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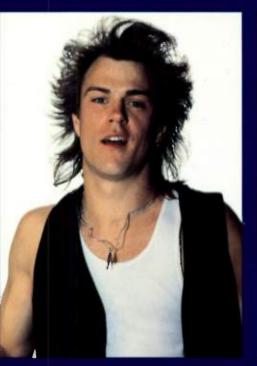
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Two Years of Hits (like it or not)

"HITS is having a Second Anniversary?" you queried. "That's about as exciting as George Bush having a bladder infection."

Yes folks, the sad reality in August 1988 is that HITS, affectionately known as the Heimlich Maneuver of Trade Magazines, celebrates its second anniversary. Now is an appropriate time for you to say to yourself, "How the hell did that happen?"

O.K., can we proceed with this page now? (Actually we're just groping for copy to fill the space between ads — thank you.)

Sure, we know that in the past 12 months we've made a lot of you throw up — and those are the people who LIKE us.

We also know we've made a lot of people pretty darn mad (those nutty little devils), and we'd like to take this opportunity to apologize to all the spineless weasels out there who have the sense of humor of a gelded yak.

Unfortunately, we don't have space for that apology, so we'll skip that opportunity.

Anyway, we're as amazed as you are that we've lasted as long as we have. So the

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way we figured it, if you folks could be suckered into two years of this garbage, you'd definitely fall for a SECOND ANNIVER-

> So here it is folks — a look back at the last 12 months of HITS. Don't expect too much, we ran out of amphetamines around page 43. (We're only kidding — JUST SAY NO!)

In all honesty, your support, encouragement and most importantly, your participation, has made the last 12 months even

better than we could have hoped for. Together we've continued to present the flair, humor and excitement that makes this business second to none.

THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR TWO!!! Still, we have to break some bad news to you: The nightmare continues.

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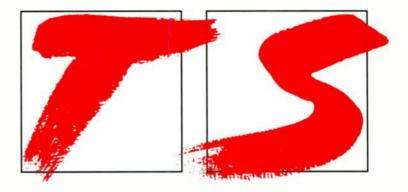
And your Third. And your Fourth. And your Fifth. There. Now we're covered. So don't call us next year.



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Best Of Front Page

What's worse than running the garbage we've run on our Front Pages for the past 12 months? Easy — rerunning it. We apologize in advance.

New Artists

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The past 12 months produced some brilliant new and breaking artists. We get serious for a moment and salute this bumper crop.

Hits & Mrs.

HITS spotlights the real powers in the industry — the wives of the industry's superstars. These folks can say the darndest things. In this case, we say it for them.

Top 50 Singles Of The Year

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George Michael rules the roost, but there's a lot more to this year's nifty 50.

They Said It

Since no one read our Dialogues of the past year, we figured we'd present a capsulized version that even our readers could handle.

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A comprehensive list of all the artists (their contacts and their booking agents) who have ever appeared on our charts.

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The top of this year's chart gets very Dirty thanks to the sleeper hit of the year.

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A music industry crossword puzzle? We tried to cater to our readership, but we ran out of one syllable words.

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They Get His Goat

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Our favorite excuse of the last 12 months came fron Y95's Buzz Bennett who tried to explain to the policemen that he was merely trying to introduce 16-year-old Tiffany (right) to the three goats and a yak he keeps in his apartment. "We can leave the goats swinging from the chandelier if you let me out tonight — otherwise they have to be put in the 'leather' room," Bennett told the officers.

Lasker Resigns

Issue 51, August 3, 1987: Vowing "I shall return", music industry veteran Jay General Douglas Mc Lasker announced his resignation from his post as President of Motown. The never softspoken Lasker, who held the Motown post for seven years, reportedly had "a disagreement on policy" with Motown Founder and Chairman Berry Gordy Jr..

Shannon: I'd Do It Again

Issue 52, August 10, 1987: CBS files a civil lawsuit against Malrite Television and Radio Inc. because its Z100, New York, helmed by Scott "Call Me Ollie" Shannon jumps the gun by playing the new Michael Jackson single. "I did it and I'd do it again," said Shannon. "I hope CBS puts me in jail. I'll just broadcast from my cell."

Berman, Capitol President

Issue 52, August 10, 1987: David "I'm In Charge Here" Berman officially assumes the Presidency of Capitol Records, just months after joining the company from Warner Bros. in one of those positions that have a long title. Don Zimmermann becomes President, International Marketing, while Joe "I'll speak at the opening of a manhole cover" Smith assumes the new title of President and Chief Executive of Capitol Industries - EMI Inc.

Reprise Returns

Issue 53, August 17, 1987: Reprise Records, the label started 26 years ago by Frank Slnatra, and the home for such acts as Jimi Hendrix, Fleetwood Mac, Randy Newman, Neil Young and T.Rex among others, is reactivated as a full service company by Warner Bros.

Rich Fitzgerald is named Vice President/Director of Promotion with Linda Baker, Michael Linehan and Marc "Don't Call Me Narc" Ratner serving as National Promotion Chiefs.

Freston MTV Ruler

Issue 54, August 24, 1987: Tom Freston, known to many in the industry as..... Tom Freston is named President and CEO at MTV in New York. He has distinguished eyebrows.





We received this photo of WB chow hounds Kenny Puvogel (1) and Stu Cohen (r) munching down six slices of Ray's Pizza minutes before this year's T.J. Martell Foundation dinner in New York. At the dinner, the hungry little pair consummed 13 whole chickens, four loaves of bread and 23 slabs of fried Spam.





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Retail Top 10's Debut

Issue 52, August 10, 1987: Hits (Your #1 Source for needlessly killing trees) adds yet another section — Retail Top Tens. The feature highlights over 30 retail accounts on a rotating basis, detailing their Top Ten reported records based on a combination of sales of CDs, cassettes and Lps. The retail community instantly rejoices. Said one retailer: "Sounds stupid to me, but it's their dime."

Sterhout Upped At Edens

Issue 55, August 31, 1987: Oh that crazy, crazy world of radio. The nine station, privately owned **Edens Broadcasting** promotes WRBQ AM/FM VP & GM Michael Osterhout to the position of President. Gary Edens assumes the title of Chairman and CEO.

Legends At Dinner



This is one of the absolute heaviest photos we received all year. Pictured (l-r): Liza Minelli; CBS Records Inc. Ruler Walter Yetnikoff; Michael Jackson and Elizabeth Taylor. Moments later Liz leaned over to Michael and uttered the immortal words: "Will you tell that gentleman with a beard to refill my water glass."

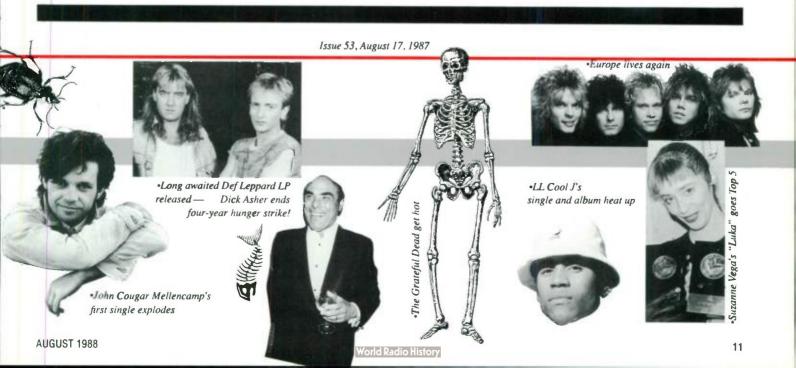
The Beard Off Begins



One of the most incredibly stupid stunts we pulled all year was the much-hated and now retired **Beard-Off** where we matched famous beards in the industry against each other. Above you will find MCA Sr VP of Promotion **Steve Meyer** who got the ball rolling as our first Beard-Off participant. We paired the picture on the left (without beard) against the picture on the right (with beard) and asked you — all three of our readers to vote. The overwhelming response: "We're for anything that covers more of his face!"

Freeway Violence Stirs Hits

Issue 54, August 24, 1987: As the rash of freeway violence spread through Los Angeles, *Hits*, the peaceloving, pacifist magazine that wouldn't harm a fly and would gladly help an old woman cross an intersection (but only if she slipped us a five spot), has instructed our messengers in a calm, civilized and rational way, that if anyone on the freeway seems the least bit suspicious to PULL OUT YOUR UZI SUB-MACHINE GUN AND BLOW THE BOZO AWAY. Thank you.





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Hits Scams Its Own Day

Issue 53, August 17, 1987: Los Angeles Mayor Tom "I Hope This Doesn't Cost Me Bradley Reelection" proclaims August 10, 1987 as "HITS MAGAZINE DAY"

in Los Angeles. Bradley aide Kathy St. John arrives at the office with the proclamation but departs suddenly complaining of severe nausea and gas. Think about it, will you?

Motown Names Miller & Young

Issue 54, August 24, 1987: Lee Young Jr. is named President of Motown Music Group, while Alvin "Skip" Miller becomes President of Motown Records under a massive restructuring initiated by Motown Chairman and Founder Berry Gordy Jr. According to the label, the promotion of the two executives will accompany a \$38 million commitment to develop new acts.

E/P/A Taps DeNigris

Issue 54, August 24, 1987: E/P/A's hunt for a Promotion ruler ends with the appointmant of Dan "Don't Call Me John James" De-Nigris to the post of Vice President of Promotion. Dan was most recently Director, National Pop Promotion for the label after spending five years as E/P/A's Local Promotion Manager in Minneapolis. According to staffers, Dan has Chinese food and milk for lunch daily.

Gearing For "Bad"

Issue 55, August 31, 1987: Retail awaits "Bad", the much anticipated follow-up Michael Jackson's to "Thriller". The release is timed with a primetime CBS special the night prior to the release. Jackson's Manager Frank Dileo tells Hits: "The television special hits right when we want it to. It's the best way to kick-off an album and a new video so that the whole world can enjoy it."

Baby You're A Rich Man



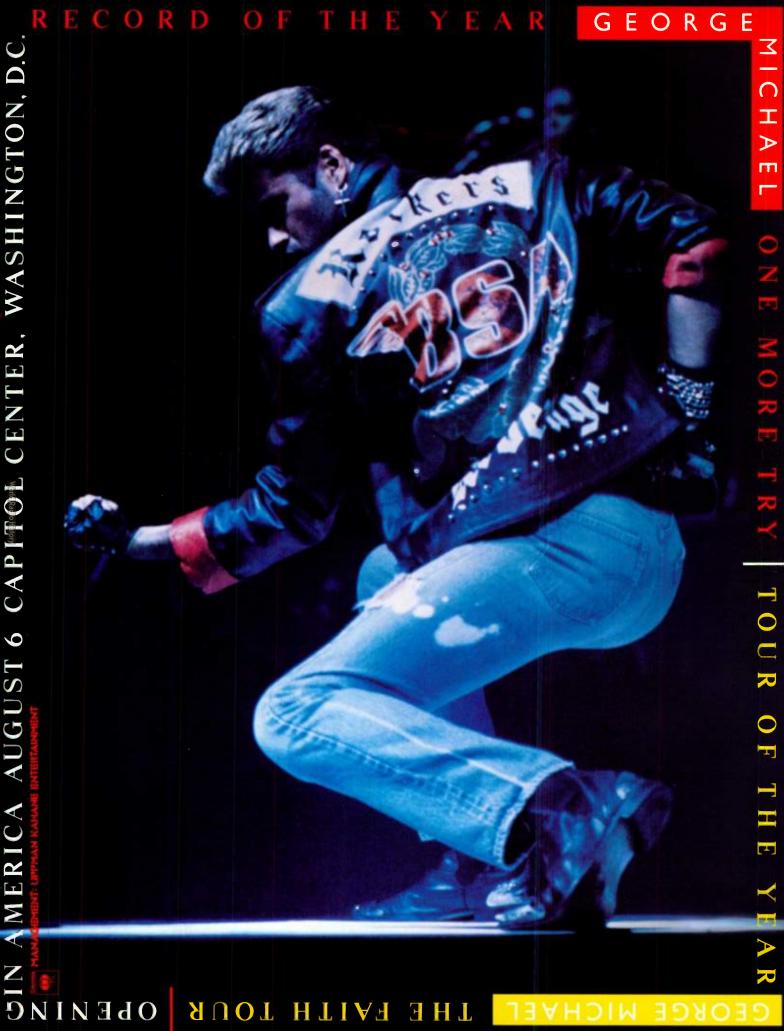


Oh, what the young music biz yuppies of today looked like way back when. The photo on the left is Rich Fitzgerald, young Alternative Radio pioneer. The photo in the center is Rich

Fitzgerald, hot up and coming promo wiz, and the photo on the right is Reprise VP/Director of Promotion Rich Fitzgerald. Geez Rich, does everyone who gets older, get so boring?



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During the past 12 months, we asked people in the industry what's the first thing they do with HITS (Your #1 Source For Doing Things With) upon its arrival. EMI-Manhattan's Richard Marx (left) and KFRX's JJ Cook offered these two very appropriate answers.

CBS Confirms Sony Bid

Issue 58, September 21, 1987: CBS Inc. confirms a bid of \$1.8 million for its record group from Sony. CBS Directors plan to meet later in the week to consider the inquiry, though in an official statement the company insists it isn't currently negotiating any sale of the unit. Earlier in the year, the board rejected a \$1.25 billion bid for the record division from an investor group which included **Record Group President Wal**ter Yetnikoff.

Bad Explodes

Issue 56, September 7, 1987: As expected, first day sales on Michael Jackson's "Bad" go through the roof. Said Jeff Cohen of Strawberries, "The last time I saw this kind of first day sales was with U2 and Bruce."

McKenna Upped At WXKS PWR99.7 Keeps Searching

Issue 52, August 10, 1987: Oh that crazy, crazy world of radio. Jerry McKenna gets the much coveted MD position at WXKS in Boston after Sue O'Connell exits to assume a label career.

Director Program continues **PWR99.7** with Wavelength writers Lenny Beer and Mike Murphy praying it continues, so they have something besides fluff to write in their column.

Meanwhile the search for a

Stacy To PWR99.7, Shakes To WTIC

Issue 56, September 7, 1987: Oh that crazy, crazy world of radio. The hunt for a PD ends at PWR99.7 in Atlanta as Rick "Don't Call Me Stacy 0" Stacy gets the nod. Meanwhile at WTIC Hartford, Dave "Don't Call Me Milk" Shakes is named Programming czar.

The Now Immortal Frontline Shot



Not only did these lovely ladies from Frontline pose for this picture with ruler Denny Rosencrantz, but they also sent it in to us for publication! Despite their voluntary humiliation, this photo caused quite a stir with our readership. And so in the true tradition of this rag, we present to you, once again, Denny & the girls of Frontline. Let's start those calls and letters folks.

Can You Believe People Read This Crap?

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The Gore-y Details

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We were shocked when presidential candidate Albert Gore shown here with his beautiful moral crusading wife Tipper and their children Sunshine, Lumbo and Bonghit --- disclosed that he had once tried marijuana. Tipper also admitted that she too had tried Marijuana. The pair claimed they felt no adverse sideeffects, but admit they were slightly confused to wake up and find Albert dressed in Tipper's Fruit Of The Looms and leather brassiere, and Tipper strapped to the chandelier with the next door neighbor's Great Dane. Think about it.

Davis, Perun On The Move **KS103 Rides The Wave**

Issue 59, September 28, 1987: Oh that crazy, crazy world of radio. Steve Davis gets the programmers gig at WRVQ Richmond. in Meanwhile, Steve "Don't Call Me Eva" Perun nabs the PD gig at Y100 in Miami.

The big news in San Diego is KS103's switch to "The Wave" (gag, gag, puke, puke — thank you). This is the second Gannett station to make the switch. Can others be far behind?

Hits Suckers Phil & Jim 🖄 New Radio **Advisory Board**

Issue 60, October 5, 1987: Oh that crazy, crazy world of radio. A bunch of very reputable but obviously gullible radio leaders are suckered into serving as Hits Radio Advisory Board. Q105 Operations Manager Mason Dixon serves as Chairman, with KDWB PD Dave Anthony; 940 Operations Manager Don Benson: KCPW's Dene Hallam: WMMS's Kid Leo and KMEL's Keith Naftaly. Only two of the above lost their jobs as a result of the appointments.

Goldman Exits BMG

Issue 57, September 14, 1987: Late breaking news at presstime had BMG Music President and CEO Elliot Goldman exiting his post due to what the company referred "differences to as in management and operational philosophies." Bertelsmann Music Group Co-Chairman Michael Dornemann assumes operating responsibilities for the company.



That's Virgin's Senior VP of Marketing & Promotion Phil Quartararo (1) with the label's VP of Sales Jim Swindel hanging at the WEA sales convention in Florida. The photo opportunity above occurred after a member of the audience asked Phil to recreate his famous scene from that now legendary Traci Lords movie. Think about - we have. (Ed Note: This is humiliating. Burn this magazine now, before it's too late!!!)

Don't Worry, We Hate Us More Than You Do.







In the past 12 months, record labels have successfully marketed their new artists through the new and burgeoning avenues that have developed. The three biggest new artists of the year — Guns N' Roses, Tracy Chapman, Terence Trent D'Arby — broke not from the previously accepted areas of Top 40, Album Rock Radio, or R&B Radio, but from the new powers for exposure — MTV, Post Modern and European success/press.

