

THE COUNTRY COLUMN

WHAT'S COOKIN' WITH THE BURRITOS — The **Burrito Brothers** recently opened Nashville offices at 822 19th Ave. So. The building houses both **Martyn Smith Management** and **Burrito Brothers Prods.** The duo — **John Beland** and **Gib Guilbeau** — is working in the studio with producer **Randy Scruggs** on its third Epic album, tentatively titled "Our Roots Are Country Music." The duo took a brief hiatus from the project, however, when Beland was married in a small ceremony in Nashville, June 26, to **Janice Kempson**. The couple was given a seven-week-old springer spaniel as a wedding gift, which they named "Arthur." The act was also featured recently in the live Radio Luxembourg broadcast from the Cannery along with **Stella Parton** and **Gene Cotton**.

STUDIO MOVES — The Sound Lab, located at 1708 Grand Ave., recently changed its name to the Recording Company. The studio is owned and operated by **Harold Lee** and **Billy Sherrill**, both engineers, and **Tom Irby**, a studio designer who operates his company, **Studio Supply**, out of the building as well. . . **Walter Haynes** and **Jack Barlow** opened **Burns Station Sound** July 8 in Burns, Tenn., 35 miles west of Music City. The facility is somewhat of a first in central Tennessee, providing living quarters for artists and their families. It also boasts electrical hookups for buses, campers and motor homes. The studio features a "Muscle Shoals-type" charge with a set daily rate instead of hourly. The company can be reached at (615) 446-0124.

REEVES MUSEUM RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR — Evergreen Place, the site of the **Jim Reeves Museum**, has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior. The museum, now under the guidance of the late entertainer's wife, **Mary Reeves Davis**, was formerly the couple's home.

TOP BILLING FINDS NEW HOME — Top Billing has moved from its Green Hills location to Music Row. The company's new address is 1003 18th Ave. S. The telephone number is (615) 327-1133.



HARD AT WORK — **Bob Montgomery** (l) and recording artist **Lloyd David Foster** recently got together to look at material for Foster's upcoming MCA debut LP. Foster's current MCA single, "Blue Rendezvous," is #53 on the **Cash Box Country Chart**.

which runs through Sept. 19, will take both artists to 20 military bases across the nation, with the performances open to military personnel only.

DON'T BE LATE — The Country Music Assn. (CMA) recently informed us that tickets for its annual Awards Show and Post Awards Show Party have been mailed out. Deadline for returning ticket orders is Aug. 16.

ENGLISH FIRM GOES ORIENTAL THROUGH NASHVILLE — DJM Prods., a firm directly associated with London-based **Dick James Music**, has begun work on the first recording project developed through its Nashville offices. **Arthur Braun**, vice president and general manager of the Music Row bureau, is packaging **Jo Ann Hunter** for the English-speaking market in the Far East. Hunter is currently recording under the direction of producer **Gary Harrison**, who says the project is something in the vein of "Leslie Gore meets the Go-Go's." Born in Japan, the 18-year-old songstress is a member of the cast of Opryland U.S.A.'s "I Hear America Singing" and will make her Oriental debut at the Yamaha Music Festival at the Budokan Hall in Tokyo during November.

OSMONDS THINK ABOUT AN ALBUM — With their "I Think About Your Lovin'" single one of this past spring's surprises, the **Osmond Brothers** have begun work on a forthcoming album in Muscle Shoals under the guidance of producer **Rick Hall**, who was responsible for **Jerry Reed's** latest undertaking. Hall was the producer for the Osmonds' monster pop hit in 1971, "One Bad Apple." The group reunited with **Donny, Jimmy** and **Marle** for a one-month summer tour that began in Philadelphia June 30.

SHEPPARD CELEBRATES 300th — **T.G. Sheppard** performed June 19 in Columbia, Penn., where the state was celebrating its 300th birthday. Appearing with Sheppard were the **Younger Brothers Band**, **Narvel Felts**, **Cedar Creek**, the **Susquehanna River Band** and **Apple Jack** in an all-day event. Proceeds from the show benefitted the Columbia community.

NELSON MEANS MORE THAN BEANS TO LIMA — **Willie Nelson** will appear at Lima, Ohio's annual Square Fair July 30 in an effort to aid the economically-depressed town of 48,000. A March 3 *Wall Street Journal* story, which compared Lima's current state with the prosperous conditions of San Angelo, Texas, prompted the Texas town's citizens to aid the Limans in their plea for help.

NOT ONLY DO THEY WRITE . . . **Stewart Harris**, CBS Songs; **Buzz Arledge**, United Artists Music; and **Michael Stewart**, **Kelso Herston** Music; all flew to Washington, D.C. recently to talk with South Carolina Senator **Strom Thurmond** about Senate Amendment #1333, which would levy a tax on home taping equipment at the point of purchase. Each of the trio of songwriters is a Carolina native, and Thurmond is chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee currently reviewing the piece of legislation. tom roland

SINGLES TO WATCH

JOHNNY PAYCHECK — D.O.A. (Drunk On Arrival) — (Epic 14-03052)

AMY WOOLEY — If My Heart Had Windows — (MCA MCA-52084)

J.J. CALE — City Girls — (Mercury 76163)

SNUFF — (So This Is) Happy Hour — (Elektra/Curb 7-69996)

KAREN BROOKS — New Way Out — (Warner Bros. 7-29958)

NYC New Music Seminar
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KROQ; Dave Hamilton, Doubleday; Scott Muni, WNEW-FM; Jon Sinton, Burkhardt/Abrahms Assoc.; and Dave Gariano, Sebastian/Casey Assoc.

