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HARAHI ON “SEEING” EMPLOYEES

ISSUE 1850 APRIL 5, 1991
Sole Music.

David Lee Roth

"Sensible Shoes"

The New Single
Produced by Bob Rock
From the album
A Little Ain't Enough

## Gavin Report

**Gavin at a Glance**

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BOLKE KDWB PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The plum opening as PD at KDWB has been picked by Mark Bolke, who will return home to Minneapolis within the next two weeks. He replaces Brian Phillips, who exited the station last week to become Program Director at EAGLE 106 (WEGX)-Philadelphia.

Bolke has spent the last 4-1/2 years at Y108 (KRKY) and before that programmed crosstown KPKE. In the early ‘80s he was Research Director at KDWB. Both he and his wife are Minnesota natives.

“I’ve known Mark for a long time—we worked together at Malrite,” said KDWB General Manager Gary Swartz. “He is the right person at the right time.” Swartz also gave a nod to Phillips: “He’s (Bolke) inheriting a great station. Brian is a good friend of mine; he did a great job here.”

Said Bolke, “The last nine years in Denver, and especially the last four and a half at Y108 have been very rewarding. I’m leaving a great company in Cap Cities/ABC. But the opportunity to return to my hometown and inherit an incredible station like KDWB was too hard to resist.”

SCOTT BEAMS DOWN

What’s up in Gotham? Looks like Scott Shannon is back. On Tuesday (4/2) change was definitely in (or on) the air and, according to Cap Cities/ABC/WPLJ Vice President Tom Cuddy, Shannon is Program Director/Morning Personality for the station.

On Tuesday (4/2) at 1:03, Shannon’s voice came on the air saying, “Wimp radio is dead” followed by a lonely trumpet playing “Taps.” Liners voiced by Mark Driscoll (EAGLE 106 OM) warned New York about “The Mother of All Radio Wars” coming between 95.5 Mojo Radio and Shannon’s former home, Z100 (WHTZ). Another promo voiced by Shannon warned: “Watch out “little Stevie Kushner!” (Kushner is Z100 PD Steve Kingston’s real name.) Announcements also targeted the old WPLJ: “We’re sorry for the past seven years. We sucked!”

Metropolis has been abuzz this past week in anticipation of Shannon’s return. As soon as he settled with former employers, Pirate Radio (KQLZ)-Los Angeles, wags started speculating on how long it would take Scott to return to the scene of his greatest success.

In a newspaper article last week Kingston was quoted as saying Shannon would come back to the station he started in 1983. “We have something on the table for him,” he said.

Apparently not, and when Z100 dropped Shannon’s syndicated program “Rockin’ America” (they actually rewound it on the air!), it was obvious what was going on. When we last heard from our sources, Kingston was in a huddle, mapping out plans for a counterattack. Randy Kabrich, former Station Manager of Y95-Dallas has signed on as consultant, and former Z100 and Pirate Afternoon Personality Shadow Steele has returned to do Middays. Shannon’s return to New York mornings—the exact date is still a secret—will pit him against Z100’s Gary Bryan who, ironically, took potshots at Shannon when he was at WPLJ.
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club scene for more years than his age belies,” said Kid Leo, Columbia’s Vice President, Artist Development. “That plus his background in Sony’s distribution and branch systems was the one-two punch that made him a street smart, industry-wise natural for this position.”

Michael Becker has been promoted to Associate Director, Dance Music Promotion from his position as Manager, Dance Music Promotion, West Coast.

“Michael’s presence within club circles and among radio’s mix show mavens has made his name one of the most respected on the street,” said Kid Leo. “For his efforts, he will now be taking an active role in the overall coordination of the hottest dance music department in the business!”

Kuntz to High Level Position

IMPACT ANNOUNCES FIELD STAFF

Impact Records announced the appointment of eight representatives to their field staff. They are: Jan Teifeld, Northwest Regional Promotion; Jeff Davis, Southeast Regional Promotion; Trish Merelo, Mid Atlantic Promotion; Suzanne Slas, Chicago Promotion; Pat Moriss, Dallas Promotion; Kevin Morton, Missouri/Colorado Promotion; Tom Scheppke, Carolinas/Tennessee Promotion; Don George, Ohio/Michigan/Upstate New York Promotion.

Said Senior V.P. Promotion Bruce Tenenbaum, “To be able to gather a staff like this, after so many other companies have raided the talent pool, is fantastic.”

Also at the label, Laura Kuntz has been named Senior Director—East Coast Operations/National Top 40. She comes to Impact from Chrysalis Records where she was Senior Director/National Dance Promotion/Northeast Regional Promotion.

“I am thrilled to add a person of Laura’s abilities, class and maturity to what I feel is already one of the most talented young promotion staffs in the country,” said Tenenbaum. “...we are ready to make an Impact. Hey what do you expect? I was bound to use that line sooner or later!”

APRIL TOMFOOLERY

Although most of us cruised through the day without incident, some stations took it upon themselves to confuse and in some cases even please their listeners with some harmless fun.

• In the Big Apple, Country fans who turned on WYNK woke up to Z100 zookeeper Gary Bryan. Bryan fans heard his crossword rival Jim Kerr spinning Country tunes on Z100.

• Power 106-Los Angeles returned to the days of leisure suits, platform shoes and the “All new Disco 106.” Jay Thomas started off the day playing such forgotten classics as “Le Freak” and “Funkytown.” As a bonus, the legendary “Lucy Pued” took over the controls live from 9-12N and then via tape from 12-6. Now, you may all be rolling your jaded eyes at the thought of a day full of disco, but Power 106’s Duncan Payton reports that he’s got a desk full of faxes requesting “More More More”!

• A/C station, KOST-Los Angeles sent their morning team, Mark & Kim spin album tracks at KROQ-Burbank, who in turn sent Kevin & Bean to cool out for a day with some softer music.

• Live 105-San Francisco went for an untapped Oldies niche—the 70s—with “Groovy Oldies 105.” Morning prankster Alex Bennett interviewed The Ohio Players and mock promos invited listeners to a Partridge Family concert.

RADI-O-rama

Legal snags are still keeping former KISS 108 (WXKS)-Boston PD Sunny Joe White from taking an air shift at crosstown WZOU. All parties involved are still working on it...WKBQ-St. Louis PD Lyndon Abel is out. No replacement has been named. Ownership change: Urban Contemporary formatted KDAY-Los Angeles has turned out the lights until April 15...MDs on the move: This was a particularly busy week for Music Directors—must be something in the stars...KLUC-Las Vegas MD Sam Reynolds resigned on Friday...Marcia Longo joined Pirate Radio (KQLZ)-Los Angeles as MD. She came from Global Satellite Networks, where she’s been the Producer of “Powercuts” since 1990...Former EAGLE 106-Philadelphia 10P-2A personality Ric Sanders has been named MD/Midday Personality at B104 (WBSB)-Baltimore. He replaces Pam Trickett who jumps to records as Local Rep for Reprise Records...Tony Rogers, host of the late afternoon show at 93.7 FM (WSTW)-Wilmington, DE takes on MD chores...Former WMSQ-Have lock, NC MD/PD/Morning Personality Dave Anthony sheds management duties as he joins KSYN-Joplin, MO as PD Driver...Jerry Mathers (namesake of The Beaver) has been promoted to MD at KQLA-Manhattan, KS...New to KIXY/FM-San Angelo, TX is PD Scotty Snipes, in from KLSF-Amarillo. Snipes will also be on the air...continued on next page
CHICAGO

Explain It To My Heart

the new single

Produced, Engineered and Mixed by Humberto Gatica for Hum, Inc. Productions

From the album

Twenty I

Direction: HK Management/Howard Kaufman, Peter Schivarelli

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in the A/C Department for Platinum Marketing at James Lewis Marketing. Call him at 213-820-4006...Former KXXR-Kansas City Promotion Director Don Pratt has joined Geffen Records as Kansas City Promotion Manager. Also at Geffen, Cindy Gray joins as Media & Artist Relations Director. She comes from a similar position at Island Records...Doctor Dream Records Vice-President David Hansen exits the label to pursue other interests...Publicity please: At EMI, Bob Payne and Steve Mandel join, both assuming the title Associate Director, Publicity, EMI Records USA. Payne was Publicity Manager at Columbia Records, Mandel was Publicity Director at Cherry Lane Music...New to Noise International as National Director of Publicity is Dennis Dennehey...Look for Fletcher Foster to leave his position as Director of Media and Artist Development at Sony in Nashville. He'll have taken up residence at Arista by the time you read this. Official announcement is forthcoming...Good news for the record biz: According to the RIAA, dollar volume for 1990 shipments rose 14.6% to $7.5 billion. Sales of cassette singles grew and vinyl sales were down. The biggest success belonged to music videos—sales were up 53.3% over 1989.

Our sincere condolences to the family and friends of Mark Connors of The Nylons who died on Monday, March 25 after a long illness. Though ill, Mark performed with the band until February 9 and recorded with them until February 14. The family has requested that donations be sent to Basset/Falk Cancer Research Foundation, 700 Bay St., Toronto, Ontario M5G 126.

BIRTHDAYS

**Our Best Wishes and HAPPY BIRTHDAY to**

Scott Wheeler, KXXR/FM-Kansas City, MO 4/7

John Oates (Hall & Oates), Janis Ian, Bobby Bare 4/7

Duke DuBois, GRP Records 4/8

Alan Smith, AIR 4/8

Wayne Cordray, KNYZ-Everett, WA 4/8

Ray Williams, WZAT-Savannah, GA 4/8

Ron Revere, KX92-Alexandria, MN 4/8

Julian Lennon, John Schneider 4/8

Rick Roberts, WIAL-Eau Claire, WI 4/9

Larry Irons, KRNO/FM-Reno, NV 4/9

Jerry Blair, Columbia Records 4/9

Carl Perkins, Con Hunley, Margo Smith 4/9

Davie Innis (Restless Heart), Jim Chappell 4/9

Ashli Tingle 4/10

Justine Chiara, Second Vision 4/10

Clark Novak, KKOS-Carlsbad, CA 4/10

Tom Aldrich, KVDB-Sioux City, IA 4/10

Phil Davis, WKSM/FM-Fl. Walton Beach, FL 4/10

Hollywood Harrison, WFMF-Baton Rouge, LA 4/10

Jonas Cash, AIR 4/10

Kevin Powell, AIR 4/10

Brian Setzer 4/10

Ric Lippincott, HOT94.7-Chicago, IL 4/11

Bill Shedd, KJZZ-Phoenix, AZ 4/11

Gregg Lenny, KYRK-FM-Las Vegas, NV 4/11

Larry Weir, Weir Bros. Entertainment 4/11

Stacey Seifrit 4/11

Stewart Adamson (Big Country) 4/11


Dave Roberts, KHHT-Minot, ND 4/12

Pat Travers, Herbie Hancock, Lionel Hampton 4/12

**BIRTHS**

**Our CONGRATULATIONS to GREG CAMP, Program Director of KFM-Flat River, MO and his wife, KAREN, on the birth of their daughter, RILEY ANN. Born at 5:09 PM on March 29th, weighing 8 lbs., 2 oz., 22 1/2" in length.**

**CONGRATULATIONS to SCOTT HIRSCHI, Music Director at KYW-Sheridan, WY and his wife, BETH, on the birth of their son, JACOB CHARLES. Born March 28th, weighing 6 lbs., 13 oz.**

**CONGRATULATIONS to BRUCE STEVENS, Program Director at WBBQ-Augusta, GA, and his wife, JOAN, on the birth of their son, DONALD ADAM. Born March 20th.**

**CONGRATULATIONS to KEVIN DELANEY, Music Director and AM Air Talent at WCLG/FM-Morgantown, WV, and his wife, PATTI, on the birth of their son, BRANDON PATRICK. Born March 18th.**

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**ROTTATIONS**

Imago's begun staffing. Look for Michelle Block, now with SBK, to move to Atlanta as Southeast Regional Director and Andy Dean, last PD at WDHA-Dover, NJ, to join as National Director of Rock Promotion. Already in the offices National Director of Promotion Eric Hodge...Scott Emerson, last seen at Howard Rosen Promotion, is now working...
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*WHITNEY HOUSTON - In From The Styx having success about everyone's favorite topic.

WHAT COMES NATURALLY
My Heart - Fixx - March, '91

SUSANNA HOFFS - I certified

INXS - (50) (Atlantic)

TOP TIP
RIFF - My Heart Is Failing Me (SBK)
From RECORD TO WATCH status in mid-March, it now boasts an 8% Hit Factor as airplay grows with 19 new believers.

RECORD TO WATCH
LATOUR - People Are Still Having Sex (Smash/PLG)
More and more people are having success with this novelty item about everyone's favorite topic.

