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#### James Knapp Is New Consultant for BRE

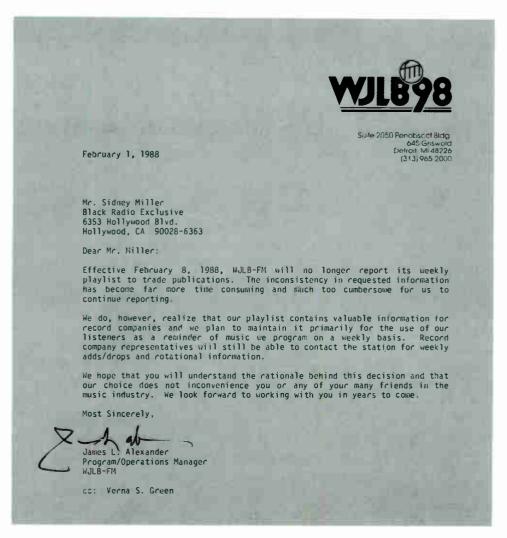
James G. Knapp, head of Entertainment Support Systems and a former music director for the New York-based RKO FM outlet, KISS-FM (now WRKS-FM), has been named a consultant to Black Radio Exclusive for charting.

Knapp closed Musico, an independent marketing company, to revamp, refine and broaden BRE's chart methodology and to institute more detailed computer analysis of current trends.

"BRE will soon be returning to our retail commitment," said publisher Sidney Miller, announcing Knapp's association with one of America's top trade publications.

"We will be developing new chart layouts that reflect an expanded, more refined base of not only the in-depth radio research that is needed for the '90s, but point-of-purchase input that will reflect what is really happening in the market place," said Knapp, former editor of the Atlanta, Georgia-based National Music Report.





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- **3** THE DEELE
- 4 CHRIS JASPER
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### **SINGLE OF THE WEEK**

#### BODY POSSESSION MCA

Body, the talented vocal trio made up of Peggy, Leticia and Francine Body, come back with another cut from their self-titled debut album. Produced by Sir Gant and Michael Powell, this smooth, attractive ballad is jumping off on national airwaves. Full, lush arrangements include strings and sax to back the song's appealingly sensuous vocals. A beautiful slow dance!!!

### **ALBUM OF THE WEEK**

#### DA KRASH DA KRASH CAPITOL

Explosive newcomers Da Krash take a slammin', jammin' funk sound and use that as their point of departure for a journey that is already taking the group's single "Wasn't I Good To You" on a wild ride to the top of the charts. Producer Jesse Johnson takes care to polish each cut, giving the LP a Minneapolis flavor to compliment Da Krash's Clinton-influenced dance grooves.



# BRE MUSIC REPORT

## **IMPORTANT RECORDS**

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### SINGLES

**LEVERT—SWEET SENSATION—ATLANTIC**—Gerald Levert pens and produces another killer cut from *The Big Throwdown* album, this time a happy upbeat groover with both Black and Pop sensibilities. Levert's solid R&B background shows strongly on this finely composed smash!!!

**MICO WAVE—INSTANT REPLAY—COLUMBIA**—Mico Wave's first release "Misunderstood" was perhaps not as well understood as it should have been, though the song did make it on Black airwaves. This second release from the Bootsy Collins-produced debut LP is a extra funky down tempo groover with Roger style vocorder back up. Jam on it!

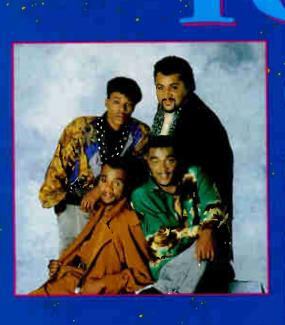
**THE CONTROLLERS—PLAY TIME—MCA**—The Controllers pump down the volume for a sweet sounding ballad from the *For The Love Of My Woman* album. Finely—tuned vocal arrangements are the highlight of this romantic cut, as producers Ralph Benatar and Galen L. Sengales give the vocal group a fine track to showcase their great talent.

### **ALBUMS**

**KEITH PATRICK—KEITH PATRICK—ATLANTIC**—Patrick looks amiable enough on the cover of this debut solo LP, but when you get down to it, this collection of smart danceable funk and soulful ballads, the word is *serious!* "Be My Girl" rocks out while "How Far" cools down in the ballad format. "All My Love" is a classy, mid—paced composition.

**BOOGIE BOYS—ROMEO NIGHT—CAPITOL**—More than just another Rap group, Boogie Boys and producer Ted Currier (Sly Fox, George Clinton) actually make *songs*. The cut "I'm Comin" is cutting up rap-receptive radio airwaves from coast-to-coast as the Harlem—based duo throw down a winner!

**STACEY Q—HARD MACHINE—ATLANTIC**—Stacey is doing her best to prove that she is no flash in the pan talent with this second LP. Producer Jon St. James makes it happen with hits like the current release "Don't Make A Fool Of Yourself." "I Love You" and "Good Girl" are two more Stacey-style dance grooves.



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BLACK RADIO EXCLUSIVE

February 19, 1988

Ithough the title of their new single is "Couldn't Care Less," the Force M.D.'s have been caring about their mus-

Mical careers—and the community—since the days friends would call them out of the house with a one word command: "Sing!"

"We used to sing all of the time," said Antoine Maurice Lundy, professionally known as T.C.D. "All of the kids in the neighborhood knew that we were trying to sing and would ask us to come out and do a few numbers. Eventually, we went outside of the neighborhood and our name got around."

The police knew their name. They would hassle the guys whenever they staged an impromptu street concert because the crowds would quickly form and traffic would be brought to a standstill. "People would be standing on top of cars, climbing telephone poles to see us," T.C.D. told Michael Goldberg, in an interview some time ago.

It was the "street level rhythms and harmonies" that got the fellows noticed the most. They have been compared to the very best of the doo-woppers and they have made noise in the field of rap music.

Force M.D.'s was born five years ago on Staten Island when Jessie Lee Daniels (Jessie D.) started singing doo-wop with his nephew T.C.D. and Trisco Pearson to the delight of riders of the Staten Island ferry. They were joined later by T.C.D.'s rap-inclined brother, Stevie Lundy (Stevie D.), and friend Mercury.

"We had a foolproof plan," T.C.D. told BRE in a phone interview last week. "We would wait until people got off work, then we would get on the crowded ferry, work our way to the front, put our hat on the deck and start singing."

Their impressive style, their close harmonies, and their unique hip-hop doo-wop delivery sometimes earned them up to \$400 a day. "We used to clean up," chimed in Mercury, who was waiting patiently to say something to the children in the United States.

Their on-board performances captured the attention of an NBC camera crew which video-taped them for a segment on the David Letterman Show. There followed a string of New York appearances that quickly earned them a respected name in the Big Apple's circle of entertainment. People were talking about their "new soul sound" that combined the beauty of the street corner harmonies with the hard-edged reality of rap.

In the autumn of 1983, a well-known WBLS deejay, "Mr. Magic," introduced the guys to Tom Silverman, founder and chairman of Tommy Boy Records, a label known for its "street savvy," and the rest, as they say, is history.

Silverman was looking for a group that had the street authenticity of rap, but who could also sing. "I'm into vocal sound myself," Silverman said, "I'm really into doo-wop; always have been. The people who were responsible for doo-wop back in the '50s were kids singing on street corners. When I got out onto the street corners again, I found the same kids, but they were rapping instead of singing."

Force M.D.'s fit the bill to a tee. They were better singers than they were rappers, according to Silverman, and audiences all over the world now know that the group is also becoming famous for their choreography.

> l ell young black kids to stay in school; take a trade, learn how to do for self. —Mercury, Force M.D.'s

Critics talk about their "fluid harmonies," "acapella performances," and "show-stealing theatrics," and fans who saw them in their most recent East coast college tour are still singing the praises of Force M.D.'s.

Jessie D., who is starting his solo career, had help from the other group members in the completion of two songs for his new album, and they remain close.

Their current album, *Touch & Go*, is Force M.D.'s at the very top of their game. T.C.D., Stevie D., Mercury and Trisco watched as their first single "Love Is A House" quickly rose on national sales charts. The title track, in the now

By Lee Ivory

time-honored Force M.D.'s tradition, was another hit from an album that also produced the chart-bound "Couldn't Care Less."

