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PUBLISHER'S PAGE

THE VALUE OF LIFE

Living in a country which is widely perceived to be the most civilized nation in the world, we as a people too often take for granted the guarantee of a tomorrow. Those who know me—and have shared in my experience—can surely understand why I, more than ever, have a new appreciation for being granted by the Almighty the right to continue in the task with which I have been charged.

Whatever the challenge, let the industry and the world know that BRE Conference'88 will go on record as our most informative, exciting and successful conference ever.

But our success will be measured by our diligent attention to detail in solving the problems of the past and our quest to build upon hardwon experience of more than a decade in providing the networking opportunities through which industry careers have been built and enhanced.

After all, solving problems is what life is all about, isn't it?

Sidney Miller



STRONGER THAN EVER. SADE. "PARADISE."

THE FIRST SINGLE FROM "STRONGER THAN PRIDE." THE NEW ALBUM. ON EPIC RECORDS, CASSETTES AND COMPACT DISCS.



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BRE MUSIC REPORT

TOP 5 SINGLES

ARTIST

1	AL B. SURE!
4	SUAVE
5	PEBBLES
4	LISA LISA & CULT JAM
5	KEITH SWEAT

TITLE

NITE & DAY MY GIRL MERCEDES BOY EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE SOMETHING JUST AIN'T RIGHT

LABEL

WARNER BROTHERS CAPITOL MCA COLUMBIA ELEKTRA

SINGLE OF THE WEEK

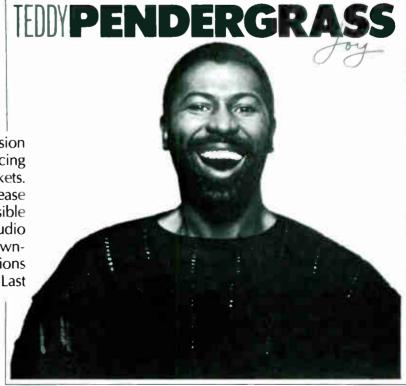
GUY GROOVE ME UPTOWN/MCA

Black radio's trend toward funk is underscored by this strong street level debut. Teddy Riley hits the Urban teens where it counts, and with mainstream/ underground crossover acts Keith Sweat and Kool Moe Dee under his belt, R&B's successful "new school" producer is ready for more! Guy gives America a slice of reality, a street beat that relates to real life, instead of the overprocessed studio sound that has become as alienating as it is tiresome. E.U., Keith Sweat, and now Guy are putting the groove back in R&B and all we can say is..."Groove Me"!

ALBUM OF THE WEEK TEDDY PENDERGRASS

ELEKTRA

Teddy's triumphant return is truly a "joyful" occasion for Black Radio programmers, the title cut is racing up BRE's singles chart with heavy adds in all markets. Splitting production duties on the long awaited release are Reggie and Vincent Calloway, who are responsible for the current chart buster, and Miles Jaye, studio architect of the unbelievably romantic sounding downtempo groover "2 A.M." Other super strong selections include "Love Is The Power" and "This Is The Last Time."



BRE MUSIC REPORT IMPORTANT RECORDS

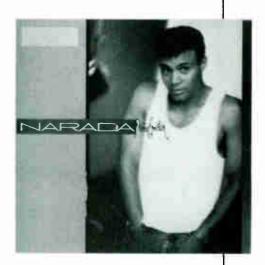
SINGLES

KEITH PATRICK—HEAVEN—ATLANTIC—This is the second release from Patrick's self-titled debut album. Offering a smooth, down tempo ballad, the rising young star comes across well with a clear, sensitive style that sometimes parallels Howard Hewett's seductive approach.

MAC BAND FEATURING THE McCAMPBELL BROTHERS—ROSES ARE RED— MCA—Things are definitely smelling rosy for funk/dance crew the Mac Band as they pile up adds on our reporting stations. Production team L.A. and Babyface throw down another winner, with some help from re-mix master Louil Silas, Jr.

THE ZAWINUL SYNDICATE—NO MERCY FOR ME (MERCY, MERCY, MERCY)—COLUMBIA—Zawinul reaches way back to his pre-Miles Davis days that he spent with alto sax master "Cannonball" Adderly. Re-vamped and funked up, the keyboardist/composer throws down a beautifully arranged and stunningly soulful version of "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy," a song that was certainly a "hit" in Jazz terms when first released. A killer cut!