CERTIFIED
MARIAH CAREY - I Don't Wanna Cry (Columbia)
SHEENA EASTON - What Comes Naturally (MCA)

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STYX - Love At First Sight (A&M)  159  49  92  18
*WHITNEY HOUSTON - Miracle (Arista)  152  151 — 1
CELINE DION - (If There Was) Any Other Way (Epic)  127  27  79  21

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YES!!
ALL THESE RADIO PROGRAMMERS AGREE THAT DEFINITION OF SOUND NOW IS TOMORROW IS THE NEXT BIG ONE

"...THE BUZZ IS REALLY SIMMERING ON DEFINITION OF SOUND/"NOW IS TOMORROW!!!"
Hosh Gureli/KMEL/San Francisco

"...DEFINITION OF SOUND/"NOW IS TOMORROW" IS...LIKE... HAPPENING!!! FAILURE TO PLAY THIS RECORD WILL RESULT IN A RAY CAVIANO 'FAX' ATTACK!!!"
John Christian/Ass't PD/MD/Hot 97.7/San Jose

"...FAR AND AWAY (ONE OF) THE 'COOLEST' RECORDS ON HOT 97 IS DEFINITION OF SOUND/"NOW IS TOMORROW"!!!"
Kevin McCabe/Hot 97/New York

"...DEFINITION OF SOUND/"NOW IS TOMORROW" IS A REAL 'HIP' RECORD. THIS RECORD DEFINES THE SOUND WE ARE LOOKING FOR, AND WE ADDED IT..."
Jay Taylor/PD/Q-105/Tampa

"...DEFINITION OF SOUND HAS ALL THE ELEMENTS OF A HIT! CHECK IT OUT!"
Mark Jackson/Ass't PD/WHYT/Detroit

"...DEFINITION OF SOUND/"NOW IS TOMORROW" IS THE HOTTEST AND FRESHEST SONG I'VE HEARD THIS YEAR! WE AT B-96/CHICAGO LOVED IT! THE MINUTE WE HEARD IT OFFICIALLY ADDED IT. THIS IS THE NEXT 'BIG ONE'!!!"
Todd Cavanagh MD/B-96/Chicago

NOW ON YOUR DESK...
DEFINITION OF SOUND NOW IS TOMORROW THE NEXT BIG ONE ON CARDIAC RECORDS GOING FOR IMMEDIATE ADDS....THANKS!

"NOW IS TOMORROW" PUMPING FROM COAST TO COAST

AT THESE STATIONS:
- HOT97, NYC 31-25!
- POWERPIG, TAMPA ADD AT 40!
- Q105, TAMPA!
- POWER106, LOS ANGELES!
- HOT97.7, SAN JOSE!
- KXXR, KANSAS CITY!
- B96, CHICAGO 23-21!
- WNVZ, NORFOLK ADD!
- KYRK-FM, LAS VEGAS ADD!
- KMEL, SAN FRANCISCO!
- WYTZ, CHICAGO!
- KSOL, SAN FRANCISCO!
- WHRK, MEMPHIS!

...and much more!

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Spring has finally arrived and few will shed tears to see the first quarter of 1991 go bye-bye. Four times each year we bring you Top 40 reporting stations on board, and as the second quarter gets underway we’re pleased to have the following new stations and correspondents join our panel:

Ralph Wimmer and Ray Williams, 
**WZAT Radio, 7 E. Congress, #104, Savannah, GA 31401 (912) 233-8807**

New subscribing stations who have applied for reporting status and fit the necessary criteria are welcomed quarterly as space allows.

Nearly a year after its release, **MARIAH CAREY**’s (Happy belated birthday—March 27th) album remains one of the hottest items at retail. WRCK Utica, NY debuts the newest single at #39, noting that it remains the #1-selling CD/cassette in town. Chart stops thirty at KISS 108, WHTK, WIOQ/FM, KDWB, WSTO, WHHY, KSU, KBQ, Y94, KOY/FM, 93Q, Y108, KISN, 95XXX, WZOU, Y100, WFMF, B96, KS104, Q106, KFMI, Z100 Portland, FM102, WTCI/FM, MIX 96.5, Q105, KJMN and HOT 94.7.

**Airplay growth for CELINE DION moves her over into the 100-plus report column with adds at KXXR Kansas City, WZST Lynchburg, VA, WDEK De Kalb, IL, FUN 107 New Bedford, MA, B94 Pittsburgh, Q102 Cincinnati, WDJX Louisville, KHIT Santa Rosa, CA, MIX 107.3 Washington, D.C., WZQQ Jackson, TN, WHHY Montgomery, AL, WKDD Akron/Canton, OH, etc**.

To call KVIT Vermillion, SD **TRIXTER**

Country. MD Chad Bowar says their last single went Top Ten and their latest is #1 for the second week, “blowing out the phones from the very first day it hit the air.” Also a hot nighttime track at WTBX Duluth, MN, jump-

ing 21-15 and PD Bill Klaproth reports good sales and requests. Number one callout and requests at KKKL Grand Forks, ND where it climbs 22-22 after three weeks of airplay. AIPD/MD Rick Acker says it’s, “exploding with females—all demos.”

**VOICES THAT CARE** enters the Top Ten at Q106 San Diego, taking a ten-point gain 19-9. Huge cussing sales and third most requested with adult women. Debuts at #30 for WQPO Harrisonburg, VA and MD Dennis Hughes reports, “instant phones from all demos and a consistent performer in our Top Nine At Nine for the past two weeks.” Other gains include POWER 96 Miami 15-10, WQID Biloxi 12-8, KGGI San Bernardino 7-3, MIX96.5 Houston 11-10, KZOU Little Rock 18-9, WWCK Flint 21-12, Q95FM Detroit 11-8, KSTN Stockton 11-6, KIIS Los Angeles 5-4, WILQ/FM Pensacola 17-13 and KC101 New Haven 18-15. Z100 New York adds it at #20.

One lone add at Y95 Dallas this week and it was **RIFF**, who moves into the top twenty at WCKZ Charlotte 22-19, WNCI Columbus 21-18, B95 Fresno 21-18 KDON Monterey/Salinas debut #20, KISN Salt Lake City 21-18 and KRQ Tucson 21-19. New on KISS 108, WSPK/FM, WVIC, WQGN, KZZP, XHR, HOT 94.7, Z100 Portland, etc.

Impossible to budge UB40 out of the top spot at 93Q and 104 KRHE Houston where it sits at #1 again, while moving 9-8 crosstown at MIX 96.5. Also gaining at KBQ 8-6, WBIZ 28-25, Q106 26-23 “top fifteen requests from from females 18 plus,” KMQO 10-9, Y108 debut #30 and KYRK 14-11. Adds include KOY/FM, K96, KROU, KFMO and WIFX.

**HIT FACTOR** is up to 20% for LÁTOUR, topping up top twenty stats at WDFX Detroit 17-13, POWER 106 Los Angeles 23-19, KXXR 26-20, B96 Chicago 20-15 and 93Q 25-20. No surprise to find phones lighting up for this attention-getting production, newly added at WZOU and KISS 108 Boston, WBIX Battle Creek, MI, KGGI, HOT 97.7 San Jose, WGOR Lansing, MI and WDFX. And you can scratch that rumor about a special mix for married couples called “**Some People Are Still Having Sex.**”
In last week's column, I spoke of how the 1991 Gavin Seminar keynote speaker, Vladimir Pozner, the Soviet Union's leading journalist, was very frank and outspoken in his warning that the USSR is likely (in his view) to experience a major shift to the political right in the next three to five years, undoing much of what has been accomplished through the policies of Glasnost and Perestroika. He explained why this will probably happen, underscoring that this will not be imposed from the government down, but from the people up—people whose lifelong beliefs have been called into question, and who have seen the "market economy" so far make the conditions of their daily lives worse than before.

That brought him to the question, "Will Perestroika fail?"

At this point, his news got better.

"The future direction is hard to see; but there's no going back." Glasnost, or the openness of the media and the freedom of expression, has been one tangible change that has made things better, and although there is beginning to be a return to repression of alternate thought in the Soviet Union, Pozner compared the taste of freedom of thought to the taste of chocolate. After you've tried it, if it's taken away and you're told it's too bourgeois—it's not good for you and harm can come from it—despite what you're being told, you'll want more.

"Even if you never taste it again," he said, "you'll tell your children, 'there's something called chocolate, and it's good.'"

For the short term, Pozner says it isn't likely there will be a Soviet military dictatorship ("there is no tradition of military dictatorships in these lands"), but a civilian dictatorship is possible.

"There is a distinct possibility that things will get worse in the Soviet Union for two or three years—but then the country will move toward a democracy." A number of Soviet Republics may leave the Union—but they might return in a different kind of federation later on, he predicted.

"We'll see a different kind of country before the year 2000."

Pozner also suggested that economic development of the USSR by the West should not be ended, inasmuch as it would only encourage a return to a more isolationist, edgy Soviet Union; but that such development might most profitably be arranged with the individual Republics, and be carefully circumscribed to specific projects.

Pozner also commented on the emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel, pointing out that 200,000 had emigrated in 1990 alone. He viewed this exodus, if it continues in this size, as a major loss of human resources for the Soviet Union, and a potential disaster for Israel, who cannot refuse these people, but who really cannot easily assimilate them either.

But, he noted, since no country in the world will have more former Soviet citizens (they could eventually be a majority in Israel), "Israel and the USSR are likely to have a very interesting relationship in the future."

As Pozner finished his prepared remarks and turned to questions from Seminar attendees, there were more interesting insights.

Concerning the Gulf War, which as he spoke had not yet entered its Ground War phase, he told us that while polls he had seen had shown at least 81% of the U.S. population supported the U.N. resolution and the war that followed, and the people of the Soviet Union supported both even more, even though he himself did not (and by all reports, the Soviet "military industrial complex" did not either, apparently due to past alliances with Saddam Hussein).

When asked the future of Boris Yeltsin, the key figure in the Russian Republic, he commented that it was probably very bright. If there were a popular election in the USSR today, he said, Yeltsin would overwhelmingly win it. He revealed that he used to think of Yeltsin as "the Huey Long of the Soviet Union," until he had the opportunity to conduct a 30-minute TV interview with him last May, in which he found him to be interesting, thoughtful and articulate. (That tape was rejected for broadcast, in one of the early signs of a retreat from Glasnost, "probably because it did show him to be so interesting," but the tape was stolen and shown on Leningrad TV—and in Moscow, where Leningrad TV can be received, local TV jammed the broadcast with a pop concert video.) "Yeltsin is a major and interesting figure," Pozner said. "He inspires trust."

And when asked about how the Soviet people view American popular culture, Pozner said that the previous highly favorable portrayal of the U.S. was swept away by Glasnost, resulting in an overwhelmingly favorable perception of America—an unrealistic overreaction. "Right now, anything American is automatically great. A more balanced, but still favorable attitude will eventually prevail."

He added that nonetheless, currently the Soviet people do know more about the USSR, and he ended his talk with the thought that some education is necessary in the United States if the two countries are to pursue a better relationship.

Vladimir Pozner's keynote address at the 1991 Gavin Seminar in San Francisco was a remarkable and very important learning experience for us as radio broadcasters, in these interesting—and definitely changing—times.
A friend told me a revealing story. As an industrial engineer in a large consumer products firm, she visits the firm’s plants and distribution centers around the U.S. to help the local managers run the operations more effectively. She was doing some work sampling in one of the plants that was having some productivity and cost problems. Very quickly she realized that the cause of the problem was not the labor force, technology or personnel policies. Rather, it was the way the plant managers actually viewed management.

The plant manager saw effective management in terms of decision analysis, statistical analysis, financial algorithms and simulation models of inventory control and work flows. However, he did not seem to really “see” human beings—his employees—as part of that management system. He “saw” warehouse dimensions. He “saw” crates of inventory. He “saw” forklifts. He “saw” deadlines. He “saw” budgets. But in my friend’s lengthy conversations with this gentleman, it was clear that he really didn’t “see” his employees as much more than appendages to his carefully built production and distribution system. He had built an elaborate system and had inserted a structure top-heavy with supervisors and engineers to control that system.

My friend suggested that the employees’ loyalty and commitment to the manager’s system, and thus their commitment to their own work, might be dubious under those circumstances. She also wondered whether employees themselves could have assumed control of administrative functions that had been involved in the development of the system. She suggested that employees, as much as they were directly involved in the work flow, might have had some fundamental cost-saving or revenue-generating ideas that could have been implemented or incorporated into the system. In fact, after her careful observation of the workers themselves in the warehouse, she found herself drawing a curious conclusion. She said: “I sometimes get the feeling that everyone around here knows a helluva lot more than they’re letting on.” That says it all.

In this light, it is interesting to note Sony Chairman Akio Morita’s comment: “When we opened our San Diego plant, we really had some difficulty persuading our American engineers and managers to go onto the production floor and mingle with the foremen and workers to learn how things were really being made. Otherwise, how can you design quality into new products and design out product defects?” Along these lines, critics of American management have often argued that in our attempts to boost efficiency and productivity, we often develop complicated plans and schemes in the back office and then assume that employees, who we don’t really “see” as much more than “factors of production” or “labor costs,” will simply fit into those plans and schemes. This is wishful thinking. At worst, this approach results in well-documented employee reactions when these systems are implemented: resistance, absenteeism, turnover, lower morale, lower quality work, and, if unionized, grievances.