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This well-traveled rock 'n' roller put his pipes to work and came up with a pair of Top 15 smashes in "That's What Love Is" and his soaring cover of Otis **Redding's classic "Dock of** the Bay," both on the bestselling The Hunger album. The full-throttled crooner has also become a red-hot writer and producer, working on several tracks for Cher's recent best-selling comeback. The onetime lead singer for **Blackjack** solidified his **Album Radio base and** made some important inroads at Top 40, setting the stage for across-the-



MICHAEL BOLTON «Columbia»

This South African pop-jazz crooner struck a chord among Adult Pop and Top 40 listeners with a Top 20 single, "Lies," from his wide-ranging, self-titled elpee, which went on to earn gold status. Butler's success at VH-1 and soft-rock formats continues to prove there were enough sophisticated yupple listeners out there to cross him over to impressive sales levels. A talented guitarist and songwriter whose material has been recorded by Al Jarreau, George Benson, Billy Ocean and Millie Jackson, the 25-year-old phenom benefitted from his label's success in breaking not just a song, but an artist.

board appeal.

JONATHAN BUTLER «RCA/JIVE»

RICK ASTLEY «RCA»

ALAKTHROUGT

Fresh-faced U.K. lad from industrial northlands with an incredible blue-eyed soul style, buttressed by the assembly line production team of Stock, Aitken and Waterman, proves to be an international sensation. RCA shrewdly played off the global success of Astley's debut album, Whenever You Need Somebody, into platinum stateside sales. The first single, "Never Gonna Give You Up," went straight to #1, while the follow-up, "Together Forever," climbed to #2, an incredible performance by one of the year's leading newcomers. A fine example of how to break a freshman act territory by territory around the world.

BOURGEOIS TAGG «Island»



produce their second album, Yoyo, and the combination came up with a left field Top 20 single in the striking Beatlesque harmonies of "I Don't Mind At All." The "Yesterday" - like cellos certainly didn't hurt matters any, attracting enough baby-boomers, as well as kids who probably never heard of the Fab Four, to make the song a bestseller. With strong management by concert promoter Bill Graham, this hard working, road-sharpened band is destined to achieve even more success in the future.

These Northern Callfornia pop-rock-

ers brought in Todd Rundgren to

TERENCE TRENT D'ARBY «Columbia» All that "Next Big Thing" hype didn't

seem to bother the American expatriate one bit as he soared to the

Your Name," is headed for the same

the black and dance charts. NY-

top of the charts with the second single, "Wishing Well" released from

his Top 5 LP, The Hardline According To Terence Trent D'Arby, on its way to multi-platinum sales. The latest, "Sign

> place, establishing the flamboyant soul-rocker as the heir to the likes of

DANA DANE «Profile»

New York Met superstar Darryl Strawberry's favorite rapper proved a surprise crossover success, climbing into the Top 25 with a gold LP, Dana Dane With Fame, which also scored high on

> based indie Profile proved its impressive rap roster had depth beyond superstars Run DMC with this hit album, which was boosted by the playful club smash, "Cinderfella Dana Dane." Just one more example of the way hip-hop has become a mass phenomenon, showing how rap music is here to stay as an important Top 40 force.

Prince and Michael Jackson in cutting across racial/musical barriers. He may have lost out as Best New Artist at the Grammies to Jody Watley, but D'Arby's place is secure in the history books thanks to his explosive performance on the nationally televised show

THE CHURCH «Arista»

This critically-acclaimed Aussie outfit floundered on a pair of stateside labels before finding a home, and a measure of commercial success, at Arista. While receiving the expected media praise, the band's fourth U.S. album, Starfish, took off from its Top Five Post-Modern base and Willson-Piper and Steve Kilbey spawned the group's very first stateside hit in the Top 20 single, "Under The Milky Way." Now being managed in the U.S. by Michael Lembo, the Church are poised to make a U2-type move, consolidating their alternative roots with mainstream gains. Individual members Marty Willson-Piper and Steve Kilbey record as solo artists for the CDonly Rykodisc label.

And why shouldn't Clive have his very own teenage pop- dance queen, too? Young Taylor Dayne made her major label bow a winning one with a pair of Top Ten hits in "Tell It To My Heart" and "Prove Your Love," which crossed over from club play to the shopping mall masses. The latest single from her gold-plus LP, Tell It To My Heart, "I'll Always Love You," makes it three out of three for Arista's pop promotion team in making young Taylor Dayne a Top 40 presence who should

be around for a long time to come.

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playing on the Boston coffee-house circuit, this feminist, politicallyminded folkie earned critical plaudits and a chart-topping spot on Hits' Post-Modern slate with her **TRACY CHAPMAN**

Discovered by SBK chairman Char-

les Koppolman's son Brian while

best-selling debut LP, which went gold in just two months. Now that the single, "Fast Car," is breaking through alternative and video exposure, this strong, outspoken performer is ready to add Top 40 to her potent list of conquests. Tracy Chapman is a definite front-runner for next year's Grammies as well as year-end best-of lists. A truly unique artist with important things to

«Flektra»

TAYLOR DAYNE «Arista»

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DEBBIE GIBSON «Atlantic»

What more can be said about Hits' cover girl and Long Island teen queen Debbie Gibson except she's not Tiffany? The precocious 16-year-old's debut album, Out of the Blue, has sold two million and counting, producing four straight Top Ten singles in "Only In My Dreams," "Shake Your Love," the title track and the most recent, "Foolish Beat." No mere pubescent puppet, the talented Gibson writes her own material, plays keyboards, programs synths and even produces!! Managed and masterminded by Douglas Breitbart, Debbie Gibson is gonna be scary by the time she's twenty!!





THE FAT BOYS «PolyGram»

Rotund rappers proved their uncanny commercial instincts by teaming up with the Beach Boys for a hip-hop version of "Wipe Out," which climbed into the Top Ten and catapulted sales of the chubby ones' Crushin' LP over a million and into platinum paydirt. While that one was the novelty record of last year, the Tubby Trio is already at it again on their re-make of "The Twist" with Chubby Checker. Via the clever use of video, especially the acclaimed "Wipe Out" clip, these gargantuan guys by-pass the ordinary paths rap music follows to instant pop/crossover. More than musicians, the Fat Boys are national monuments. Like Mount



EXPOSE «Arista» The Miami-based trio proved conclusively it wasn't just a faceless, flash-in-the-pan studio concoction by scoring four straight Top Ten singles from their Lewis A. Martinee-produced debut elpee, Exposure. Starting with the crossover success of "Come Go With Me" in early 1987, the album continued with "Point of No Return," "Let Me Be The One" and the final confirmation of their mass appeal, the ballad, "Seasons Change." The hot Latin-flavored dance beat defined Power radio formats. We should be hearing a lot more from Jeannette Jurado,

Gioia Bruno and Ann Curless of Expose in the future.

LITA FORD «RCA» ho says sex doesn't sell? No one I know of, especially the stunning ex-Runaway guitarist, who has parlayed a drop-dead video for the song, "Kiss Me Deadly," into a Top 10 single and a Top 25 album, Litz. Credit RCA with crossing over Lita from her core metal audience to MTV masses with a carefully constructed, red-hot sex symbol image. Hey, if guys can do it, why not Lita? Indeed. Savvy management by Sharon Osobourne, nifty production by Mike Chapman and the concerted effort of a new label make Lita Ford a good bet to be around for a long time to

come. Hubba hubba.

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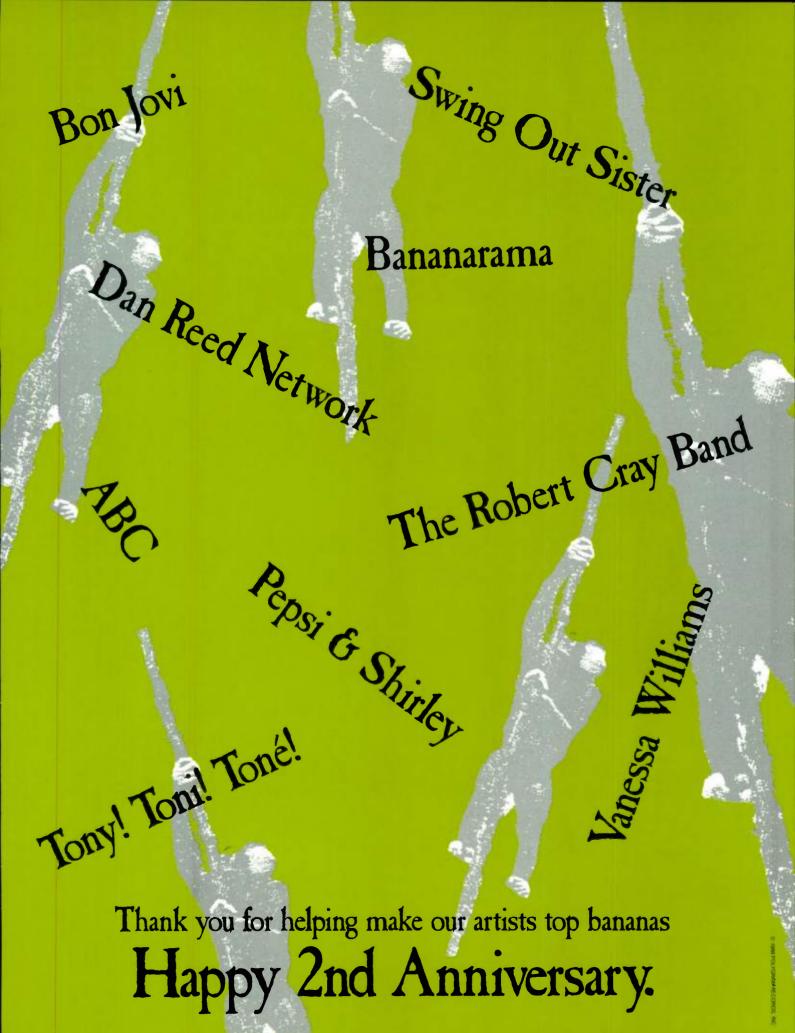
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HAPPY SECOND ANNIVERSARY FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT CAPITOL RECORDS.

"Who said Jerry never gave me anything?" MARCIA STEFFEN, WSPT STEVENS POINT

"Tom wants to know why I get more attention at conventions than he does." DEBRA BARSANTI, WTIC HARTFORD

Hits

"Shut up, take out the garbage and give me your American Express card," yelled these lovely powers behind the throne. We thought of no better photo to lead off our "HITS & MRS" sections than this line-up of some of the real powers in the music biz.

Pictured (I-r): Barbara Rickles; Leslie Frankenheimer; Shana Passman; Nancy Lippman; Shelli Azoff; Jill Goldman; Sydney Ross; Caroline Perry.

"Next time I snag a Catfish, I'll know enough to throw it back." RU ANN PREWITT, KXX106 BIRMINGHAM

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Td like him better if he'd stop hanging with that lenner character." JACKIE LEO, WMMS CLEVELAND 25

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"Butch makes me run all over New York searching for good grits." BELINDA WAUGH, RCA

"Did you ever try to find a cheese steak in Arkansas? COLETTE JOHNSON, KZOU LITTLE ROCK



"I wish Jim wouldn't moonwalk in bed." JUDY CAPARRO, EPIC RECORDS

> "Al says, it's a smash!" TINA COURY, GEFFEN RECORD

"Charlie never told me he was that old." DANITZA MINOR, A&M RECORDS

"I think I would have liked Rich better in his hippie days." MARY PROUT FITZGERALD, REPRISE RECORDS "Thank God for Jerry Clifton" TERRI MITCHELL, WPGC WASHINGTON, D.C.



"Doesn't George remind you of Mickey Rourke in 'Diner'?" MOLLIE SMITH, INTERSTATE

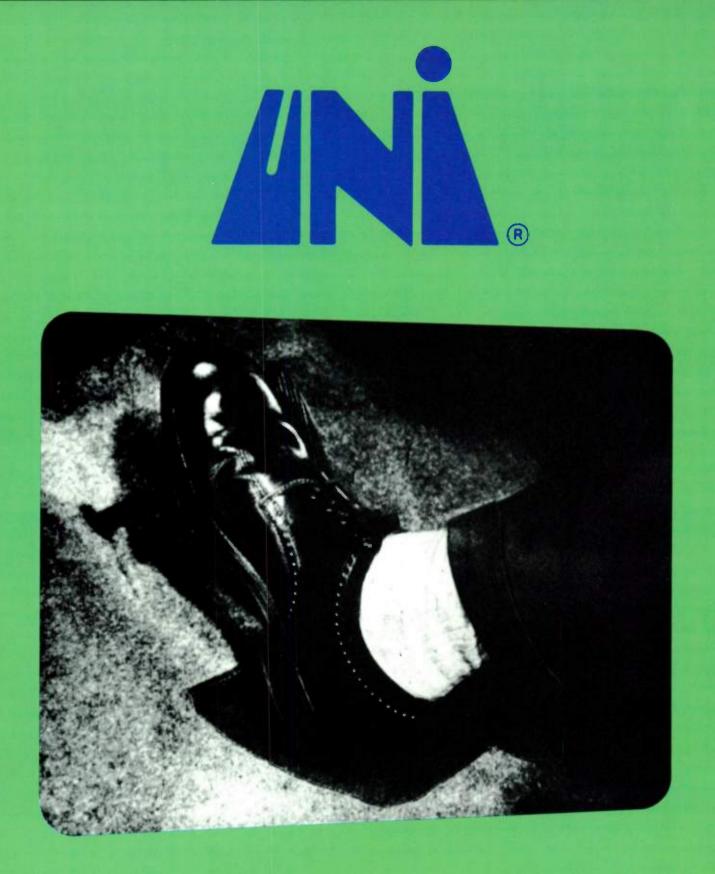
> "Is there someone in a better market that I can marry?" DEBRA STANTON (ELIOT), WJAD BAINBRIDGE

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"I wish you guys would stop abusing Donnie's hair. I set it every morning." MICHELLE IENNER, ARISTA



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MTV Awards Awards Three Guys In Love

Issue 58, September 21, 1987: MTV, the little video channel that could (could what?), awards Peter Gabriel nine statuettes at its annual awards ceremony in Los Angeles. Gabriel copped awards

for Best Video, Best Male Video and a Video Vanguard Citation among others. There were a lot of other winners, but we're too lazy to list them here - thank you.

Top Of The Pops Bows

Issue 58, September 21, 1987: "Top Of The Pops" the weekly syndicated music countdown show bows, using the Hits Top 50 Singles Chart. A nightmare of endless phone calls ensue - particularly during Wednesday morning press deadlines, long before Lenny Beer and Roy Trakin arrive in the office. "Deal with it Adelson - we get our names on the credit crawl," they yell.

Two Pauls



This one was of our favorite Pics Of The Week as the legendary Les Paul (1) presented the legendary Paul McCartney (r) with a custom made Gibson Les Paul. Moments later Les turned to Paul and uttered those immortal words: "Let's head home to Mrs. Paul's and rustle us up some fish sticks." (Ed Note: Hell, it wasn't funny then either)



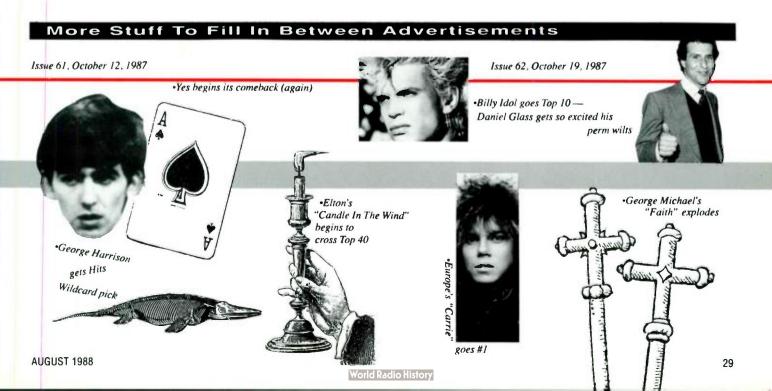
Here are three lovely industry heavies planning the floral bouquet for an upcoming industry-only Tupperware bash. "Oh Donnie, you know how I hate begonias," said the little devil on the left. "Grab me a liitle tighter You big brute," said the little devil on the right. "How's my hair look today?" queried Donnie. The trio are honeymooning at HOT103 in New York. Pictured (1-r); WMMS' Kid Leo; Arista Executive VP/GM Don lenner and Z100's Scott Shannon.

LA Shakes

Issue 61, October 12, 1987: The same week earthquakes of 6.1 and 5.3 hit the Los Angeles area, HBO tapes a tribute to Roy Orbison featuring Bruce Springsteen, Elvis Costello, Jackson Browne, Tom Waits, T-Bone Burnette and others. Meanwhile, Terence Trent D'Arby makes an unannounced club appearance in front of such heavies as Madonna, Sean Penn, Rod Stewart, Sammy Hagar and a slew of radio heavies.

Wherehouse Bid

Issue 62. October 19. 1987: Shamrock Holdings headed by Roy Disney Jr. bids a whopping \$113.5 million for Wherehouse Entertainment. Wherehouse ruler Louis Kwiker has no comment.



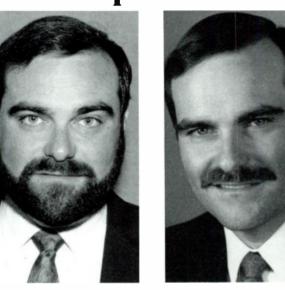


Sony Buys CBS

Issue 64, November 2, 1987: Hot news at presstime was the long rumored sale of CBS Records to Sony becoming a reality. The division, to be called CBS Records Inc., is sold for a whopping \$2 billion, subject to CBS Board

approval. We wanted to write more about it, but by the time this crap finally went down, we had rumored so much about it, that it almost seemed anti-climactic. (Ed Note: Gosh, we like rumors so much better than fact!)