The DJs & Clubs seminar will be moderated by **Craig Kostich**, Warner Bros. Panelists will include **Ivan Brotman**, Pyramid and Mudd; **Mark Kamins**, Danceteria; **Chipper McKearnin**, Maximus; **Bambaataa Asim**, Soul Sonic Force and **Jazzy 5**; **John Benitez**, Fun House; **Francois Kevorkian**, Prelude Records; **Robert Oirnet**, The Limelight; **Shep Pettibone**, WRKS; and **Alan Robinson**, Western Area Rock DJs.

An address will be given at 6:00 p.m. by **Clive Davis**, president, **Arista Records**.

More Meetings

On Tuesday, July 20, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., there will be a Press Panel and a Distribution & Marketing seminar. Moderating the Press Panel will be **Andy Schwartz**, publisher of *The New York Rocker*. Panelists will include **Robert Christgau**, *The Village Voice*; **Richard Grabel**, *New Musical Express*; **Ira Robbins**, *Trouser Press*; **Robert Palmer**, *The New York Times*; and **Nelson George**, *Billboard*.

The Distribution & Marketing seminar will be moderated by **Marty Scott**, The Jem Group of Co's. The panelists will be **Steve Shmerler**, **Chrysalis Records**; **Ron McCarrell**, **Epic Records**; **Bob Rifici**, **RCA Records**; **Rick Dobbis**, **Arista Records**; and **Chris Knabe**, **415 Records**.

From noon to 1:00 p.m. there will be an Urban Contemporary Promotion Seminar, moderated by **Juggy Gayles** of **Juggernaut**. Panelists will include **Jim Knapp**, **Musico**; **Jerry Lembo**, **Endless Music**; **Debbie Caponetta**, **ZE Records**; **Robyne Mondiano**, **IRS Records**; **Curtis Urbina**, **Importe 12**; **Dan Joseph**, **Beckett Records**; and **Bobby Shaw**, **Warner Bros. Records**.

Management Seminar

An Artist Management seminar and an Independent Labels seminar will be held from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. **Charlie Prevost**, manager for **Supertramp** and **Chas Jankel**, will be the moderator. Panelists will include **Billy Gelber**, **Lookout Management**; **Paul McGuiness**; **Gordian Troeller**; **Pat Gibbons**; and **Roger Trilling**.

The Independent Labels seminar will be moderated by **Howie Klein**, **415 Records**. Panelists will include **Bob Biggs**, **Slash**

Records; **Bruce Kirkland**, **Stiff Records**; **Ray Caviano**, **RFC Records**; **Eric Dufauré**, **Cachalot Records**; **Neil Cooper**, **Reach Out Int'l Records**; **Cory Robbins**, **Profile Records**; **Danny Class**, **SAM Records**; **Stan Hoffmann**, **Prelude Records**; and **Jay Boberg**, **IRS Records**.

A Sound Workshop with **Jim Tothe** of the **Peppermint Lounge** will take place from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Publicity Workshop

From 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. there will be a Publicity Workshop, moderated by independent publicist **Nancy Goldstein**. Panelists will include **Howard Bloom**, **The Howard Bloom Org.**; **Barbara Pepe**, **RCA Records**; **Audrey Strahl**, **RIAA**; **Kathy Schanker**, **A&M Records**; and independent publicists **Janice Schact** and **Susan Crane**.

Urban Contemporary and Retail seminars will be offered from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. **Barry Mayo**, **WRKS**, will moderate the Urban Contemporary session. Participants will be **Carlos DeJesus**, **WKTU**; **Steve Smith**; **KUKQ**; **Barry Richards**, **WAIL**; **Pam Wells**, **WGCI**; **Sonny Joe White**, **WXKS**; and **Joe Tamburro**, **WDAS**.

Retail Angle

The Retail seminar will be moderated by **Dave Weiss**, **RCA Records**. Panelists will include **Wresch Dawidjan**, **Record & Tape, Ltd.**; **Jim Nash**, **Wax Tracks**; **Charlie Vinyf Mania**; **Diane Dragone**, **Starr Records**; **Alan Peller**, **J&R Music World**; and **Bruce Godwin**, **Record Rack**.

The final presentation, an A&R Workshop, will run from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., and feature **Simon Potts**, **Arista Records**, **U.K.**; **Michael Rosenblatt**, **Sire Records**; and **Bruce Harris**, **Epic Records**.

Talent showcases have been scheduled for both nights. Seminar registrants and a guest will be able to attend performances by **Haircut 100**, **Soulsonic Force** and **Fashion at The Ritz** on Monday night, and performances by **Gang of Four** and **Trouble Funk** at the **Peppermint Lounge** on Tuesday night.

Annie Goes Platinum

NEW YORK — The original soundtrack to the motion picture *Annie* on **Columbia Records**, has been certified platinum by the **Recording Industry Assn. of America (RIAA)**, representing sales of 1,000,000 units.



MCA'S SPITTIN' IMAGE — Executives of **MCA Records** gathered for a picture commemorating the signing of the label's latest acquisition, **Columbus, Ohio-based rock group Spittin' Image**. The group, fronted by singer/songwriter **Mimi Rousseau**, is scheduled to have its self-titled debut LP shipped this month. Pictured standing are (l-r): **Sterling Smith**, co-producer; **Morrie Herzog** and **Martin Pichinson**, executive producers; and **Bonnie Greenberg**, **MCA business affairs**. Pictured seated are (l-r): producer **Robin Jenney** and **MCA Records president Bob Siner**.