At best, the system runs at far less than peak efficiency because a great deal of employee commitment, involvement, needs and ideas are lost. Well-managed firms, in contrast, get employees’ input in terms of what work environment they need and desire for optimal performance and then involve the employees as partners with other professionals (engineers, consultants, architects, purchasers, upper managers) in developing a system of operations that meets those needs and desires. Employees are “seen.” They are not merely variables upon which a system is imposed.

Indeed, effective managers recognize that their job ultimately involves pooling employee brainpower, developing employee brainpower, facilitating the communication of employee brainpower and motivating employees to use their brainpower. Competitive advantage lies in brainpower—more of it and more effectively used.

Effective managers thus always ask themselves: What can I as a manager do to facilitate my peoples’ performance? What do my people need for top performance in terms of better incentives, opportunities, training and development, equipment, tools, facilities, policies? What do I need to change around here in order to help my people improve their performance? Obviously, in order to answer these questions, a manager must regularly talk with his or her people, listen to them just as carefully, and work with them as partners toward productivity. But the key point is that in asking these questions, a manager learns to take personal responsibility for helping raise subordinates’ performance and maintaining it at a high level.

All this can only occur if the manager “sees” employees. Do you really “see” your employees, every day?
RA

Most Added

DE LA SOUL
Ring, Ring, Ring (Tommy Boy)

TERMINATOR X
Homey Don't Play Dat (Pro Division/Def Jam/Columbia)

LARRY LAR
Larry, That's What They Call Me (Ruff House/Columbia)

Top Tip

FONKE SOCIALISTICS
You Are Heaven (Priority)

This versatile trio adds a new flavor to the Priority roster. Fonke now adds this week at WXVI/FM-Montgomery, AL, WBLX/FM-Mobile, AL, KTRU-Houston's Will Strickland makes it his pick of the week.

Record to Watch

CASPER
Adrenalin (Capitol Street)
Casper is gradually making a ghostly presence on his Capitol Street debut.

Chartbound

K9 POSSE - Apartheid (Arista)
KING TEE - At Your Own Risk (Capitol Street)
R.I.F. - Rapping Is Fundamental (A&M)
B.W.P. - Two Minute Brother (No Face/RAL/Columbia)

*L.A. POSSE - Countdown (Atlantic Street)
*MAGNET ACE - Movin' On (Cold Chillin'/Reprise)
*TERMINATOR X - Homey Don't Play Dat (Pro Division/Def Jam/Columbia)

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NEW HIP HOP RELEASES by Brian A. Samson

LIMBOMANIACS - SHAKE IT (IN-EFFECT RECORDS) Here's a tasteful sample of some Bay Area funk. If you're looking for a different direction in Hip Hop fusion, then drop your stylus on this Alternative-influenced Rapp track. Scattered guitar loops and noise suspended over a swinging funk-like beat provide a solid outing on this alternative-Hip Hop club jam. At 100 BPM's, the bragadocio storyline carries a Stereo MC's feel accented by a muted brass/windwindhorn riff. Brief chants offer a cool Go Go-funk appeal for the adventurous Rap DJ. Pump up the funk... BAS

M.C. BREED & DFC - AIN'T NO FUTURE INYO'FRONTIN' (S.D.E.G./ICHIBAN) This duos has an early underground buzz among our panel of Gavin Rap reporters. Utilizing the hypnotic bassline loop from Zapper's "More Bounce To The Ounce," Breed drops a stylish autobiographical introduction. The track has a chillin' laid-back jeep-beat appeal as the chorus kicks in a N.W.A./Ohio Player dimension. Breed projects a tasteful EPMD like rhyme scheme, making this an inviting prop for the club jam. Kwark St. Louis, MO's Marshall Gralnick makes it his dope add of the week. Join the party. Contact Ichiban records for your copy at (404)926-3377. BAS

PARIS - THE HATE THAT HATE MADE (SCARFACE/TOMMY BOY) After looting in the Gavin top ten with the "Devil Made Me Do It," the "P"Dog returns with another mentally uplifting jam. This Scarface groove slows down the tempo with simple breaks and a winding guitar riff. Coming off a week national promotion tour Paris, aka Oscar Jackson Jr., should take this in-your-face revolutionary single into immediate rotation at college and alternative radio. Contact Albee at (212) 722-2211. BAS

TERMINATOR X & THE VALLEY OF THE JEEP BEATS (FEATURING BONNIE 'N CLYDE) - HOMEY DON'T PLAY DAT (P.R.O. DIVISION/DEF JAM/COLUMBIA) After hitting the top ten with "Buckwheatlin" and earning most added honors, the X-Man returns with a cool funky groove that introduces Def Jam's latest signing, Bonnie 'N Clyde. Riding at 106 BPM's, "Homey" features laid-back JB guitar riffs camouflaged by scattered samples and the X-Man's vinyl cuts. The descriptive rhymes depicting the skills of Terminator X come off, but the breaks and samples could use a little more spice and originality. Contact Bobbibo at (212) 366-1640.

KOOJ MOE DEE (FEATURING CHUCK D AND KRS-ONE) - RISE AND SHINE (JIVE/RCA) Yes it's funkly! The three legendary lyricists of Hip Hop join forces to create an above the dance floor club jam. This uptempo smash packs non-stop energy through solid bass kicks and rhythmic noise. The lyrical awareness of Chuck, Moe Dee and Kris add an uplifting message of self esteem as they address human dignity. Choice samples and percussions make this an enticing Hip Hop cut for both the Rap and Mixshow jock. Contact Tommy Caraba at (212) 727-0016. BAS

AN OVERWEIGHT LOVER HUG: Tommy Boy recording artist Queen Latifah gives a heavyweight hug to MCA recording artist Heavy D during a backstage press conference at the recent Soul Train Awards.
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**TOP TIP**

LISA FISCHER
How Can I Ease The Pain
(Elektra)

Lisa's debut solo efforts make her an easy Most Added & Top Tip.

**RECORD TO WATCH**

WILL DOWNING
I Try
(Island)

Trying out a new ballad on Radio. Will attracts 33 so far!

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INSIDE URBAN

HIGHEST HONOR TO TEDDY

Teddy Pendergrass is shown here after being presented with the City Of Philadelphia's Liberty Bell Tray, the highest honor Philadelphia bestows upon a citizen. Pictured are (l-r): Rick Alden, Sr. VP of Promotion, Elektra; Ruben Rodriguez, Sr. VP, Urban Music, Elektra; Robert L. Washington; Duana Williams, President, International Association of African American Music; Teddy Pendergrass; Doug Daniel, VP, Urban Music, Elektra; Tim Spencer, Executive Assistant to Mayor Good of Philadelphia.

Male dominance prevails again in the Top Ten, as JOHNNY GILL takes first place. The lone exception is MARVA HICKS' "Never Been In Love Before," which jumped from 11-8, making her the only female vocalist in the Top Ten. We're curious about how you, as programmers, are dealing with the balance of sound on your stations. Where are you getting the female sound to balance out the unusually overwhelming presence of male vocals—from new product or oldies? Let us know when you call in next week. Dwayne Landers, WUFO- Buffalo, wants MICHELLE'S "If" to be his RTW. "If you don't add this, if you don't like this, you're wrong! Don't be assniff, add 'If,'" says Dwayne. Gregg Diggs, WKYS-Washington, D.C., likes COLOR ME BADD'S "I Wanna Sex You Up." "Across-the-board, this is the most requested song right now—phones were instant! This could go #1 in both Urban Contemporary and Pop," predicts Gregg. RUBY TURNER'S "The Other Side" is RTW for Frankie Darcel, WPEG-Charlotte. She says, "Really solid vocals on this first release from her new album. Nice U.K. groove, very good woman's record that may surprise us." Rob Neal, KZZZ-Lake Charles, likes Ruby Turner, too, and he says, "This great singer is back, proving that she can do it." Greg Sampson, WQMG-Greensboro, makes COLIN ENGLAND'S "I Got What You Need" his RTW. Stan Boston, WNH-C-New Haven, has THE DOLLS' "A Heart Is A House For Love," as his RTW. Says Stan, "I'm getting good reaction from males and females, 25 plus, and after you see the movie, you'll like it even more. From the sixties to the nineties, The Dells have persevered—good to have them back with a good sounding song for the nineties." Chase Thomas, WJDI-Salisbury, likes KEITH WASHINGTON'S "Kissing You," saying, "Incredibly slow jam, and will do well—good for all demos. I get a lot of phone calls for it." Kimberly Kaye, WFIX-Jackson, chooses THE O'JAYS' "Emotionally Yours," as her RTW. She says, "These three gentlemen have been in the business for over thirty years, and you can tell they have a lot of heartfelt emotion with this one." Casey McMichaels, WVOI-Toledo, likes ALEXANDER O'NEAL'S "I'm Getting Good Reaction from males, females, plus, and after you see the movie, you'll like it even more. From the sixties to the nineties, The Dells have persevered—good to have them back with a good sounding song for the nineties." Chase Thomas, WJDI-Salisbury, likes KEITH WASHINGTON'S "Kissing You," saying, "Incredibly slow jam, and will do well—good for all demos. I get a lot of phone calls for it." Kimberly Kaye, WFIX-Jackson, chooses THE O'JAYS' "Emotionally Yours," as her RTW. She says, "These three gentlemen have been in the business for over thirty years, and you can tell they have a lot of heartfelt emotion with this one." Casey McMichaels, WVOI-Toledo, likes ALEXANDER O'NEAL'S "I'm Getting Good Reaction from males, females, plus, and after you see the movie, you'll like it even more. From the sixties to the nineties, The Dells have persevered—good to have them back with a good sounding song for the nineties." Chase Thomas, WJDI-Salisbury, likes KEITH WASHINGTON'S "Kissing You," saying, "Incredibly slow jam, and will do well—good for all demos. I get a lot of phone calls for it." Kimberly Kaye, WFIX-Jackson, chooses THE O'JAYS' "Emotionally Yours," as her RTW. She says, "These three gentlemen have been in the business for over thirty years, and you
**NEW RELEASES** by John Martinucci

**MICHAEL BOLTON - Love Is A Wonderful Thing** (Columbia)
Bolton is ready, after spending the past several months in the San Francisco Bay Area working on his new album “Time, Love & Tenderness.” This time around Michael worked with Walter Afanasieff had a hand in Mariah Carey’s “Love Takes Time.” This original entry (as opposed to some of the more classic covers he’s recorded) has a Motown-era Pop/Soul. Look for substantial adds next week. JM

**COLOR ME BADD - I Wanna Say You (Up/Giant/Reprise)**
Well, we’re in the ’90s and I guess we need a new term for “The Wild Thing.” On the third single from New Jack City Soundtrack, this quartet crows some great harmonies. Watch for good things to come from these four fellows in the near future as they are currently working on their Giant Records debut album. Meanwhile groove and swoon to this track. JM

**BOYZ II MEN - Motownphilly** (Motown)
Look what’s coming out of the B.B.D. camp. Biv Entertainment and producer Dallas Austin are looking for big things as they put a little “East Coast swing” into effect. JM

**LUTHER VANDROSS - Power Of Love** (Epic)
Luther maintains his grooveability. I don’t remember ever saving to myself, “...well it will grow on me” about a Luther record. Radio looks forward to everyone release by this Grammy-toting balladeer. Words really can’t express his work. This man has the Power of Gold. Can’t miss.

**YO-YO - You Can’t Play With My Yo-Yo** (Atlantic Street)
Ice Cube’s exclusive Hip Hop project drops the bomb. Camouflaging a loop from Earth, Wind & Fire’s “Devotion” with a hardcore-feminist melody, Yo-Yo takes steps higher into the singer-songwriter arena. With guidance from producer Sir Jinx, this single carries an appealing element of percussion and melody that should spark immediate response at retail and radio. Keep a peek out for her upcoming album “Make Way For The Motherlode,” in stores this week. Contact Eric Skinner (212) 484-7620.

**BRIAN ALAN SAMSON**

**CULTURE BEAT - Tell Me That You Wait** (Epic)
From Germany comes a Culture Beat experience to behold. The sound is utterly urban, totally American and, ultimately, an unforgettable earmark of the sound and style currently sweeping the charts. With the help of Lana E. and lay Supreme, this single quickly establishes its beat and keeps it steady, allowing a vocal and rap showcase to unfold. With a catchy hook and an anxious melody, “Tell Me That You Wait” expresses your ticket to sonic fulfillment. “First Class Mix” and “Airdrome 12 inch Mix” are welcome for a lengthy stay, while the single edit is a quicker way to begin your cultural beating.

**BRETT DURAND ATWOOD**

**SHANGO Featuring THE FUNK QUEEN - You’re The One** (4th & Broadway/Island)
As the nineties continue to unfold, America can now safely give much deserved retro to the discos funk sound of the seventies. Here in the forefront is a Hip Hop funk number produced by Afrika Bambaataa. Recalling the seventies flair for chant and chime, this song updates the sound with an Urban edge. Hard, funky and right on time. BDA
PHOTOFILE

DOING THE NASTY AT POWER 106:
Gavin's Rap Editor Brian Alan Samson and Nastymix's National Director Of Urban Promotions "Nasty" Nes Rodriguez pose for a pic during a recent visit to POWER 106-Los Angeles.

A SOUL TRAIN SMILE:
Motown double platinum recording artist Johnny Gill cheeses for a smile.