Two People



Early in the year we received the photo on the left. Yes, that's KCPW ruler Dene Hallam. Months later, we received the photo on the right that is the new, slimmer, trimmer KCPW ruler Dene Hallam. Now, as when we first ran these two shots, we regret to inform you that Dene still has the same personality.

Arista's Biggest Two Short People **Ouarter Ever**

Issue 61, October 12, 1987: Arista Records, the little label that could (could what?). finishes the best quarter in its history with sales approaching over \$40 million. "No more hair jokes you bozos," vells an ecstatic Don lenner.

Bruce Goes #1

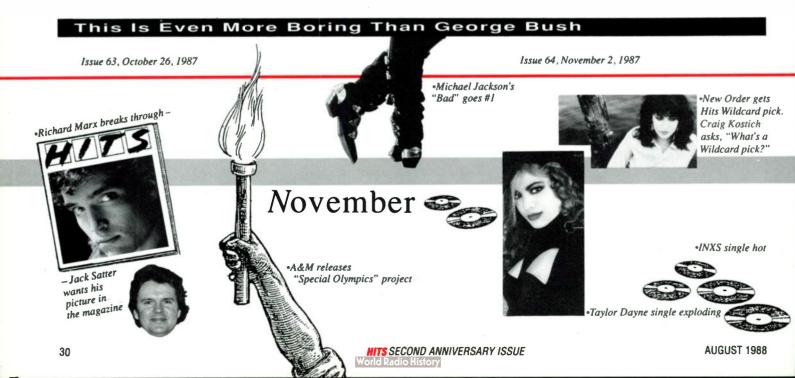
Issue 62. October 19. 1987: In its first week out on the street. Bruce Springsteen's "Tunnel Of Love" debuts at #1 on the Hits Top 50 Albums chart with a whopping Power Index of 232. That week, it doesn't appear in that other trade. Who said they don't have a sense of humor?

Urso Exits, The Hunt Is On

Issue 64, November 2, 1987: Dave Urso, who recently relocated to New York to assume the Promotion throne at Elektra, abruptly exits his post amid speculation where he will land. The label names veteran Brad Hunt Sr. VP of Promotion. Hunt has nice teeth.



Beautiful, talented and now incredibly rich Debbie Gibson appeared in our pages a lot during the past 12 months. Here she presents the incredibly ridiculous Regis Philbin with a Gold record on behalf of all his help with her career. Moments later Debbie turned to Regis and uttered the immortal words: "Take this record you've been bugging me for and get out of my life you pompous little ass." Aah, the innocence of youth.



And Then There's John



There's one thing about Capitol's Vice President of Promotion John Fagot — he's got a personality that really grabs ya, as evidenced by the photo on the left. While at the Capitol Conven-



tion in Newport Beach (right), Promotion executives had a chance to do a little grabbing back.

Tyson To HOT105

Issue 60, October 5, 1987: Oh that crazy, crazy world of radio. Jeff Tyson, formerly of Y94 in Fresno and B106 in Washington, becomes Program Director of Hot 105 in Miami. There'll be a test on this later.

Blackwell To WBCY

Issue 61, October 12, 1987: Oh that crazy, crazy world of radio. Reggie "Don't Call Me Mister" Blackwell nabs the programming gig at WBCY, Charlotte, leaving an open slot at WKZL in Winston-Salem.

Napoliello's Hall Of Famers **First Pic**

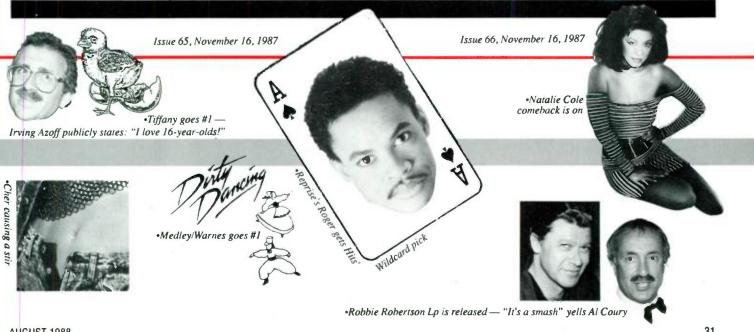
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Issue 61, October 12, 1987: Peter Napoliello gets his picture in Hits for the first time as he is named head of Top 40 Promotion for Geffen. Peter, who requested 7651 additional copies for his scrapbook, was recently part of the label's East Coast Promotion team. "I'm a hunk," he told us candidly.

Issue 64. November 2, 1987: The Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame announces its 1987 inductees to be honored at a dinner, January 10 in New York. The Beatles, Bob Dylan, The Beach Boys, The Supremes and The Drifters lead the list. Woody Guthrie, Leadbelly and Les Paul are set to be honored as "early influences", while Berry Gordy is the only nonperformer to be honored.



HITS FRONT PAGE And Then There Was Mike

One of the most colorful figures of the past year was Chrysalis President Mike "I'm Bad To The" Bone. Mike provided us with so many fine fine (we're talking fine folks) photo opportunities that we just had to pay him this little pictorial tribute. He wishes it appeared in Billboard.

Mike vowed to Sinead O'Connor that he'd shave his head if her album broke 100,000 units. The before and after shots below reflect how well the album sold.





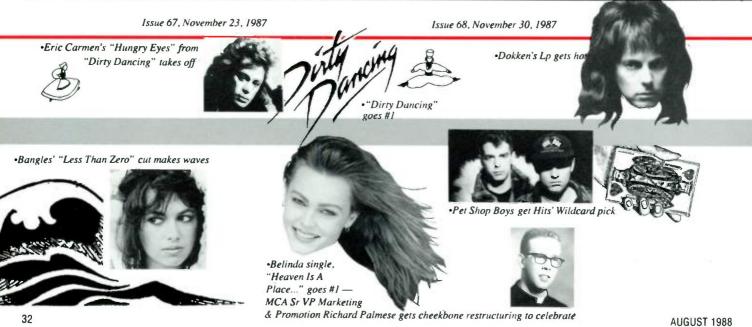


To celebrate our "We Go To Pot Issue" Mike sent us this picture from the good 'ol days. To give you an indicator of just how much of a partier Mike was, he had to smoke three of those suckers before he felt anything.



That's Mike with Billy Idol on the set of the video the pair shot for the '88 NARM Convention. Said Billy: "Not bad Mike, but we can't seem to get that limpness out of your wrist."

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Dixon Edens VP Hits P

Issue 65, November 9, 1987: Oh that crazy, crazy world of radio. Q105 Operations Manager Mason Dixon is named Vice President of Edens Broadcasting. Dixon, who also serves as Chairman of the *Hits* Radio Advisory Board stated: "All my friends

told me I had no shot at the Edens promotion when I agreed to become Chairman of the *Hits* Advisory Board. I guess **Michael Osterhout** felt I had gone through enough pain and humiliation, and I deserved another break."

Hits Promotes Bozos

Issue 65, November 9, 1987: "I'd like my promotion to be 'plus one", said Jon "Pass The Mousse" Leshay after being promoted to the post of Research Director at Hits. "Hey man," (please inject nasal tone — thank you) ad-

ded Danny "Let Me Undo One More Button On My Shirt" Ostrow, who was also promoted to Research Editor. In their new positions, both men will continue to embarrass the magazine at every public function.

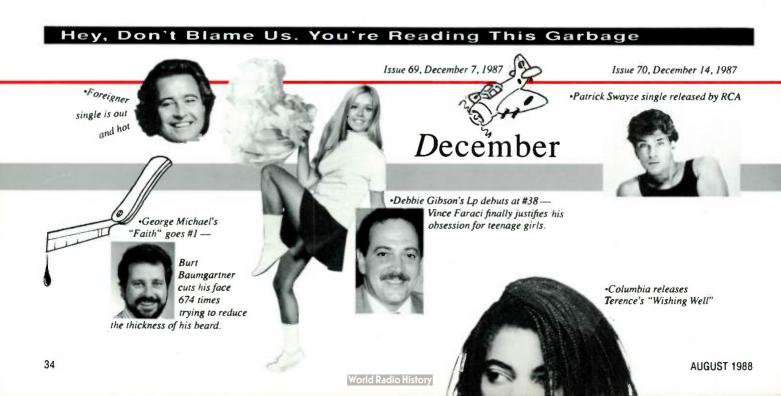
Having Fun With Don



Epic's VP of A&R Dashing Don Grierson is one funny guy with one funny wife. Early in the year we ran the photo on the left as our Pic Of The Week and titled it "Don Hard At Work". That's Don with the girls from Big Trouble on just another day at the office. Seeking revenge, Don's wife, Patty Chow sent us the



photo on the right of Don with his beautiful baby. We here at HITS will always make ourselves available as the vehicle in which otherwise happily married people can thrash the hell out of each other. God bless you Patty.





FRONT PAGE

Keith Does It Again



KMEL PD Keith Naftaly has a way with words. That's him in the center with afternoon driver Leslie Stoval (1) and EMI Manhattan's Natalie Cole (r). After this picture was taken Keith turned to his right and said, "Great to have you up here Natalie. I've been a fan for a long time." Keith then heard that immortal reply: "I'm Leslie, you bozo. I work with you. Natalie's standing on the other side."

Faith Explodes

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Issue 66, November 16, 1987: George Michael's "Faith" debuts at #7 on the *Hits* Top 50 Albums Chart on its way to #1. First week action puts it at #1 sales at so many retailers that we're just too damn lazy to write them.

Rosenblatt Reups

Issue 68, November 30, 1987: Geffen topper Eddie "The Blatt" Rosenblatt signs a new longterm contract with the label. Says Promotion topper Al Coury: "He's a smash!"

Transworld Buys G.A.M.

Issue 68, November 30, 1987: Transworld Music enters into a definite agreement for the acquisition of 14 Great American Music and Wax Museum retail outlets. All locations are in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area with the exception of one in Omaha. Transworld currently operates 270 music retail outlets.

We Go To Pot Issue 66. November 16. 1987:

To celebrate Albert & Tipper Gore's revelation that they had smoked marijuana in the past, *Hits* dedicated this issue as "The We Go To Pot" issue, where everyone went up in smoke. To celebrate that memory, we're going to stop writing this little news capsule so we can take a massive bong hit of some of the most knarly goob this side of Maui — thank you.

Dave's Got The Beat



That's Capitol President David "Beat Box" Berman strutting his stuff on just another day at the Capitol Tower. Said the always streetwise David: "Gosh, I hope this doesn't dirty my Ralph Lauren shirt — man."

We Really Stoop Low

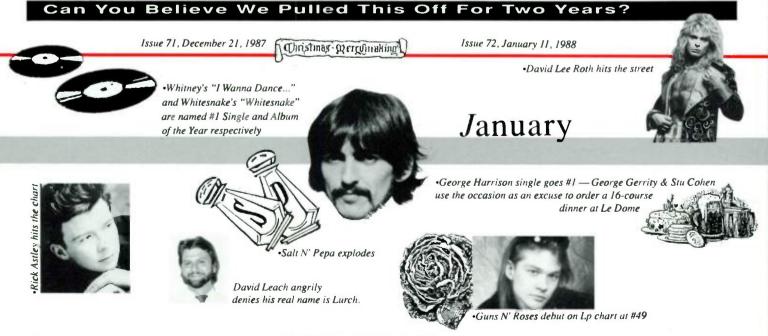


The last 12 months saw a lot of changes at HITS (Your #1 Source for a lot of changes). Worst scenario had to be the appointment of veteran programmer Mike Murphy to the post of Sr. Broadcast Editor. Said Murph after getting the boost: "Boy howdy, yessiree Bob, I never done live in such big town as Los Angeleez. I can watch wrestling on TV five nights a week!"

🛉 Kenney To KBEQ

Issue 64, November 2, 1987: Oh that crazy, crazy world of radio. Kevin Kenney cops the PD gig at KBEQ in Kansas City, leaving an open spot at WRKA in Louisville. Stay tuned.

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THE BEACH BOYS "KOKOMO"

from the original motion picture sountrack *Cocktail*, The movie, starring Tom Cruise, now playing at a theatre near you!



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We Swear We're The Best. **EPA**

Epic/Portrait/CBS Associated Records

MTV's power in selling records and breaking artists has laid the groundwork for the mass appeal acceptance of what may be the biggest rock act to break in the 80's, Geffen's Guns N' Roses. The Post Modern marketplace has proved its



audiences at every stop of the

growing power by opening the doors for Elektra's Tracy Chapman and signaling the return of platinum-selling folk singers. And the power of press and international exposure began the buzz about Columbia's newest superstar. Terence Trent D'Arby.

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tight-fisted Who-like power house of a band stormed Hits' Post-Modern chart with its succinctly-put anthem, "Birth, School, Work, Death," Their blistering live shows won over

> group's U.S. tour, with alternative radio and retail falling like Michael Spinks vs. Mike Tyson. With that great start under their belts, the next time the Godfathers take aim on the colonies,

> > refuse.

they'll be kooking to make a killing. Or at least an offer you can't

GUNS N' ROSES «Geffen»

These El Lay raunch 'n' rollers bring

back all those great old prejudices

that people used to toss at the Roll-

ing Stones and Aerosmith. Their

debut album, Appetite for Destruc-

tion, got off to a slow start when

certain retail outlets objected to

the cover and radio ignored them. A

ICEHOUSE «Chrysalis» Chrysalis' commitment finally paid dividends when these Down Under

E GODFATHERS «Epic»

Another U.K. post-punk outfit

arriving on our shores to claim

the torch of rock 'n' roll, this

pop-rockers cashed in after four albums with a pair of hit singles, "Crazy" and "Electric Blue," ensconsed in the Top 20. Lead singer Iva Davies' cool good looks were turned into MTVideo success, leading the band's album, Man of Colours, to the best sales performance of any Icehouse LP to date. A gold and platinum act throughout Europe, the

U.K. and their native Australia, Icehouse is now poised for the expected stateside breakthrough, their Top

40 bases all covered.

GREAT WHITE «Capitol»

Textbook example of how hard work and perseverance can pay off in crossover success from the loyal heavy metal audience. Years of touring and consistent albums built a faithful following for

this quintet from the SoCal shoreline, which translated into the platinum, Top 40 success of the band's most recent Once Bitten elpee. While the lack of a true hit single prevented the record from achieving mega-sales levels, the red-hot video for "Save Your Love" showed the band capable of wide appeal. Great White is in great position to go for all the marbles next time out.



ROBYN HITCHCOCK «A&M»

Everyone's favorite eccentric, U.K. cult artist Robyn Hitchcock made his major label debut, A Globe of Frogs, a winning one, consolidating his Post-Modern constituency with solid Top 40 gains. The ex-Soft Boy proved to be a punning, surrealistic

few million LP's later, the lads finally made the Top 40 grade with the single, "Sweet Child O' Mine," only after saturation video play on MTV and elsewhere had built the groundswell to the feverish pitch of W. Axi Rose's piercing vocals. A case study in the strength of vox popull the people's voice, in busting a group wide-open, resulting in the metal marketing story of the year.

songwriter in a decidedly Lennonesque mode. The first single, "Balloon Man," received a heap of alternative airplay and Hitchcock's U.S. tour was met with critical kudos. A&M has done an impressive job setting up a strong PoMo base; next time around, they'll have to cash in on that commercial potential they've uncovered.

KANE GANG «Capitol»

This U.K. pop-rock band's blend of buttered, blue-eyed soul and ersatz Steely Dan jazz finally broke through to audiences with a Top 20 single In

ZIGGY MARLEY «Virgin»

One of the most pleasant surprises of the year was Virgin taking this reggae record successfully to pop radio, as the son of the legendary Bob Marley fulfilled his role as the music's new heir and hope. An extensive pre-release set-up, fueled by selective press and strong word-of-mouth, led Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers' Conscious Party album to gold status, and the single, "Tomorrow People" into the Top

> 40. No small factor was Post-Modern radio and retail's willingness to get behind the record as well. Ziggy Marley proved once and for all that reggae could make it commercially, if the song is there.

L.L. COOL J.

«Def Jam/Columbia» Like the man says, he's b-a-a-d. Another boasting rapper from Queens, L.L. Cool J. proved a multi-format success with a runaway crossover, platinumplus elpee in Bigger and Deffer, featuring perhaps the first-ever hip-hop ballad in the Top 10 single, "I Need Love." Along with his mates Run D.M.C., L.L. is a true pop superstar who is a crossover threat with each successive release. The man is part of the Rush management stable, and his "Going Back to Cali" was another hit from the Less

Than Zero soundtrack, featured in a video which exposed him even further. The sky is the limit for L.L. Cool J., barely out of his teens. before for another label. Critics were struck by how the seductive arrangements and smooth coproduction with Peter Wingfield cloaked bitter sagas of unemployment and social Iniquities. Managed by Keith Armstrong, Phil Mitchell and Paul Ludform from their home-town of Newcastle.

"Motortown," the first and stronges

track on their Miracle album after

the false start of Lowdown the year

EVERT «Atlantic» This Ohio trio consists of brothers Gerald and Sean Levert, sons of O'Jays legend Eddie Levert, along with Marc Gordon. They broke through on the R&B charts with their debut album, Bloodline, but crossed over solidly into the pop Top 10 with the #1 black single, "Casanova," from The Big Throwdown LP. The band tackled production on the second album itself, though the single was produced by ex-Midnight Star Reggie Calloway. A throwback to the classic vocal groups, Levert proved there's a place for those aching harmonies within the context of a modern funk canvas. Managed by Harry J. Coombs out of Cleveland, OH.

