

## Industry Announcements

### RCA Releasing Waylon & Willie

LOS ANGELES — A new album by Waylon Jennings and Willie Nelson will be released this month by RCA Records. The album, "Waylon & Willie," comes on the heels of their LP, "The Outlaws," which became the first album out of Nashville to hit the platinum plateau.

The 11 cuts on "Waylon & Willie" include two co-authored by the duo and others by Kris Kristofferson, Shel Silverstein and Fleetwood Mac's Stevie Nicks as well as songs by Jennings and Nelson.

RCA plans to promote the LP with mobiles, 4x4s, T-shirts and advertising in trade and consumer publications.

### Queen, Jackson Browne Receive RIAA Awards

LOS ANGELES — Queen's "New Of The World" LP on Elektra/Asylum Records has been certified platinum by the RIAA. Another E/A artist, Jackson Browne, also recently received an RIAA award when his new "Running On Empty" album was certified gold.

### NAB Sponsors Meet

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A three-day radio programming conference will be held by the National Association of Broadcasters at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago, on August 21-23. Briefings will offer radio station program directors, operation managers, program syndicators and general managers up-to-date information on equipment and programming. The registration fee is \$100.

### Capitol LPs Go Gold; Welch, Cole Honored

NEW YORK — Capitol recording artist Bob Welch's debut solo album, "French Kiss," has recently been certified gold by the RIAA.

Natalie Cole, another prominent Capitol recording artist, recently had her fourth album, "Thankful," also certified gold by the RIAA.

### Wha-Koo Leads List Of New ABC LP Releases

LOS ANGELES — "Berkshire," the second album by Wha-koo, leads the list of six new releases due on Jan. 20 from ABC Records.

Other new LPs include "Night People" by Lee Dorsey, "Rainbow Seeker" by Joe Sample, "Street Player" from Rufus and Chaka Khan, "Sky's The Limit" from Rhythm Heritage and "Lawrence-Hilton Jacobs" by the artist of the same name.

### Black Oak Single Out

LOS ANGELES — "Not Fade Away" has been selected as the first single from Black Oak's new "Race With The Devil" album on Capricorn Records.

### Clapton, Player To Tour In Feb.

LOS ANGELES — RSO recording artist Eric Clapton will begin his most extensive tour in ten years in February with rock group Player as the opening act.

The tour, which will begin in Canada and will include 36 stops, was coordinated by Management Three and was timed to support Clapton's "Slowhand" album.

The tour will include stops in Vancouver, Seattle, Santa Monica, Las Vegas, Denver, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Nashville, Miami, Birmingham, Detroit, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Montreal, Toronto and other major cities.

### Butterfly & Hispavox Sign Licensing Pact

LOS ANGELES — Butterfly Records has entered into a licensing agreement with Hispavox for product distribution in Spain.

Hispavox will begin a concentrated promotional effort on Saint Tropez's "Je T'Aime," THP Orchestra LP "Two Hot For Love," "Love" by Bobby & P.J., Cheryl DiCher's "Blue Sailor," Tuxedo Junction's "Tuxedo Junction" and "On Such A Winter's Day" by Grand Tour.

Alfonso Cervantes, president of Butterfly Records, noted that Hispavox offers "the kind of promotional and marketing support that we feel the products warrant, and we look forward to a long and prosperous relationship."

### ASCAP To Celebrate Calif. Broadcasters

NEW YORK — The California Association of Broadcasters will be honored at a reception by ASCAP on January 9 at the Spa Hotel during the broadcasters' annual convention in Palm Springs.

Louis Weber, ASCAP director of broadcast licensing, David Hochman, director of radio licensing for ASCAP, and Jack Young and Jim Klimazewski, station relations representatives for ASCAP, will speak at the convention.

### Phil Walden To Aid In Furnishing White House

MACON, GA. — Phil Walden, president of Capricorn Records, has been appointed to the committee for the preservation of the White House. The committee will work with First Lady Rosalyn Carter, the National Parks Service and the White House curator to acquire and place furniture and art in the rooms of the executive mansion.

### Buddy Holly Film Set For Release In Sept.

LOS ANGELES — Filming of "The Buddy Holly Story" recently was completed in the Culver City Studios after seven weeks of shooting. The film, starring Gary Busey in the title role, is scheduled for release in September.

## East Coastings/Points West

**Wine.** BTO will play the Warehouse in New Orleans during the Mardi Gras, on February 4 and 5; ironically, this hall is said to be the venue where the original BTO got its first big break in the United States.

**GOOD VIBRATIONS** — You may have received several cryptic postcards by now, the first two depicting prominent Republicans **Dwight D. Eisenhower** and **Nelson Rockefeller**, both flashing the "V for victory" sign. Each is accompanied by a mysterious red and white circled "V" somewhere in the photo. We can't be sure what it's all about, but at this point, we've narrowed the choices down to the **Vibrators** and **Thomas Pynchon**.

