6	3	VOGUE MADONNA (SIRE/WARNER BROS:)	21	15	3	STRAIGHT UP PAULA ABDUL (VIRGIN)
9	8	3	DON'T WANNA FALL IN LOVE JANE CHILD (WARNER BROS.)	22	21	2	TWO TO MAKE IT RIGHT SEDUCTION (VENDETTA/A&M)
10	12	3	SENDING ALL MY LOVE LINEAR (ATLANTIC)	23	25	3	ENJOY THE SILENCE DEPECHE MODE (SIRE/REPRISE)
11	16	3	CRADLE OF LOVE BILLY IDOL (CHRYSALIS)	24		1	HEART OF STONE TAYLOR DAYNE (ARISTA)
12	7	3	OH GIRL PAUL YOUNG (COLUMBIA)	25	22	3	VISION OF LOVE MARIAH CAREY (COLUMBIA)
13	10	3	IT MUST HAVE BEEN LOVE				titles which have appeared on the Monitor

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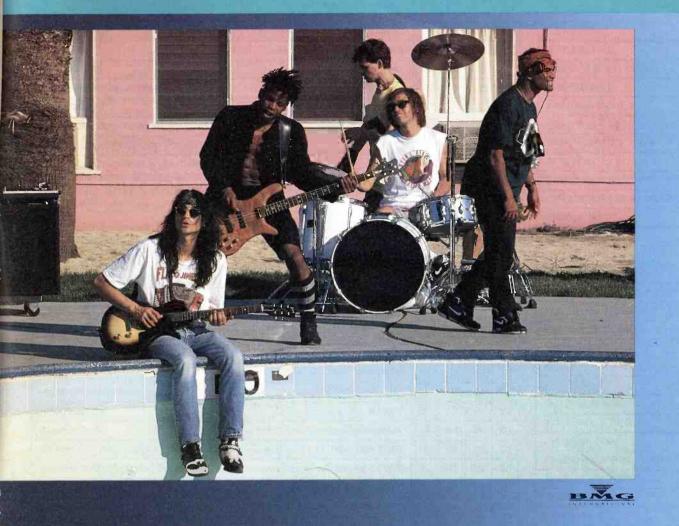
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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	2 WKS. AGO	WKS. ON CHART	ARTIST
			-	** No. 1 **
1	1	1	14	VANILLA ICE A5 SBK 95325* (9.98) 7 weeks at No. 1 TO THE EXTREME
2	2	2	42	M.C. HAMMER ▲8 CAPITOL 92857 (9.98) PLEASE HAMMER DON'T HURT 'EM
3	5	12	4	MADONNA SIRE 26440/WARNER BROS. (13.98) THE IMMACULATE COLLECTION
4	4	3	5	WHITNEY HOUSTON ARISTA 8616 (10.98) I'M YOUR BABY TONIGHT
5	3	4	26	MARIAH CAREY A2 COLUMBIA 45202 (9.98 EQ) MARIAH CAREY
6	6	5	8	PAUL SIMON WARNER BROS. 26098 (9.98) RHYTHM OF THE SAINTS
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8	8	8	37	WILSON PHILLIPS ▲3 SBK 93745 (9.98) WILSON PHILLIPS
9	9	7	12	AC/DC A ATCO 91413 (9.98) THE RAZORS EDGE
10	10	10	13	GEORGE MICHAEL ▲ COLUMBIA 46898 (10.98 EQ) LISTEN WITHOUT PREJUDICE VOL. 1
11	11	11	6	TRAVELING WILBURYS WILBURY 26324/WARNER BROS. (10.98) VOL. 3
(12)	13	16	5	PHIL COLLINS ATLANTIC 82157 (14.98) SERIOUS HITS LIVE!
13	12	6	8	ZZ TOP warner Bros. 26265 (9.98) RECYCLER