JOHNNY HATES JAZZ «Virgin»

American had success all over the world, espe-

cially in the U.K., where they had three consecu-

tive Top Five singles and their debut album, Turn

Back The Clock, entered the charts at #1. Virgin

helped them duplicate these numbers stateside,

went all the way to #2 on the Hits' Top 50, thanks

to plenty of video and radio exposure on Pop Adult

and Top 40 outlets. The second 45, "I Don't Want

To Be a Hero," is coming up right behind it, with at

least a third smash in the LP's title track on deck.

as the band's first single, "Shattered Dreams,"

Pop-rock trio consisting of two Brits and an

LOVE AND ROCKETS «RCA» One of the earliest Post-Modern success stories, this art-rock outfit from the U.K. is made up of former members of several influential alternative bands like Bauhaus. They made

> serious Top 40 inroads with heavy MTV video exposure of "No New Tale To Tell," from their Earth-Sun-Moon LP. The group's theatrical concerts have earned them a strong following, especially in Anglo-mad Southern

California, where they 0 could be ready for Curelike success in the near future. Just another example of the label's aggressive use of the alternative network as a means of breaking through to the pop masses.

LOS LOBOS «Slash/WB»

East L.A.'s favorite sons paid tribute to the spirit of their Latin forebear Ritchie Valens by both performing in and recording the soundtrack for the sleeper motion picture hit, "La Bamba." They turned the Valens-penned title song into a chart-topping hit, which also spurred #1 status for the album. Here's hoping Los Lobos can achieve the same success for their

own underrated music, especially the - critically-acclaimed *By The Light of the Moon* album. The band is cur-

rently at work on an elpee of acoustic roots music, then will begin their next rock album. The group has been managed for the last few years by Linda Clark, who also handles the Violent Femmes and Husker Du.

D.J. JAZZY JEFF AND THE FRESH PRINCE «Jive/RCA» Perhaps the most promising talent from the jam-packed Jive stable,

KINGDOM COME «PolyGram»

Sure they sound like Led Zeppelin, but that's not the point. A lot of bands sound like Led Zeppelin, but they don't go on to sell one million copies of their debut album, and break into the Top Ten first time out of the box. Nor do they get invited to make their live concert debut on the mammoth "Monsters of Rock" tour. Hand it to Kingdom Come. They did. Singer Lenny Wolf was obviously giving the people what they wanted on such Zep-a-likes as "Get It On," the first track which caught everyone off-guard and led to the band's incredible overnight climb.

these Philly rappers, barely out of their teens, are laying claim to the hip-hop throne, thanks to the runaway Top 40 success of "Parents Just Don't Understand," which has become a pop anthem. The ambitious pair's latest effort is the double-album He's The DJ, I'm the Rapper, and it is crossing over in large part due to video exposure of the single. The duo's first album, Rock The House, went gold, while the new one's already at that level and poised for larger numbers still. Unlike most rappers, Jazzy Jelf and the Fresh Prince don't just

boast. . .their songs talk about def things everyone can understand, like shopping for clothes with your mom or seeing a scary horror flick.

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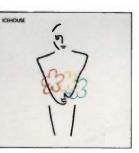
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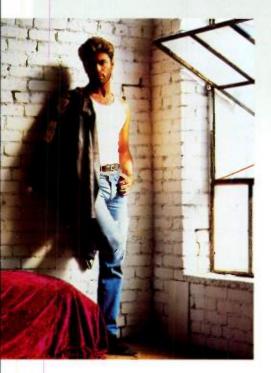
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TOP FIFTY SINGLES

hen referring to this year's Top 50 Singles chart, there's really only one thing we can say: George Michael, George Michael, George Michael — thank you.

Besides George Michael (we love saying that name) there were some big records scoring and moments of glory achieved by such artists as hit machine Billy Ocean (Arista), newcomer Tiffany (MCA), Euro-popster Rick Astley (RCA), dynamic duo Bill Medley and Jennifer Warnes (RCA) (and by the way Jennifer, nice outfit,





nice shoes.), Expose (Arista), Whitesnake (Geffen), Terence Trent D'arby (Geffen), Johnny Hates Jazz (Virgin) and Debbie Gibson (Atlantic).

It was the year which saw Michael Jackson (Epic) soar to the top five consecutive times, while two newcomers — Debbie Gibson (Atlantic) and Richard Marx (EMI-Manhattan) hit the Top 5 four times in-arow.

It was a year that saw Top 40 playlists open to hard rock and the street sounds of rap as evidenced by the success of such acts as Whitesnake (Geffen), Aerosmith (Geffen), The Fat Boys (TPA/Poly) and LL Cool J (Columbia). In the realm of labels,

MCA and Epic took top honors with seven records in the Top 50, followed by Columbia, Arista and Atlantic with six each.



Here they are folks, the Top 50 Singles of the past 12 months.



TOP FIFTY SINGLES

ARTIST

TITLE

1	GEORGE MICHAEL	ONE MORE TRY
2	BILLY OCEAN	GET OUTTA MY DREAMS
3	TIFFANY	I THINK WE'RE ALONE
4	RICK ASTLEY	NEVER GONNA GIVE
5	MEDLEY/WARNES	I'VE HAD THE TIME
6	EXPOSE	SEASON'S CHANGE
7	WHITESNAKE	HERE I GO AGAIN
8	TERENCE TRENT D'ARBY	WISHING WELL
9	JOHNNY HATES JAZZ	SHATTERED DREAMS
10	DEBBIE GIBSON	OUT OF THE BLUE
11	INXS	NEED YOU TONIGHT
12	BELINDA CARLISLE	HEAVEN IS A PLACE
13	GEORGE MICHAEL	FATHER FIGURE
14	LISA LISA	LOST IN EMOTION
15	LOS LOBOS	LA BAMBA
16	MIAMI SOUND MACHINE	ANYTHING FOR YOU
17	GEORGE MICHAEL	FAITH
18	TIFFANY	COULD'VE BEEN
19	SAMANTHA FOX	NAUGHTY GIRLS
20	RICK ASTLEY	TOGETHER FOREVER
21	WHITNEY HOUSTON	DIDN'T WE ALMOST
22	KEITH SWEAT	I WANT HER
23	MICHAEL JACKSON	MAN IN THE MIRROR
24	BANGLES	HAZY SHADE OF WINTER
25	DEBBIE GIBSON	FOOLISH BEAT

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(Based on a combination of sales and airplay)

Where the anything else, the past 12 months were dominated by the sounds of George Michael. His "Faith" album has already produced four #1 singles — "I Wan't Your Sex", "Faith", "Father Figure" and the biggest one of all, "One More Try" which topped the Singles chart for five consecutive weeks and earned the year's top position in a close battle with Billy Ocean's "Get Outta My Dreams".



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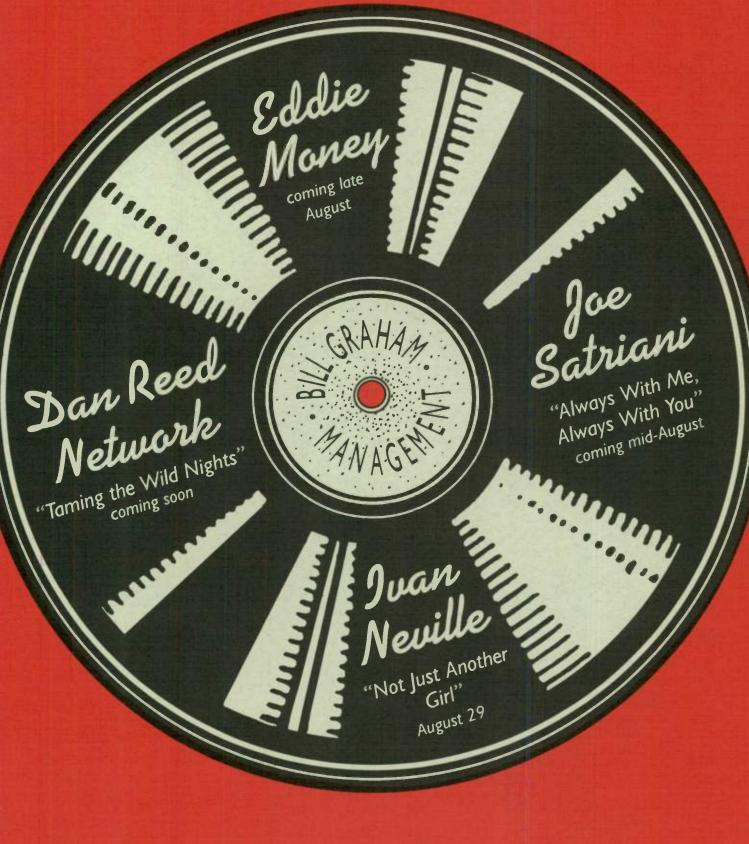
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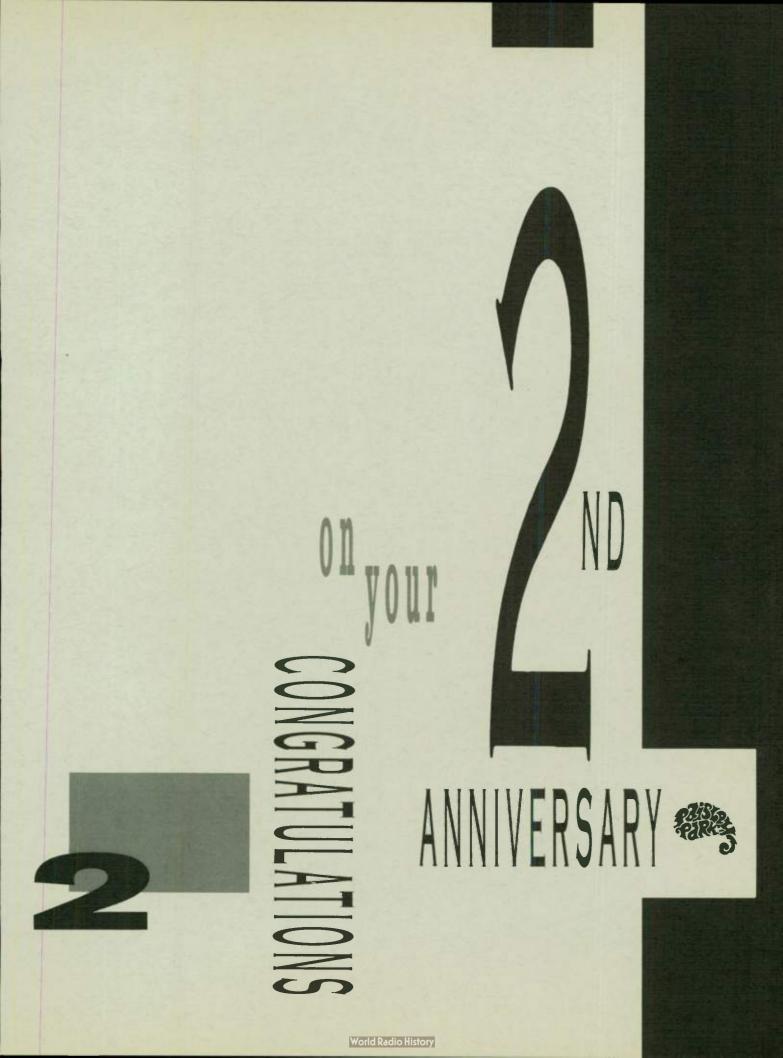
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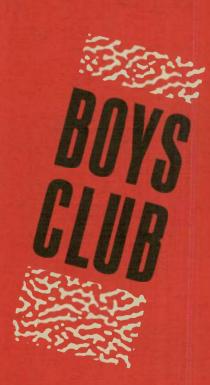


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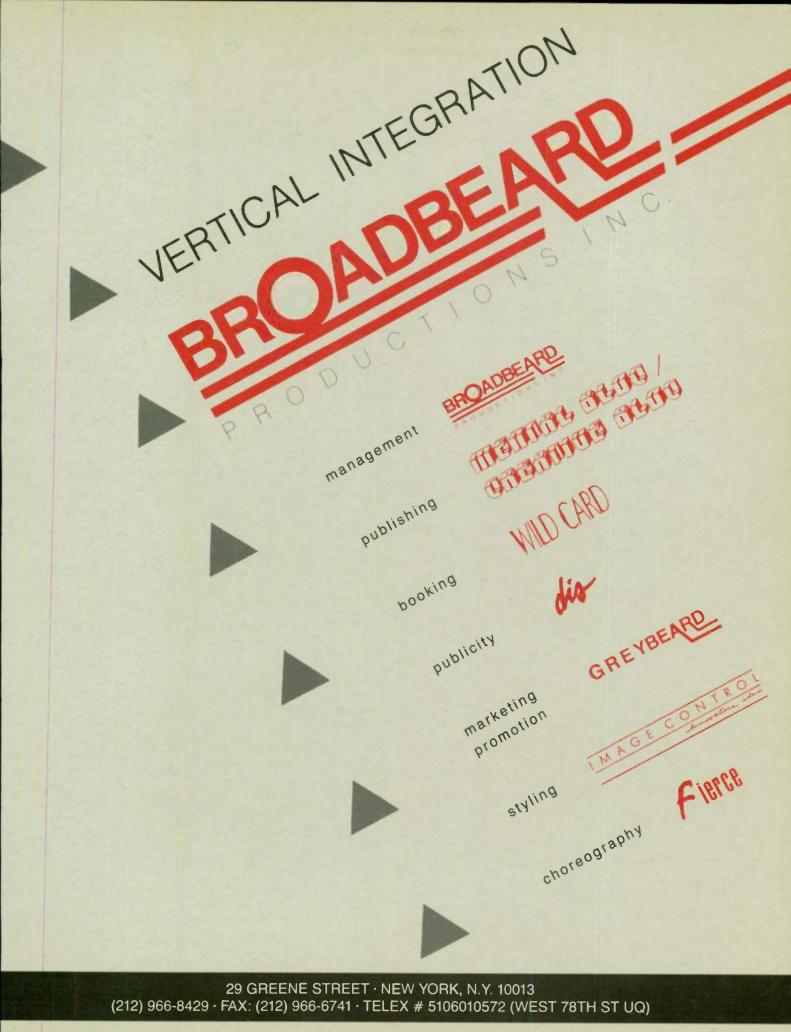
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Leach Is The One

Issue 71, December 21, 1987: **David Leach** is named Sr VP of Promotion for PolyGram. Leach, who was previously National Director, Pop Promotion, has been with the label for ten years. According to Dave (we like to call him Dave): "Get out of my face you two-bit, good-for-nothing, scum sucking, Lakerloving turkeys."

KROY Chases

Issue 69, December 7, 1987: Oh that crazy, crazy world of radio. Tom Chase moves across the street and replaces Bob West as Program Director of KROY in Sacramento. **Bidding War For REM** *Issue 68, November 30, 1987:* Big bidding war ensues for **REM** who are at the end of their current contract with current label IRS. We keep writing about it, and IRS keeps getting pissed at us. It's a vicious cycle.

Beaver And The Boys



That's the legendary Brian Wilson (c) with Jerry Mathers and Tony Dow during his guest appearance on the new "Leave It To Beaver" show. The three are seen joking around during the recent shoot. We only caught the punch line of one of Dow's jokes: "Ward, weren't you a little hard on the Beav last night." Think about it.

Our Hero Returns



It wouldn't have been a year at HITS (Your #1 Source For Years) without some action from our hero, Geffen A&R wizard John David Kalodner. We received this shot of John when he pledged his undying support for Cher's "We All Sleep Alone." Look at this man and understand that he earned more money in the past 12 months than the Bank Of Kuwait.

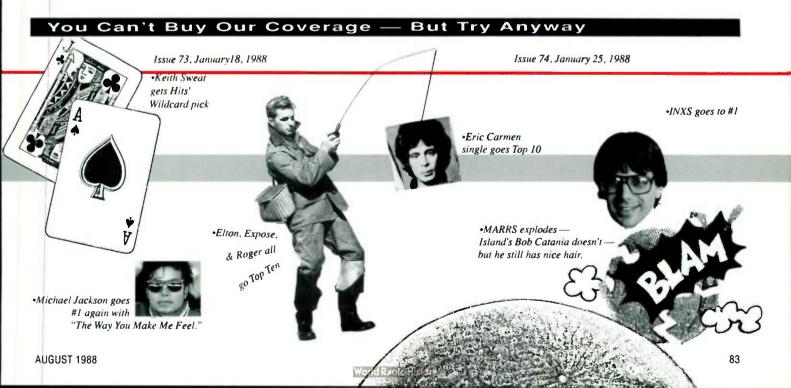
FM102 Sees White

Issue 70, December 14, 1987: Oh that crazy, crazy world of radio. FM102 in Sacramento names Brian White PD, leaving the PD slot at BJ105 Orlando open. Are you following us, so far?

Philips To BJ105

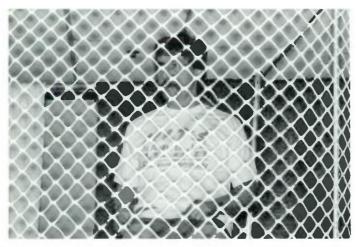
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Issue 71, December 21, 1987: Oh that crazy, crazy world of radio. Brian Philips assumes the PD slot at BJ105 in Orlando, exiting the Programmers spot at WMMS in Cleveland. Can you say "rumormongering"?