CHILLIN WITH THE QUEEN:
Tommy Boy recording artist Queen Latifah and Gavin's Brian Alan Samson take a break from the activities.

VOGUING WITH EN VOGUE:
Gavin's Brian Alan Samson congratulates En Vogue's Cindy Herron.

BACKSTAGE AT THE SOUL TRAIN AWARDS

AN INFLATION FIGHTING TRIO:
Taking a rest at the N.A.R.M. Convention activities, Gavin's Retail Research Assistants Ernie Llamado (l) and Kelly Woo (r) chill with Doll's Rapid Creation Retailer Kermit Henderson.
After a truly brilliant beginning in 1987, a young Rick Astley rode a string of hit singles to a logical conclusion two years ago. Had he stayed with the original production team that directed his success, the notorious Stock, Aitken and Waterman, Rick was destined to replicate someone else’s formula. But at the ripe old age of 23, Rick took matters into his own capable hands and began a career re-examination and re-direction, resulting in “Free,” his just-released album on RCA.

I talked with Rick a mere matter of hours after its release and found him completely in control of his destiny.

RF: Why did you title the album Free?
RA: There’s a couple of reasons for that. I’ve worked with some big producers on the last two albums—big English producers. They’re almost household names, and because I left them and was going to go off and do something else, a lot of journalists, especially in Europe, have been asking me about that. So to stop that kind of thing, I called the album Free. I also called it that because I had the chance to work with some new people this time—with whoever I chose, wherever I chose and however I wanted. The record company was really good and said, “Look, come to us when you’re finished with it.” So (Free is) how I felt doing the whole record really.

RF: Janet Jackson called one of her albums Control, in the sense that she had more control of her career. Does that capsule your position?
RA: Maybe. I think control is quite a heavy word. And the Janet Jackson thing is something else. I don’t really think I’m in that same bracket, because she’s a much bigger artist than me. Obviously she wanted to make a statement and she went out of her way to make that statement, and that’s fine. She was in the shadow of her brother.

RF: You were kind of in the shadow of Stock Aitken and Waterman. How were you discovered?
RA: I was in a band with friends and I was the singer in the band. We were doing a club one night with a couple of other bands, a showcase kind of thing. Pete Waterman was the guy coming along to listen to us, and that was it. I made contact with him and a year later signed a deal with his company. That’s how I signed to RCA eventually.

RF: As I recall, when you first went to work there, you had recorded an album that sat in the can for awhile.
RA: It wasn’t a full album—we recorded a couple of things. When I signed the deal with them, they still had different people’s albums and projects they were working on. So I went down to work there and did my demos at night. In that time we also recorded “Never Gonna Give You Up” and a couple of other songs. But we hung around for awhile until RCA was ready.

RF: In England the singles came out in a different order.
RA: Yes, but “Never Gonna Give You Up” was the first single world-wide—with the exception of the United States.

RF: Which was the one that ended up being the biggest selling single in all of the U.K.?
RA: That was “Never Gonna Give You Up.” It sold about 800,000-900,000. They’ve even changed the platinum numbers now—the numbers that you have to sell to be platinum. Even since then, because literally nobody was doing it, you just don’t sell that many singles anymore. Not in Britain anyway. I think it’s the same the world over. Record sales, especially singles, have gone down.

RF: I’ve often wondered what happens to an artist who has such immense success with their first single. Do you spend the rest of your life trying to live up to that?
RA: To be honest, I feel more that other people expect or want me to live up to that. Deejays, and record company people—they would all love to see me have a number one, and there would be a story there. But at the end of the day, I don’t really think I’m ever gonna be quite that successful with a single again, and I’m not that bothered by it. I’ve done it once and it was great, and if it happens again I’ll be really pleased, but I think things have calmed down a little now. I was new and I was a fresh face and that only happens once.

RF: You have to agree that your voice is still somewhat of a...
novelty. There aren't many young singers with your kind of depth.

RA: Thank you, that's quite a compliment. Maybe, but I do feel that certain people know the voice now. Not so much in America because it takes a long time for things to really become concrete, but I think people are getting more used to it. It's still a talking point, and I think it always will be. I'm never going to do an interview where somebody says to me, "Well, I remember seeing that guy for the first time."

RF: I have to admit that I didn't see your face associated with the voice for the longest time. The face still doesn't match the voice.

RA: A lot of people have said that, that's the way a lot of people feel.

RF: It seems like an artist can have a longer career in America than they can in England—you can be knee-capped very quickly by the press in England. Have you re-directed your focus toward the States?

RA: The thing with America is that to be big here you have to spend a lot of time here. In the past, because I'm an English artist, I'm European—that has been the key. If you want to put it into market terms, that's been my key market. But I'd like to be big in

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## Top Tip

**Jude Cole**
- Compared To Nothing (Reprise)

Comparable to anything else on the air today.

## Record to Watch

**Marc Cohn**
- Walking In Memphis (Atlantic)

Cohn-heads tell us this is a "must play."

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Top 5 Pop Smash!
Going for A/C reports Monday, April 8.
**UP & COMING**

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Dropped: Russell Hitchcock, Rosanne Cash, Jeff Healey Band, Bobby Caldwell, Styx (Show), Tim Blixseth, Black Tie, Airkraft.

**INSIDE A/C**

by Diane Rufer and Ron Fell

A cliff-hanger is developing for the next number one on the A/C chart. AMY GRANT's "baby baby" has a 23 station lead in HEAVY rotations, while ROD STEWART's "Rhythm Of My Heart," only a five-week old record has a six station lead over AMY in total stations. Gonna take over 230 stations and over 200 HEAVY reports to replace RICK ASTLEY.

The ROBERT PALMER single is not over yet, either. It's up +5 stations. Expect the current top four to juggle amongst themselves for maybe the next two weeks.

VOICES THAT CARE approaches the top ten with an 18% increase in rotations of quality and 18 more ADDs including WWDE, KSTP/FM, WQRL, KLSQ, KWMG/FM, KXRO and KBIG.

Another 21 A/Cs take up the "KOZ" as "Nothin' But The Radio On" leaps 28 to 19. Among the new are KLWN, WJON, WEBE/FM, KBAU/FM. HIT FACTOR soars 20% (from 40% to 60%) this week.

Moving up the chart from 40 to 25 this week is CELINE DION's sophomore effort "(If There Was) Any Other Way." Its HIT FACTOR passes the 50% mark despite 32 more ADDs from the likes of WAHR, WGMT, WFMK/FM, WKQX, KFM, KLG, KKYC/FM, JOY99, KSN and KRKO.

The fabulous MARIAH CAREY debuts at number 26 with 66 more ADDs. Whew!! A little extra research here at Gavin indicates that 212 stations are playing at least one MARIAH CAREY single at the moment and 54 are playing two. It may take more than a miracle to top it.

Former RECORD TO WATCH, LONDONBEAT's "I've Been Thinking About You," is at number 35 with a 57% HIT FACTOR and 23 important ADDs including WKKW/FM, WNNB, WWFM/FM, KMIC/FM, KFYR, KXL, KHLT/FM, WTW, WKBZ, WTKR, KZHS, WBBG, KZM and WEL.

GINO VANNELLI's "If I Should Lose This Love," our RECORD TO WATCH last issue, doubled his station count this week with 50 ADDS bringing his total to 102 and moving it into CHARTBOUND. Tying for fourth MOST ADDED, with WILL/AM, WKYE, WKFN, KMIC, KSCB, WJON, WMT/FM, KWAS, K gallon and WEL.

KESZ, KTID, KAMX, KGY among the 50 new.

Qualifying for RECORD TO WATCH this week is MARC COHN's "Walking In Memphis." Placed in UP & COMING with 32 stations and picking up WEBE/FM, WACKO, WXLS, KKIC/FM, KXL, KLOV/FM, WABI, WRCO, KT1, and QQ2/FM this week. Programmers are talking up this single about a stroll to Graceland and seeing the ghost of Elvis.

Michael Bolton

Love Is A Wonderful Thing (Columbia)

We'll be shocked if this absolute number one adult hit doesn't get more than a hundred first-week adds. A positive message set to a rhythmic cadence and sung with conviction by one of the pop world's most consistent hitmakers. Can't miss!!

Chicago

Explain It To My Heart (Reprise)

Their second straight Diane Warren composition taken from the group's twenty-first album. It's a power ballad designed to attract our most contemporary adults.

Enigma

Sadness Part I (Charisma)

A Top Ten Top 40 track featuring a swirling Gregorian chant. Hardly our trend-associated format's usual fare but certainly worthy of adult radio play. Go figure.

the GAVIN REPORT/April 5, 1991

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•MICHAEL JACKSON
The first evidence of the new billion dollar deal Michael Jackson recently signed with Sony Software will be his anticipated “Dangerous” album, due this summer. It will mark the first Jackson solo album in fifteen years without the production guidance of Quincy Jones.

•ROLLING STONES
In the March 31 Los Angeles Times, Keith Richards says that fellow Stone Bill Wyman is still part of the band and did participate in the two new songs heard on the group’s new album of otherwise live songs. Says Richards, “As far as the rest of us are concerned, he’s still in the band.”

•JOHN MELLENCAMP
He’s completed production of his feature length film, Falling From Grace, and now John Mellencamp will spend the next few months completing production on his new album set for release late this summer. Mellencamp’s regular guitarist, Larry Crane, has decided to go solo and John has replaced him with David Grissom.

•DWIGHT YOAKAM
Country music star Dwight Yoakam is participating in the soon-to-be-released Grateful Dead compilation album called “Dedication.” Yoakam has contributed his version of the Dead classic TRUCKIN’ to the set. Yoakam refers to the song as “an off-handed anthem of resilience.”

•PATTI SCIALFA
Patti Scialfa, the mother of Evan Springsteen, is completing production of her debut solo album with Heartbreaker guitarist Mike Campbell.

•NILS LOFGREN
The current Nils Lofgren single, VALENTINE, was written by Nils in tribute to his wife, actress Cis Randall.

•RIFF
In 1988, he four guys in Riff, Kenny Kelly, Anthony Fuller, Dwayne Jones and Steven Capers, Jr. were all students at Eastside High School in Paterson, New Jersey. That’s the same school and the same time frame in which the school was made famous by Eastside’s controversial principal in the film Lean On Me, in which Morgan Freeman starred as Joe Clark.

•YANNI
Yanni’s last name is Hrysomallis and he was born in Greece. He begins a thirty-city tour on April 27th in Tempe, Arizona.

•TANITA TIKARAM
Twenty-one year old Tanita Tikaram is the daughter of a Fijian father and Malayan mother, but she grew up in Munster, Germany where she lived until she and moved with her family to England as a teenager.

•BON JOVI
At about the same time Bon Jovi guitarist Richie Sambora releases his solo album this summer, he hopes to be in the studio working on the next Bon Jovi album. For the Sambora solo album, listen for fellow Bon Jovians Tico Torres and David Bryan as well as a cameo from Eric Clapton.

•ROD STEWART
In an interview with The Sunday Times Of London, Rod Stewart says he hopes to someday record an entire album of Gershwin songs.

•ICE-T
Hot on the heels of his performance in “New Jack City,” Ice-T releases a new album, “O.G.” next month, and he’s already begun shooting his next cinematic role in the film “Riccochet” which stars Denzel Washington and John Lithgow.

•OLETA ADAMS
When she was a mere eleven years of age, Oleta Adams was already conducting her Baptist preacher father’s choir in her native Yakima, Washington.

•ENIGMA
For those of you a little short on your Roman numerals, the title of the Enigma album, “MCMXC A.D.” is the symbol for 1990, the year in which the album was released (except in the States).

•INXS
The full name of Gary Beers, drummer of INXS, is Garry Gary Beers.

•M.C. HAMMER
This fall, ABC Television will launch a Saturday cartoon series called Hammerman, with Stanley Kirk Burrell as a super-hero who gets his magical power from a pair of dancing shoes.

•MICHAEL BOLTON
The new Michael Bolton album, “Time, Love and Tenderness,” due next month, will include a collaboration with Bob Dylan on a song called STEEL BARS.

•GARTH BROOKS
For this June’s TNN Music City News Country Awards, Garth Brooks leads all nominees with seven, topping the six nominations garnered by Vince Gill.

•R.E.M.
Though R.E.M. doesn’t plan a serious tour in 1991, they did play a couple of nights in England earlier this year under the group name Bingo Hand Job. The sets included band members playing each other’s instruments and even included an untitled song they’ve written for a new Wim Wenders’ film.

•GUNS N’ ROSES
The late spring release of the new Guns N’ Roses album will include as many as thirty-six tracks. There’s talk of it being available in two separate discs or as a double CD.
## HIT FACTOR

A/C Research:
Diane Rufer/Ron Foll

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At what time of night does it stop being really, really late and become really, really early? About an hour after most morning personalities have to get up for work. A reality which pits our nation's morning men and women against the relentless, impending doom of oversleeping. Lessening the likelihood of oversleeping is the goal of every morning personality and few especially fun afternoon ones. Today we'll talk with the radio people who face the daily grind of rising a few beats ahead of their body rhythm and, more interestingly, we'll find out what happens when they don't.