14	14	13	22	POISON A ² ENIGMA 91813/CAPITOL (9.98) FLESH AND BLOOD
15	14	17	14	GARTH BROOKS A ² CAPITOL 93866* (9.98) NO FENCES
16	16	14	38	
17	20	24	13	WARRANT ▲ COLUMBIA 45487 (9.98 EQ) CHERRY PIE
18	18	18	5	CLINT BLACK RCA 2372* (9.98) PUT YOURSELF IN MY SHOES
(19)	27	69	3	CINDERELLA MERCURY 848 018 (9.98 EQ) HEARTBREAK STATION
20	21	20	11	VAUGHAN BROTHERS A ASSOCIATED 46225/EPIC (9.98 EQ) FAMILY STYLE
21	23	49	3	RALPH TRESVANT MCA 10116 (9.98) RALPH TRESVANT
22	19	26	4	GUY MCA 10115 (9.98) THE FUTURE
23	17	15	6	THE CURE ELEKTRA 60978 (9.98) MIXED UP
24	30	30	64	JANET JACKSON ▲4 A&M 3920 (9.98) JANET JACKSON'S RHYTHM NATION 1814
25	26	21	40	THE BLACK CROWES DEF AMERICAN 24278 /GEFFEN (9.98) SHAKE YOUR MONEY MAKER
26	25	23	7	LED ZEPPELIN ▲ ATLANTIC 82144 (54.98) LED ZEPPELIN
27	24	22	38	SOUNDTRACK ▲2 EMI 93492 (10.98) PRETTY WOMAN
28	29	27	5	STEVE WINWOOD VIRGIN 91405 (9.98) REFUGEES OF THE HEART
29	22	19	12	INXS & ATLANTIC 82140 (9.98) X
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46	41	50	4	DEBBIE GIBSON ATLANTIC 82167* (10.98) ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE
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48	44	42	75	MICHAEL BOLTON A3 COLUMBIA 45012 (9.98 EQ) SOUL PROVIDER
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A 8650 (9.98) HAVE YOU S	EEN ME LATELY?
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KTRA 60922 (9.98)	COMPOSITIONS
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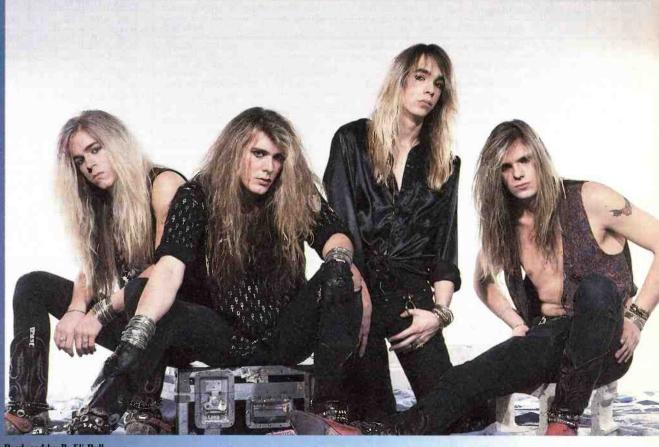
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FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 22, 1990