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We Make A Splash At NARM



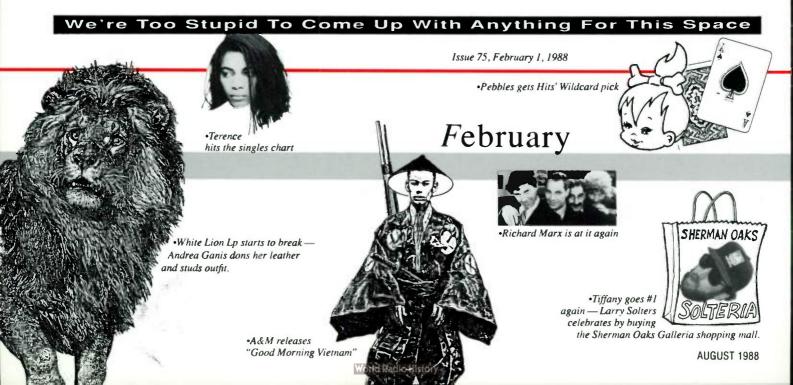
MCA's John Burns drew a lot of folks who couldn't hit the target. He stayed dry through the first five throwers.



Kenny Hamlin went in with his socks on. Despite constant drenching, the socks stayed up. Kenny now works as a spokesman for Burlington.



MCA's Lou Mann displays his wet t-shirt look. Needless to say, we quickly covered him with a towel.



We wanted to do something special at NARM '88, something that kinda represents who we are. Unfortunately the staff at NARM would not grant us the outhouse concession at the Century Plaza Hotel.

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"What the hell," we thought (and thinking don't come too easy for us). "Let's give the retailers a shot at some revenge." Thus "Dunk Your Distributor" was born. We gathered the sales heavies from the labels, put them on the hot seat of our dunking booth, and gave the music community a chance to send them into the drink.

The event raised over \$1000.00 for the NARM Scholarship Fund.

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We'd like to pay special thanks to the participants who gave up valuable time to add some pizazz to this year's confab: MCA's John Burns and Lou Mann; A&M's David Steffen; Elektra's Kenny Hamlin; Arista's Jim Cawley; Virgin's Jim Swindel; WB's Charlie Springer; PolyGram's Jim Urie; Capitol's Joe Mc-Fadden; Epic's Dave Demers; Atlantic's Nick Maria; Columbia's Rich Kudolla; Flipside's David Slania; The Wiz's Jay Rosenberg and everyone who took a shot at these industry superstars.



Epic's **Dave Demers** *makes a grand entrance.* 23,908 *people ran for the exit.*



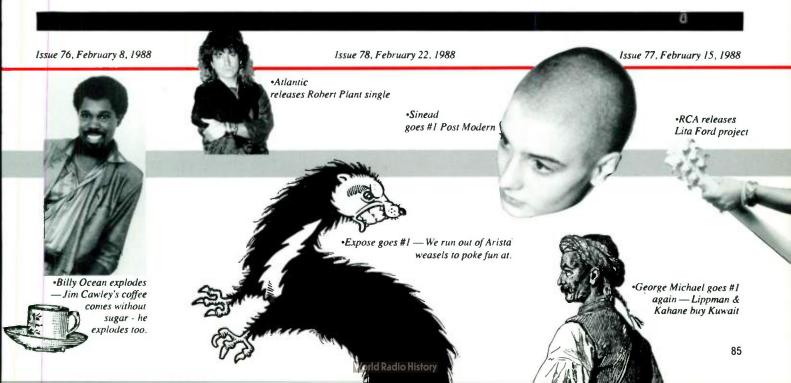
Poly's Jim Urie hits the water with a vengeance. Fifteen other label executive then demanded that the tank be drained and refilled before they took the plunge. Think about it.



Western Merchandisers Steve Marmaduke sent a number of label heavies flying. He also hung around long enough to sleaze a free T-shirt.



Musicland's Gary Ross impresses a bevy of beauties with his throwing skill. Gary knocked out the woman standing at the exhibit booth next store.



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Nancy Was Right Birthin'



One of our favorite retailers is none other than Navarre's Esa Katajamaki who has a name that you can't pronounce after one tiny (we're taking barely inhaling, folks) hit of that crazy, crazy cigarette with no brand name. We originally ran these pictures of Esa to prove the merit of Nancy Reagan's "Just Say No To Drugs" campaign.

Birthin' Bros.

Issue 76, February 8, 1988: Obviously togetherness is taken seriously at the Bunny WB Promo honcho as George Gerrity and his wife Kathy welcome a 10lb, 10oz baby boy named Travis Russell on December 10. Weeks later, National Director of Singles Promotion Stewart Cohen and his wife Vera welcomed 6lb Elizabeth Leigh into the world on February 1. (Ed Note: When Hits Editor-In-Chief Lenny Beer was born his mother said, "He's a treasure." His father said, "Let's bury it.")

Greenberg Atco President

Issue 72, January 11, 1988: Industry veteran Jerry Greenberg is named President of Atco Records and Custom Labels. Greenberg undertakes an active policy of hiring additional Promotion field staff and A&R personnel.

Jan At Work



A Program Director sent us this post card he received of Arista's Promo wiz Jan Teifeld swimming down under during a particularly hard day at the office. The gimmick was so effective that Jan now wears a G String and two large pieces of adhesive tape to work every day. Think about it — we have.

Ralbovsky A&M VP

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Issue 73, January 18, 1988: After months of speculation, Steve Ralbovsky officially joins A&M as Senior Vice President of A&R. Ralbovsky, who served as Director of A&R at Columbia, will be based in Los Angeles, but will keep an office in New York.

🕏 Richards KKBQ PD, Mitchell To WPGC

Issue 74, January 25, 1988: Oh that crazy, crazy world of radio. **Bill Richards** takes the much coveted PD spot at KKBQ Houston. Meanwhile Bob Mitchell goes from WKSS in Hartford to WPGC in Washington. Confused?

Clifton Gets Stations, Hunter KWOD PD

Issue 72, January 11, 1988: Oh that crazy, crazy world of radio. Hot consultant Jerry Clifton picks up Z93 in Atlanta as well as the Beasley outlets in Orlando and Charlotte. Meanwhile, Jeff Hunter returns to KWOD Sacramento as PD.





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Post Modern Debuts

Issue 78, February 22, 1988: HITS debuts its **POST MODERN** section, featuring a complete rundown of acts that are breaking at the grass roots, College, Commercial and retail levels. We introduce a POST MODERN Top 25 chart based on sales and airplay from College and Alternative radio & retail; hot reports from leading outlets including a rundown of MOST HOTS and MOST ADDED; a spotlight on a featured reporter; a bi-weekly column, and a bi-weekly group of reviews of hot new product. "Adventuresome programmers will look to College and Alternative stations for what's really happening," said Chrysalis President Mike Bone. We Mike. POST agree, MODERN has arrived.

Three People

It was way back when (when?) that we recieved this picture of EMI Manhattan's Robbie Nevil with VP of Pop Promotion Jack Satter (left) and National Director of Promotion Rich Tamburro (right). The trio posed after Nevil requested to "get a picture with the two short guys who broke my record." (Ed Note: That line didn't work the first time we ran the picture either).

Turner, Brill Upped

Issue 75, February 1, 1988: MCA gives VP of Promotion stripes to Billy Brill and Frank Turner. Brill was previously National Singles Promotion Director. Turner served as National Promotion Director. Frank immediately called home to tell his mother Tina the news.

Poly Wanna MiKa

Issue 76, February 8, 1988: Managers Michael Lippman and Rob Kahane form MiKa Records and cop a distribution deal with PolyGram. Meanwhile, their hot client George Michael continues to sizzle with a Columbia smash and tour.

Musicland Sold

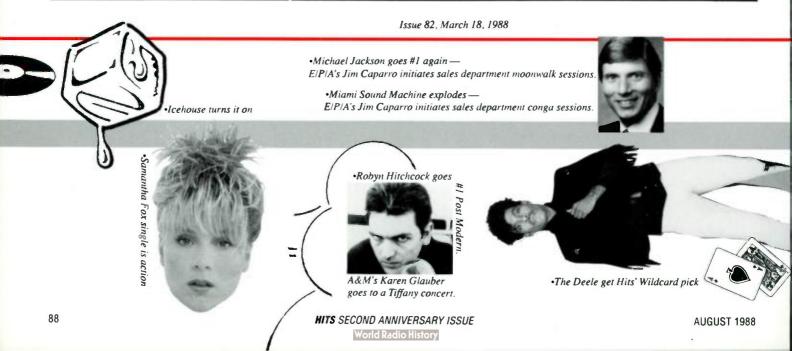
Issue 77, February 15, 1988: Musicland, the nation's largest retailer is sold to its top management team for approximately \$410 million. Musicland Chairman Jack Eugster will continue to head the company which reported a net income of \$22.6 million on sales of \$510.5 million.

Another Photo Of Roy



We ran so many photos of HITS Features Editor Roy Trakin during the last 12 months that we weren't sure which one to run in this issue. We chose this one because his face is hidden. Here's Roy after sadistically murdering these wonderful sea creatures during a recent trip to Mexico (Do we pay him that much?). A tourist walking by at the moment remarked to the photographer: "Nice size fish, but you should have dumped that wretched one in the middle."

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George & Two Lowlifes Leo & McCartney



The legendary George Harrison made a special appearance on the Global Satellite Network's "Rockline" show this year. George fielded fan's questions live for 90 minutes. He's pictured here with Global President Howard "They Call Me Global" Gillman and the show's Producer Mark "I really look like a geek in the bowtie" Felsot. "Take off your sunglasses for the picture George," said the incredibly generous Gillman. "Only if you put on a hat, Howie," Harrison replied.

Emmis Anyone

Issue 79, February 29, 1988: Emmis Broadcasting purchases five NBC O&O's for a whopping \$121.5 million: WNBC-AM and WYNY-FM in WKQX-FM, New York: Chicago; WJIB-FM, Boston and KYUU-FM in San Francisco. Emmis President Jeff Smulyan told us: "We'd like to think this isn't the end."

Uni Grows

Issue 77, February 15, 1988: The newly formed Uni **Records** continues to take shape as Sam Kaiser gets set to jump from MTV to assume the Promotion throne. We also report Robert Smith about to jump from Epic to Uni to assume the head of Marketing post. Official announcements follow months later.

Issue 79, February 29, 1988: Oh that crazy, crazy world of radio. Former KSD-FM staffer and longtime 94Q MD Jeff McCartney nabs the much coveted PD slot at WMMS in Cleveland, Said the always talkative MMS OM Kid Leo: "Get the hell out of my face, Murphy."

Forever (?) Young

Issue 80, March 7, 1988: Oh that crazy, crazy world of radio. Kevin Young is named PD of KHTR in St Louis. He

was formerly at WCOL in Columbus. Do you really KARE?

What People Will Do For Money



For years people have told us that the best part of working in radio ain't the money, it ain't the glamour and it ain't the fame. The best part of working in radio is seeing how incredibly lame people will act when you dangle a dead president in front of their face. This bozo won \$100 and a shot at 10 Grand from 92X in Honolulu.

What Lurks Inside Mike Dukakis' Eyebrows? Issue 83, March 25, 1988 Issue 84, April 4, 1988 •Talking Heads go #1 Post Modern Cheap Trick is back — Don Grierson still hanging with the girls from •Billy Ocean goes #1 **Big Trouble** April Hall & Oates gets Hits' Wildcard pick .White Lion single heats up •Midnight Oil is hot 4 **AUGUST 1988** 90



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In the case of many new and developing artists, radio was an after market that took already blossoming projects to the ultimate success levels they achieved, but in no case was radio the sole developmental answer. It is a lesson well learned by all concerned as labels approach a new decade and continue to search for the way to break acts. Promotion, marketing, video and press departments all must work hand in hand in creating an atmosphere conducive to each particular new artist's talent.

Led by bald, 6'6" lawyer Peter Garrett, these politically-charged Aussies used

the chart-topping Post-Modern album, Diesel and Dust, as the springboard for a

Top 20 single in the pointed, pro-Aborigine statement of "Beds Are Burning."

be approaching U2 levels of popularity next time around.

After bubbling under with critical accolades and few sales over here, the band

finally went Gold in the States and began to approach the popularity they en-

joy in their native land, where the group regularly scores platinum elpees.

Currently wowing audiences on a cross-country U.S. tour, Midnight Oil could

"Pump Up The Volume" was the dance-floor smash of the year, breaking from the hippest New York clubs right on through to

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Top Ten status. A technofunk scratch masterpiece, it was recorded by a band M/A/R/R/S «Island» of white English synthwizards, led by S. and M. Young. Although

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various re-mixes found their way onto the market, the sheer strength, and pervasiveness, of the song made it a phenomenon. A prime example of a cult song trickling down from the elite few to the masses, one of the eternal pleasures of the musical melting pot known as Top 40.



RICHARD MARX «EMI/Manhatten»

Richard Marx was turned down by every record company in town before he found a home at EMI/America, where his debut album proceeded to produce four straight Top 40 smashes in "Don't Mean Nothing." "Should've Known Better," "Endless Summer Nights" and his latest hit, "Hold On To The Nights." With one platinum album under his belt, this still young 23-year-old proved to be Album Rock's great hope. . . and its future. MTV also proved instrumental in Marx's success. The good-looking singer-songwriter's clips received wide-spread exposure, which made it impossible for pop radio to ignore the one-time label reject.

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MIDNIGHT OIL «Columbia»

MORRISSEY «Reprise»

This brooding rock poet made his solo debut, Viva Hate, after establishing a following as a member of the Smiths, purveyors of pop angst from industrial Manchester. Post-Modern formats were quick to pick up on the record, and alternative retail outlets immediately fell into line. If he just gets over to the States and does a few interviews, this reclusive but brilliant lyricist could well be the next David Bowie in terms of controversy and excitement. The base has been well-established. Next time out, Top 40 success is a real possibility for this far from mainstream performer.

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NEW ORDER «Qwest/ WB»



U.K. technopop band with massive Post-Modern following since the days of its previous incarnation as Joy Division earned gold status with the double-LP retrospective, Substance, thanks to its Top 20 hit, "True Faith." With more Joy Division reissues on the way, New Order has an opportunity to consolidate their dance and alternative followings into some potent cross-over possibilities. They've already filled arenas across the country touring with Echo & the Bunnymen and Gene Loves Jezebel. Now, like Depeche Mode, they could be ready to fill still larger stadiums, maybe even on their own. Don't put it by the band's clever long-time management, which now includes Tom Atenico for stateside coordination.

SINEAD O'CONNOR «Chrysalis»

The Irish lass who made bald beautiful, and whose debut alburn. The Lion and the Cobra, did so well she won a bet with label boss Mike Bone, who was forced to shave his pate when the album shot to near-gold. One of the earliest Post-Modern successes, O'Connor parlayed her charttopping slot into crossover Top 40 attention. Hailed by critics and embraced by audiences, this wiry, intense singer-songwriter-guitaristproducer is a chameleon talent whose songs like "Mandinka" and current collaboration with female rapper M.C. Lyte, "I Want Your (Hands On Me)," has made her one of pop's most impressive rookies.

PEBBLES «MCA»

Just one more example of the incredible job done by MCA's Black Music division, headed by Jheryl Busby. Overcoming the fact that a grown woman should choose to call herself Pebbles was this talented newcomer's incredible success story, including a Top 20 album and

> a pair of Top 5 singles in "Girlfriend" and "Mercedes Boy." Savvy and sophisticated, Pebbles co-produced the LP and has strong ideas about who she is and where she's going. Which, if her dynamic debut is any indication, is straight to the top of the charts.

ALEXANDER O'NEAL «Epic»

throwback to the classic soul crooners, Alexander O'Neal updated the formula with a rhythm-oriented Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis production and crossed over neatly with the Top 40 hit, "Fake." The breakthrough action on the single catapulted the durable, platinum-selling elpee, *Hearsay*, onto the charts for a long stay. O'Neal's next effort should solidify his rank as one of the leading progenitors of pop-soul, no mean feat considering the competition. Another winner form Clarence Avant's fertile Tabu stable, home of Cherrelle, S.O.S. Band and a host of fresh, young talent that the E/P/A promotion department has managed to succeed with in the pop marketplace.

PRETTY POISON «Virgin»

This Camden, NJ-based quintet was Virgin America's first dance signing and they broke out in a big way with a Top Ten debut single, "Catch Me (I'm Falling)," from their LP of the same title. The song got exposure via the motion picture, "Hiding Out," but its momentum carried it from massive club play straight into the Top 40. Led by seductive siren Jade Starling, the group evolved from an esoteric artrock band into a state-of-the-art new wave funk outfit with lots of potential beyond the dance floor. They're being managed by William J. Eib and Alan L. Spielman of City Lights in Philadelphia, PA.

> THE REPLACEMENTS «Warner Bros.»

BRENDA RUSSELL «A&M»

This veteran Brooklyn-born, Toronto-bred songstress is one of those multi-talented hyphenate types, with credits as a producer and tunesmith (she penned Donna Summer's "Dinner With Gershwin"). Long a staple on the R&B charts, Russell broke through in a big way with her Top Ten single, "Piano In The Dark," from the Get Here album. She was signed to the label by none other than Herb Alpert, who used her "No Time For Time" on his 1985 LP. Wild Romance. Currently touring with Billy Ocean, Russell is reportedly at work with Narada Michael Walden, writing songs for Barbra Streisand. She's managed by Eric Borenstein and Garry C. Kief for Stiletto Ltd.

They've been called by critics the only American band that matters, the modern-day successors to the Stones and the Who in chronicling teenage and post-adolescent neuroses in classic garage band style.