WGRR/FM-Cincinnati morning man KEN MATHERS says he's up at 3:30 in the morning. He's in the building by 4:30 and on the air at 5:30. But don't hate him because he's punctual. Ken says the trick is two alarm clocks. They go off two minutes apart. The second one is strategically placed across the room and if he doesn't get up, his wife leaves him.

Morning show co-host DEBBY BAKER at K-FAT in Eugene/Corvallis, OR says her secret is good coffee. She uses an alarm clock with a battery backup in case of a power outage. That plus the fear of getting fired is what gets her out of bed. Debby did oversleep one morning. She called in to say she was late, and her co-host was happy to make fun of her until she got there.

DAVE SANBORN (not to be confused with that guy on the saxophone) from WUSL-Power 99 in Philadelphia confesses that after six years he has yet to get used to waking up for a morning show. He sets his clock fast and his alarm early. Then he sets a second alarm clock as a backup. One time he did sleep through both alarms. His producer called and started screaming into his phone machine. Dave slept through that as well. He doesn't recall what induced this sort of blind stupor, but he's assuming it was a very good time.

BILL WHITE at WUBE-Cincinnati wakes by this motto. "Never hit the snooze, just hit the floor!" He says the trick is to get up extra early. He's out of bed by 2 a.m. He's been doing mornings for six years and has never had a problem waking up. However, he spends most of his vacations asleep. Not a lot of fun for his family, who is left with the task of feeding him intravenously.

"MALO" (aka BRAD EDWARDS) at Hot-95 (WHQT) Miami has been doing mornings for 15 years without a serious mishap—except last week. He thought he was awake, turned off the alarm and passed out. Mindy, his partner, covered and the boss didn't wake him in time to notice. (Don't anyone show this to him!!) Malo claims to enjoy getting up early. He hooked his alarm up to his stereo system. The thing goes off every morning and pretty much launches him out of bed. Malo says he usually wakes up midflight—before his head hits the floor!

In New Haven, WKCI/FM's DR. CHRIS EVANS admits that he has overslept on occasion, but he believes it's part of what makes him so relatable and endearing. Chris just rolls into work laughing when he's late and then he turns his tardinsh into a bit. The audience loves it. Not always sharing in the amusement, however, is the overnight guy who tends to put a damper on the fun by opening the mic and saying, "Chris was late because he's busy having an affair with the boss' wife."

GARRETT CHESTER, morning man at WMXB-Richmond, VA overslept his morning show only once. It happened a month or so into his very first job. He was as good as fired until he showed his boss a glowing article on the lovable new morning team that was featured in a local publication. The boss reconsidered and Garrett designed a method of waking himself that has not failed him since. He uses his snooze alarm from 2:30 to 3:40 a.m. This technique has proven to be highly effective, with one domestic drawback. Every time he reaches over and hits the snooze button his wife reaches over and hits him. But Garrett's been doing mornings for eight years now so getting up is not a problem. The real problem is sleeping past 5:00 on weekends.

As any morning personality will tell you, no matter what time of year it is—savings time or standard time—if you crack open your eyes and you see daylight, run for your life!! You are in serious trouble. Yes, it takes a brave man or woman to face a screaming alarm clock at 4:30 a.m. without the use of profanity. We applaud your discipline. We support your efforts, and we are hopeful this article has made you drowsy enough to get to bed early. If you have some funny stories, write me at 6255 Sunset Blvd., Suite 2203, Hollywood, California 91228, or fax me at (213) 467-9540. I must.

Thanks to: Kimberly Haller, Joe Montione, Dave Price and Terry Edwards

Kent (l) of KPLZ-Seattle's Kent & Alan often shows up for work still asleep, as pictured. However, partner Alan has discovered that propping him up and pinching him can often induce a life-like smile.
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## TOP REQUESTS

| REBA McEntire            | 39  | 28  | 22  |
| DOLLY PARTON & RICKY VAN SHELTON | 38  | 27  | 24  |
| ALABAMA                  | 35  | 32  | 26  |
| VINCE GILL               | 29  | 29  | 27  |

## RECORD TO WATCH

| KELLY WILLIS             | 31  | 30  | 29  |
| Baby, Take A Piece Of My Heart (MCA) | 37  | 36  | 35  |

**Kelly Willis**

- Baby, Take A Piece Of My Heart (MCA)
- 102 reports and 47 adds this week, including WSIX, WAMZ, WWWW107, KASH, WAXX, WDDD, KVET, WDSD, etc.

**Editor:** Lisa Smith

**Assoc. Editor:** Cyndi Hoeltle

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The Oak Ridge Boys & Country Radio are UNSTOPPABLE and "LUCKY MOON" is the first of many reasons why.
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INSIDE COUNTRY

#1 ONE YEAR AGO TODAY
HIGHWAY 101 - Walkin', Talkin', Cryin', Barely Beatin' Broken Heart

#1 FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY
THE JUDDS - Grandpa (Tell Me About The Good Old Days)

#1 TEN YEARS AGO TODAY
ALABAMA - Old Flame

CHART HAPPENINGS...Vince "Is this guy hot or what?" Gill tops our chart this week and his album continues to climb up our retail chart. Mark Chesnutt is hot, hot, hot with an incredible 39-23 jump this week.

Shelby Lynne's "What About The Love We Made" is starting to look like her biggest record yet. She moves from 40-34 and John Brooks at WCTQ-Venice says his listeners are falling in love with Shelby in a big way. Aaron Tippin's second single is making waves as it jumps into Chartbound this week.

Dana Hall at KRED-Eureka tells us this record tested at almost 100% positive, and Michael Bailey at WKN-Baton Rouge says it's quickly becoming his most requested record. Finally, we're starting to get some action on the Bandit Brothers' "Women" on Curb. It's the inevitable answer to the Foresters' "Men," and it is already getting play at K-FOX, KIKK, WKHX, KIHK, WMZ, KEEV, WSTH, WDLS, etc.

COUNTRY HAPPENINGS...Holly Michaels is now doing overnights on WYNE - Appleton/Oshkosh. Congratulations to KWO-7-Sheridan's Scott Hirschi and his wife Beth on the birth of their son Jacob Charles on Thursday, March 28, weighing 6 lbs., 13 oz. The Rock & Raquel morning show on KAGG-Bryan/College Station now features PD Dan O'Neil and Marilyn Mcbee, who joins the staff from KWHT-Pendleton. Consequently, Dan will now be taking music calls from 10AM-2PM on Tuesdays...WKN-Baton Rouge raised over $37,000 during their St. Jude Radiothon...Neil Ross is the new Music Director at KGCH-Sidney...Lisa Puzas at KZLA-Los Angeles will be taking music calls on Thursdays from 10AM-noon...Jim Casey is the new Program Director at WZLI-Toccoa. He'll also be handling the station's music...After 27 years, the dean of traffic reporting in Baltimore, WIOC's Jim Conway, is hanging up his headset and retiring. All the best, Jim! An impressive group of artists gathered in Nashville on April 2nd to participate in the Project HOPE - Help Our Schools Survive WSN's 'Hoss Burns' initiated the project and co-wrote the song that was recorded titled "Let's Open Up Our Hearts." Among the artists participating were Clint Black, Garth Brooks, T.Graham Brown, Rodney Crowell, Vern Gosdin, George Jones, the Kentucky Headhunters, Patti Loveless, Kathy Mattea, K.T. Oslin, Ricky Skaggs, and a host of others. Talk with you next week. The Gavin Country Crew

NEW RELEASES
by Lisa Smith & Cyndi Hoelzel

CLINT BLACK - One More Payment (RCA)
The long-awaited second single from Clint's Put Yourself In My Shoes album delivers all that it promises. It's a modern western swing that everyone can relate to, and it's more fun than a Texas Saturday night.

DAN SEALS - Ball And Chain (Capitol Nashville)
Seals does a slow burn on this absorbing song. His burden is not what you'd expect—he longs for commitment, and it's heartache that hangs heavy on his heart. A great performance that will really stick with you.

DRAFANDSTRANDLUND - Train Of Heartsache (Warner Bros.)
Denise Draper and Robb Strandlund are two Nashville songwriters who individually and together have written hits for the Eagles, Vern Gosdin, Gary Morris, Gene Watson and others. This debut has lots of energy to carry it down the tracks. Denise's voice is fresh, with a bit of a cowpunk sound that grabs your attention.

T. GRAHAM BROWN - With This Ring (Capitol Nashville)
Here's one that will have you singing along before you know it. The lush production complements T's blue-eyed soul.

PROGRAMMERS PICK

SHENANDOAH - The Moon Over Georgia (Columbia)
Writer Mark Narmore sets the stage for a love story with a Southern belle who must choose between two men—one extremely wealthy, the other only able to offer her love a view of the Georgia moon. The smell of peach blossoms on a warm spring night comes through with Shenandoah's smooth harmonies, which should take this one to the top of the charts.

—Dan Hollandier, WLLX-Lawrenceburg, TN

ALBUM CUTS

GARTH BROOKS - The Thunder Rolls/Mr.Blue
LEE ROY PARNELL - Mexican Money
KATHY MATTEA - From A Distance

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**HIT FACTOR**

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**TOP SELLING ALBUMS**

1. GARTH BROOKS - No Fences (Capitol Nashville)
2. GEORGE STRAIT - Chill Of An Early Fall (MCA)
3. CLINT BLACK - Put Yourself In My Shoes (RCA)
4. REBA McEntire - Rumor Has It (MCA)
5. VINCE GILL - Pocket Full Of Gold (MCA)
6. DOLLY PARTON - Eagle When She Flies (Columbia)
7. ALAN JACKSON - Here In The Real World (Arista)
8. RANDY TRAVIS - Heroes And Friends (Warner Bros.)
9. KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS - Pickin' On Nashville (Mercury)
10. ALABAMA - Pass It On Down (RCA)

**TOP TEN VIDEOS**

1. DOLLY PARTON/RICKY VAN SHELTON - Rockin' Years (Columbia)
3. KATHY MATTEA - Time Passes By (Mercury)
4. TRAVIS TRITT - Drift Off To Dream (Warner Bros.)
5. PIRATES OF THE MISSISSIPPI - Feed Jake (Capitol Nashville)
6. DIAMOND RIO - Meet In The Middle (Arista)
7. VINCE GILL - Pocket Full Of Gold (MCA)
8. CARLENE CARTER - The Sweetest Thing (Reprise)
9. THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS - The Ballad Of Davy Crockett (Mercury)
10. BILLY DEAN - Only Here For A Little While (Capitol Nashville)

*Based on correspondents' research*
**MOST ADDED**

1. I REMEMBER - DIANNE REEVES (BLUE NOTE)
2. PUBLIC EYE - ROY HARGROVE (NOVUS/RCA)
3. MIDNIGHT IN SAN JUAN - EARL KLUGH (WARNER BROS.)
4. TIMES SQUARED - ERIC LEEDS (PAISLEY PARK/W.B.)
5. WISHBONE - RAY ANDERSON (GRAMAVISION)

**TOP TIP**

DIANNE REEVES
I REMEMBER (BLUE NOTE)
ROY HARGROVE
PUBLIC EYE (NOVUS/RCA)

Unprecedented heavy Jazz activity over the past couple weeks. Dianne Reeves grabs 60(!) adds and Roy Hargrove posts up with 56 new stations.

**RECORD TO WATCH**

ELLIS MARSALIS
PIANO IN E/SOLO PIANO (ROUNDER)

Solo Jazz piano is becoming quite chic on the Jazz chart these days. The elder Marsalis looks to return to the chart soon.

**CHARTBOUND**

*DIANNE REEVES (BLUE NOTE)*
*ROY HARGROVE (NOVUS/RCA)*
*ELLIS MARSALIS (ROUNDER)*
*EARL KLUGH (WARNER BROS.)*
*KETH JARRETT TRIO (ECM)*
*GEORGE GRUNTZ TRIO (ENJA)*
*LESTER BOWIE'S BRASS FANTASY (DIW)*

*MIKE GARSON (REFERENCE RECORDINGS)*
*SHERRO WINSTON (WARLOCK)*
*HADEN/ALLEN/MOTIAN (DIW)*
*CLAUS JERGER (GRP)*
*ARTURO SANDOVAL (GRP)*
*NILS LAN DOKY (MILESTONE)*
*TOOTS THELEMAENS (EMARCY/POLYGRAM)*

*RED RODNEY (CONTINUUM)*
*DAVID SANCHELL (ANTILLES/ISLAND)*
*SANDRA PONCE (ROCLENT)*
*STEVE KUHN (CONCORD JAZZ)*
*CHUCK WILLIAMS (DIW)*
*SIR ROLAND HANNA (MUSICMASTERS)*

Dropped: #35 Dakota Staton, #30 Phil Woods Quintet, #40 Tony Campise, #46 Les McCann, #49 Rahsaan Roland Kirk, #50 The JB Horns, Ralph Peterson.
JAZZ NEW RELEASES

MIDNIGHT IN SAN JUAN - EARL KLUGH (WARNER BROS.)
With his solo guitar pangs satisfied, Earl Klugh is back with the full-bodied sounds that make commercial Jazz and Alternative Adult programmers sing with joy. Influenced by the Country blues pickings of Chet Atkins and a Jazz/Rhythm and Blues blend, Klugh helped create this format that gives each of us radio solace. The best players show up for Midnight In San Juan—drummer Harvey Mason, pianist Richard Tee, percussionists Sammy Figueroa and Paulinho Da Costa, and bassist Abraham Laboriel. Klugh glides comfortably between melody lines and his fluid improvising. Tracks like “Every Moment With You,” “Kissin’ On The Beach” and the title cut are breezy and lucent. But there are some departures. "She Never Said Why" is haunting and sentimental. "Mobimientos Del Alma" is Salsa-charged, and fueled with a full horn arrangement. On the closing "Take You There," Klugh enlists Jazz compadres Ron Carter and Toots Thielemans, and gets guitar support from Chuck Loeb. Don Sebesky conducts string, vocal and rhythm arrangements, giving things a slight CTI time warp—reminiscent of Earl's groundbreaking days with George Benson.