Hot Adult Contemporary

WEEK	LAST WEEK	2 WEEKS AGO	WEEKS ON CHAHT	Compiled from a national sample of radio playlists. TITLE ARTIST LABEL & NUMBER/DISTRIBUTING LABEL
1	1	5	8	* * No. 1 * * YOU GOTTA LOVE SOMEONE • ELTON JOHN 2 weeks at No. 1
2	3	1	12	FROM A DISTANCE
3	2	3	12	MORE THAN WORDS CAN SAY ALIAS
4	4	2	11	IMPULSIVE WILSON PHILLIPS BK 07337
5)	8	14	8	BECAUSE I LOVE YOU (THE POSTMAN SONG)
6	5	4	15	LMR 2724/RCA
7	6	6	11	COLUMBIA 38-73455 SO CLOSE DARYL HALL JOHN OATES
8)	10	12	1	ARISTA 2085 NEW YORK MINUTE DON HENLEY
9	7	8	10	GEFFEN 4-19660 I'M YOUR BABY TONIGHT
10)	12	13	8	ARISTA 2108 ONE AND ONLY MAN
10	14	15	9	VIRGIN 4-98892 WHERE DOES MY HEART BEAT NOW CELINE DION
12)	14	20	7	EPIC 34-73536 THE FIRST TIME
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13)	16	17	6	GEFFEN 4-19659 BETTER NOT TELL HER
14	9	7	12	ARISTA 2083 GET HERE OLETA ADAMS
15)	19	22	6	FONTANA 875 476-4/MERCURY OLL IN ADAMS
16	11	9	13	I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF SARA HICKMAN
17)	20	23	8	RHYTHM OF THE RAIN • DAN FOGELBERG
18	13	10	16	FULL MOON 34-73513/EPIC
19	18	16	10	RCA 2704
20	15	11	17	I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT ROD STEWART WARNER BROS. 4-19999
21)	26	37	4	***POWER PICK*** I'M NOT IN LOVE UPIC 34-73636 WILL TO POWER
22)	23	28	6	CRAZY IN LOVE KENNY ROGERS
23	21	19	30	I DON'T HAVE THE HEART
24	22	18	21	SOMETHING HAPPENED ON THE WAY PHIL COLLINS ATLANTIC 4-87885
25)	25	29	5	DOES SHE LOVE THAT MAN? BREATHE
26)	31	33	4	THE WAY YOU DO THE THINGS YOU DO
27)	30	32	7	VIRGIN 4-98978 FREEDOM
28	24	21	16	COLUMBIA 38-73559 CLOSE TO YOU
29)	32	43	4	CHARISMA 4-98951 FOR YOU THE OUTFIELD
-		-	- AND	MCA 53935 SAY A PRAYER
30	27	24	17	A&M 1519 UNCHAINED MELODY THE RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS
31	28	25	18	VERVE 871 882-7/POLYDOR OH GIRL
32	29	27	25	COLUMBIA 38-73377 SHOW ME THE WAY STYX
33	33	46	3	Adm 1336 CASTLE OF DREAMS DAVE KOZ
34)	39	-	2	CAPITOL 44641
(35)	43	-	2	MERCURY LP CUT
36	35	38	5	MCA 53945
37)	44	-	2	MAKE IT WITH YOU TEDDY PENDERGRASS
38	34	34	23	AND SO IT GOES COLUMBIA 38-73442
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(40)	-		1	ARISTA 2156 TIME OF THE SEASON BRENT BOURGEOIS
(40) (41)	-		1	CHARISMA 4-98890 WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THE MUSIC JAMES INGRAM
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(42)	-	EW >	1	ARISTA LP CUT
43	41	30	10	ENIGMA 4-75084 RELEASE ME
44	40	39	26	ALWAYS COME BACK TO YOU NATASHA'S BROTHER
(45)	-	EW	1	ATLANTIC 4-87776
46	38	49	5	ATLANTIC 4-87800
47	45	42	14	VIRGIN 4-98961
48	49	44	• 26	EMI 50307
49	36	31	10	COLUMBIA LP CUT
50	37	26	14	SOUL INSPIRATION ANITA BAKEF

C Records with the greatest airplay gains this week. ♦ Videoclip availability. © 1990, Billboard/BPI Communications, Inc.

FIRST QUARTER BOASTS FEW SELL-THRU TITLES

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Aside from the MCA promotion, distributors also point to RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video's package of six Sidney Poitier titles at \$14.95, Media Home Entertainment's new Kathy Smith workout tape, and CBS/Fox Video's "Michael Jordan's Playground" as likely to benefit from the paucity of competing sell-through product.

Jim Ulsamer, marketing VP for Baker & Taylor, believes the deteriorating state of the general economy is a factor influencing studio thinking on pricing.

"The recession could have an impact on the sell-through market, particularly at the high end," Ulsamer says. "That's when the difference between \$19.95 and \$24.95 could really make a difference [for consumers]. Disney took a chance with 'Pretty Woman,' but they pulled the numbers. But what happens if you go \$19.95 and you don't pull the numbers? Then you could be in real trouble. That has to be a factor for Paramount to consider with 'Ghost.'"

Another factor is the mediocre performance of sell-through titles in the first quarter of 1990, according to Paramount sales VP Jack Kanne. "We learned a lot last year," Kanne says. "We weren't as successful as we had hoped last year [with "Indiana Jones"]. When you look at that, as well as the economy, it just has us totally flustered on 'Ghost.'"

Like any studio, Paramount is also concerned about the impact of directto-sell-through releases on the later repriced market for a title.

"You can't look at it just in terms of the initial release," Kanne says. "You have to look at it over a two, three, four-year period. What you're trying to do is maximize the revenue potential of the lifetime of the title."

If Paramount does decide to go rental with "Ghost" in March, it will join a crowded field in the latter part of the first quarter.

February already includes "Days Of Thunder" and "The Two Jakes" from Paramount as well as "Flatliners" (RCA/Columbia); "Air America" (LIVE); "State Of Grace" (Orion); "The Witches" and probably "Quick Change" from Warner Home Video; and probably "Frankenstein Unbound" and/or "Exorcist III" from CBS/Fox.

March will include "Narrow Margin," "King Of New York," and "After Dark, My Sweet" from LIVE; probably "Arachnophobia" from Disney; "Wild At Heart" from Media; and possibly "Presumed Innocent" from Warner and "Miller's Crossing" and "Pacific Heights" from CBS/Fox.