"This single is a classic song," T.C.D. told BRE. "It has universal elements and a lot of emotional input from us. We were a little leery of the song when we were recording it, but in the middle of the session, we fell in love with it. We wanted to release it before 'Love Is A House,' but we know that 'Couldn't Care Less' will definitely do some damage."

"We're feeling up and really big on the new single," Trisco told BRE. "We worked hard on the structured harmony and we made a real commitment to the music. It is a classic Force M.D.'s cut and we used all the hooks. We're going to be known as ballad-makers who come from the heart."

"Force M.D.'s is a throwback to the Delfonics, Unifics, Blue Magic and the Whispers," said Jazzy Jordan, Tommy Boy Records' personable national promotion director. "We're missing a lot of this in Black music today; [close harmonies] have not been heard in a long time."

The recent tour of the Continent with Madonna gave the Force M.D.'s their first taste of international celebration. They visited Germany, France, Holland and the Netherlands and laid them in the aisles in such watering holes as Paris and Nice with their impeccable showmanship.

"We're looking forward to the Budweiser Superfest this year," said Stevie D. "We're also anxious to get back to California because we have so many, many friends out there."

Mercury could not be denied any longer. He wanted BRE to give the nation's disc jockeys a message from the group: "Tell young Black kids to stay in school; take a trade, learn how to do for self. They must be trained to do the jobs that make this country run."

"And tell them not to idolize drug pushers," T.C.D. said. "Tell them, yo, we need leadership..."

Mercury, before signing off, said: "We need more Black leaders; people with great names should help out."

And, as if to add emphasis to their words, the group outlined plans for a benefit concert on Staten Island to help community organizations there.

They believe that show business and community concern go hand-in-hand. Maybe that's why they're considered to be one of the best young groups on the scene today.

The group closed the interview with a trans-Continental rap song dedicated to this writer. Yes, I'll be in the front row when the fellows get to Los Angeles!

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-		DA 'KRASH, Wasn't I Good To Ya, Capitol				EARTH, WIND & FIRE, System of Survival, Columbia
-		GEORGE MICHAEL, Father Figure, Columbia				KOOL MOE DEE, How Ya Like Me Now, Jive/RCA
-		GAVIN CHRISTOPHER, You Are Who You Love, EMI-Manhattan				SHERRICK, Baby, I'm For Real, Warner Brothers
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"Da Butt" by E.U. is the first single from the soon-to-be released new Spike Lee comedy with music, "School Daze".



Watch for extensive coverage of "Da Butt'; Spike Lee and "School Daze" on BET and in national magazines.

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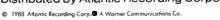
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### IN BRIEF

#### **Goldberg Signs Pact**

LOS ANGELES: Hanna-Barbera Productions, a subsidiary of Great American Broadcasting, has acquired the exclusive animation rights to actress Whoopi Goldberg, it was announced by Joseph Barbera, president of the Hollywood-based studio. Hanna-Barbera, the leading producer of network animation for thirty years, has already begun developing with Ms. Goldberg a Saturday morning animated series using a concept created and written by the actress.

#### **Packaging Gets Nod**

HOLLYWOOD: Feedback from music retailers, onestops and rackjobbers concerning test marketing by C.E.M.A. (Capitol/EMI-Manhattan/Angel) of a pilferproof CD packaging design shows the new container to be well accepted, according to Dennis White, president, C.E.M.A.

#### **BMA Sponsors Show**

NEW YORK: The Black Music Association New York Chapter will celebrate Black History Month (Feb.) by sponsoring "From Roots To Rap: The History of Black Music In Concert." This unique musical performance will be held on Monday, February 22, at the John Houseman Theater, 450 West 42nd Street.

#### **Grant Freeze Asked**

WASHINGTON: The Federal Communications Commission should change its policies and technical standards for AM radio to reduce interference on the band, the National Association of Broadcasters said in comments filed with the Commission recently. While those changes are being considered, the FCC should freeze all grants of new station and major change applications.



#### Rich Callaway

#### Callaway Upped at A&M

HOLLYWOOD: Jesus Garber, A&M Records' vice president R&B Promotion, announced the appointment of Rich Callaway to the position of National R&B Promotion Manager, West Coast.

In his new post Callaway will coordinate R&B Promotion functions for A&M releases throughout the Western United States.

For the past three years Callaway served as Western Regional Promotion Manager at A&M, and prior to that he worked in independent promotion.

Callaway will continue to report to Garber and will be based in A&M's Hollywood headquarters.

#### **Major Record Firms Suing Joseph Isgro**

HOLLYWOOD: A suit filed in Los Angeles federal court recently alleges that Joseph Isgro defrauded four record companies out of nearly \$2 million dollars between 1982 and 1986.

The lawsuit, seeking \$16.7 million in damages against the record promoter who operates out of Encino, names lsgro and his firms, Quickcross Promotions and Isgro Enterprises, in an action charging racketeering, fraud and breach of contract.

The lawsuit was filed by Warner Bros. Records, Atlantic Recording Corporation, Elektra-Asylum-Nonesuch Records, and Geffen Records, and it contends that Isgro either overbilled the companies by \$1.7 million, promoted songs in a fraudulent manner by paying programmers to play songs he was pushing, or failed to promote product he was paid to promote.



lsgro is the subject of an ongoing federal investigation into alleged illegal promotion practices in the music circles and was summarily dismissed by the four companies in 1984.

The record companies contend that Isgro "promised to convince and influence by lawful means" program directors to play music recorded by the record companies and not to do anything unethical or that would violate the payola laws.

#### Warner Communications Reports Top Earnings

NEW YORK: Warner Communications Inc. reported fourth quarter net income of \$92 million, or 59 cents per share, in 1987 compared to \$62 million, or 38 cents per share, in 1986 which included a gain from discontinued operations of \$22.1 million, or 16 cents per share.

"WCI's Recorded Music divisions, both domestic and international, achieved dramatic gains in the fourth quarter as well as for the full year," said Steven J. Ross, chairman and CEO of WCI.

#### **KFOX Creates Scholarship Program**

SEATTLE: Robert R. Bingham, president of 1250 K-FOX and its parent company, Bingham Communications Group, announced the creation of the K-FOX/Bingham Communications Group Minority Scholarship Program.

K-FOX and Bingham Communications Group will annually award a \$20,000 full-ride scholarship to a minority student from the greater Seattle area so that they may attend the School of Communications at Washington State University.

In making the announcement, Bingham said, "WSU was chosen because it is my perception that Washington State University offers the best scholastic opportunity for someone who is interested in our field. I wish to congratulate WSU for their whole-hearted enthusiasm and support for this project. We are doing this because we believe in the future of our business and in the importance of having a stronger minority representation in our industry as an essential part of that future."

The scholarship will be open to all minority students interested in a career in broad-*Continued on page 15* 



A&M recording artist Barry White recently stopped by KACE—FM to do his legendary rap with the station's staffers. Pictured from left to right are KACE mid-day jock Steve Woods, Barry White and Rich Callaway, National R&B Promotion Manager, West Coast, A&M Records.

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Kool Moe Dee raps on Jive/RCA.

IN NEW YORK: I had the pleasure of talking with Jive/RCA rap artist Kool Moe Dee last week and of all the artists that I have interviewed over the years he is certainly one of the most articulate. I was further impressed to learn that he is a recent graduate from the State \$500. New York will be the place to be on March 2! There are lavish after-Grammy parties being planned, so get on somebody's guest list. Hotel, travel and limousine arrangements should be made today!...Herbie Hancock has scored Lorimar's Feb. 12 "Action Jackson" release which stars Carl Weathers and Vanity with The Pointer Sisters on the soundtrack. I hear that this is another "Superfly" flick...During the month of February, Arthur Prysock, Cissy Houston, Brook Benton and Stanley Turrentine will be at Sweetwater's, Reservations (212) 873-4100...The best theatre party of all times had to be the one honoring the South African cast of "Sarafina" recently at B. Smith's. The Broadway musical is composed and arranged by Hugh Masekela...Stephanie Mills and the Rose Brothers were at The Apollo Feb. 12-14. Once again, Miss Stephanie sold-out all shows-... Boxing promoter Don King and Amsterdam News publisher Wilbert A. Tatum are bidding to buy the New York Post, one of the world's largest dailies ... Each week I get calls from East Coast readers wanting to know where they can