SARAH—DEDICATED TO YOU - CARMEN McRAE (NOVUS/RCA)
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The New Album
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Peter Kingsberrry, Lennon & McCartney
and Larry Tagg

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5 1 GRANT GEISSMAN - Flying Colors (Bluemoon)
2 2 JONI MITCHELL - Night Ride Home (Geffen)
4 3 PAT COIL - Steps (Sheffield)
7 4 STING - Soul Cages (A&M)
1 5 BILLY JOE WALKER, JR. - The Walk (Geffen)
6 6 RAY OBIEGO - Iguana (Windham Hill Jazz)
3 7 SAM CARDON - Serious Leisure (Airus)
10 8 9 KILAUEA - Antiqua Blue (Brainchild/Nova)
8 9 9 CHUCK GREENBERG - From A Blue Planet (Gold Castle)
--- 20 10 EARL KLUGH - Midnight In San Juan (Warner Bros.)
15 11 11 PETER KATER - Roof Tops (Silver Wave)
19 12 12 SPENCER BREWER - The Piper's Rhythm (Narada)
13 10 14 KEVIN LEITAU - Kevyn Lettau (Narada)
21 16 14 GEORGE HOWARD - Love And Understanding (GRP)
24 20 16 T. LAVITZ - Mood Swing (Nova)
27 21 17 STEVE LAURY - Stepping Out (Denon)
23 22 18 DAN BALMER - Music (Chase Music Group)
12 14 19 SUSAN J. PAUL - Human Factor (Vantage)
14 17 20 DAVE KOZ - Dave Koz (Capitol)
20 19 21 TRAUT/RODBY - The Duo Life (Columbia)
--- 26 22 KENNY BLAKE - Interior Designs (Heads Up)
9 13 23 SHAKATAK - Perfect Smile (Verve Forecast/Poligrama)
11 18 24 SAM RINEY - Playing With Fire (Spindletop)
17 24 25 MEMPHIS BOYS - The Memphis Boys (Vanguard)
31 28 26 BIRELI LAGREN - Acoustic Moments (Blue Note)
25 27 27 AKIRA JIMBO - Palette (Optimism)
38 30 28 SHERRY WINSTON - Love Is (Warlock)
46 35 29 FULL CIRCLE - Secret Stories (Columbia)
37 34 30 DAVID HEWITT - An African Tapestry (Rhythm Safari)
41 32 31 YELLOWJACKETS - Greenhouse (GRP)
16 25 32 GERALD ALBRIGHT - Dream Come True (Atlantic)
--- 44 33 PHIL PERRY - The Heart Of The Man (Capitol)
42 36 34 YANNI - "Swept Away" (Private Music)
47 41 35 ROBERT PALMER - Don't Explain (EMI)
--- 43 36 DEBORAH HENSON-CONANT - Talking Hands (GRP)
36 33 37 LINDA EDER - Linda Eder (RCA)
47 38 38 MARC COHN - Marc Cohn (Atlantic)
22 29 39 PAUL SIMON - The Rhythm Of The Saints (Warner Bros.)
30 31 40 BILL MOORE - Mind Resort (Positive Music)
--- 41 41 TANITA TIKARAM - Everybody's Angel (Reprise)
43 42 42 JAMES LEE STANLEY - Ripe Four Distraction (Beachwood)
46 43 43 WILL DOWNING - A Dream Fulfilled (Island/PLG)
50 44 44 BIG DISH - Satellites (East-West/Atlantic)
45 45 WILLIAM ORBIT - Strange Cargo 2 (IRS)
46 46 VINA - Rooms In My Fatha's House (Pangaea/IRS)
47 47 ERIC LEEDS - Times Squared (Warner Bros.)
28 40 48 VAN MORRISON - Enlightenment (Mercury)
44 49 49 CUSCO - Water Stories (Higher Octave)
--- 50 50 MARK SLONIK - Perfectly Human (Music West)

REPORT*Debuts in chartbound

JIM CHAPPELL (MUSIC WEST)
*DAG CROMER (NARADA)
FREDIE RAVEL (VERVE FORECAST)
AMARNA (HIGHER OCTAVE)
*MICHAEL TOMLINSON (BLUEMOON)
MICHAEL MANRING (WINDHAM HILL)
MARTIN KOLBE (NARADA)
MAURA O'CONNELL (WARNER BROS.)
*DAVID FRIESEN (GLOBAL PACIFIC)
*JENNIFER ROBIN (DENON)
*HERB ALPERT (A&M)
*DANCES WITH WOLVES SOUNDTRACK (EPIC)

Dropped: #37 Brian Bromberg, #38 Bobby McFerrin, #39 Joe Sample, #48 Ben Tankard, Alex DeGrassi.

the GAVIN REPORT/April 5, 1991
JAZZ NEW RELEASES

It's Carmen McRae's long awaited follow up to the marvelous chart topper Carmen Sings Monk. When Carmen plans her next move, we can always count on some great ideas. This time she might have outdone herself. It's something to assemble songs dedicated to Sarah Vaughan, a singer McRae studied in the early fifties to help shape her own vocal rise to the top. But to have the Shirley Horn Trio be her backup band is a swinging idea. Like Carmen says, "Who can accompany a singer better than a singer who accompanies herself?" As Bob James attested, Vaughan was the quintessential master of the ultra slow torch song. Because Sarah was a great pianist herself, so she too knew what it took. Tempo meant everything. Here, Horn is awesomely funky. Check out the break on "It's Magic." McRae treats her voice—as Vaughan did—as and instrument, adjusting to and embellishing the rhythm and melody. Carmen serves up the same heavy vibrato Sarah did when a tune needed that extra emotional gist. McRae's fans have always raved about the ease with which she moves from a bluesy growl to a sleek mid-range purr to a slicing high note. Sarah was blessed with that same gift. Great tracks abound, but when pressed our favorite is when McRae sings off the beat on "The Lamp Is Low." Have mercy!

BALLADS - DAVID MURRAY (DIW)
"Valley Talk" is the crown jewel of not only David Murray's Ballads, but the entire seven disc DIW Japanese import Jazz folks are buzzing over. Penned by pianist Dave Burrell, the main eight-bar thrust of this melody packs a chordal wallop similar to the revolutionary passion of a Latin American fight song. It's the stinging jazz performance of the year so far—an arresting mixture of Charlie Haden's most majestic liberation serenades and the sexual tension of Gato Barbieri's theme from Last Tango In Paris. Murray bookends the melody between a crucial, angst-filled flurry of improvisation. The remainder of Ballads is peripheral in mission to John Coltrane's 1962 Ballads—i.e. a return to performing songs absolutely straight for condensed impact. But Murray's amalgamated lo-fi influences aren't always held in check, they pop through with welcome results. Many jazz fans prefer it when Murray tackles a tune straight on. With Ballad's track-for-track success, there's profound merit in that assumption.

PUBLIC EYE - ROY HARGROVE (NOVUS/RCA)
Roy Hargrove is in the public eye indeed. His debut as a bandleader went to number one, he's been mentioned in all the articles about young lions on the Jazz scene and he displayed some fine solos on Frank Morgan's latest. Realizing expectations were so high, Hargrove enlisted ex-Harper Brothers pianist Stephen Scott and veteran drummer Billy Higgins. Bassist Chris McBride and alto sax player Antonio Hart are two dazzling newcomers, both ready to break tackles and sprint for the Bop end zone. Public Eye is eleven tracks strong—a song-oriented as opposed to bowing to performance. The arrangements are sturdy, with just enough give to let the soloists soar. Also, Public Eye is also crisply recorded. Hart and Hargrove work well in tandem, but don't write off Scott's flashy piano work. On "Lada" all three trade off admirably before Hargrove scratches the ceiling with a driving solo. Roy has a satisfying, full bodied style and delivers smashingly over all registers. He can handle a lingering ballad like "Once In A While" with glowing confidence. "Heartbreaker" is a crazed, Bop-style and departs with a live room sound. "Little Bennie (Crazehology)" is a sparkling homage to Bird, Diz and Roach—full of fast and clean notes. The title track is a combination of what makes this disc so special: wiry solos, nice melodies, cool interaction and swinging rhythms.

A REAL LIFE STORY - MAURA O'CONNELL (WARNER BROS.)
A Real Life Story is a mature follow-up to Helpless Heart. As was true with her debut, O'Connell's strength accelerates as the album winds down to the more basic acoustic arrangements. Since O'Connell doesn't write her own songs, we gravitate toward the ones penned by composers we know and trust. Maura's dramatic Irish vibrato blossoms on Tom Waits' melancholy "Broken Bicycles." Alternative Adult might consider playing her version of Shawn Colvin's searching ballad "I Don't Know Why" between instrumentals. The delicate trio of Jerry Douglas' dobro, Dean Parks' ringing acoustic guitar and Maura's sweetened vocal shine on the clever, spontaneous make-over of the Beatles' "For No One," a possible phone response track.

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MOST ADDED
1. "AMERICAN MUSIC" - THE VIOLENT FEMMES (SLASH/REPRISE)
2. "PSYCH OUT" - THE SEERS (RELATIVITY)
3. WHAT AN EXPERIMENT... - UNCLE GREEN (dB RECORDS)
4. "PHOENIX OF MY HEART" - Xmox (WING/MERCURY)
5. MAMA SAID - LENNY KRAVITZ (VIRGIN)

TOP TIP
FISHBONE
SUNLESS SATURDAY (COLUMBIA)
The Bone-boys bounce back with a biggie—a high debut at #24.

RECORD TO WATCH
MOTORHEAD
1916 (EPIC/WTG)
Stations playin' it loud and rowdy include WDRE, WFIT, WRAS, KUSF, WRUV, WCD, WVF, WTSR and more!

IMPORT/INDIE
JELLO BIAFRA w/ NOMEANSNO - The Sky Is Falling And I Want My Mommy (Alternative Tentacles)
LEGENDARY PINK DOTS - The Maria Dimension (Play It Again Sam/Caroline)
JESUS LIZARD - Goat (Touch & Go)
HYPNOLOVEWHEEL - Space Mountain (Alias)
TWO NICE GIRLS - Chloe Liked Olivia (Rough Trade)
BOILED IN LEAD - Orb (Atomic Theory)
COIL - Windowpane (Wax Trax)
UNCLE GREEN - What An Experiment... (dB Records)
THE SEERS - "Psych Out" (Relativity)
GODFLESH - Streetcleaner (Earache/Relativity)

CHARTBOUND
*Debuts in chartbound

BODEANS - BLACK AND WHITE (SLASH/REPRISE)
BIG DISH - MISS AMERICA (EAST WEST AMERICA)
HORSEFLESSES - GRAVITY DANCE (MCA)
VIOLENT FEMMES - "AMERICAN MUSIC" (SLASH/REPRISE)
PHRANC - POSITIVELY PHRANC (ISLAND)
MOTORHEAD - 1916 (EPIC/WTG)
TRAGICALLY HIP - ROAD APPLES (MCA)

Dropped: #32 Front 242, #42 G.Parker, #44 Ride, #45 Chickasaw Mudd Puppies, #48 Lush, #49 Sonic Youth.
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AN ENTIRE CAPITOL CATALOG!
I once heard a story about a noted comedian/impressionist who went to a vocal coach to relocate his voice. He'd done so many celebrity impressions, he'd forgotten the sound of his own voice. Pat Benatar isn't in as drastic of a pickle, but the winds of change are waiting. Career at the crossroads. Maturity. Different outlook on life. It's easy to approach True Love with cynicism until you listen objectively to whom she's covering. Wynonnie Harris, Big Maybelle, T-Bone Walker, Charles Brown—blues' swinging side, spanning the thirties to the fifties. Ultimately True Love is a controversial effort. Like Oliver Stone remarked about the making of the Doors movie, "Either way I get killed." Benatar has trampled into many folk's sacred garden. There is bound to be cries of "foul." Yet I look at it differently. Judging from the knockout performance of the title track, an original composition, it looks like the whole experiment rubbed off in a very positive way. This may be Pat Benatar's version of musical hari kari. It may be a one-off project. But I applaud her for digging back to the roots in an attempt to rediscover her voice.