Leader/singer/songwriter **Paul Wasterberg may well** be the best tunesmith in rock 'n' roll. With critical kudos and Post-Modern success behind them, it's only a matter of time before the 'Mats add commercial breakthrough to their resume. Last year's masterpiece, Pleased To Meet Me, exceeded all expectations by passing 300,000 in sales. If there's much improvment for the eagerly-awaited next album, perhaps the rest of the world will pick up on what some of us already know—the 'Mats are the mostI

ROGER «Reprise»

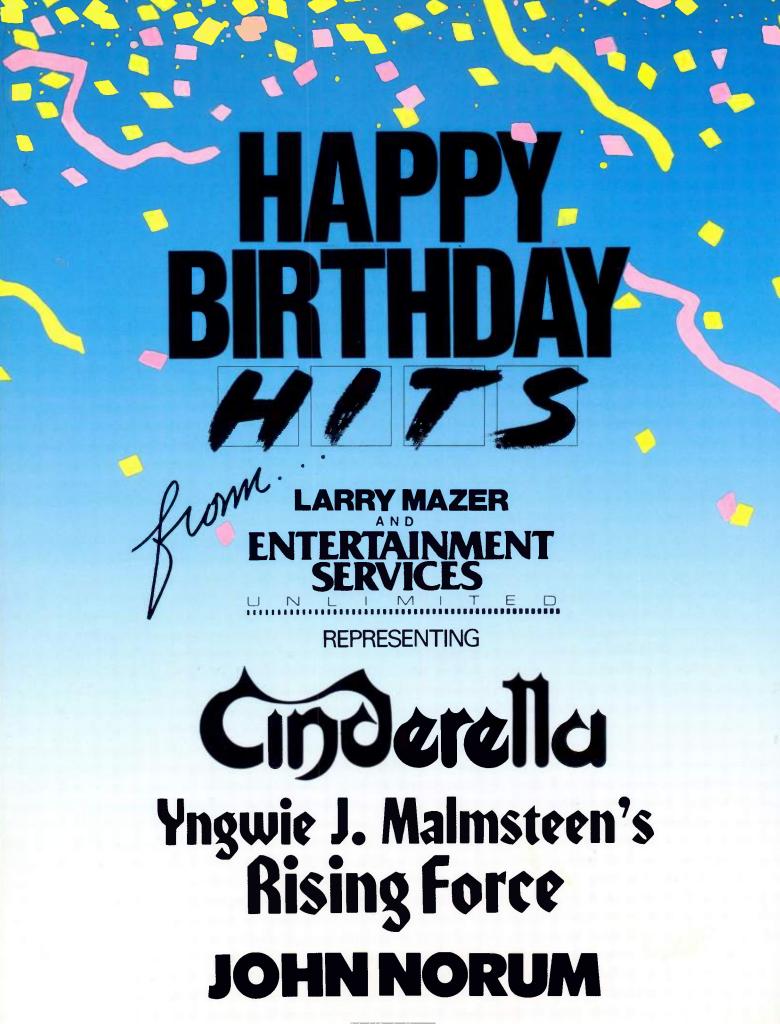
Ex-Zapp funkmeister Roger Troutman provided new label **Reprise with its first Top Ten** record, thanks to the crossover success of his #1 R&B single. "I Want To Be Your Man." The album from which it came, Unlimited!, went gold, an impressive beginning for the revived Warner Bros. off-shoot. After years performing with the likes of George Clinton and Sly Stone as well as his own Ohiobased band, Roger is ready for a strong run at Top 40. A proven force at black radio, Troutman won pop success the hard way - he earned it. Along with the troops at

Reprise.

After years struggling to overcome the long shadow of the New York Dolls as David Johansen, this Staten Island bon vivant struck paydirt with his dapper loungelizard persona, Buster Poindexter. Buster proved to be I th much more than a novelty, though, as came his "Hot Hot Hot" Top 40 is now a pervasive theme on several TV comthick and mercials. Extending the party atmosBUSTER POINDEXTER «RCA»

to overcome phere of his hit video for the song, New York Butster's live shows, complete with his Staten scintillating stand-up patter, have met irt with with enthusiasm far from their humble, Big Apple origins. Somehow, e I think there's even more where that is came from. Still managed by Steve Paul, who stuck with David through thick and thin and is deservedly enjoying the fruits of that loyalty.

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"Being married to Doug is like living in Pittsburgh. Think about it." JUDY SMITH, NATIONAL RECORD MART

"Living with Rick is even more exciting than watching the Democratic Convention." BELINDA STACY, PWR99 ATLANTA

> "Larry took all the credit for the shopping mall tour that I thought of." DEBRA SOLTERS (with Maxie),

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"I won't marry him (Andy Dean) until he's PD." JOYCE KELLY, POWER 95 NEW YORK "Hey, do you want me to hold up Kevin's leash?" MARGIE WEATHERLY, KMEL SAN FRANCISCO

"I loved it, but Patti Kingston Steele held the record off." TRISH SHANNON, Z100 NEW YORK

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"I loved it, but Trish Shannon held the record off." PATTI KINGSTON STEELE, Z100 NEW YORK

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"I love the guy. I just wish he'd stop dragging me to those hockey games." ELAINE PERLISS, SHOW INDUSTRIES



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"It's not true that Richard wears a habit at home." LANA PALMESE, MCA sits Cr5



"Is there someone in a better market that I can marry?" CAROLINE BERGER, WINK FT. MYERS

"Barrie still thinks he's related to Ingrid." ARLENE BERGMAN, RECORD BAR

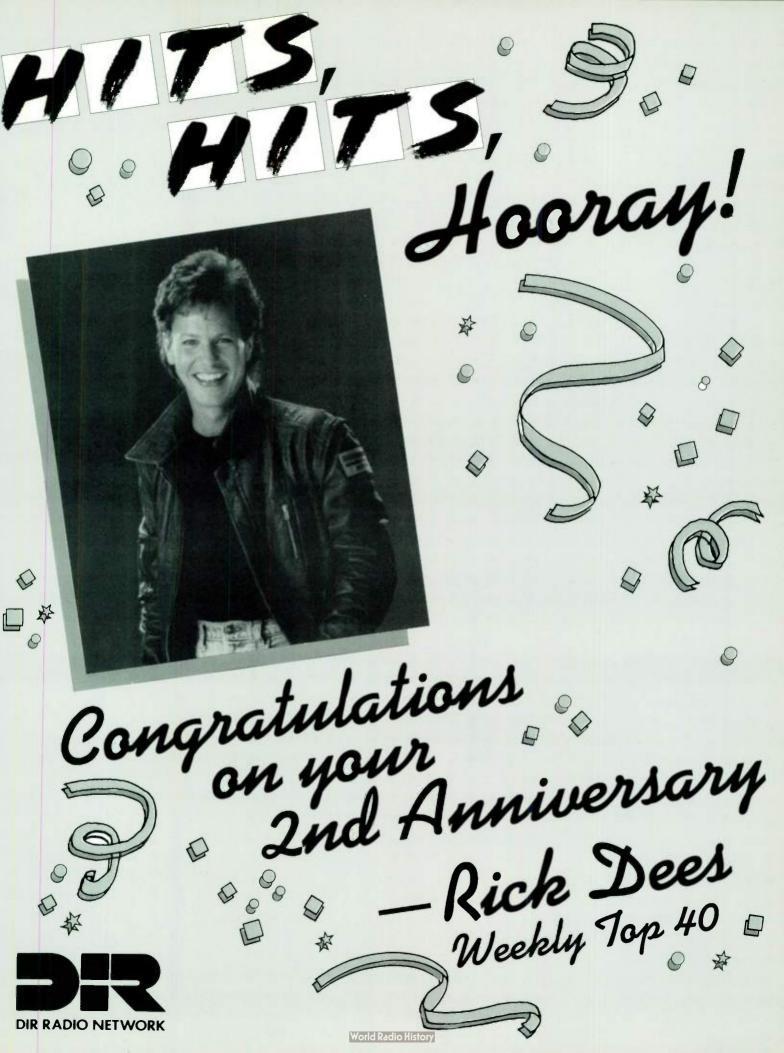


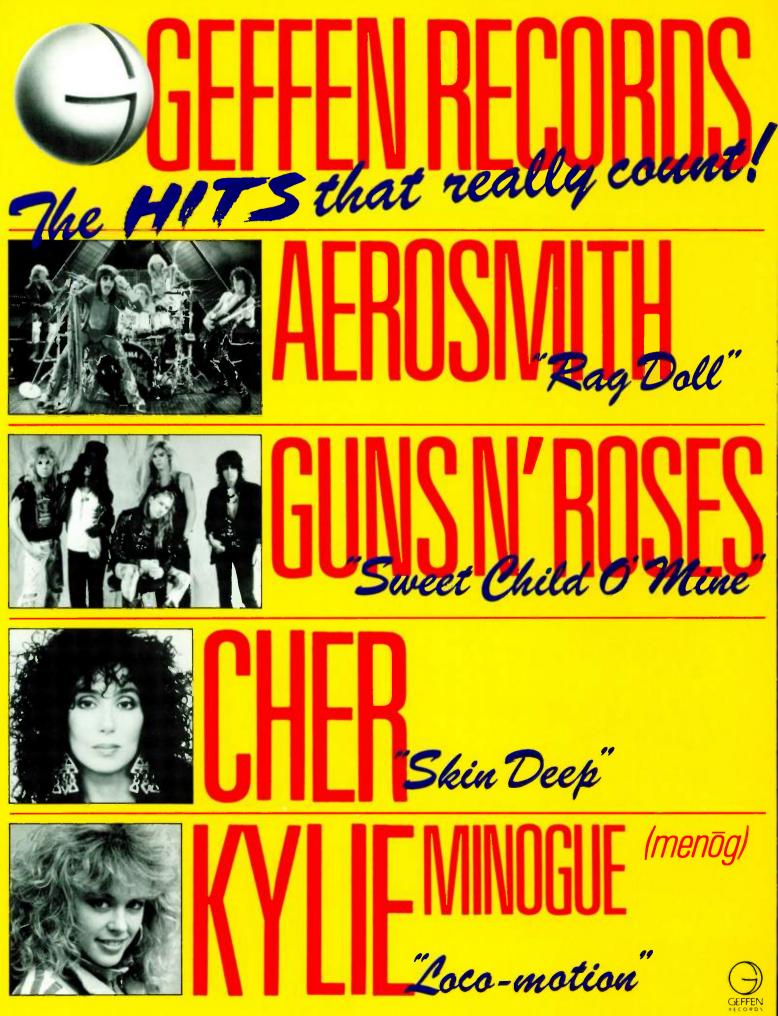
"Being in HITS is the lowest point in my 40-year marriage." GLYN THOM, HARMONY HOUSE

> "Anyone who thinks Nipper is hipper, hasn't met Rick." SARA DOBBIS, RCA RECORDS

"Jay never speaks his mind, so if you need to know anything, ask me!" LYDIA ROSENBERG (with Elise), THE WIZ "He said 'Marry me and you'll see the world'. Little did I know it would be Transworld." KATE ROY, TRANSWORLD

"Larry assured me that his ID Card for the Mustang Ranch was for horse racing." CHARLA MORGAN, FM102 SACRAMENTO "It's obvious, it's his money." SHERRY KAUFMAN, FRONTLINE





TOP FIFTY ALBUYES

ichael Jackson was bad, George Michael had faith, and Def Leppard caused hysteria, but when the smoke cleared, the biggest album of the past 12 months (by far!) was the soundtrack to a little movie that captured the hearts and dollars of consumers of all ages: "Dirty Dancing".

Besides the "Dirty Dancing" phenomena, the superstars who we thought would deliver, did indeed have 'em lining up at the cash registers. Whitney Houston (Arista), Bruce Springsteen (Columbia), John Cougar Mellencamp (Riva/PolyGram), Pink Floyd (Columbia) and U2 (Island) to name just a few.

It was also a great year for come-





backs. Among those returning to the forefront were: Aerosmith (Geffen), George Harrison (WB), Fleetwood Mac (WB), Grateful Dead (Arista), Cheap Trick (Epic), Carly Simon (Arista), Cher (Geffen) and the monster project from Def Leppard (PolyGram) who reappeared in a blaze of glory after a five year hiatus.

Most important to the overall picture was the emergence of a shining crop of new artists highlighted by Terence Trent D'Arby (Columbia), Tracy Chapman (Elektra), Debbie Gibson (Atlantic), Tiffany (MCA), Guns N' Roses (Geffen), Keith Sweat (Elektra), White Lion (Atlantic), Richard Marx (EMI Manhattan), **Rick Astley** (RCA), **Pebbles** (MCA), **Expose** (Arista), **Kingdom Come** (PolyGram), all who found platinum success on the first go round.

We were thinking of something



cute and witty to wrap up this introduction, but we came up dry. So here they are: The Top 50 Albums of the past 12 months.



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(Based on sales of albums, tapes and CD'S from the nation's leading record merchandisers)

he superstars came and went (some even came and stayed) but none were nearly as big as the sleeper soundtrack hit, "Dirty Dancing". It was the album with a thousand lives. It surged upon the film's initial release — it surged when the home video was released, and it surged again when the movie hit the cable channels. It produced three Top Ten singles and it takes top honors as the #1 album of the past 12 months.



	ARTIST	TILE	LABEL	MANAGER
26	VAN HALEN	OU812	WB	E.L. Mgmt.
27	HEART	BAD ANIMALS	Capitol	Front Line Mgmt.
28	KEITH SWEAT	MAKE IT LAST	Elektra	Vintertainment
29	WHILTE LION	PRIDE	Atlantic	Loud & Proud Mgmt.
30	RICHARD MARX	RICHARD MARX	EMI/Man	Left Bank Mgmt.
31	RICK ASTLEY	WHENEVER YOU	RCA	David Anthony Promotion
32	FLEETWOOD MAC	TANGO IN THE NIGHT	WB	Well Done Mgmt.
33	KENNY G	DUOTONES	Arista	Turner Mgmt. Group
34	RANDY TRAVIS	ALWAYS & FOREVER	WB	Lib Hatcher Agency
35	DAVID LEE ROTH	SKYSCRAPER	WB	Diamond Dave Prod.
36	SCORPIONS	SAVAGE AMUSEMENT	PolyGram	Rocksound
37	WHO'S THAT GIRL	SOUNDTRACK	Sire/WB	N/A
38	FAT BOYS	CRUSHIN	TPA/Poly	Tin Pan Apple
39	SADE	STRONGER THAN	Epic	Centurian Mgmt.
40	DOKKEN	BACK FOR THE ATTACK	Elektra	Q Prime Inc.
41	PEBBLES	PEBBLES	MCA	George Smith
42	GRATEFUL DEAD	IN THE DARK	Arista	Grateful Dead Prod.
43	REM	DOCUMENT	IRS	REM Athens Ltd.
44	GOOD MORNING V	SOUNDTRACK	A&M	N/A
45	BRUCE HORNSBY	SCENES FROM THE	RCA	Tim Neece Mgmt.
46	MOTLEY CRUE	GIRLS GIRLS GIRLS	Elektra	McGee Ent.
47	BILLY IDOL	VITAL IDOL	Chrysalis	EastEnd Mgmt.
48	EXPOSE	EXPOSE	Arista	Pantera Group
49	KINGDOM COME	KINGDOM COME	PolyGram	Marty Wolff Mgmt.
50	ANITA BAKER	RAPTURE	Elektra	BNB & Assoc.

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"MOUSSE ON THE LOOSE"

The Best Of Dialogue - II

No record company would even let me in the door. They didn't like the music because it had no image. —Richard Marx

This whole bit about boasting how many gold chains you have is ignorant. -Spike Lee

There's something real cool about these older guys, like me, Elton, Phil Collins, Dylan and the Stones still doing it... -George Harrison

Tawny Kitaen's got this new Jewish illness called "Maids." She dies without them. —David Coverdele

> If they said to me, 'Bret, you have to die, but you can come back as somebody,' I'd love to return as David Lee Roth -Bret Michaels

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i don't think Cher understands me to this day. -Sonny Bono

e of my central problems with coke goes way back to being a kid and putting pee in my nose... it's an exit, not an entrance. -Michael J. Fox

> Perhaps we released the wrong single. -Mick Jagger

I'll tell you, when I was 8 or 9, my parents took me to see Mary Martin dangling on a wire as Peter Pan & I never forgot it. —David Lee Roth

> I was just 16 and Sonny was 28 and he always wanted me to act like I was 16. --Cher



HANDS ACROSS THE WATER

"THE MOUTHS THAT ROAR"

want promotions which get people to say, 'I can't believe they're doing that!'

-Mark Chase, Y107

Leave me alone... call some other bozo! -Scott Shannon, Z100

l do miss the Mexican food and the California girls. —David Shakes, WTIC-FM Top 40 is in need of Post Modern because I feel we've gotten real stale. —Sunny Joe White, WXKS

> l never thought I'd live in Texas in a million years. —Paul Christy, KRBE

New Orleans is way too hot for humans in the summer. —Shadow P. Stevens, B97

It depends how big your balls are. —Reggie Blackwell, WBCY

l learned a lot of Sicilian slang working with Kid Leo. —Brian Phillips, KDWB In Salt Lake City, the sidewalks roll up at about nine o' clock-Lou Simon, KCPX

> It was either radio or clown school. —Frankie Blue, Z100

The Wave is a disgrace to radio. It's not broadcasting.

It's called cutting your expenses.