## EAST COAST SCENE

By Clyde Wayne MacMillian

University of New York at Westbury with a BA in Communications. Kool Moe Dee will be performing at the Urban Rap Awards at The Apollo on Feb. 27 and he'll appear on Soul Train, as well as perform and be a presenter at the Soul Train Awards in L.A. on March 29...Super diva, Patti LaBelle will be live and in concert still at the Westbury Music Fair in Westbury Feb. 21. The black-tie benefit still has a few \$80 left. Call (718) 527tickets 1301...Michael Jackson will perform at this year's Grammy telecast live from Radio City Music Hall on March 2. This is Michael's first live TV performance since the Motown 25th Anniversary special in 1983 filmed at the Apollo. He has been nominated for four Grammys and will share the stage with Whitney Houston and Cab Calloway and other will Black stars who be presenters...Speaking of the Grammys-if you are a NARAS member, then you should have received your invitation by Feb. 1. If not, call NARAS in N.Y. at (212) 765-9125, or in Burbank at (818) 843-8233. Member tickets and one guest are \$175 each; non-member/ NARAS member tickets are \$350 and patron/NARAS member tickets are buy copies of BRE off the newsstand. Well, it's best to call **Gwen Ivory** at (213) 469-7262 at BRE in Hollywood and



Cissy & Whitney Houston

place a subscription order with her and have your weekly copy mailed, but you can buy it in New York at Penn Book Store (212) 564-6033. The store is located on the ground level of Penn Station between Chase and Bowery Banks...I dropped by the Undochine to discover that they were having a party to celebrate the "Afro" hairstyle, of all

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has finally leaked out! Many were led to believe that Clive Davis of Arista Records made Whitney Houston a star but her mom, Cissy, gets the credit. "The reason I'm a singer is because of her," says Whitney in the TV movie, "Cissy Houston: Sweet Inspiration." Cissy and all the Houston clan and celebrities were at a screening of the movie and a live performance at Newark Symphony Hall last week...IN MISSISSIPPI: Al Jenkins of WZFX in Gulfport is excited about Mardi Gras as it extends from New Orleans to Mobile, Mardi Gras attracts millions from all over the world who enjoy the carnival of 24-hour fun. WOFX, which is located in a high-rise penthouse studio which overlooks the Gulf of Mexico, is participating in five Mardi Gras parades. One of the station's highlights is the FOXY 96 Video Coke Van which has a video screen and sound system and is used to take the FOXY on location in Gulfport...IN SOUTH CAROLINA: WASC is gearing up for the Cold Chillin' '88 Tour which stars Dana Dane, UTFO and the Real Roxanne Shante. Ed Waddell says that WASC is sponsoring a special rap promo and the local winning rap act gets to open for the Tour. Ed is to judge a local high school beauty pageant soon. A gospel concert featuring the Jackson Southernaires, Luther Barnes and Redd Budd Gospel Choir, Jackson Family, Wisdom and Spiritual Highlights, Macedonia Ladies Ensemble and Tri-City Singers is set for Valentine's Day, PD Lou Broadus and Ed are the "hit" pickers for the Carolinas. Question: Is there any way a small station in a small market that does not report to Billboard get any kind of recognition or awards from record companies? If you've got the answer call Waddell at (803) Ed 585-1530...POINTS BEYOND THE EAST COAST-IN CALIFORNIA: Cornucopia Records has released their debut artist, Rosey Thomas, who recorded "(Let's Get) Closer, Baby," and "Can You Match My Love." Call Sheeva of R.C. Thomas Associates in L.A. at (213) 732-6301 for videos, tapes and records...IN ENG-LAND: Mike Ward, A&R of Timeless Records, is trying to locate Carl Davis, a veteran Chicago producer who is associated with the Dells. Mike is also seeking demos, masters and records of Black/Soul artists for his label. Call (0742) 879882 or write to 68 Wharton Avenue, Aughton Sheffield, Yorkshire S31 OSA, United Kingdom. If you call, there is an eight-hour time difference...If you have tidbits of interest that you would like to share with our BRE readers then please contact me at (718) 919-0533 or P.O. Box 023750, Brooklyn, New York 11202. Stay tuned in to Clyde!

things...IN NEW JERSEY: The real deal

Chicago was in seventh heaven this past week as it celebrated the victories of Michael Jordan in the All-Star game. Black radio's every comment is about the performance of Michael Jordan. If Michael had not won the slam-dunk contest and the MVP for the game there probably would have been a second great Chicago Fire.

Once again Black sports has contributed to the chronicles of Black History Month with 21 of the 24 basketball superstars being Black, Kareem Abdul Jabaar set the all-star participation record with 17 appearances. Of course Chicago was very proud of having four players native to Chicago: Isaih Thomas, Maurice Cheeks, Mark Aquire and Glen Rivers. Michael Jordan has been adopted by Chicago, so we had a grand total of five Chicagoans in the All-Star Game.

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Last week I reported on the contest that WGCI was running and the accusations that the contest was rigged because whites from the suburbs were winning the money. This week another suburbanite won but fortunately she was black. It appears that suburban calls are really getting the better chance of winning. I reiterate that this has nothing to do with the radio stations, it's simply the way the telephone company has designed the system.

This week WGCI gave away \$20,000 on the Doug Banks show. The cash keeps increasing by \$5,000 per week.

WGCI is running television ads in an effort to bolster the contest. It will be interesting when the ARBitron ratings hit the streets. The ads feature Tom Joyner and Doug Banks who do an excellent job. (Is there a comedy hour in the future for the dynamic duo?)

For the first time Marv Dyson sheds his cloak of shyness as he appears in this week's commercials.

Baseball player Todd Bosley made his singing debut at the Park West nightclub. Todd will release a record to be distributed by a new Black distributor in Chicago. The group wants to remain anonymous. They had better watch being anonymous because they could possibly remain anonymous when they announce the fact that they are no longer anonymous.



Ronnie Iones

Ronnie Jones, Motown VP, in town surveying the market. While in town Ronnie and his wife appeared on "The Oprah Winfrey Show." When his wife





stood up, she had plenty to say. (The topic was on the infidelity of men.) Unfortunately, when it was Ronnie's turn he took the 5th Amendment. Ronnie, you blew your chance for immortality.

A new record association has been born in Chicago in an effort to combat the lack of airplay given by radio to small independent record producers and manufacturers. AARM (American Association of Record Manufacturers) is headed up by Willie Barney of Barney's One Stop Records, Granville White and others.



Warwick, Vandross Host Soul Train Awards Show

LOS ANGELES: The Soul Train Music Awards, which debuted last year as an annual tribute to creative excellence in Black music, will honor 1987's best performances in Rhythm & Blues/Urban Contemporary, Gospel, Jazz and Rap music at its second annual live two-hour telecast.

The nationally syndicated, black-tie awards ceremony is set for Wednesday, March 30, at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, according to the show's co-executive producer, Don Cornelius

Dionne Warwick and Luther Vandross will co-host the event for the second year and George Duke will repeat as musical director.

#### **NABOB Sets Awards Dinner**

WASHINGTON: The National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters (NABOB) will hold its fourth annual Communications Awards Dinner on March 2 at the Sheraton Washington Hotel and will present awards to government and industry leaders who have contributed to the growth and success of Black-owned radio and television stations.

This year, with the stunning Congressional defeat of the

#### Crackdown On Crack

LOS ANGELES: Local rap group NWA-Candyman were featured performers at the kickoff show of the Crackdown anti-drug abuse program directed toward youth on Saturday, February 6 at the Scottish Rite Auditorium. Reagan Administration attempt to abolish the Federal Communication Commission's minority ownership policies, the event promises to be an especially enjoyable gathering for an estimated 600 guests who will attend.

Awards will be presented to U.S. Senator Ernest F. Hollings (D.-SC), chairman, Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation; Cong. William H. Gray, III (D.-PA), chairman, House Committee on the Budget; Cong. Edward J. Markey (D.-MA), chairman, House Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance; John E. Oxendine, president, Broadcast Capital Fund, Inc.; and, Herbert P. Wilkins, president, Syndicated for more information.

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WHUR morning man Gerry Bledsoe will be emcee and tickets are still available for the major radio event.

For information, call James L. Winston at (202) 463-8970 or Lois Wright at (212) 661-3344.

#### **KFOX Scholarship** Continued from page 13

casting. All candidates must meet the minimum standards for admission to WSU. Recipients of the scholarship will be chosen based on a number of factors including financial need. previous scholastic history, an essay on a chosen subject and personal interviews.