ALBUMS

TAMARA AND THE SEEN—BLUEBERRY GOSSIP—A&M—Reaping the fruits of the funky fresh hit "Blueberry Gossip," Tamara hits back with plenty of juice from her first collection in two years. "Excite My Life" is another up-tempo radio pick, while "True Ecstasy" shows off T's vocals in the ballad setting. "Tuff Girl" is a blazing funker for the dance floors and airwaves.

THE REDDINGS—THE REDDINGS—POLYDOR—The Redding siblings developed an impeccable sense of soul from dad Otis, and teamed with producer Robert Brookins, the trio offers some seriously solid R&B. "So In Love With You" and the danceable "R.O.C.C." are two Brookins efforts, and "Jealous Heart" was produced by the group itself.

NARADA—DIVINE EMOTION—REPRISE—Walden's first release from this latest LP is the title track "Divine Emotion." Doing it all from production to performance, the Fusion/Jazz drummer makes the most of his background and experience. Check out the ballad "That's The Way I Feel About Cha."



TEDDY PEN A JUL RETURN



Teddy Pendergrass (c) is shown in the studio with producers Reggie and Vincent Calloway.

soul music giant for well over a decade, Teddy Pendergrass helped to create a standard by which all other male R&B/Pop singers who followed him are measured.

From the years he spent as the aural focus of Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes to the subsequent solo years as the "Teddy Bear of Soul," Pendergrass delivered largely Gamble & Huff-penned classics with the kind of barrel-chested, move-a-mountain vocals that put the term "Philly Soul" on the musical map.

Still based in Philadelphia, Pendergrass has delivered a new Elektra Records LP, Joy, that utilizes the production talents of fellow Philadelphian Nick Martinelli, the production team Reggie & Vincent Calloway, and Pendergrass' own protege, Miles Jaye.

"I wanted to work with people who were consistent hit-makers, people I had a chemistry with," said Pendergrass in a phone interview from Elektra's New York offices. "I wanted (producers/songwriters) who wouldn't just submit material, and that's it. I wanted something aboveaverage; none of us were going to settle for anything less than the best."

According to Pendergrass, Joy (the title

BY CONNIE JOHNSON



"I'm an original. No one can take that away from me."

track of which is a driving, R&B-powered testimony to his current state of mind) ranks alongside the finest music he's ever recorded.

"It's one of the best LPs I've ever done. Whether it does as well depends on how it's marketed." Style-wise, he added that his sound hasn't changed "as much as the recording technology has changed. Ten years ago the approach may've been different, but I'm still being true to the music."

Since his emergence as a definitive soul music stylist in the late '70s, there have been several otherworthy successors on the soul/pop music scene. Miles Jaye, who records for Pendergrass' Top Priority label, is only one obvious example. Many critics have likened Jaye's brash, bold vocal style to that of his mentor's, but the comparison does the young singer a disservice, according to Pendergrass.

"I really don't agree that Miles sounds like me," Pendergrass said. "I sing baritone, and he's got a great baritone voice, but that's as far as it goes. He sings powerfully, but he's not doing that to copy me. It wouldn't have been smart of me to sign a clone." Pendergrass feels that comparisons can only "stifle" Jaye at this point in his career: "Neither of us wants comparisons, really."

His view on other male vocalists who have come to prominence in the '80s is philosophical, particularly in that many of them are following in the smoldering "love man" mold that he practically patented: "I'm not trying to catch up with anyone else out there. I'm just concerned with reaffirming what I'm about. I can't satisfy everyone, so thank God there's room for everyone."

Pendergrass looks at himself as having "opened up an avenue for other singers to enter. I feel complimented when someone says 'so-and-so sounds just like you." He paused, laughed and added: "But if someone told me 'you sound just like Luther Vandross,' I wouldn't be too happy about that! I'm an original. No one can take that away from me."

The thing that distinguishes him from many other performers is that the material he's recorded—from vintage Blue Notes smashes, "If You Don't Know Me By Now" and "Bad Luck" to his seductive solo hits, "Close The Door" and "Love TKO" has been consistently top-notch.

"Sixteen years ago, I was recording original songs by Gamble & Huff. I got used to recording only the best. I've never had to do children's music, or bubblegum.

"A classic song, the kind that holds up for years, is not something you hear a lot of now. But you still have classic performers: Stevie, Smokey, Aretha, Gladys...people who've been around for years and will continue to be here." Pendergrass counts himself among that select group of entertainers who can be counted on to endure.