Buzz Bennett, Y95

If you listened to one 'Power' station, you've listened to them all -Leo Vela, KSAQ

Unlike Album Radio, Top 40 is musically relevant to what's happening now. —Gary Bryan, KUBE I guess I'm a little twisted and off-center, but that's how you make it in this business. —Keith Naftaly, KMEL

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Issue 80, March 7, 1988: They went to Graceland. Those crazy little devils from the Grammy Awards surprised us by naming Paul Simon's "Graceland" Record Of The Year. Other awards went to "Somewhere Out There" for Song Of The Year; Narada Michael Walden for Producer Of The Year; U2 took honors for Album Of The Year and Best Rock Performance By A Duo Or Group With Vocals; Jody Watley, Best New Artist; Whitney Houston, Best Pop Vocal Performance, Female; and on and on. If you'd like a complete rundown of all the winners, please consult *Billboard*, March 7, 1988 issue — thank you.

True Love



Z100's Scott Shannon was a very regular HITS photo subject during the past 12 months — so much so that we threw up (we're talking major league barf, folks) whenever we received yet another. Here's Scott with Aerosmith's Steve Tyler playing the customary game, "Let's Try To Get A Record Added At Z100."

Berger's Got The Power

Issue 78, February 22, 1988: Oh that crazy, crazy world of radio. Larry Berger is appointed Operations Director for WWPR, Power 95 in New York. He has been with the station for 14 years. He has a beard.

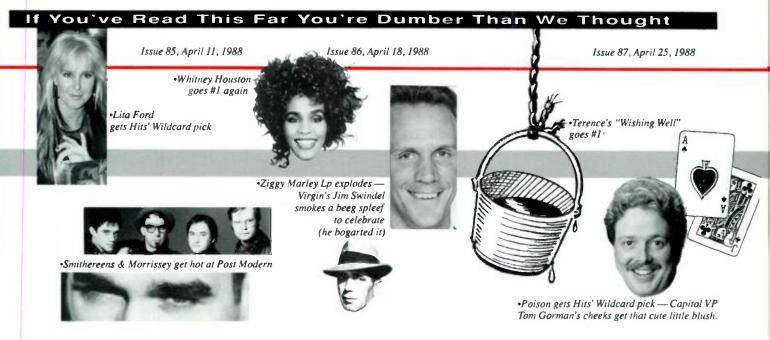
Urso Lands At Atco Issue 78, February 22, 1988: The new Atco Records under new President Jerry Greenberg appoints a new Promotion ruler to sit on a new Promotion throne. Dave "Don't Call Me New" Urso gets the nod.



Here are the folks from Capitol hanging with their act Great White at another of those boring dinners these people are likely to throw. That's the folks telling us their cumulative I.Q. Hey, that's not true — that's them after the photographer told them to "put both hands on your knees."

Indictments Fly In L.A.

Issue 80, March 7, 1988: The United States Attorney in Los Angeles hands down indictments to four individuals for violation of federal income tax and payola laws. Named in the indictments were independent promoter **Ralph Tashjian** and his wife **Valerie**; independent record promoter William Craig; and former KIQQ Program Director George Wilson Crowell. Among the programmers listed as receiving cash and/or cocaine were: Johnny Lee Walker of KYNO, Fresno; Edward Carey, KMGX, Fresno; and Robert Bruite, El Paso.





Scum Rises

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The last 12 months brought a lot of slime to the foreground. We were happy to finally confirm our contention that Jerry Lee Lewis wrote the rock anthem "Great Balls Of Fire" about his cousin above. We weren't so angry with Jimmy Swaggart for his crimes until we saw the spread in Penthouse.

Teller Exits

Issue 87, April 25, 1988: Following months of rumors, CBS Records Inc. President AI Teller resigns his post. Teller spent the last sevenand-a-half years at the label. The company released a statement which quoted Teller as saying, "I am looking forward to exploring new challenges and opportunities which have been made available." No successor is officially named, but *Hits* columnist **I.B. Bad** has been writing his name for the past three months.

Kwiker Exits Wherehouse

Issue 84, April 4, 1988: Wherehouse President and Chief Executive Officer Louis A. Kwiker abruptly resigns his post with no official statement issued by the company. Kwiker became head of the company in 1982, and had been in the middle of a takeover attempt by Shamrock Holdings, an investment firm headed by **Roy E. Disney**. Insiders say the move was unexpected and speculate that it does not represent Kwiker's exit from the music fold.

There Goes Brian

Issue 84, April 4, 1988: Oh that crazy, crazy world of radio. **Brian Philips**, you remember him. Yeah, just months ago he went from **WMMS** in Cleveland to **BJ105** in Orlando. Well now he's headed to the cold, cold Northwest to take the PD spot at **KDWB** in Minneapolis. You won't read about him again in this Anniversary Issue, but come our third anniversary......

lenner Promoted

Issue 87, April 25, 1988: Arista promotes Don "Keep Me Out Of That Cesspool Of A Magazine" lenner to the post of Executive Vice President and General Manager of the label. lenner, who joined the label in 1983 as VP of Promotion, most recently served as Senior Vice President of Promotion and Marketing. We personally congratulate Donnie and endlessly thank him for getting a new picture taken. (Ed Note: We're trying to hold back. We're using all our restraint. Sorry, we just can't do it -NICE HAIR, DONNIE!)



Issue 82, March 21, 1988: Oh that crazy, crazy world of radio. **Tom Jeffries** is appointed PD of **Z94** in Boston. He is happy.

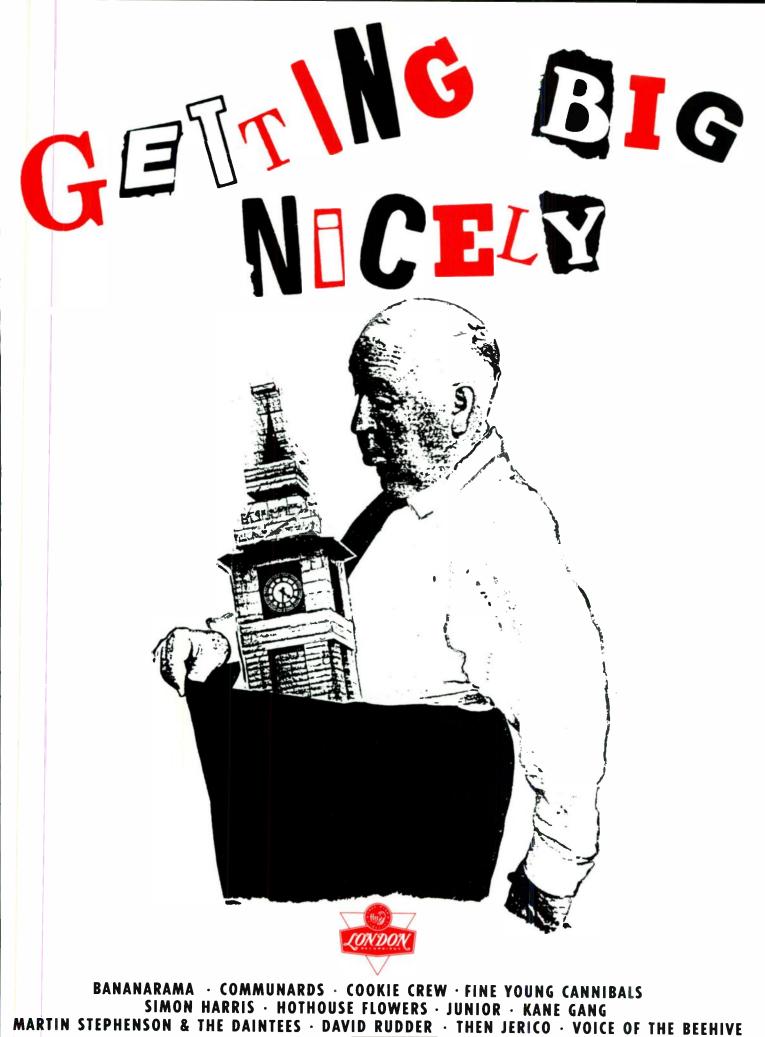
Ron Has Fun



We ran this photo of Capitol's dashing VP of Marketing Ron McCarrell at the time of the CEMA convention, and needless to say, it received a lot of attention (all three of readers liked - *it*). our Moments after this photo was taken, Ron uttered those immortal words: "Gee, 1 haven't had this much fun since someone left a cattle prod in my office." (Ed Note: You had to be there.)

Below: Barbara Bush's Beauty Secrets Revealed





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It's Tommy!!! Tommy's First Picture

Issue 88, May 2, 1988: Ending months of speculation and intense rumormongering (much of it done by us, we might add), CBS appoints Tommy Mottola CBS Records Division President. "I think you're going to see a swift new CBS," Mottola told Hits. "The focus is going to be really on A&R, Promotion and Artist Development. I

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want to drive every hit home." Mottola founded Champion Entertainment in 1974. Prior to that, he headed Chappell Music's Contemporary Music Division. And what of the rumors flying that could include new CBS labels? "All of those possibilities and probabilities are definitely on the horizon," he exclaimed.

Dave Is Happy



This was the first picture we received of new Epic Ruler Dave Glew (second from right) at his new job with his new coworkers. He looks pretty dang happy doesn't he? Pictured (1-r): Epic VP Larry Stessel; a party guest; Michael Jackson who now helps Dave send his children to college; Dave and Jackson's Manager Frank Dileo.

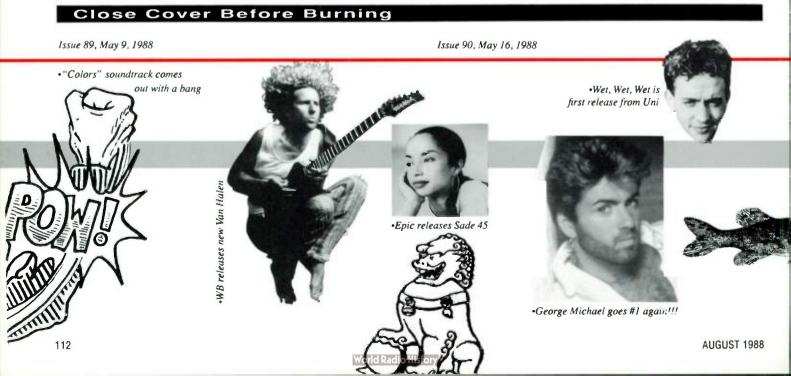


This was the first "trade" picture we received of new CBS Records President Tommy Mottola (second from right) as he greeted (1-r): Living Colour's Vernon Reid; The Godfathers' Chris Coyne; and Peter Coyne, The Godfathers. Tommy then spent the next six hours and 54 minutes telling old John Cougar Mellencamp stories.

Stuck On Glew

Issue 89, May 9, 1988: After much rumormongering (and, we might add, we did a lot of it) David Glew is officially appointed Senior Vice President and General Manager of Epic/Portrait/Associated labels. An industry veteran, Glew first joined Dot Records as a salesman in 1961. He

moved to Seaway Distributors in 1963, and joined Atlantic Records as National Sales Manager in 1969. He was appointed Atlantic's Ex-President/ecutive Vice General Manager in 1976. He is happy (That's HAPPY, not GAY, foul-minded you readers!)



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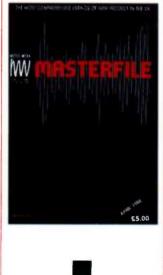
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And Then There Was Henry

By far, one of the nicest professionals in the music industry is WEA President Henry Droz who provided us with more than a few laughs over the past 12 months. We generally don't like to abuse people we're so fond of, but after receiving the following photos over the past 12 months, it's almost like we have no choice.



Here Henry hangs with WCI Chairman Stephen Ross as he receives his bonus for 1988. Ross and Droz made a tour of the branches to promote safe sex in the pipeline.



That's Henry on just another day at the office, doing his 11am "It's Time To Play With My Stuffed Animal Collection" daily routine. At 11:45, assistants brought in a trampoline, three albanian midgets, two sheep and a goat. Think about it. Here's Henry falling asleep while talking to the always exciting Robbie Robertson during the recent NARM convention. Never one to miss a nap, a surprised Henry woke up at a Motel 6 in Pomona with a 345lb female mudwrestler named Bula.





Rambo Droz settles a point with Van Halen's Sammy Hagar during a listening party at WEA's home office. After soundly whipping the rocker, Henry jumped on the table, beat his chest, flexed his biceps and uttered the immortal words: "I'd like a Diet Coke with a tiny tad of ice and just an eetsie beetsie twist of lime."

Just Say No — But Pass The Joint First









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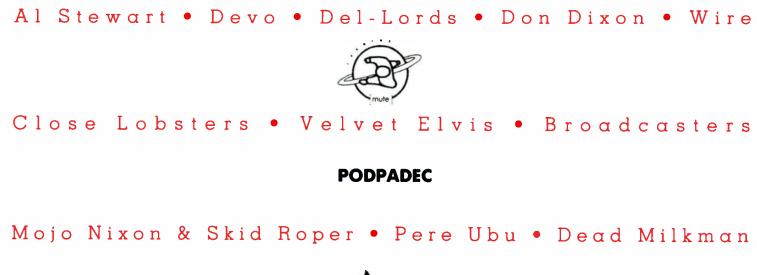
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THE SMITHEREENS «Enigma/Capitol»

These pop bards from New Jersey are a throwback to the glorious days of AM radio, when the airwaves were filled with jangly guitars and pitched harmonies. Their debut, Especially For You, produced the left-field alternative hit, "Blood and Roses," and the group's follow-up, Green Thoughts, proved an immediate PoMo fave, spending months in the upper regions of Hits' Post-Modern charts. As with the slow-breaking first elpee, patience at the label is paying dividends. The video from the new single, "House We Used To Live In," is starting to boost sales of the Don Dixonproduced

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SALT-N-PEPA «Next Plateau»

Female rappers from Eddle O'Loughlin's street label emerged from the New York rap scene with a million-selling Top Ten single in "Push It," which came about when KMEL flipped the A-side, a cover of Otis Redding and Carla Thomas' "Tramp," over to play the B-side, which became the hit. The

> dance-floor smash led to the group's debut album *Hot, Cool and Vicious*, earning platinum honors, an almost unheard-of feat for an independentlyreleased LP. Although the majors have come a-

> > courting, O'Laughlin feels he can take his band and label to the "next plateau" without the help of the big boys. He's done fine so far.

HENRY LEE SUMMER «Epic»

His bassist played in Epic Promotion VP Dan DeNigris' band back in Indianapolis, but that wasn't the only reason this veteran Hoosier rock 'n' roller broke through with the hookladen hit single, "I Wish I Had A Girl." Translating regional success Into national visibility didn't happen overnight, but Summer's romantic anthem, from his self-titled debut, guickly caught on and shot into the Top 20. A heartland rocker with an unpretentious style, Summer can't escape comparisons to the likes of John Cougar Mellencamp, though he's well on the way to making his own name with an impressive break from the starting gate.

STRYPER «Enigma»

Neither the major labels nor MTV would touch this born-again Christian heavy metal band from California's Orange County at n' first, but Enigma took the case for Stryper directly to the people with the group's third I Had A release for the indie label. Massive re-

quests forced MTV and other outlets to give the video from the Top 20 single, "Honestly," heavy rotation, which boosted sales of the band's To Hell With The Devil album to



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platinum levels. The group's newest LP, In God We Trust, looks headed in a similar direction. Stryper's unprecedented achievement is parlaying Inspirational and Metal exposure into Top 40 success.



TIMES 2 «Reprise»

Cheeky Bay Area pop duo brought up on Gilligan's Island and Leave It To Beaver proved to be yet another crossover pop success for the revived Reprise label, as their debut album produced the Top 20 hit single, "Strange But True," an apt description of this twosome's unlikely rise. The band has returned with an offbeat version of Simon & Garfunkel's "Cecilia." produced by Club Nouveau's Jay King, which proves Shanti Jones and Johnny Dollar capable of any kind of cultural appropriation in the name of tuneful dance-pop. Warner Brothers' A&R whiz **Benny Meding served as Executive Producer**, while Left Bank's Stephen **Drimmer and Allen Kovac** are handling management for the band.

AL B SURE! «Warner Bros.»

Boston-bred singer and child star who moved to New York City, where his career's been guided by Uptown Enterprises' Andre Harrell and Warner Bros. record executive Benny Medina. AI B. Surel's "Nite and Day," the first single from his debut album , In Effect Mode, crossed over from its R&B base to become a Top 10 single, pushing the elpee into the Top 20. With his boyhood pal and co-producer Kyle West, AI B. Surel is more than just a cat with a catchy name. His brand of hip-hop, crossed with a classic soul croon, has made him a face to watch in this highly-competitive field of fresh, young talent.

SWING OUT SISTER «PolyGram»

U.K. pop trio made the trans-Atlantic crossing a successful one by garnering a Grammy nomination as Best New Artist and a Top Ten single in "Breakout," from their debut album, It's Better Io Travel. The tune's sprightly, jazzinflected swing quickly established a Pop Adult base for the band, thanks in large part to steady VH-1 exposure,

with Top 40 success the final piece of the puzzle. Freshfaced and seductive, Swing Out Sister is one British phenomenon that seems to have translated quite well, thank you. Charismatic, Audrey Hepburn-like waif

> sin ger Corinne Drewery could easily attract Diana Rigg- type cult following.

JANE WIEDLIN «EMI/Manhattan»

After a single unsuccessful album for another label, Jane Wiedlin proved the second time was the charm with

the Top 40 success of "Rush Hour," the first 45 from her album, *Fur*. The Stephen Hague-produced elpee goes in a new direction for the diminutive

ex-Go-Go with a crisp, techno-pop dance-floor sound that has proven remarkably successful. Kudos must go to Wiedlin herself for a risky career maneuver and to the record company for believing, then going out and proving. In this case, it appears the gamble paid off.