Interested students should see their high school or junior college counselors for further details, or call Bob Wikstrom at K-FOX radio at (206) 728-1250

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WASC

Meli'sa Morgan, "Here Comes The Night"-I predict this to be another hit for Meli'sa. Uptempo and breaking very fast. Something to be reckoned with in the spring.

The Fit, "Just Havin' Fun"—It's coming on strong. A quiet mover that is on the verge of becoming a heavy shaker.

TKA, "Tears May Fall"-Easy listening song that will probably be overlooked by some programmers. Good record!

Rebbie Jackson, "Distant Conversation"-It's hot and should be the next release. A definite summer shaker. This one will hit the number one position.

#### **MID-ATLANTIC**

#### **ANGE CANESSA**

#### WLOU

Darryl Duncan, "James Brown"-Truest form of flattery is either imitation or actual use of an artist. Here's a groove that's being missed by many and a great change of pace. Went to the top of the chart in Louisville in five weeks.

Gerry Woo, "How Long"-Wow! Great video. Instant phones right out of the box. Very danceable uptempo groove. Nice to see some folks doing uptempo stuff.

The Fit, "Just Havin' Fun"-Nice Urban-Pop flavoring. Good dual format record. Truly lots of fun. Take a listen.

#### WEST

#### **GREG MACK**

**KDAY** L.L. Cool J, "Jack the Ripper"-A definite smash. Can't wait to hear the answer back from Kool Moe Dee.

Kurtis Blow, "Back By Popular Demand"-It's so nice to see one of the old school guys still doing it!

King Tee, "Bass"—A local kid that within a year should be one of the hottest LA. rappers. Check him out.

NWA, "Dope Man"-Great message song that will get the kids to listen and rap-along with it. This one definitely has a positive message in the song.

#### NORTHEAST



**MIKE LOVE WUSL** Peabo Bryson & Regina Belle, "Without You"-A super song that should do well on the charts. They really make a hot combination.

Alexander O'Neal & Cherrelle, "Never Knew Love"-Another hot duo that will do well on the charts. Alex is definitely on a roll. Lots of phones.

Stevie Wonder, "You Will Know"—This is Stevie. R&B and Pop H-I-T!

Rebbie Jackson, "Plaything"—A good dance song for Rebbie. Lots of phones. Good for dubs!

#### **HENRY SINGLETON**

#### WNIR

WCLK

Jody Watley, "Some Kind of Lover"-Strong record showing hot sales and phones. A definite number 1

Stevie Wonder, "You Will Know"-Bound to be a classic Stevie Wonder ballad. A record with a great mass appeal to all demos. Strong human character in the lyrics. Top of the chart action.

Morris Day, "Fishnet"-Morris is back and the price of fishnet pantyhouse should definitely go up. Heavy phones.

#### SOUTHEAST

#### CLAUDE MOTLEY, JR.

Henry Johnson, "Future Excursion"-This is the 2nd LP from this up-and-coming jazz guitarist. Some smooth mellow jazz and vocals. A sure winner for the Soft Touch, Breezing and Quiet Storm format. This is one that should be added.

Kirk Whalum, "And You Know That"—Kirk is back in fine form and sounding better than ever. This one is produced by Bob James. It's an LP that can add some texture to the format. Real nice background vocals with the easy listening and smooth sound from the sax of Kirk Whalum. Demos: Jazz formatted and Urban Contemporary stations.

Alphonse Mouzon, "Early Spring"—The power drummer of the early seventies is still going strong. I think this one is a sure winner. Tight, crisp, contemporary fusion drumming with an out-of-sight rhythm section-and vocals, too. PDs across the nation, put your ears to it. Demos: The Wave, Breezing, Soft-Touch formats.



## AIRWAVES By Carolyn Plummer Riley



J.J. Starr programming WOL/AM & WMMJ/FM.



#### J.J. Starr Making Waves at WOL 1450/AM and WMMJ/FM!

J.J. Starr was recently appointed PD/ MD of WOL/AM & WMMJ/FM, Washington, D.C. Starr replaces Deanne Williams. During a recent telephone interview, J.J. spoke very candidly on his colorful career in radio. "I have been the Assistant GM at WIZZ, Harrisburg, PA; PD at WQDE, Albany, GA; WXKO, Ft. Valley, GA, and PD/Sales Manager at WGRI, Henderson, TX."

Aside from programming both the AM & FM, J.J. will handle the MD duties as well as holding down the 7 p.m.midnight airshift.

In closing Starr added, "I want WOL to come back to the point where it can get the advertising dollars that other stations in the Washington D.C. area are getting. This simply means that we get better numbers. In the most recent ARBitron ratings our numbers are the best since the station's ownership. We are a Black-owned facility that will work hand-in-hand with community involvement."

#### Happenings At KISS-AM 102! WIKS-FM Coastal Carolina's #1



Joyner Communications of Cary, NC, is proud to announce that WIKS-FM (KISS 102) is again Coast North Carolina's number one radio station, dominating all of the major demographics, according to the latest ARBitron figures. As rated in the current Fall 1987

ARBitron, WIKS-FM has increased its

audience shares in the following age demographics: 12+, 24.9 (up .4); 18-34, 31.4 (up 3.7); 18-49, 26.9 (up 2.1).

Besides being number one in the above age demos, WIKS is still number one among 25-54 with a 20.8 share of the available radio audience, Monday through Sunday, 6 a.m. to midnight.

Curtis E. Downey, GM of WIKS, said, "It's the quality of the product that has made us number one. We have worked hard to bring major market radio to Coastal North Carolina and we must be doing it right when you look at our total dominance in ARBitron."

According to the Fall 1987 ARBitron ratings, KISS 102-FM now reaches over 186,000 people weekly, which is 46,000 more than its nearest competitor.

#### Anniversary Party at KISS-FM



Tony Terry

The first anniversary party for KISS 102 was held at the Carolina Palms Hotel in Jacksonville, North Carolina, on January 24th. The group Soft Touch and Tony Terry were on hand to sign autographs for KISS listeners who attended the big show.

The anniversary party featured various performers such as Tony Terry, Joyce Sims, Soft Touch, Lillo Thomas, Mission, Zero Hour, among others. A capacity crowd jammed Harvey's in the Carolina Palms Hotel as over 3000 people turned out for the big event. Also, due to the generosity of the KISS 102 listeners attending the show, over three grocery carts full of canned goods were donated to the local Salvation Army.

Preceding the big show was a "VIP" autograph signing party for 102 lucky KISS listeners, who mingled with the performers as they munched on hors d'oeuvres prepared by the chefs of the Carolina Palms.

The entire evening was a huge success and the "KISS Crew" would like to thank everyone involved who helped make the show go over without a hitch.

Congratulations, KISS 102, from all of us at BRE!





#### J. J. Johnson

"Highlights," the three-hour show hosted by award-winning J.J. Johnson, and featuring the Top 25 Countdown will be highlighted by:

B.B. King giving listeners an insider's tour of the Blues, from the beginning up through today's newest artists; and,

Guy Broady, the legendary programmer, steps in replacing Dorian Harewood.

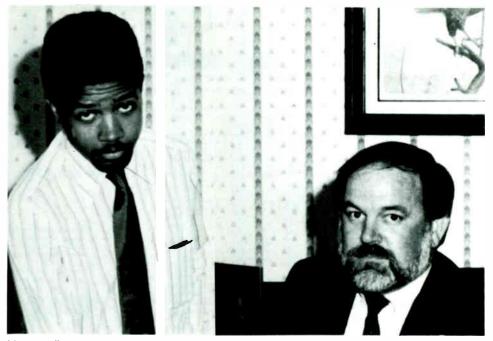
Celebrity interviews: Who's on tour, who's big in the movies and TV, the legends and the immortals.

Sports, style, community service, food, fashion, cars, health and more!

Contest, promotions, giveaways. "Highlights" is brought to you by Bullet Productions in Hollywood, California.



*Guy Broady* February 19, 1988



Harry Williams, GM, chats with PD, Tony Brown.

#### Guess Who's #1 In Mobile?





Tony Brown

The ARBitron ratings are in...and 93 BLX is number one in Mobile. A talented air staff, hot promotions, consistent programming and high visibility in the community is how Tony Brown, the station's PD, explains "Full Force 93 BLX's" recent rise to the top. "Of course, we've always been in the top three," Brown says, "but this is the first time in five years that we've reached the #1 status."