By contrast, January looks to be a light month for rental product, highlighted primarily by "Die Hard 2" from CBS/Fox at the end of the month and "Navy SEALS" from Orion. CBS/Fox will also release "The Adventures Of Ford Fairlane" and "Young Guns II" in January.

"On the rental side, everybody's heavied up on February, leaving January lean," says Blockbuster VP Allan Caplan. "January is the industry's single strongest rental month. The only studio to drop in a big title was Disney with 'Dick Tracy." ("Dick Tracy" is actually a late-December title.)

"The stores really ramp up for rental from Dec. 20 onward," Caplan continues. "But we've only got one superstrong title and we won't get a crop of good rental titles until February."

Tower's Thrasher calls the rental picture "very bleak," adding, "I don't understand why the other studios appear to have abdicated January to CBS/Fox. Frankly, I don't think 'The Adventures Of Ford Fairlane' and 'Young Guns II' are that hot to begin with as rentals. You also have to wonder why some of the studios didn't move up some of their February or even March releases to January."

DOBBIS TO LEAD NEW POLYGRAM DIVISION (Continued from page 12)

pop promotion people, including 17-18 in the field, and 15 urban promotion reps, including 11 field staffers. There will be about nine salespeople, including a VP of sales and a national sales director. Both pop promotion and sales will report to John Barbis, senior VP of PLG.

"Our promotion staffs are in pretty good shape," says Dobbis. "We brought over six people from the Island promotion staff to the existing Polydor staff; we've made some changes in the structure and job responsibilities within that overall staff. It doesn't look the same, although most of the players are the same. We do have some significant vacancies to fill on that staff—a couple of local and a couple of national positions—but we're off and running."

Mercury will continue to be larger than PLG, at least for the next year or two, says Dobbis. Over the coming 12 months, he adds, PLG will probably release about 50 titles, compared with about 80 for Mercury (not counting Mercury's country releases).

PLG will support Island's existing promotion and sales staff, and that label will continue to perform its own publicity and "creative marketing." Asked to distinguish between PLG's and Island's marketing roles, Dobbis replies, "Island staff members will be very involved in the origination of the overall marketing plan. Which is not to say that it will be devised at Island and then we will implement it, but they will take the lead in the origination of those plans."

"At the same time," Dobbis adds, "we at PLG are developing direct relationships with the managers of all the artists at Island who we'll be working with. Many of the meetings that have taken place so far have been attended by both PLG and Island people, but not all of them."

He notes this has been facilitated by the fact that he and Island's Bone "have known each other for a long time and trust each other as people and as professionals."

For his part, Bone says, "I'm really excited about [PLG] and look forward to working with Rick again and with John Barbis and [VP of communications] Dennis Fine."

He stresses that Island will continue to maintain its own staff in the areas of sales, promotion, marketing, and publicity. "It's PLG's responsibility to implement the marketing plan under our direction in each area," he says.

Bone has no comment on rumors that he will soon be appointed copresident of Mercury, with Ed Eckstine as the label's other co-head.

The first project being worked jointly by Island and PLG is the new Dino album. Other top priorities for PLG, according to Dobbis, include Cathy Dennis, whose debut album has sold more than 100,000 copies, and the Trash Can Sinatras (London), which is creating a stir in the alternative market.

PLG will also focus on the Gear Daddies (Polydor), whose album is being relaunched in January, the Dirty White Boys (Polydor), the Buckpets (Island), Drivin' N' Cryin' (Island), and Marva Hicks (Polydor). The first Smash release will be from an "industrial rock band" called Crunchomatic.

Dobbis feels the structure of PLG will help new talent break through, partly because it has no A&R portfolio. At companies where a dominant personality signs artists and assigns marketing priorities, he claims, acts that are not inked by that executive often get lost in the shuffle. "Here we purposely set out to avoid that trap," he notes. "There's no advantage for one artist over another."

In addition, Bone points out, the amalgamation of labels in PLG will give each one a hefty national field force that none could afford individually.

But ultimately, Dobbis says, "what really sets one company apart from another is the quality of the music and the dedication the people who comprise that company bring to break that music and take it to the largest possible audience. Good music and hard work make the difference."

EURO COMMISSION TO STUDY MCA/MATSUSHITA DEAL (Continued from page 12)

than a month to analyze the potential impact of the takeover. The EC's competition commissioner, Sir Leon Brittan, will have to decide by early January either to approve the takeover or launch a second-phase probe.