10,000 MANIACS «Elektra»

An artist development story with a happy ending. The label kept the faith, and the people responded in kind to these upstate New York folk-rock hippie throwbacks. Top five Post-Modern action and a well-exposed video for the single, "Like The Weather," were just the ticket to



make the band's second, Peter Asher-produced album, *In My Tribe*, a gold record. Whirling dervish lead singer Natalie Merchant has become a regular sight with television appearances on Carson, Letterman and *Saturday Night Live*. The band is heading for the kind of popular and media success enjoyed by the likes of Talking Heads and R.E.M.



KEITH SWEAT «Elektra»

This New York stockbroker yuppie took advantage of the new upwardly mobile black market to crossover into the Hits' Top Five with the single, "I Want Her," from his debut album, Make It Last. Elektra's black and pop promotion departments did just that with their unlikely star,

> achieving more than a million in sales for the long-running Top Ten elpee. Sweat's success proved there will always be a strong audience for fresh and modern soul



music—black and white. Wall Street may have laid an egg last year, but it did produce 1988's most promising young R&B artist.

WHITE LION «Atlantic» They came from Noo Yawk to climb the stairway to rock heaven. White Lion are rock 'n' roll dark horses, riding the Top 10 success of the single, the pop-metal "Wait," from the Top 10- platinum album, Pride, thanks largely to a polished production by vet Michael Wagener. Previously signed to another label, who dropped them without even releasing the aiready-finished record, White Lion have spent the last year working their manes off, opening for both AC/DC and Aerosmith, winning over headbangers. . . and selling product. . . at every stop. As guitarist Vito Bratta told Hits, though, they're after more than the hard rock minions: "A White Lion LP isn't gonna be all about partying on a Friday night and getting drunk."

TIFFANY «MCA»

SUZANNE VEGA «A&M»

One of the major artist development stories of the past twelve months was the success of this frail throwback to the salad folkie days, when wouldbe Guthries like Bob Dylan and Phil Ochs hung out at Bleeker and McDougal Streets in the Village. No one expected Suzanne Vega's Solitude Standing. the follow-up to her criticallypraised 1985 A&M debut, to be a Top Ten LP and a Grammy nominee for Best New Artist to boot. Vega's moving, eloquent child-abuse protest song, "Luka," was the key, a Top Five single that re-called previous social anthems like Janis Ian's "Society's Child." Vega is managed by Ronald K. Fierstein, and is currently working with his brother, playwright Harvey on a musical based on the life of author Carson McCullers.

JODY WATLEY «MCA»

She was this year's Grammy Winner for Best New Artist, beating out the likes of Terence Trent D'Arby on the strength of a platinum solo debut that produced three straight Top 40 smashes in "Looking For A New Love," "Don't You Want Me" and "Some Kind of Lover." The ex-Shalamar star proved an alluring sex symbol via steady video exposure, which helped her effortlessly cross over from dance and black formats to the heady reaches of the pop charts. At once a style-setter and a vivacious performer, Jody Watley's a veteran newcomer with unlimited potential.

What more can we mere mortals say about the Goddess of the Shopping Malls except, if she didn't exist, Larry Solters would probably have had to invent her? The Tiff-women (we like to call her that) had a debut album that has sold more than three million copies (and John Burns is still tallying) and produced three (count 'em, Harold Sulman) Top Five singles, including a pair of #1 records in "I Think We're Alone Now" and "Could've Been." Manager/producer George Tobin and the label pulled all the right strings, but no one can deny that Tiffany struck a chord among her following which should be felt for a long time to come. And she's still only 16, so eat your hearts out!!

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"When we met my first name was Maria, but Nick made me change it." **IRENE MARIA** (with Nicholas), ATLANTIC

"Where the heck did Ron find that cattleprod?" **DIANE MCCARRELL** (with Nicholas), CAPITOL

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"I wish John would stop goosing men in public." LUCY FAGOT, CAPITOL RECORDS

"Thank God for Jerry Clifton." JANET BEACH, WCKZ CHARLOTTE

"I always told Michael that Rob was the brains of the business." NANCY LIPPMAN, LIPPMAN/KAHANE

"Is there someone in a better market that I can marry?" SUE ELMORE (DAVIS), WPFM PANAMA CITY

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"Aaaargh, can you believe I married a man who looks like Igor The Ax Murderer?" NINA LEACH, POLYGRAM RECORDS

"These guys think if they run my picture, they'll get the Laker seats next year." DONNIE SMITH, CAPITOL-EMI

> "Arnie still thinks he's related to Leonard." POLLY BERNSTEIN, MUSICLAND

"It took me a long time to find a woman with a beard." DR. BRIAN HERSCHORN (Mr.Judy Libow), ATLANTIC



"There's something strange

about Bob yelling about a Big Pig while

he's sleeping." <u>BARBARA RE</u>ITMAN,

A&M RECORDS

"Harold assured me the only 16-year-old he was hanging with was Tiffany." ALICE SULMAN, MCA



"I wish Freddie would stop asking me to dress like Madonna" CANDY DEMANN, DEMANN ENTERTAINMENT

"I'm the real 'Dirty Diana'." DIANA DOUGLAS, E/P/A

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"I wish Tom would stop referring to our bedroom as a venue." SYDNEY ROSS,





"It's the little things in life that count. And by the way, I Control the Laker seats." SHELLI AZOFF, MCA RECORDS

"Jerry's at the Casino trying to win back my wedding ring." LESLIE DEAN, KLUC LAS VEGAS

"I married Jim just to meet Jon Bon Jovi." JUDY URIE (With Megan & Katie), POLYGRAM RECORDS

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Good Friends



It was a great year for Jimmy lenner (1) who was pivotal in the incredible success of both "Dirty Dancing" chart-toppers. That's Bill Medley planting a passionate wet one on Jimmy's cheek. Moments later Jimmy looked at Bill and said: "Hey, since I didn't take an ad out in the Hits Anniversary issue for my incredibly successful soundtrack, I'll go halves with you on a couple of drinks."

Greenberg Resigns

Issue 87, April 25, 1988: Hey, remember a few pages back when you read about Jerry Greenberg helming the new Atco Records. Well scratch that. This week, Greenberg resigns as of June 1 to run a CBS West Coast label. Who will Greenberg, who termed the spilt "amicable", take with him?

Schulman Named

Issue 87, April 25, 1988: Atlantic names 20-year label veteran Mark Schulman to the post of Senior Vice President/General Manager, succeeding the recently departed Dave Glew. Schulman most recently served as Vice President of Creative Marketing Services.

🕈 Folger At KEGL

Issue 90, May 16, 1988: Oh that crazy, crazy world of radio. **Joel Folger** heads to **KEGL** replacing some guy who went somewhere else after somebody left that station to go somewhere else.

Our Hero



Liberace — He didn't come up to our office during the past 12 months.

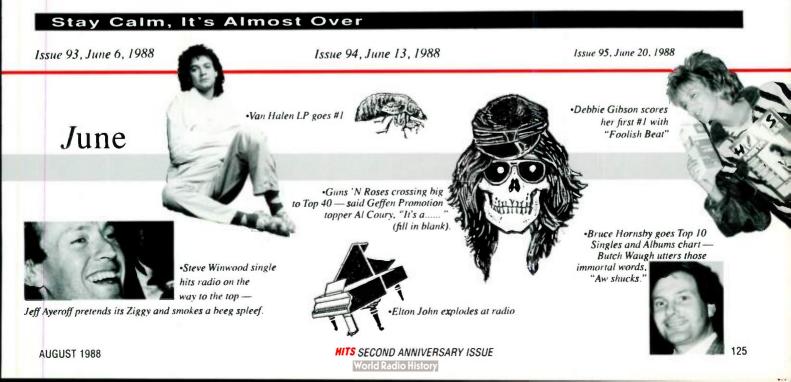


Elton Bums Out

That's MCA Sr. VP Marketing & Promotion Richard Palmese making MCA's Elton John wish he was standing next to Kiki Dee (By the way, Kiki is now parking cars in Ft. Lee, New Jersey). Moments later Elton turned around gave Richard a drop kick in the crotch and yelled — "It's a soprano part." (Ed Note: Look, we know this isn't funny, but Richard asked us to work in a mention of his crotch — thank you.)

Pisello Sinks

Issue 86, April 18, 1988: Reputed mobster Salvatore Pisello is convicted on two counts of income tax evasion revolving around approximatley \$125,000 in taxes he owed from a series of cutout deals with MCA. The trial brought to an end weeks of colorful testimony that filled consumer papers with tales of underworld dealings in the music business. "We are appalled that a tax evasion case has turned into a vehicle to voice hearsay statements, distorted comments and lies against MCA and its executives, none of whom are on trial," said MCA spokesman Larry Solters.



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Ship Of Fools

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Issue 87, April 25, 1988: While the T.J. Martell Foundation dinner raised \$4 million on a gala Saturday night in Manhattan, a first time event set sail in Manhattan Harbor the evening before. The now annual Radio Roast, this year in honor of WMMS' Kid Leo. raised over \$40,000 for the Martell Foundation. While

we're far too lazy to list all the heavies who were aboard this "boat to hell", among them were host Scott Shannon, organizers Ray Anderson and Don lenner, radio wizzes Clarence Barnes. Gary Bryan, Marc Chernoff, Michael Ellis, Jeff Mc-Cartney, Brian Philips, Steve Perun and many more.

Thomas To BJ105

Issue 86, April 18, 1988: Oh that crazy, crazy world of

radio. Brian Thomas departs his post at B104 in Baltimore

to assume the PD duties at

BJ105 in Orlando (that's

where Brian Philips left for

KDWB in Minneapolis). This

leaves the door open in Bal-

timore — any guesses.

New Hits Employees



The last 12 months saw a bevy of "Media Bimbos From Hell" parade across our pages. Pictured (1-r): Fawn Hall, Donna Rice and Jessica Hahn. Given the nature of this gossip-laden, scandal ridden, good for nothing piece of trash (we hate us), we had no other choice but to hire all three.

Phil Q. Promoted

Issue 90, May 16, 1988: Virgin promotes Phil Quartararo Sr VP of Promotion & Marketing. The Promotion and Marketing giant was previously VP of Promotion for the company. He joined Virgin from Arista

Records. We asked Phil if he wanted to make a comment about this very important appointment. "Yes, but you can read it in Billboard," he screamed before reaching up to slam down the phone.

Shamrock Finds A Place To Buy

Issue 86, April 18, 1988: After waging an unsuccessful battle last December to purchase Wherehouse Entertainment, Shamrock Holdings didn't have to battle very hard before agreeing to

buy rival Music Plus. According to Show Industries President Lou Fogelman who remains a substantial equity partner, "I'm delighted and happy."



Herb Meets Joe



That's A&M ruler Herb Alpert (r) with the legendary Joe Dimaggio prior to Herb's performance of our National Anthem at this year's Super Bowl. Herb then thanked Joe for contributing to the heart attacks of 78,987 people with his longstanding endorsement deal with "Mr. Coffee." (Ed Note: He didn't really say such an idiotic rude thing, so don't any weasel independent publicists write us any letters — thank vou.)



Issue 92, May 30, 1988: Oh that crazy, crazy world of radio. The infamous Lorrin Palagi, current Operations Manager of WKSE in Buffalo takes the PD position at Q107 in Washington. So who gets the WKSE gig?

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Motown Deal Done Another Stupid Radio Prank

Issue 97, July 4, 1988: After long arduous neogiations, and more rumors than you could stomach, MCA and Boston Ventures officially purchase Motown Records. Price tag for "The House That Berry Gordy Built" was approximately \$61 million. The deal does not include Jobete

Music and Stone Diamond Music in addition to Motown Productions, the company's film and televison wing. Rumors abound that MCA's Jheryl Busby will helm the new Motown. You'll have to wait until our Third Anniversary to find out if that went down.

Artwork Uproar



Enigma/Capitol released "Open Up and Say Ahh!" by Poison and immediately Mid-America reacted. Several chains including Wal-Mart and K-Mart refused to handle the above artwork, forcing the label to offer a modified version to offended puritans. By the way, the album continues to sell through the roof.

Future Of Poly

Issue 95, June 20, 1988: Hits columnist I.B. Bad tells of PolyGram splitting into two labels with two Promotion staffs — Mercury on the East Coast and Polydor on the West Coast. David Leach will head up the Mercury Promotion team while John Brodey will rule Polydor's West Coast Promo force.

Ostin, Dennis Sr VP At WB

Issue 98, July 11, 1988: Warner Bros promotes Michael Ostin to the post of Sr VP of A&R. He has been with the label since 1977. Lou Dennis is promoted to the post of Sr VP, Director of Sales. Lou has a beard. Michael doesn't.



Those nuts at WMC-FM are so crazy that they covered their own Steve Conley in chocolate. Afterwards, Conley refused to be washed off, opting instead to cruise downtown posing that immortal question, "Hey there, wanna try something sweet?" (Editor's note: This is disgusting and out of line. You folks should be ashamed of yourselves for keeping us in business for two years — thank you.)

Atlantic Ups Faraci

Issue 98, July 11, 1988: Atlantic promotes VP of Promotion Vince Faraci to the post of Sr VP of Promotion and Marketing. Faraci, who has been with the label since

1969 is congratulated by William Holden who comes back from being dead for the resurrection event courtesy of your friends at Hits Magazine.

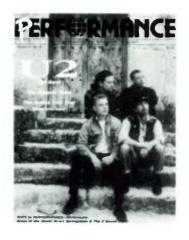
Ganis, Sicurezza Atlantic Promo Chiefs

Issue 99, July 17, 1988: Atpromotes Andrea lantic Ganis and Lou Sicurezza to the posts of Vice Presidents, National Promotion for Atlantic. Based in New York, the pair will jointly oversee the label's promotion department. Hits (Your #1 Source For Resurrection) brings back Truman Capote - who's dead - to congratulate them. Ganis and Sicurezza are very happy. Capote is very dead.



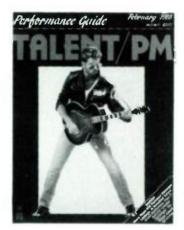
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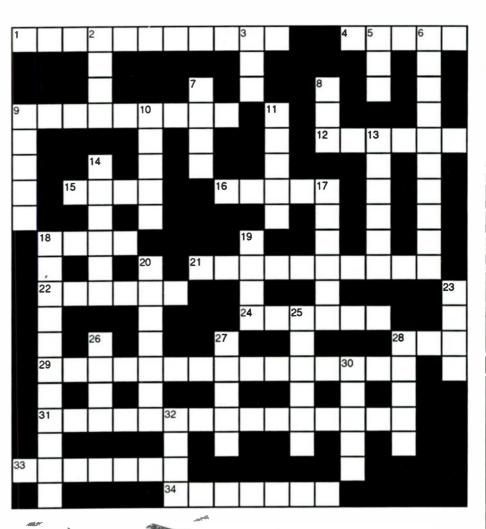
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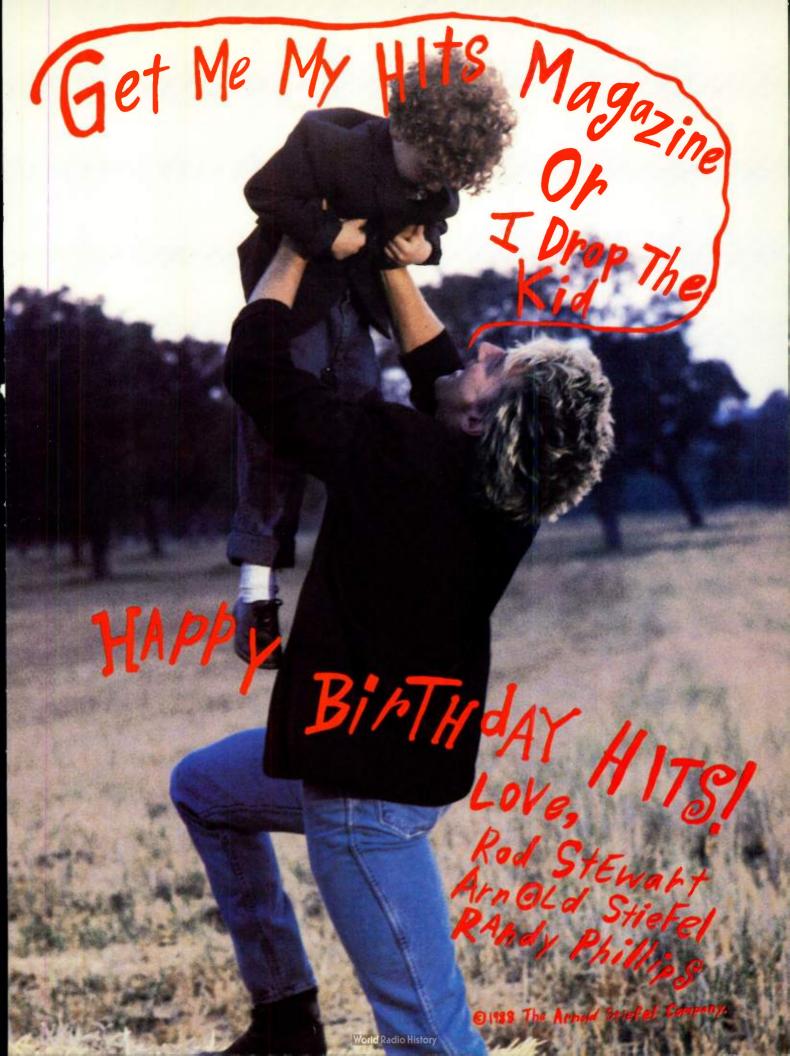
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