The Urban Contemporary radio station picked up a 17.3 share in the Mobile market this past fall and Brown adds that this is an even greater accomplishment because the majority of 93 BLX's big numbers have always been in the spring. 93 BLX is currently #2 in the Pensacola market.

Harry Williams, GM, says it's the best thing that has ever happened to 93 BLX in radio. "And I hope it keeps on happening. The station has been successful all along...from the fulltimers to the part-timers with the fewest hours. The work has been exceptional."

So, what do you do when you reach the ultimate zenith? According to Williams, "If it's not broken...I don't want to tamper with it...but I would like to expand on what we're doing...and encourage everyone to keep reaching their unlimited potential."

#### WDKX Names New Music Director



PM drive air personality Kevin Morrison has been named MD of 104 WDKX, Rochester, NY (Urban Contemporary).

Morrison has been with the station for 3½ years and also currently serves as Production Manager. He was previously PM Drive/Promotions Director at WILD in Boston.

"As MD, I'd like to remain consistent with the type of music we have been playing," says Morrison. "I also plan to implement a few ideas that I believe will enhance our overall sound," adds Kevin.

Morrison took over the music reins on January 1st.

The following reports reflect new adds to the stations listed from the cut off of reports on Tuesdays. Reports reflect changes for that week. Complete playlist information is on file at BRE offices. For information, call (213) 469-7262.



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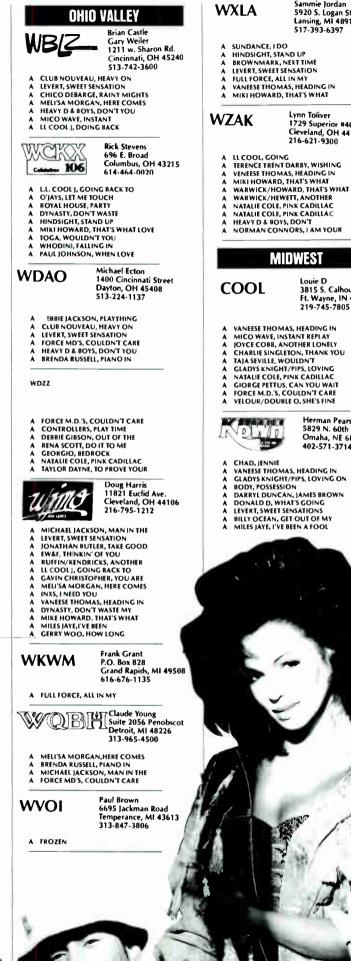
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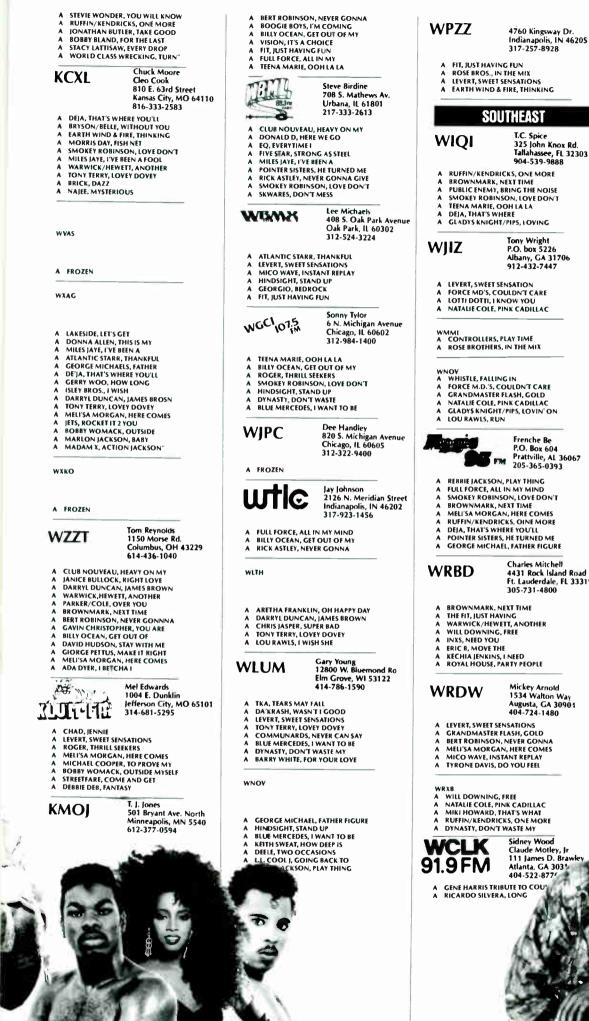
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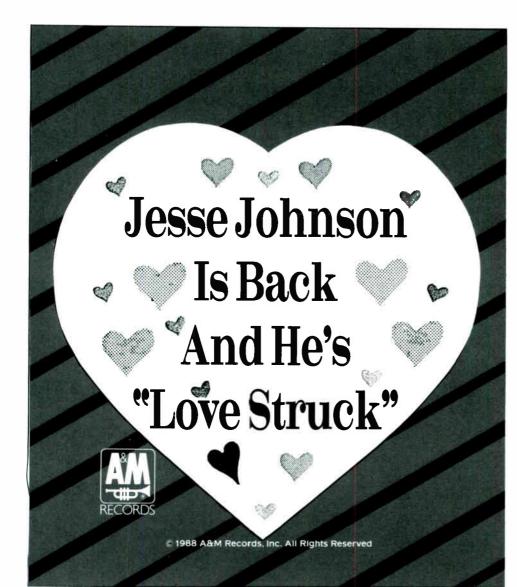
CONTROLLERS, PLAY TIME TONY TERRY, LOVEY DOVEY ISLEY BROS., I WISH GEORGIO, BEDROCK LEVERT, SWEET SENSATION KEITH SWEAT, HOW DEEP IS BOBBY BLAND, GET YOUR ROSE BROTHERS. IN THE MIX T.C. Spice 325 John Knox Rd. Tallahassee, FL 32303 904-539-9888 Chris Turner <sub>6</sub>₩, <sup>T</sup>, ¥, <sup>F</sup> P.O. Box 1101 Tampa, FL 33601 813-626-4108 THE FIT, JUST HAVING FUTURE, WE'RE GOING ZERO HOUR, ANOTHER MILES JAYE, I'VE BEEN HOWARD/LEVERT, THAT'S WHAT Tony Wright P.O. box 5226 Albany, GA 31706 912-432-7447 Tony Brown P.O. Box 1967 Mobile, AL 36633 WBLX 205-432-7609 ME'LISA MORGAN, HERE COMES TONY TERRY, LOVEY DOVEY LEVERT, SWEET SENSATION THE FIT, JUST THE FIT, JUST E.U., DA'BUTT BILLY OCEAN, GET OUT OF HINDSIGHT, STAND UP HOWARD/LEVERT, THAT'S WHAT BOOGIE BOYS, I'M COMING WBOP A WARWICK/HEWETT, ANOTHER A BOBBY WOMACK, OUTSIDE MY A TEENA MARIE, OOH LA LA MELI'SA MORCAN, HERE COMES A HEAVY D/BOYZ, DON'T YOU A MILES JAYE, I'VE BEEN A LEVERT, SWEET SENSATION Frenche Be P.O. Box 604 Don Jones 2515 Abercorn Street Savannah, GA 31401 912-232-7288 Prattville, AL 36067 WEAS 205-365-0393 MELI'SA MORGAN, HERE COMES LAKESIDE, STILL FEELING GOOD BOBBY WOMACK, OUTSIDE MYSEI ATLANIC STARR, THANKFUL FUTURE, WE GONNA PARTY Leo Jackson WEDR George Jones 1437 N.W. 35th St. Miami, FL 33142 305-633-1487 Charles Mitchell 4431 Rock Island Road Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33319 305-731-4800 305-633-1487 NATALE COLE, PINK CADILLAC LEVERT, SWEET SENSATION HINDSIGHT, STAND UP CONTROLLERS, PLAYTIME BILLY OCEAN, GET OUT OF MY ROGER, THRILL SEEKERS BOBBY WOMACK, OUTSIDE MELI'SA MORGAN, HERE WENN INN LEVERT, SWEET SENSATION BILLY OCEAN, GET OUT OF FULL FORCE, ALL IN ROYAL HOUSE, PARTY C COOKIE CREW, FEMALES SMOKET ROBINSON, LOVE DON'T MICO WAVE, INSTANT MICH OWAVE, INSTANT Mickey Arnold 1534 Walton Way Augusta, GA 30901 404-724-1480 PAUL IOHNSON, WHEN LOVE TAJA SEVILLE, WOULDN'T YOU Sidney Wood Claude Motley, Jr 111 James D. Brav Atlanta, GA 303<sup>1</sup> 404-522-877<sup>4</sup>