In the U.S., meanwhile, the MCA acquisition still has to overcome some obstacles before it can be completed. In the first week of December, Matsushita found itself faced with an antitrust lawsuit from Go-Video Inc. of Scottsdale, Ariz., while MCA and the U.S. Department of the Interior are involved in a dispute over the company's Yosemite Park & Curry subsidiary.

The Go-Video action, according to

an article in The Wall Street Journal, was filed to strengthen an earlier lawsuit against Matsushita and other Japanese electronics companies. The suit charges that the acquisition is an attempt by Japanese electronics companies to monopolize the entertainment business.

Meanwhile, the Interior Department asked MCA to donate its Yosemite assets to the National Park Service. That request was refused by MCA chairman Lew Wasserman, who intends to sell the unit and bolster shareholders' profit. But the government believes it has the authority to block that sale, the report said.

ACLU, RIAA Voice Support For 2 Live Crew Court Briefs Take Aim At Fla. Obscenity Ruling

BY THOM DUFFY

NEW YORK—The American Civil Liberties Union and the Recording Industry Assn. of America have voiced their defense of 2 Live Crew's "As Nasty As They Wanna Be" in court briefs aimed at reversing the federal obscenity ruling against the rap album in South Florida.

In the latest development in the case, which has become a focus of the debate over censorship in pop music, the RIAA and the Florida chapter of the ACLU have filed amicus curiae briefs in the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The documents support the effort by Luther Campbell's Luke Records to overturn the obscenity finding against the 2 Live Crew disc. The upper curing by U.S. District

The June 6 ruling by U.S. District Court Judge Jose Gonzalez made it a misdemeanor to sell adults a copy of the "Nasty" album in Broward, Dade, and Palm Beach counties. The finding resulted in the arrest and subsequent conviction of record retailer Charles Freeman on a charge of peddling obscenity after he sold the 2 Live Crew album to an undercover Broward County deputy.

(However, three members of 2 Live Crew were acquitted Oct. 20 of state obscenity charges resulting from a nightclub performance in Hollywood, Fla.)

Both the RIAA and the ACLU contend that "As Nasty As They Wanna Be" does not meet the three-part standard for obscenity established by the Supreme Court in 1973 in the Miller vs. California case. Under that standard, a work can be found obscene only if, taken as a whole, it appeals to prurient interest; describes sexual conduct in a patently offensive manner; and lacks serious literary, artistic, political, and scientific value.

"We feel that Judge Gonzalez's decision in this case poses a grave threat to the recording industry," says RIAA president Jason Berman in a statement. "The decision, to our knowledge, is the first ever to declare popular recorded music obscene. If this decision is not reversed, it will chill performers and record companies alike in exercising their constitutionally protected rights to freedom of musical expression." half by the Washington, D.C., law firm of Covington & Burling, argues the view that "As Nasty As They Wanna Be" has serious literary, artistic, and political value in its music and lyrics. "The album challenges established musical conventions and norms, and makes serious art out of what is commonplace in the everyday culture of a segment of society," the brief states.

NOT OBSCENE

Further, it states, "There is no basis in the record before the court for a finding that 'As Nasty As They Wanna Be' provokes a sexual response" and appeals to the prurient interest. It notes that a clinical psychologist testified that "the reaction of those who listened to the album was either that it was funny, or ... debasing to women or that it was boring." Nor does "Nasty" depict or de-

Nor does "Nasty" depict or describe sexual content in a patently offensive way, taken as a whole, the ACLU argues. "Some of the songs on the album contain no references at all to sexual conduct and ... even the songs that contain such references exhibit other elements of serious literary, artistic or political value that must weigh heavily against a finding that the album is patently offensive," the brief states.

The Court Of Appeals has not yet set a date for oral arguments in the "Nasty" case.

More Trouble For Luke City Seeks To Close His Club

LOS ANGELES—Luke Records president and 2 Live Crew front man Luther Campbell is under fire from law enforcement agents once again. Only this time the attack isn't on Campbell personally, but on a nightclub he owns in Hialeah, Fla., a small city in the Miami area.

An injunction requesting the closure of the Campbell-owned Strawberry's Too was filed on Dec. 11 in Dade Circuit Court by Hialeah City Attorney Alex Vilarello, after an emergency city-council meeting on Dec. 10. Judge Rosemary Jones of Dade Circuit Court had not set a hearing date at press time.