TRUE LOVE - PAT BENATAR
(CHRYSALIS)

SCHOOL OF FISH (CAPITOL)
School Of Fish, a brave new band, have recorded themselves a Murmur. By that I mean with the goodness of trax like "3 Strange Days," "Deep End" and "King Of the Dollar," SOF may have created so marvelous a debut effort that it may haunt them for the rest of their waking hours. Like R.E.M. (Gawd, I hate such comparisons), S.O.F. use the basic utilitarian tools to achieve both sedate and energetic highs. What's even better is that this young band does not seem to realize their limits. And that's good. This debut has it all for me. Teeth. Groove. Guts. Finesse.

"LIFT ME UP" - YES (ARISTA)
The latest Yes "union" (as opposed to "reunion") is the result of much crossbreeding. While comparing notes and demos, the upcoming Anderson, Bruford, Wakeman & Howe dudes and the current Yes guys (Trevor Rabin, Alan White, Chris Squire and Tony Kaye) struck a creative business arrangement where the two factions would reunite both in the studio and for an eighty day world tour. "Lift Me Up" comes from the Yes camp and serves as the kick-off single. Confused? Yes? No? Who's on first? Who? As confusing as it all sounds, it will ultimately simplify things for the listeners. Figure that one out.

"I WANT MORE"
DAVE WAKELING (IRS)
Spinning off the English Beat was General Public. Spinning off that is the very first solo material from Dave Wakeling, the voice of both bands. If the name doesn't ring a bell, the voice will be instantly recognizable. The opening track is the plug side, and it's a steamer, all right, attempting to answer the age old question. Is there life after consumerism? Wakeling is in great voice as the instrumental track absolutely jumps. Love it!

"WOMAN WITH THE STRENGTH OF 10,000 MEN"
PETER Himmelman (EPIC)
The Kosher Kid completes his acoustic residency in Los Angeles, bouncing back on a new label with a "Sultans Of Swing" sharpness. This first song pays homage to the almighty Matrimarch, the woman closest to you. Indeed "strength" is in the eye of the beholder. And this song is strong. Good to see Peter Himmelman back so soon.

"LOOKING FOR LOVE" - OLIVER STONE (MCA)

SWITCH SOUNDTRACK (MCA)
The upcoming Blake Edwards movie soundtrack contains a couple of cool gems. First is the new version of Lyle Lovett's "You Can't Resist It" re-cut by Lyle and Don Was. Next is a Bruce Hornsby track titled "Barren Ground" that features a fertile new mix with Jerry Garcia's guitar solo intact. A pretty song sounds prettier. Lastly is a haunting cover of Joni Mitchell's "Both Sides Now," featuring a collaboration between Paul Young and Clannad. More than worth checking out.

"BLACK MONEY" - Vinnie James (RCA)

Vinnie James talks about a nineties problem inside a seventies rock style. An acoustic guitar is the foundation while a slide guitar weeps and wails above the rest of the band. "Black Money" is a reference to drug money, not necessarily oil, though, come to think about it, America seems addicted to both.

"EAT YOUR HEART OUT"
KING OF FOOLS (IMAGO)
Lemme see. April Fools, King Of Fools. Either my CD machine is now running backward or King Of Fools have changed into one of those weird industrial bands. Howzabout servicing "Tuo Trah Ruoy Tae" by Sloof Fo Gink?
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For those of you who get the magazine on Friday, look for TOO MUCH JOY on the Fox-TV show Comic Strip Prime Time. That’s Friday, April 7, at 10 P.M. Should be good—for a laugh or two.

Many of Rhino’s artists are out on the road right now in what’s being dubbed the R.N.A. Real Music Revue. CHRIS STAMEY and PETER HOLSAAPPLE, EXENE, GREGSON & COLLISTER as well as STEVE WYNN all are hitting the road in conjunction with Rock The Vote, and will be in your city soon. Steve Wynn’s new EP should be on your desk as you read this. Rough Trade’s NICK CUCCI is making the BIG move to SONY next week. Hey, Nick—keep in touch!

DON DIXON is producing the new NIRVANA album. Is it fact or fiction?

Had a great time at the INXS/SOUP DRAGONS show last week at the Oakland Coliseum. This tour has worked wonders on the Soupies’ live show—SEAN DICKSON is quite a charismatic frontman. Speaking of charismatic frontmen, MICHAEL HUTCHENCE was his usual sexy self. It was a great show, although I would’ve loved to hear some of the older songs—from both bands.

Thanks to MATERIAL ISSUE for coming by Gavin and playing for us. Their LIVE 105 sponsored show was a scorcher! Catch them live when they come to your city—you’ll be glad you did.

Rumors that won’t go away—LIVE 105’s STEVE MASTERS and MTV! Speaking of the dude, he’s got a new single out on his TRIPINDICULAR RECORD label. Look for it in the mail. ROBYN HITCHCOCK AND THE EGYPTAINS are in Los Angeles working on their new record, with PAUL FOX producing. Robyn and R.E.M.’s PETER BUCK (who’s playing on the new album) were spotted checking out one of Peter’s favorite bands, DRIVIN’ N’ CRYIN’.

That’s all for now—LINDA RYAN

THE SEERS - "PSYCH-OUT" (RELATIVITY)
Wow! With its heavy psychedelic-house vibe and grinding groove, this one should light up the phones with no problem. "Psych-out" is a drug-induced rave that sounds as good on the radio as it does in a club. The standard topics of sex and drugs are, in fact, what the song’s lyrics center on. But with lyrics like “Wham bam thank you m’am/Outta my head don’t give a damn/Girls to the left, boys to the right/I’m in the middle and it’s outta sight...Free your mind your ass will follow.” The Seers’ “Psych-Out” embodies the true driving force behind the early raves in England and will go down as an ultimate raver’s anthem. You gotta psych-out, baby. Tune in, turn on and turn it up!

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SCHOOL OF FISH - SCHOOL OF FISH (CAPITOL)
Here at the Gavin offices we’ve been waiting to hear this puppy in its entirety for quite sometime. The band’s blistering live performance at our Seminar and the explosive lead track “3 Strange Days” left us wanting more—lots more. After gravitating there from all parts of the country, Los Angeles is where the members of this young band call home. Their various regional backgrounds probably add as much to the sound of the band as their direct influences—a Beatles vibe here and a Stones’ riff (literally) there. But unlike many young bands out there today, (Janes Addiction and The Buck Pets are exceptions that come quickly to mind), School Of Fish defy categorization. But one label seems to fit—quality. If you want to be convinced, check out “3 Strange Days,” “Deep End,” “King Of The Dollar” (listen for the Stones’ riff!), “Wrong” and “Rose Colored Glasses.” One of the best debut albums I’ve heard in a long while. LINDA RYAN

FLAT DUO JETS - GO GO HARLEM BABY (SKY RECORDS)
After touring with the Cramps it’s understandable that the Flat Duo Jets still have some of the road sticking to their ribs. Go Go Harlem Baby plays like a live show, with effective pacing between fast and slow. “Flat Duo Jets Anthem” spotlights all of the Duo Jet earmarks—driving surfably guitar, gravelly vocals, and a bass drum that consistently kicks you in the seat of your pants. Guitarist/vocalist DEXTER ROMWEBER slides back and forth between raspy singing and syrupy smoothcrooning effortlessly. “No Greater Love” is a sincere reading of the Ronnie Dove tune and flawless background vocals lift it to new heights. Dipping into the public domain, they dissect “Frog Went A Courtin’” mercilessly with a surf beat. Both “You Belong To Me” and “Don’t Blame Me” are renditions that keep

MANIC STREET PREACHERS - MOTOWN JUNK EP (HEAVENLY)
Now here’s what sounds like a blast from the past! The Manic Street Preachers share some of the same qualities as many of England’s late ‘70s and early ‘80s “punk” offerings—Angelic Upstarts and early Generation X spring readily to mind. “Motown Junk,” and “Sorrow 16” are two powerful offerings that will have you grooving along in no time. The first and last lines of a William S. Burroughs’ poem probably sum it up better than I could, so here goes: “Rock and Roll adolescents storm into the streets of all nations...they shit on the floor of the United Nations and wipe thier ass with treaties, pacts and alliances.” (Hey, do you remember when “Anarchy” was the big punk-rock phrase?) Familiar yet fresh. LR
seer (sēr) n. one who sees into the future; a clairvoyant; a prophet.
things honest with heartfelt vocals. If their live shows sound as good as this, a lot of folks will have to check their fibulas when they’re through moving.

DAVID BERAN

THOMAS MAPFUMO AND THE BLACKS UNLIMITED - CHAMUNORWA (MANGO)

What can you say about a record that you end up singing along with even though you can’t understand the words? The magic of Thomas Mapfumo is that his music is calming even if you don’t understand his native tongue. On Chamunorwa (Cha-mo’-ne-way), the Lion of Zimbabwe seduces you with his almost lovely voice. Though the tracks are long, try the title cut and Hwa Hwa (wah-wah). Mapfumo’s vocals combined with the heartbeat of Lancelot Mapfumo’s song and Kudzai Chiramuseni and Tendai Ruzvidzo’s backup makes one actually feel their physical roots plant themselves even more firmly into the sweet spring earth.

BEVERLY MIRE

TRIBE AFTER TRIBE (MEGAFORCE/ATLANTIC)

Metallic African meets U2. South African Robbi Robb and cohorts Robby Whitefull and P.K. offer an interesting and unique combination. Their album is an ambitious mix of pop politics, African drumming and good ole’ American headbanger rock. For starters, try Remember, The Mode and White Boys in the Jungle. Though much is made of their anti-apartheid stance, it comes across as more gloss than substance. It’ll be interesting to see what politics Tribe After Tribe adopt now that they’re based in Hollywood. Still, the music is excellent. BM

MORDRED - IN THIS LIFE (NOISE INTERNATIONAL)

With their new LP In This Life, San Francisco’s Mordred establishes itself as one of the most unique bands to surface in the Bay Area. Explosive, energetic, and simply mind-blowing best describes Mordred’s ability to fuse funk and metal into one. Influences from SF’s funk and rap scene and new member Aaron “Pause” Vaugn (former rapper of SF’s MCM and The Monster) contribute to Mordred’s incredible funk/metal sound. In This Life introduces an unusual new twist incorporating rap samples in their songs. And while funk-rock is nothing new, few people realize that Mordred have been paving this genre’s road for the past three years. “Killing Time,” “Progress” and “High Potency” are examples of the band’s ability to groove without straying too far from the traditional metal crunching sound. In This Life is a worthy showcase for the ingenuity and dynamic talent Mordred possesses. ROB FIEND

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| 1 | R.E.M. - Losing, Radio, Shiny (Warner Bros.) |
| 2 | SIMPLE MINDS - Lights (A&M) |
| 3 | MORRISSEY - Uncle, Family, Tony (Sire/Reprise) |
| 4 | MATERIAL ISSUE - Valerie, Diane, Rene, Lie (Mercury) |
| 5 | JESUS JONES - Right, International, Real, Trust (Food/SBK) |
| 6 | HAVANA 3 A.M. - Reach, Hardest, Motorcycle, Joyride (IRS) |
| 7 | STING - Cages, Time, Mad, Jeremiah, Cry (A&M) |
| 8 | EMF - Unbelievable, Believe (EMI) |
| 9 | GODFATHERS - Unreal, Drag, Something, Misery (Epic) |
| 10 | JOHN WESLEY HARDING - Person, Tell, Movie (Sire/Reprise) |
| 11 | HOODOO GURUS - Freelove (RCA) |
| 12 | KITCHENS OF DISTINCTION - Drive, Railwaysed (A&M) |
| 13 | DIVINYLs - Touch, Make (Virgin) |
| 14 | JUDYBATS - Native, When, Drop (Sire/Reprise) |
| 15 | THE LA'S - Goes (Go!/London/PLG) |
| 16 | SISTERS OF MERCY - Detonation, More, Vision (Elektra) |
| 17 | SCHOOL OF FISH - Three (Capitol) |
| 18 | FRAZIER CHORUS - Cloud 8 (Charisma) |
| 19 | SOUP DRAGONS - Mother (Big Life/Raw TV/Mercury) |
| 20 | LENNY KRAVITZ - Run (Virgin) |

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| 1 | THE FEELIES - Sooner, Time, Waiting (A&M) |
| 2 | DINOSAUR JR. - Wagon, Green, Water (Sire/Warner Bros.) |
| 3 | KITCHENS OF DISTINCTION - Drive, Railwaysed (A&M) |
| 4 | THROWING MUSES - Counting, Graffiti (Sire/Warner Bros.) |
| 5 | R.E.M. - Losing, Radio, Shiny (Warner Bros.) |
| 6 | JESUS JONES - Right, International, Real, Trust (Food/SBK) |
| 7 | SPACECRAFT 3 - Big (RCA) |
| 8 | BUTTLE SUREERS - Hurdy (Rough Trade) |
| 9 | DRAKE - Waiting (Beggars Banquet/RCA) |
| 10 | BEAT HAPPENING - Cry, Collide, Revolution (Sub Pop) |
| 11 | SCREAMING TREES - Roses, Uncle, Beyond (Epic) |
| 12 | GODFATHERS - Unreal, Drag, Something, Misery (Epic) |
| 13 | TAD - Jinx, Trash, Candi, (Sub Pop) |
| 14 | MATERIAL ISSUE - Valerie, Diane, Rene, Lie (Mercury) |
| 15 | BONGWATER - Power, Kisses, Mystery (Shimmy Disc) |
| 16 | DANIEL ASH - This, Heaven, Tripper (Beggars Banquet/RCA) |
| 17 | ELEVENTH DREAMDAY - Rose, Frozen, Angels, Game (Atlantic) |
| 18 | TAME YOURSELF - Raw, Erasure&Lene, B-52's (Rhino) |
| 19 | HAVANA 3 A.M. - Reach, Hardest, Motorcycle, Joyride (IRS) |
| 20 | POP WILL EAT ITSELF - XYZ, Dance, Another (RCA) |

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The Soup Dragons, currently on tour with INXS, visited with the staff of WRAS, Atlanta. Pictured L-R (behind) WRAS' Brian Hensgan and Soup Dragon Sean Dickson. (Front) WRAS MD Jeff Clark, Mercury's Valerie Pittman, SD's Sushil Dade, Jim McCulloch and Paul Quinn.