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VGOK	Charles Merritt 800 Gum Mobile, AL 36603 205-432-8661	A BERT ROBINSON, NEVER A NATALLE COLE, PINK CADILLAC A HOWARD/LEVERT, THAT'S A GUCCI MAN, MET YOU A FULL FORCE, IT WAS ALL A WILL DOWNING, FREE A O'NEAL/CHERRELLE, NEVER A MILES JAYE, I'YE BEEN A MICHAEL JACKSON, MAN IN THE A CLUB NOUVEAU, HEAVY ON A TEENA MARIE, OOH LA LA LA				A GLADYS KNIGHT, LOVING A BILLY OCEAN, GET OUT A MICO WAVE, INSTANT REPLAY A MELI'SA MORGAN, HERE COMES A GAVIN CHRISTOPHER, YOU ARE								
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## TECH TALK

Cable TV is still one of the fastest growing industries in America. Megamiles of cable have been strung across the nation and it's all tied together with satellites and microwave. Along with

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#### Southeast Music, Inc. Sets Third Celebration

MIAMI: With a theme of "This Business of Music," the Southeast Music, Inc. (Musically United Supporting Industry Careers) recently announced their third annual celebration as an organization dedicated to reaching out to help others.

The special events will take place at the Marriott Hotel Marina Bay on Friday and Saturday, February 19-20, 1988.

Kickoff event on Friday, at

cable TV came FM cable, and a basic understanding of how it works is important to insure how well your signal is received through the cable system. If you're in an area that has terrain problems then cable may be the only way some of your fans can pick you up. Many hotels and motels pipe FM cable into their rooms.

A personal note: I've never won a dime on the lottery, and I've never moved into a neighborhood with good to my house, I made a startling discovery that the radio station I was working in sounded better using the antenna than it did from cable. Of course, I knew my tuner was in good working condition, so a visit to the local cable company was in order. First, some basic understanding of how FM cable works. The cable com-

reception. When the cable finally came

how FM cable works. The cable company receives your signal from an antenna as it does local TV stations. Then it re-broadcasts the signal through a module that is tied into the cable system. This module is a radio transmitter, and there's one for every station on the dial.

In some cases your station could be re-broadcast at a frequency other than your own. For instance, the station I was with was at 96.5, but the cable company had it at 96.7. The reason I was given was they had to shift some stations around to accommodate other services on the FM cable such as HBO, and MTV's stereo audio. The announcers should be aware of this-not for mention on the air-but in case a listener calls trying to tune you in on their new digital tuner. In smaller markets this is not a problem. One benefit to making friends with your local cable chief engineer is when our local cable company installed new equipment, they put the station at 96.5.

Another problem encountered is the actual reception and re-broadcast of the signal at the cable company. If they do not have everything adjusted properly your signal can be de-graded. I found one station on the cable that had a slightly low stereo pilot and would not always lock in. The cable company does not constantly monitor such things, but you will find them very cooperative in solving problems. It's up to us to keep an ear on the situation.

If you have cable TV and do not have an FM cable, you can call your cable company and they'll be glad to hook it up for you. All there is to it is a splatter before the cable box—one lead goes to the FM tuner and one to the cable TV box. Being that it's so easy many people

7:30 p.m., features "New Music Showcase Night" and merchandising material will be shown while new music and artists are heard.

On Saturday, at noon, a "Talk Show Style" panel will be composed of some of the most respected people in the business discussing important music topics. The Milton "Butterball" Smith Scholarship Awards dinner will be held at 7:30 p.m.

For further information, call (305) 624-6694.

#### WBMX Supports Child's Fundraising Campaign

CHICAGO: On-air personalities at WBMX have launched a massive fund drive for a nineyear-old girl who recently had her two frostbitten feet amputated.

"The plight of little Darlwin Carlisle has touched the hearts of many people across the country," said Chris Squire, promotion director for the Chicago FM outlet.

Supporting the efforts of

WBMX in the fundraising will be Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company, the nation's second largest Blackowned insurance firm.

WBMX announcers urged listeners to send check or money orders to the Darlwin Carlisle Scholarship Fund in care of WBMX Radio, 408 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302. They would also like for BRE readers to participate.

For further information, call Squire at (312) 524-3200.

## WHATEVER HAPPENED TO ...?



SWEET INSPIRATION

#### By Spider Harrison

Bouncing up to our interview in a Jeep CJ-7, braids flying in the wind on a gorgeous L.A. day, Myrna Smith looked just too youthful to be the subject of a "Whatever Happened To..." piece. Yet, in the late sixties and early seventies, Myrna Smith was a member of the Atlantic recording group the Sweet Inspirations. The sophisticated gospelflavored vocal arrangements of the group put them at the center of the redhot soul music scene of the time, and set them apart from the more poporiented stylings of the Supremes.

The group that was to become the Sweet Inspirations originally included Dionne Warwick and Dee Dee Warwicke who both left to pursue solo careers before the group's first release. In the sixties, these women were Atlantic's secret weapon for creating soulful vocal arrangements for both R&B and pop artists. Out of the blue they were offered a record deal by Atlantic executive Jerry Wexler, who helped them pick material and decide upon a name. Chuck lackson suggested the name of the Inspirations because he said they were an inspiration to all of the acts with which they worked. The Sweet Inspirations debuted as a recording group in 1967 with Cissy Houston, Sylvia Shemwell, Estelle Brown and Myrna Smith. This first record was followed by a second album in 1968, which featured their theme song "Sweet Inspiration." The group toured nationally and internationally until the seventies when the group disbanded. Though the gigs were still being offered, artistic and personality differences led to the breakup. One humorous problem was the differing opinions on dress for the group. Being different heights and sizes it was hard to find one outfit for all, and Myrna admitted, "I always wanted to go naked, while the others wanted to cover up.'

In their heyday in the sixties and seventies, the Sweet Inspirations sang background and performed with Aretha Franklin, Elvis Presley, Rick Nelson, Dusty Springfield and Wilson Pickett. Even after the group had released albums, they worked constantly as session artists on the records of others. They were so in demand to do backgrounds that Myrna felt that Atlantic held back from pushing them in a pop, or crossover direction, to prevent them from losing their services during the long tours that would be required.

Though they were experienced session singers, the Sweet Inspirations could have used a little coaching as live artists, Myrna felt. Their first live appearance was at the Apollo, opening for Jerry Butler, and the group was so green that they didn't realize that they should have arranged an intro for the band to give them time to come out on stage. By the time they were onstage, half the song was over! Myrna said: "They were tough audiences in those days, they'd boo you off the stage. Fortunately, they forgave us because we had a hit record that they wanted to hear. And we got it right by the second show that day.'

some acting, in particular a guest spot on "TJ Hooker," but is more comfortable singing.

The songwriting is especially interesting because at the time the group was recording, none of the members wrote any of their material. Since then, all have probably done some writing. Myrna says she has no anger at not having written anything in those days: "We just didn't know any better. We just considered ourselves fortunate to be singing, and on a label." She is sure today's artists are more knowledgeable about these things.

Myrna is very proud of the Black female artists who are burning up today's charts, particularly Anita Baker and Whitney Houston, whom she saw grow up. She said, "I feel it's wonderful that they have a platform for their music and that they're doing so well. I feel very fortunate that we can hear their music



#### THE SWEET INSPIRATIONS

The members of the Sweet Inspirations came together around Cissy Houston, and New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey where Cissy was choir director. This must have been quite a dynamic church, with Cissy Houston, Dee Dee Warwicke and Dionne Warwick in attendance. In fact, this is the church that Whitney Houston attends when she is on the East Coast. Myrna doesn't currently belong to a church in Los Angeles, sadly confessing that she's still looking for a church like New Hope Baptist.

These days the Sweet Inspirations have gone their different ways. Cissy is living on the East Coast, still recording, and undoubtedly keeping up with the career of her baby girl, Whitney. Estelle, who was always a serious gospel singer, is an ordained minister living in L.A. Sylvia is also living in L.A., as is Myrna, who is pursuing a solo career as a songwriter and background vocalist. She had some 29 songs recorded, and has done and all the joy it brings." As for other types of popular music, she thinks rap music is here to stay, despite many predictions of its imminent demise. She observes, "In my Jeep I can hear the music that everybody listens to, and I see Mexicans, young white kids, and older people listening to rap. And I kind of like it myself!" Clearly, this is a lady who keeps up with the times, as her sleek, aerobicised figure reveals.