The action against Strawberry's Too was prompted by a gunfight in the club's parking lot early in the morning on Dec. 8 that left one man dead and another wounded. Antipornography crusader Jack Thompson attended the city council meeting, stating that Campbell is a "oneman crime wave."

According to Vilarello, Strawberry's Too has been in violation of city and state laws. "Over the last two years there have been 186 calls to police ranging from sexual assault to three homicides, including the

the greatest-hits album on

which "Justify My Love" appears

as one of two new tracks, has shot

to the top of the Wiz music sales

one over the last weekend," he says. "At least two of those shootings involved the firing of in excess of 50 rounds."

In the Dec. 8 gun battle, Morris Richard Anderson III, 22, died from a gunshot in his back, and Timothy Taylor, 22, was grazed in the head by a bullet.

Another person allegedly involved in the Dec. 8 shooting was Robert Mulkey. Vilarello would not confirm published reports that Mulkey is Campbell's bodyguard. He stated only that Mulkey is "allegedly an employee of Strawberry's Too."

According to Vilarello, the investigation of the Dec. 8 shooting is still in progress.

Another Campbell-owned club called Luke's Miami Beach was scheduled to open on Dec. 13. One day before the club was set to open, manager Jill Tracey admitted that the new club was also feeling the heat. "We are having trouble right now," she says. According to Tracey, Miami Beach Police informed her that they would not provide the club with police security, "for no apparent reason," she says.

LICENSE-FEE DISPUTE

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to specify the level of fees ASCAP is seeking.

In February 1987, a district court magistrate ordered a flat interim blanket license fee of \$60 million annually, a figure that represents the combined total amount that local television stations can be asked to pay ASCAP. The ruling also required ASCAP to offer, for the first time, a per-program license fee at a comparable rate.

At the Dec. 10 court hearing, opening statements were given by Jay Topkis of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, ASCAP's attorneys, and R. Bruce Rich of Weil, Gotshal & Manges, the law firm representing the television committee, which has about 700 station members.

Topkis outlined the history of ASCAP's station licensing dating back to radio licenses. He cited many agreements, including the Shenandoah licensing agreement of 1969, which was renewed in 1973. Under this agreement, in effect until 1983, blanket television station licenses called for a 2% base rate with a 1% rate for additional viewers. Topkis said the per-program rate was about four times the blanket rate and was discouraged by ASCAP. He said ASCAP opposed making the blanket and per-program rates the same because it feared that would place it at a competitive disadvantage vis-a-vis BMI, the other major rights society.

In his opening argument, Topkis said, "There are very good reasons why a percentage of revenues makes sense. It adjusts for inflation. It adjusts for the fact that some stations do well and some stations do badly." He also noted that "ASCAP has never insisted on some kind of flexing of its monopolistic muscles of being paid a percentage of revenues. We have always made clear we wanted it. We want it today. But have we said absolutely no, we will not take a flat fee? No."

ANACHRONISM CLAIMED

Rich claimed that the live-performance basis of ASCAP's earlier rates did not apply to local television programming—mainly sports, news, sitcoms, and other syndicated material. He also challenged ASCAP's policy of charging local television more than networks.

Jack Zwaska, executive director of the television committee, says, "ASCAP's position is that it wants a return to the old Shenandoah [method] where a station pays a percentage of adjusted gross to ASCAP. That old formula would yield about \$95 million this year. We propose a continuance of the judge's [\$60 million] interim fee, and we are arguing to go 20%-40% south of that [on blanket fees].

"On per-program fees, [in 1987] this magistrate gave our industry, for the first time ever, a viable alternative to the blanket fee. We want to refine and improve on it. ASCAP wants to scuttle it and increase fees by 400%."

Zwaska says this 400% figure is based on "the 1983-1985 interim fee payment that we already have paid, the lower levels we are seeking, and the higher levels ASCAP is seeking."

Currently, about 260 of the 900 independent TV stations in the country are paying ASCAP on a per-program basis.

The trial is scheduled to run for three weeks, but with a break after two weeks for the holidays. It is expected to conclude in mid-January.



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A source at The Wiz reports that the video "blew out on the first day and has kept on going." At press time, the tape has been on sale for five days at the chain.