The Tragically Hip recently won Canada’s Juno Award for Entertainer Of The Year. Shown at the ceremony are TH members Bobby Baker, Paul Langlois, Gordon Downie, Gord Sinclair and Johnny Fay.

Stopping by the Gavin offices a couple weeks ago was Nils Lofgren, who treated the staff to an excellent acoustic set. Shown L-R are Kent Zimmerman, Lofgren, Kenny Ryback and Keith Zimmerman. Hams one and all.

Clowning around backstage with comedian Bobcat Goldthwait are the best clowns of all—Too Much Joy. The Joy Boys will be featured on an episode of the Bobcat's show, "Comic Strip Prime Time". L-R are (standing) TMJ's Sandy Smallens and Bobcat. Seated are TMJ's Jay Blumenfield, Tommy Vinton and Tim Quirk.

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**A Chat With Sonic Boom**

By David A. Beran

"Punk Rock," "Alternative," "Underground," "Post-Modern"—these are just some of the labels that attempt to define a type of music. A chat with Sonic Boom, formerly of Spacemen 3, reminds me that the telltale sign of something that's truly different is attitude. The attitude that anyone can get together and play music without catering to the opinions of others has always been around. It didn't magically appear in the early sixties with the Beatles or in late '70s England. The Sex Pistols weren't the first to prove that anyone can pick up instruments and start a band and, thankfully, they won't be the last.

"I still don't know any chords on the guitar," confides Sonic over the phone from his hometown in Rugby, England. "Part of the secret of Spacemen 3 is that it's minimal, but there's a lot in the way of expression and attitude." The feeling exuding from Sonic Boom is unassuming; a sharp contrast to reports of the band's pretentiousness. Irony comes into focus: often when you talk to people who play so-called "inaccessible" music, they have a refreshing air of accessibility.

Spacemen 3's latest mission, *Recurring*, is their final. At the outset, they championed a heady mix of distorted guitars with lyrics that mused on drugs and death with religious fervor. Hypnotic repetition was their territory and one chord wonders immolated on for some times as long as thirty eight minutes. Their live shows were heralded as epic excursions of sensory overload. This gave way to a generally softer, more electronic sound on 1989's *Playing With Fire*, but by then the Spacemen were drifting in opposite orbits. "For the last two records we've mainly been working apart from the same pool of musicians. When *Recurring* was recorded a year and a half ago things weren't too bad, but it was afterwards."

*Recurring* has the enduring sense of finality that Spacemen 3 continually explores. It's hard to believe that there won't be more records made on some sort of astral plane. "There's a lot of recurring themes about what we do. I felt although the band had ended there was something infinite about the music," explains Sonic.

Rumor had it that the whole project had to be remixed, but he sets the record straight. "The tracks on *Recurring* were recorded a year and a half ago. Afterwards, we'd fallen out with our manager and without my knowledge he compiled a tape to be cut from and didn't ask me which mixes to use. I normally sequence the albums and choose from about fifteen or twenty mixes of songs, so that was my gripe."

"Big City," the first single, is an unabashed dance track influenced by Donna Summer's "I Feel Love" and Blondie's instrumental version of "Heart Of Glass." Other influences mentioned include 13th Floor Elevators, Suicide, the Staple Singers and My Bloody Valentine.

Drugs have always been a focal point of the Spacemen 3 experience, spawning sayings like "taking drugs to make music to take drugs to." Sonic is fond of telling the story of fifty ordained priests who were given LSD and claimed that it was the most religious experience of their lives. But when the subject comes up, there's a levelheaded regard for their influence. "I'm not on a crusade or anything," he relates. "I think there's a lot of misperceptions about drugs, and if people were more honest about their drug use then it would have far less of a taboo type quality to it. There are highly spiritual sides to some drugs that can be very useful in sorting out your beliefs."

Since things went to smash with Spacemen 3, Sonic has been keeping busy with other projects. *Spectrum* was a low budget album recorded after *Playing With Fire* and though he's not 100% sure, Sonic wants to call his new band Spectrum. A new album is due out in September and there are plans to tour. "I'll be doing some of the songs that I've written throughout Spacemen 3. We've done gigs doing some of that material and the difference between Spacemen 3 and the new group is negligible." In the meantime, he's doing some production work for other bands and writing for England's *The Record Collector* magazine. Look for a Sonic Boom single called "Optives/Tremolos" that has special drum tracks rendering it playable at all record speeds.

Spacemen 3 are no more, but it's encouraging to still hear an attitude of experimentation from Sonic Boom. Their sound continues to influence and the ethic that anyone can pick up instruments and play them is a recurring one. The muse is out there orbiting and it's only a matter of time until someone else taps into it. Don't go staring off too far into space—it could be right under your nose.

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RICK ASTLEY

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America definitely, because a lot of my favorite singers are Americans.

RF: Who are they?

RA: Michael McDonald—for one, he’s written a song on this album. Luther Vandross, James Ingram, Jeffrey Osborne. It would be nice to be recognized by a few of these people as someone that they see on the charts every now and again. Or they’d see me on TV and say, “Yeah, I know who Rick Astley is.” That would be a nice feeling.

RF: Apparently Michael McDonald knows who you are, because he sent you some songs for consideration. Did he consider you the person who could best do these songs?

RA: I don’t really know to be honest with you. I think he sent me the four songs because he knew that I liked what he does and I liked the way he writes, and his voice obviously is very special to me. I don’t think that he had me in mind when he wrote the songs, but maybe he thought they’d suit me. It was very difficult for me, because he is one of my favorite singers, and if he was singing about old rope I’m sure that I’d enjoy that as well, so it was difficult to decide whether it was a good song or not. But it stood out for everybody pretty much straightaway that “In The Name Of Love” was a great song.

RF: Is that likely to be a follow-up single?

RA: Not at the moment. Some people have said it’s their favorite, but at the moment we have no plans. The next single is going to be called “Move Right Out,” which again is a song by myself and Rob Fischer. We wrote the current single, “Cry For Help” as well.

RF: That’ll be two in a row with him.

RA: Yeah, Rob’ll be pleased!

RF: In putting this album together, was there some cohesive theme?

RA: As an overview, what I wanted to do this time was use more real instruments and get the benefit of working with some good players. One of the things I experienced going out on tour was if you get the right people, they can add something to your initial idea. I think that really worked on the album, with Elton John and Andrae Crouch. Even when you get a drummer and you ask him to do something and he comes up with a different idea, the song takes a slightly different pattern.

RF: It becomes a collaborative effort.

RA: Yeah, as long as you get the right people in and you guide them so you get what you want from them. I think that’s when music gets really creative, because you’ve got someone else’s idea.

RF: You had a hired gun as piano player on a couple of tracks. Explain how Elton John became involved?

RA: I’ve known him for awhile. I was out having dinner one evening and we bumped into him in this restaurant, so we all ate together. He said, “Look, I think it’s great that you’ve left Stock, Aiiken and Waterman and that you’re going to do something else. If you want me to play the piano, I’ll play on the album.” Obviously I was more than pleased about that. I was really excited and when I told Gary (Stevenson, producer), he was really excited.

RF: Now do you owe him?

RA: Yeah, if he ever wants some backing vocals done, I’m there!

RF: You also did some work with Mark King of Level 42. We in the States haven’t heard much from Level 42. Are they still together?

RA: They are yes. They’ve got a couple of different members at the moment—new members. I think they’re going to be releasing an album at some point this year. I believe they just signed a deal with RCA in the U.K.

RF: Did “Cry For Help” feel like a gospel song when it was being composed?

RA: Not really. When I did this song with Rob we were around at his place and we sort of knocked out the tune, with just the chords and the melody. And when we’d done the demo, and I’d done some backing vocals and a few harmonies here and there, we just started to feel that the chorus should be made into something more—more right in people’s faces, and lifted up a bit. The first thing that sprang to mind was a choir. Because of the concept of the lyric and the style of the song, we all felt that it would work. So we just looked around for the best man to do it and Andrae Crouch seemed to be the guy. So we came over to Los Angeles and we did that, and we did the brass with Jerry Hey in L.A. as well.

RF: I’ve got to ask you about your short haircut. Your hair was so short for so long.

RA: It’s getting longer. I’ve still not had it cut yet, so it’s getting longer.

RF: Can you sit on it yet?

RA: Not quite. I’m working on that one. I just got bored of having my hair cut. I used to have hair like this when I was at school when I was 15, but I got bored of it so I had it cut off. I guess now the reverse has happened. The thing about being in the public eye, is that if you change your hair style it’s like a statement. To me it’s not a statement—I just got bored with it. If the guy down the street wants to cut his hair, nobody talks about it.

RF: No one’s going to confuse you with Cyndi Lauper or Madonna.

RA: I don’t think so!

RF: Are you gonna be touring the States this year?

RA: Yes, in the summer.

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PERSONAL PICKS

SINGLES by Dave Sholin

MICHAEL BOLTON - Love Is A Wonderful Thing (Columbia)
Can't imagine anything more wonderful for Top 40 programmers than to have a song like this for the Spring Book. As I've been saying to people since I first heard this release during the Gavin Seminar—it's just the best new single of the past six months. Expect it to be one of the Most Added "out-of-the-box" releases this year.

GLORIA ESTEFAN - Seal Our Fate (Epic)
The consummate artist, Gloria offers a glimpse into her wide range of musical tastes and abilities as a vocalist, taking on her first Rock-oriented track. It's exciting to hear one of our premiere talents explore new territory, sounding just as comfortable and confident as when she's singing the Dance/Pop or tender ballads that have been her trademark. Message gets driven home with intensity and a fiery chorus.

CHICAGO - Explain It To My Heart (Reprise)
Bill Champlin and Jason Scheff team up for a dramatic rendering of this touching Diane Warren ballad that couldn't be more perfect for the band's signature sound. A song adults have no problem relating to by a top name act, is a precious commodity for Top 40 stations these days, making this brilliant effort a welcome sight.

DAVID LEE ROTH - Sensible Shoes (Warner Bros.)
After seeing "Mr. Shoenmanship" on MTV and hearing this track, it finally arrives at Top 40's doorstep. Clever word play reinforces the title and theme while Diamond Dave pokes fun at the lifestyle of super cool Romeos in his own unmistakable style.

ALBUMS by Ron Fell

MIKE + MECHANICS - Word Of Mouth (Atlantic)
You'd think if anyone would employ the old adage "If It Ain't Broke, Don't Fix It" it would be a mechanic. But for some reason rooted in practical matters of rock and roll, Mike Rutherford and his Mechanics have thrown a spanner into the works. "Word Of Mouth," the group's third album in six years, is uncharacteristically furious, frantic and oddly tilted away from the cavernous abyss of arena rock. The monstrous lead single, WORD OF MOUTH, is typical of the glutinous appetite exhibited by the boys at what I hope is NOT their last supper. And were there some forum for such high protein rock in pop radio today, my argument would be mute. But these guys are swimming upstream at the moment, except for the type of songs that were their heritage—warm, grotesquely elegant, sentimental love songs represented sparingly on this album by A TIME AND PLACE, THE WAY YOU LOOK AT ME, STOP BABY and the mid tempo track that would have sucked up radio play like a sponge. MY CRIME OF PASSION. Word of mouth, like street talk, has a way of bending truths to the point of sometimes damaging one's own reputation. Let's hope future singles set the record straight!!
The first smash single from the debut album "Girls Talk"

"Don't write these ladies off as fronts or fluff...these four can play and sing their asses off, they write their own material, and the single's as strong as anything like it I've ever heard."
Steve Wyrostock - KRBE

"Great timing! We needed a great pop-hit song and The Rebel Pebbles "Dream Lover" is what we were looking for."
Joel Folger - KEGL

"The Rebel Pebbles?? OH YEAH!!!!"
Bill Presley - KKYK
"Into The Light" album is Platinum Plus

"Coming Out Of The Dark" single went to #1 at both the Top 40 and A/C formats in all the trades

"Coming Out Of The Dark" video went to #1 on the VH-1 Top 20 Countdown

Sold out tour starts in April in London and comes to America in July

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