Myrna wants to dispel the notion that the reason why we don't hear from artists of the past is that they've blown their minds on drugs. "No, that's not the reason at all. You just can't always be up, in the limelight, or in the public eye. It doesn't mean you don't continue to work in the entertainment industry. You can go into publishing, producing that's what I want to do."

We wish Myrna the best, and after an hour in her sweet, spirited presence, we are sure that the best is coming to her.

#### Dream Variations by Langston Hughes

To fling my arms wide In the face of the sun, Dance! Whirl! Whirl! Till the quick day is done. Rest at pale evening... A tall, slim tree... Night coming tenderly

### Black like me.

POLYGRAM RECORDS IS PROUD TO BE A PART OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH.

PolyGram Records



Currently at Electric Lady Recording Studio, CBS artists **Earth, Wind and Fire** have remixed their current single "Thinking of You" and I hear the new mix is killin'. **Branford Marsalis** was in sampling saxophone parts with **Ken Steiger** engineering...The word is out that **Luther Vandross** is handling production duties for the new **Gregory Hines** album project for CBS with **Paul Brown** engineering. Musicians Rudy Keller ... The \$2 million dollar control room will be completed in the late summer. Research has discovered that studio A used to be a club called Gernation and two of the acts that performed there 25 years ago were Janis Joplin and Jimi Hendrix...In PA., Victory West Recording facility has the one and only Reggie and Vincent Calloway in working on two traks for the new Teddy Pendergrass LP on Elektra/Asylum as yet untitled...Pretty Poison are in V West also working on a soon-to-be-released trak called "Nighttime"...Omni/ Atlantic is anticipating the release of Jean Carne's new single "Ain't No Way," a remake of Aretha's earlier smash produced by none other than Nick Martinelli, Release is scheduled for 2/12/88. The album, entitled You're A Part of Me, going out on 2/29/88. The title trak was written by Carolyn Mitchell, an



Jean Carne

include Paul Pesco and Iason Miles. Helping out with the background vocals are Cissy Houston, Fonzi Thorton, Michelle Cobb. Paulette McWilliams and Tawatha Agee...David Sanborn was also in the Electric Lady Recording Studio working on his next solo album for Warner Bros. Producing is Marcus Miller, who also played the bass while Ray Bardani assisted with guitar overdubs on a demo project with Bruce Buchhalter as engineer and, Warner Bros. recording artists Royalty were in working on their new single...Studio A's renovation is continuing under the guiding hand of construction expert up and coming songwriter...Karen Logan? Yes, a young lady on the verge of becoming not just another recording artist but a recording star. Her debut single on the Hense Forth Music label is a winner in itself. "You're All I Need To Get By" is an '88 version of a record that originally sold thousands of copies and will do a repeat. Produced by label president Mr. Hense Powell...Krisma Records has just released a single on an artist named C.C. Cooper. Not only is Ms. Cooper a vocalist, she is a songwriter and producer as well. Her single, "Totally New," raking in adds across the country. Better check it out!...Flint City



Earth, Wind & Fire

Records has a new rap trak in the streets that is blazin'. **Connoisseurs of Groove** have recorded "Jay's Beat" and it is surely starting to demand attention. Production credits will go to Mr. **L.J. Reynolds.** Company President **Willie Nolan** is putting together a plan for promotion and believe me if you have not already added this trak to cellently produced record you can't help but know its a SMASH!! In addition, Michael is the 2nd tenor in the classic act **The Fascinations.** His credits include working with noted performers like **Ray Parker Jr.**, Jerry Williams and John Barnes of Michael Jackson fame. This is but one of the many hits that Astroid will be famous for.



Jimi Hendrix

your rap programs you are truly missing out...Astroid Records recording artist, producer/songwriter **Michael A. Wilson** is currently in Sound Off, a Los Angeles recording studio, working on his debut single titled "My Luv." Listening to this exShould be out late March '88...Royce Records have put together and release a smash on **Debaniese Byrd.** With vocals such as these and a familiarity of **Anita Baker**, she is a must for all Black urban contemporary formatted stations.

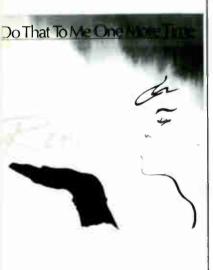


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## MUSIC REVIEWS By Duff Marlowe

**NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK—PLEASE DON'T GO GIRL—COLUMBIA**—Maurice Starr produces this ballad for the New Kids. Honed in the tradition of teen R&B stars New Edition, this group relies on well structured vocal harmonies and a strong commercial appeal. Expect hot phones from the teen and female demos!!!

WILTON FELDER—LOVE IS A RUSH—MCA—This latest cut from Felder, legendary sax man of Crusaders fame, features female vocalist Reichii (that's pronounced "Ricky") Guillory along with the horn man. The down tempo cut was co-penned and co-produced by Joe Sample. Jazz and Quiet Storm format action.

**RENA—DO THAT TO ME ONE MORE TIME—SEDONA—**Smooth vocalist Rena Scott breaks out with an exciting version of the song originally performed by ex-pop chart inhabitants The Captain And Tennille. The cut is receiving rave reviews from PD's across the U.S. with hot add action all over Black Radio!!!

**ROXANNE—PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC—SCOTTI BROTHERS**—This song, originally performed by disco-era flashes Wild Cherry, has been a staple party jam for any self-respecting DJ, but this wicked version may render the old 45 obsolete! Guaranteed to rock the dancers!!!

**KID FLASH—HOT LIKE FIRE—TABU**—Tabu jumps into the Rap arena with this hard jam. Flash has been percolating around the scene for some time, and this steaming groove should thrust the rhymer into the national spotlight! Beats from the Ohio Players classic funker "Fire" make this one radio ready!!!

**LINDA SINGLETON—YOU'RE ALL I NEED TO GET BY—HENSE FORTH—**This mid paced R&B groove is seeing some airwave action out of the box. Singleton's vocals have an almost Diana Ross type quality, as they sail over the Motown influenced arrangement.

**R.L. JACKSON—PUT IN THE GROOVE—URBAN BEAT**—Jackson lays down a exceptionally striking jam that features the singers suave, classic sounding vocal chops. So nice, it could define the meaning of the word "groove," the song bears all the elements that made sixties soul so irresistible while delivering eighties-style sound quality and danceability. Look out for that funky sax!!!

**FUTURE**—WE'RE GOING TO PARTY—HOUSTON INTL.—Future busts loose an all-out party jam, using hard electric drums, horn section blasts, and freaky future funk vocals. Another Indie release to see add action on our reporting stations, this sounds like E W&F meets the Gap Band with a taste of Minneapolis.

WHISTLE—FALLING IN LOVE—SELECT—Whistle takes off in a big way with this hotly added single. Smoking electro-beats and synths back up the group'shookish vocals as state-of-the-art studio effects give the song a hard hitting dance slant. A national multi-format smash!!!