The Wiz, which discounts heavily on sell-through video titles, is selling "Justify My Love" for \$1 less than list price and is advertis-

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buyer at the West Side store. "Anything with Madonna is real hot," says Jimenez. "'Who's That Girl' is doing well, just like her music product. The new video really brought people in. 'The Immaculate Collection' just blew out of here," he says, noting that the compilation album is the No. 1 seller at HMV's New York stores.

according to Tony Jimenez, video

Some chains are selling large quantities of the video single despite 18-to-purchase restrictions on the title, which carries a warning sticker similar to the standard Recording Industry Assn. of America label. Spec's, a 60-unit chain headquartered in Miami, has a policy of limiting sales of stickered material to those aged 18 or older. Similarly, Owensboro, Ky.based WaxWorks/VideoWorks, a 135-store chain, has an 18-to-buy restriction on "Justify My Love," says video buyer Marilyn Ramsay.

Mass-merchandise chains supplied by Arrow Distributing, a Solon, Ohio-based rackjobber, are not carrying the video single at all, according to Arrow president Don Weiss. Executives at the nation's largest rackjobber, the Handleman Co., could not be reached for comment.

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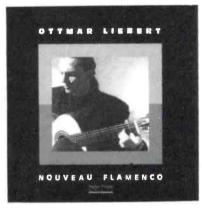


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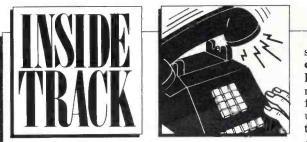
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ASCAP HAS WON a major concession from its German performance rights counterpart **GEMA**, Track hears. While the finishing touches were still being put on the deal at press time, the new arrangement means that German sublyricists of American repertoire cleared through ASCAP will no longer participate in royalties when the original lyrics are performed on recordings or in other ways. The original ASCAP lyric writer receives $\frac{3}{24}$ th of a credit on songs performed in translation. ASCAP hopes this precedent will lead to similarly successful negotiations in other markets.

S BOB BUZIAK HEADED for a key operational role at Chameleon Records when the Dan Pritzker-owned label moves from Los Angeles to New York soon after the New Year? Also, it's understood that music industry veteran Elliot Goldman is heavily consulting Pritzker on the label's revitalization, which is likely to mean several major A&R and sales execs also coming on board (see earlier story, page 12).

HE ADMINISTRATION of Michael Jackson's ATV Music catalog, loaded with Beatles classics, is likely to shift to MCA Music Jan. 1, when ATV's deal with EMI Music ends. (That tie that came with EMI's acquisition of the CBS catalogs in 1986.) Track is informed that EMI received a termination letter a few weeks ago. Sources close to EMI also verify that the catalog generated annual worldwide revenues of \$15 million, earning EMI about \$1 million in administration fees. The grossrevenue figure is said to represent about a 33% increase since the EMI association started. Also, some express surprise that the catalog would move over to MCA in view of its limited foreign structure. But others believe that David Geffen, who sold his label setup to MCA Inc. earlier this year, got the administration deal going because of his close relationship to Michael Jackson and as a consolation prize for not being able to wean Jackson away from CBS, where he is likely to make a new deal for recordings and other entertainment projects. Others indicate that a switch earlier this year in Jackson's legal representation, from John Branca to Bert Fields, pulled things away from EMI.

ARATHON MAN: Rumor has it that **Ruben Rodriguez's** co-venture with **Elektra Entertainment** will be called **Marathon Records**. Rodriguez, Elektra's new senior VP of black music, is said to have signed several acts already. Expect an official announcement, including roster, staff, and logo, in February.

KOB, FAB & JAY: Fab (Morvan) and Rob (Pilatus) of Milli Vanilli fame have switched legal representation in Los Angeles from John Branca to Alan Grodin of the Los Angeles law firm of Cooper, Epstein & Hurwitz. Jay Cooper, ironically, was once president of NARAS, the recording academy, which recently pulled a bestnew-artist Grammy from Morvan and Pilatus after it was revealed they did not sing on their recordings. The two are currently recording an album in Los Angeles for release by a label yet to be negotiated. Pilatus is co-producing the initial single with Howard Rice, although the album features a number of producers. Also, the duo's new manager, Carsten Heyn, opened new offices in Beverly Hills Nov. 11.

NOW, THE PLAY'S THE THING: CBS Records in the U.K. is a "major investor" in a new production of Chekhov's "Three Sisters," marking the label's first interest in a play. Chairman Paul Russell says, "We are no longer just a music company. Early in the new year, we will be announcing our involvement in further theatrical events."