**LOOSE ENDS** — The **Sylvers** will join **Engelbert Humperdinck**, **Chicago**, **Rich Little**, **Shields & Yarnell** and **Milton Berle** for the taping of the "AGVA Entertainer Of The Year" award show, now scheduled for July 8 at Caesar's Palace. The show will be hosted by **Jackie Gleason**. . . The **Seabird Band**, a group based in Norfolk, Virginia, has been picking up secondary airplay on both sides of its current Waylon Records single, "Don't Disguise/Virginia Feelin'". . . Official word is in that the original cast album of the Broadway show "Beatlemania, a live-recorded, double-LP set, will be released by Arista Records to coincide with the national touring company's opening night, set for January 14 at the Shubert Theatre in Los Angeles. . . Big Sound Records will release the soundtrack album to "The Foreigner," **Amos Poe's** new film, which features cameo appearance by **Deborah Harry** and rock group the **Erasers**. The entire score is composed and played on guitar, violin, dismantled piano and synthesizer by **Ivan Kral** of the **Patti Smith** group. Poe's other film credits include "Unmade Beds" and "Blank Generation."

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**POINTS WEST** — **RUNAWAYS RUNNING** — Although some last minute problems with the record company threatened to eliminate the **Runaways** from the scheduled **Ramones/Runaways** tour, the difficulties have been overcome and the tour is on. It is significant not only because it is one of the first times two major new wave acts have done a major national tour together, but we are told it is also the first time two major agencies — **Magna Artists** representing the **Runaways**, and **Premier Talent** handling the **Ramones** — have collaborated on such a tour. The first date was in New York City Jan. 7 and the tour will continue for 10 weeks with stops in several major markets. The two groups will play Los Angeles Jan. 27 then move on to other cities winding up the first weekend in March. Both booking agencies feel this tour will help solidify the image of the bands, in particular, and the new wave movement in general. Both **Magna** and **Premier** are working with promoters, with **Premier** serving as New York contact and **Magna** as Los Angeles contact. Rather than the usual headliner-support act format, the bands are sharing headline status in most cities, being billed as "the **Ramones/Runaways** tour."

**THAT'LL BE THE DAY** — All shooting has been completed on the film "The Buddy Holly Story," with the final scenes having been shot New Year's Eve. The movie now progresses to post-production stage aiming for a summer release date. The soundtrack from the film, which was recorded live as it was photographed, will contain 15 songs which are heard throughout the picture. The album has been picked up by a record company which will make its official announcement of the record deal shortly. The soundtrack LP will be released at the same time as the film. . . In other Buddy Holly news, the second "International Buddy Holly Week" took place recently in England, for which Holly's backup band, **The Crickets**, were flown-in for a free concert. **Paul McCartney** put the event together and in the audience were Holly fans **Mick Jagger**, **Ron Wood**, **Eric Clapton** and **Denny Laine**, among others. Next month marks 19 years since Holly was killed in a plane crash. . . While



**PROMO PITCH** — **Tommy John** (r), star pitcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers, visited **Beach Boy Al Jardine** and **Sally John** after the recent **Beach Boys** concert at the Forum in Los Angeles.

on the subject of films, one of those present in the grand finale scene of "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" was producer **Kim Fowley**. It is the second film he has appeared in, the first having been almost 30 years ago. In 1949, Fowley had a role in RKO Radio's "First Treasure of Rio Grande," which starred **Tim Holt**. Meanwhile (back at the ranch?) Fowley goes into the studio beginning work producing his second **Helen Reddy** album for the Entertainment Co. **PARTY LIGHTS** — Among the many parties held New Year's Eve, a few had significant twists to them. At **Olivia Newton-John's** get-together held at her Malibu canyon home, a tent was used over her backyard to keep out the rain, which, until recently, never fell in Southern California. To provide extra dancing room, boards were placed across her swimming pool. In attendance, among others, were **Helen Reddy**, **Jeff Wald**, **Goldie Hawn**, **Alice Cooper**, **Bernie Taupin**, Olivia's manager **Lee Kramer** and our own **Dave Fulton**. . . Across town, **Jackson Browne** held a little bash backstage after his concert at the Forum. But while Jackson was on stage, his son **Ethan** played host to some of his own friends at home. No guest list was available, but we would be surprised if at least one of **Randy Newman's** sons was not present at this party of "short people". . . While Olivia Newton-John is in the paragraph, it should be pointed out that her "Greatest Hits" album was recently certified platinum, not gold as mentioned in **Cash Box** (Dec. 31). . . **Demis Roussos**, who has had tremendous success in Europe, is coming to the U.S. to record his first album here. **Freddie Parent** will produce. While in Los Angeles for the project, Roussos has rented a room in one of the area's most expensive hotels for a solid month.

**BUFFETT BENEFIT** — **Jimmy Buffett**, whose latest ABC album recently attained gold status, did a benefit concert in Aspen, Colorado to aid the Aspen School of Music. Both shows were sold out and even overbooked, which resulted in police clearing out a number of persons who wanted to get in but didn't have tickets. In attendance were Eagles **Glenn Frey** and **Don Henley**, **Jack Nicholson**, **Barbi Benton**, **Stephen Spielberg**, **Martha Strossman** and **Michael Brandon**. The benefit took in about \$5,000 for the music school. . . While so many acts, especially in winter, have problems with the weather back east, the problem was reversed for the **Blue Oyster Cult** while on the west coast leg of their recent concert tour. First, the band was snowbound in Portland, Oregon. They finally got away to San Francisco for a date there, but were held over in that city because of the fog, resulting

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**THE GODZ SIGN** — The Godz, a rock group from Ohio, has signed with Millennium Records and will release their debut LP in January. Pictured are: Don Brewer, producer; Bob Hill and Mark Chatfield of The Godz; Jimmy Jenner, Millennium president; Glen Cataline and Eric Moore of The Godz and Rob Friedheim, manager.