### NEW RECORD RELEASES

-COMPILED BY ELAINE STEPTER-

Label Artist, Title 12" 45 LP CD Tempo Description MAJORS: MOTOWN GEORGIO, Bedrock Dance Material Fresh Traks BROWNMARK, Just Like The First • DARRYL DUNCAN, Heave and hoe Ē Consistant Grooves STACY LATTISAW, Personal Best ٠ Winner LP MCA SUGAR BABES, Perfect M/S 3rd Single Release . GIORGE PETTUS, Make Someone Happy Slow Dance CONTROLLERS, Play Time Smooth Cha Cha M/S BOBBY WOMACK, Outside Myself M/F A Winner SUGAR BABE, Perfect Kind Of Love ٠ M/F Nice Arrangements ARISTA BILLY OCEAN, Get out of my life M/F Another Hit Uptempo GEFFEN VANEESE THOMAS, Head Start S Her Ballads Win VIRGIN HINDSIGHT, Hindsight Worth A Spin Or Two • A FORCE M.D.', Couldn't You Wonder Soon To Be Top 10 TOMMY BOY/WB . s ATLANTIC STACEY Q, Don't Make A Fool . M/F Ready For Radio STACEY Q, Stacey Q . M/F She's Back . LEVERT, Sweet Sensations Μ Bring It Home OMNI/ATLANTIC KEITH PATRICK, Keith Patrick . Check Out Single A MALACO LITTLE MILTON, You're something M/F Real Blues COLUMBIA DENIECE WILLIAMS, I Think You're Okay . M/F Niece Magic Strong Structure MICO WAVE, Instant Replay . M/F NEW KIDS .... Don't Go Giri • M Clubs/dance JIMMY CLIFF, Love Me Love Me ٠ M For The Lovers DEF JAM DAVY D, Ooh Girl • The Rap Trak F INDIES THYN LINE **EXECUTION**, Pain is Good ٠ F Happening Update OMNIBUS ON STAGE, Alibi M/F . Hot Indie Pick CORNUCOPIA ROSEY THOMAS, Can You Dance M/F Dance HENSE FORTH Good Remake LINDA SINGLETON, You're All I Need M

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  - 5 2 The Village HENRY BUTLER MCA/Impulse!
  - 6 4 Just Between Us GERALD ALBRIGHT Atlantic
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- 38 Mind Time DAVE VALENTIN GRP
- 33 30 The Heat of Heat KEVIN EUBANKS GRP
- 35 And You Know That KIRK WHALUM Columbia
- 35 34 Standard Time Vol. I WYNTON MARSALIS Columbia
- 36 28 Every Night Live... JOE WILLIAMS Verve
- Svingin' with Sven DAVID GRISMAN Zebra Acoustic/MCA
  - \*\* A Classic Encounter RAMSEY LEWIS CBS Masterworks
  - \*\* No Band Is An Island SAMOA Pro-Jazz
- 40 31 Dianne Reeves DIANNE REEVES Blue Note

### **Black Family Research Set**

LOS ANGELES: "There's a great deal of interest in discovering one's roots," says Lonnie Bunch, history curator of the California Afro-American Museum. "Unfortunately, most people know very little about the techniques of investigating their family tree. That's why we're presenting a course that will provide much needed information for practitioners of genealogical research who are beginners, as well as those who are more advanced in the art."

Hammons says that Black people must research their ancestors in a different way from whites. "Blacks have to look in places that a white person never would," she explains. "For example, Black people were bought and sold as property during slavery, so we have to look at property deeds. A master may have willed a slave to his child, so we have to look at wills. Most slave marriages were not recorded until after the Civil War, so the date listed does not reflect the date of their union."

The California Afro-American Museum, located at

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WASHINGTON, DC: The number of voting age Blacks is expected to total 20.4 million in November 1988, or 11 percent of the national total, according to Census Bureau projections.

Blacks will represent 17 percent of the voting age population in the South, 10 percent in the Northeast, 9 percent in the Midwest, and 5 percent in the West. About half of voting age Blacks are expected to be living in the South, compared with 20 percent in both the Northeast and Midwest, and 10 percent in the West. 600 State Drive, Exposition Park, is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., daily. Admission is free.

For more information on lectures, tours, workshops and special events, please call (213) 744-7432.



#### Atlantic, First Priority Ink Distribution Agreement

LOS ANGELES: Atlantic Records and First Priority Music have entered a long-term production and distribution agreement, it was announced recently by Atlantic Black Music VP/GM Sylvia Rhone. As part of this agreement, Atlantic will manufacture and market all of the Brooklyn-based label's signings.

Albums by three artists are currently scheduled for release by Atlantic, M.C. Lyte and Audio Two in March, and Alliance later this year.

#### 20 Million Blacks Could Vote In November, 1988

About 65 percent of the District of Columbia's voting age population will be Black, according to projections. The largest Black proportions among states are expected to be in Mississippi (31 percent), Louisiana and South Carolina (27 percent), Georgia and Maryland (24 percent), Alabama (23 percent), and North Carolina (20 percent).

The projections are based on the resident population, including armed forces stationed in the states, and exclude all persons living overseas.

Proj	ections of by Race a Numbers in the	and His	spanic	Origin	: Nov	ember	1988	
Region	Total, 18+	White	Black	Other I	lispanic*	% Black	% Other	% Hispanic
United States	182,628	156,758	20,441	5,609	13,021	11.2	3.1	7,1
Northeast	38,402	33,735	3,893	774	2,173	10.1	2.0	5.7
Midwest	43,952	39,346	3,933	674	1,005	8.9	1.5	2.3
South	63,032	51,355	10,674	1,003	3,917	16.9	1.6	6,2
West	37,242	32,143	1,942	3,158	5,925	5.2	8.5	15.9

\*Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race and are included in the race data.

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From Barry's LP: "The Right Night And Barry White"

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TW	LW	WC	DC
1	1	5	STEVIE WONDER, Characters, Motown
2	4	5	GLADYS KNIGHT & THE PIPS, All Our Love, MCA
3	2	5	MICHAEL JACKSON, Bad, Epic
4	3	5	EARTH WIND & FIRE, Touch The World, Columbia
5	5	5	ROGER, Unlimited, Reprise
6	7	5	SALT-N-PEPA, Hot, Cool & Vicious, Next Plateau
7	6	5	O'JAYS, Let Me Touch You, PIR/Manhattan
8	8	5	WHITNEY HOUSTON, Whitney, Arista
9	10	5	KEITH SWEAT, Make It Last Forever, Elektra
10	11	5	ALEXANDER O'NEAL, Hearsay, Tabu/EPA
11	12	5	ANGELA WINBUSH, Sharp, Mercury/PG
12	17	5	MELI'SA MORGAN, Good Love, Capitol
13	9	5	NATALIE COLE, Everlasting, Manhattan
14	15	5	DANA DANE Dana Dane with Fame, Profile
15	16	5	KASHIF, Love Changes, Arista
16	14	5	U.T.F.O., Lethal, Select
0	18	5	ARETHA FRANKLIN, One Lord, One Faith, Arista
18	23	5	GEORGE MICHAEL, Faith, Columbia
19	19	5	LEVERT, The Big Throwdown, Atlantic
20	25	5	PEBBLES, Pebbles, MCA
21	13	5	ERIC B. & RAKIM, Paid In Full, 4th & Broadway
22	20	5	MICHAEL COOPER, Love Is Such A Funny Game, WB
23	21	5	GERALD ALBRIGHT, Just Between Us, Atlantic
24	35	5	LISA LISA/CULT JAM, Spanish Fly, Columbia
25	24	5	MIKI HOWARD, Love Confessions, Atlantic
26	22	5	STEPHANIE MILLS, If I Were Your Woman, MCA
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27	3	8	5	BARRY WHITE, The Right Night, A&M
28	4	0	5	SHANICE WILSON, Discovery, A&M
29	2	6	5	ANITA BAKER, Rapture, Elektra
30	2	8	5	RUFFIN & KENDRICK, Ruffin & Kendrick, RCA
31	29	9	5	JODY WATLEY, Jody Watley, MCA
32	27	7	5	JOYCE SIMS, Come Into My Life, Sleeping Bag
33	31	1	5	TERENCE TRENT D'ARBY, Introducing the, Columbia
34	32	2	5	TEMPTATIONS, Together Again, Motown
35	44	1	2	THE DEELE, Eyes of a Stranger, Solar
36	37	7	4	SOUNDTRACK, Less Than Zero, Def Jam/Columbia
37	41		5	PRINCE, Sign O The Times, Paisley Park/WB
38	36	<b>b</b>	5	TONY TERRY, Forever Yours, Epic
39	43	5	3	VARIOUS ARTISTS, Mr. Magic's Rap Attack #3, Profile
40	34	Ļ	5	KOOL MOE DEE, How Ya Like Me Now, Jive/RCA
0	**	2	••	CHRIS JASPER, SuperBad, CBS/EPA
<b>@</b>	**	32	•••	LOU RAWLS, Family Reunion, Gamble & Huff
43	47		5	RAY PARKER JR, After Dark, Geffen
44	**	8		TAYLOR DANE, Tell It To My Heart, Arista
45	50		5	FORCE MD'S, Touch and Go, Tommy Boy/WB
46	42		5	MILES JAYE, Miles, Island
47	33		5	WHODINI, Open Sesame, Jive
48	45		5	FULL FORCE, Guess Who's Coming To The Crib, Columbia
49	46		5	L.L. COOL J, Bigger & Deffer, Def Jam/Columbia
50	30	4	4	SKINNY BOYS, Skinny and Proud, Jive

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