ADMITTEDLY WITHOUT a single dominating act this year, and with no new album from superstar **Richard Marx, EMI Records** nevertheless expects to show a banner year in fiscal 1991, ending March 30. The September-November period, with sales of more than \$30 million, has exceeded the label's previous strongest quarter by nearly \$5 million, or 16%. Only 12 albums were marketed in 1990, happily including the smash

soundtrack "Pretty Woman," along with Robert Palmer, Queensryche, Bobby McFerrin, Alias, Pet Shop Boys, Vixen, and Dianne Reeves. The label hopes to move above the \$100-million mark in sales with help from fiscal-fourth-quarter albums from the O'Jays (January), George Thorogood (February), Huey Lewis & the News (March), and Roxette (March).

ON ANOTHER EMI FRONT, the seven-year association between **David Bowie** and **EMI** has ended. Bowie and the label started off in 1983 with a hit album, "Let's Dance," a reported 3-million seller, and continued with such other successes as "Tonight," "Never Let Me Down," and "Tin Machine."

TRACK HEARS THAT Chuck Gullo, A&M's VP of sales, will start the new year at Scotti Bros. Records, and will likely hold the title of senior VP/GM. Also, Adam Kaplan, Virgin's national alternative marketing coordinator, is heading over to Mute to serve as director of sales and marketing.

AS 1991 approaches, **Musicland Stores Corp.** won't have to wait too long to reach its next milestone—1,000 stores. The Minneapolis-based chain expects to end this year with 999 stores, of which about 185 will be **Suncoast Motion Picture Co.** stores and the remainder music outlets.

HIGH TIME: Look for Orion Home Video to release "Cooley High" in the spring as a midprice rental title. "Cooley," one of the industry's most requested unreleased films, has reportedly been held up by clearance problems.

N OTHER ORION NEWS, the company was expected at press time to announce that it is discontinuing the use of list prices on rental product. Orion has been using a \$94.95 list on front-line product, making it the only studio to use that price point. The change will not affect wholesale prices, Track is told. Distributors will continue to pay \$58.25 for front-line titles. Sell-through product will continue to carry list prices.

DESPITE PUBLISHED reports to the contrary, Rush Associated Labels chairman Russell Simmons and president Lyor Cohen say they have not given No Face Records president Mark Sexx permission to take the controversial debut album from Bitches With Problems to another label. According to Simmons, the album will be released in late January with an "offensive" line deleted (Billboard, Dec. 15), despite threats of a lawsuit from BWP producer Sexx.

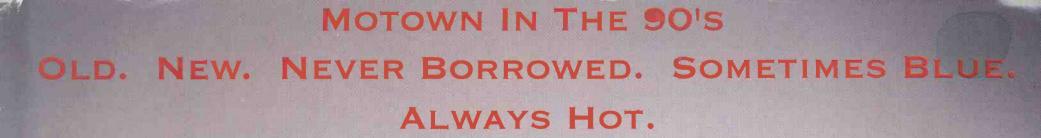
BREAKING WITH TRADITION: The Country Music Assn. has scheduled its 1991 awards show for Wednesday, Oct. 2. The two-hour presentation has traditionally aired on a Monday night during CMA Week, which generally falls during the second week of October. The change was initiated mainly by the CBS network, which carries the show. Also affected: the BMI, ASCAP, and SESAC awards ceremonies, which typically follow the CMA awards on consecutive nights. BMI plans to move its show to Tuesday, Oct. 1. But the move is more complicated for ASCAP, because of advance bookings at the Opryland Hotel. Connie Bradley, the organization's Southern executive director, says ASCAP may choose "a totally different date," perhaps in June. SESAC is expected to move its ceremony to Thursday, Oct. 3.

APPY 80TH! Leonard Feist, longtime member of the music publishing community, celebrated his 80th birthday Dec. 12. As president of the National Assn. of Music Publishers for many years, Feist was an articulate spokesman for protection of copyright. He is also the author of "An Introduction To Popular Music Publishing In America," published in 1980.

EXIT: Bob Hinkle has left his post as president of U.S. operations for Toronto-based The Children's Group. Glenn Sernyk will continue to head the company. Hinkle says he will continue personal management services out of his New York offices at 17 Cadman Plaza West.

HE MAN: Charles Koppelman, chairman and CEO of SBK Records Group Publishing, will receive the 1991 Humanitarian Award from the T.J. Martell Foundation for Leukemia, Cancer and AIDS Research April 27 at the New York Hilton.

AND, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, Inside Track wishes all its readers a healthy and happy holiday season!



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