"Little Richard cries about being broke," he said with a chuckle, "but I can't say that. This industry has been good to me. No one can put me out of this business. The only one who can do that is me."

Joy clearly is not just the title of Pendergrass' newly released LP and rapidly charting single; it's also a reflection of where this quiet-spoken and insightful man is at this stage of his life. Much of that "joy" stems from the knowledge of what he has created in the music world—a legacy of wonderful music.

"I did create something just from being myself," he said. "I thank God for that, and I give him the glory. My life has been like a dream—just being able to take advantage of the opportunities that've come my way is something I'm grateful for.

"When I look back at my life, I'm satisfied," the singer concluded. "I'm not in a race with anyone. It's enough for me to feel that I helped prove that Black people can do anything we set out to do."

Black-Formatted Station Selling For Record Sum

SAN DIEGO: Noble Broadcasting Group, a rapidly growing radio chain based here, has agreed to buy KMIO, the top rated FM station in Houston, TX, for \$65 million, the largest price ever paid for a single U.S. radio station.

KMJQ, a 100,000-watt station, has been first in its market for several years. Its Urban Contemporary format also attracts a large "crossover" audience to its Black-based listenership.

If the KMIQ sale is approved by the Federal Communications Commission, the purchase would eclipse the previous record price of \$43 million paid for Los Angeles' KJOI-FM by Legacy Broadcasting. The seller in that deal was Noble, which bought the station three years earlier for \$18 million.

Noble's pending purchase of KMIO from Keymarket Communications is one of three FM

station buys, totaling \$100 million, that Noble's president and sole shareholder, John Lynch, announced last week. The others are KMIM in St. Louis and WMHE and the local Muzak franchise in Toledo, OH. With these acquisitions, Noble will become one of the largest independent radio chains in the country, having grown from just two outlets in 1985.

the eligibility period of October

1, 1986 to September 30, 1987.

topping songs honored were:

Aretha Franklin & George

Michael's "I Knew You Were

Waiting For Me; Anita Baker's

"Sweet Love": Jody Watley's

"Looking For A New Love"; Lisa

Lisa & Cult Jam's "All Cried

Out" and "Head to Toe"; and

Further exclusive coverage

on this event will appear in next

Kool & The Gang's "Victory."

week's issue of BRE.

Among the other chart-

Gregory Abbott Wins BMI Pop Award

NFW YORK: BMI honored the writers and publishers of this year's most performed songs in the company's repertoire at the annual BMI Pop Awards Dinner, held May 2nd at New York's Plaza Hotel. Frances Preston, president and CEO of the company, presented certificates recognizing top radio and television airplay.

Gregory Abbott's "Shake You Down" won in the Song of the Year category; that crossover hit was the one individual song that received the most airplay during Gregory Abbott



Childs Named VP Jazz Marketing at WB BURBANK: As previously

reported (BRE, January 29,

1988), Harold Childs, former



Harold Childs

WASHINGTON: According to a This figure compares to a dollar report issued by the Recording Industry of America, Inc., the dollar volume of U.S. manufacturers' net shipments of prerecorded discs and tapes increased 20% in 1987. Unit shipments rose 14.3% to the shipped in 1987 (706.8 million) highest level since 1978.

valued at \$5.57 billion, calculated at suggested list price, according to the RIAA report. to show dramatic growth-unit

president of Owest Records. has assumed the position of vice president, jazz marketing, at Warner Bros. Records. Childs, who headed WBdistributed Qwest for the past three years, was described by WB chairman Mo Austin as "a man who combines an enduring love of music with an encyclopedic knowledge of our industry.

"It is our good fortune," said Ostin, "to have Harold at the helm of this important new push for jazz and progressive music."

Childs will share the label's outstanding success in multiformat penetration of its jazz product with industry colleagues as he chairs a panel on the subject at BRE Conference '88.

Two other recent appointments at WB: Carol Hart, to the post of vice president, national promotion and Roberta Peterson, who is the label's new vice president, general manager, a&r.

RIAA Stats: 1987 Units Highest in a Decade

value of \$4.65 billion in 1986. Unit shipments rose from 618.3 million in 1986 to 706.8 in impressive gain-unit ship-1987.

Highlights of 1987 are:

 The total number of units fell just short of the all-time high Shipments in 1987 were of 726 million achieved in 1978.

• Compact discs continued

shipments rose 93% and dollars rose by 18.4%.

 Cassettes showed an ments were up by 19% and dollars rose by 18.4%.

 Cassette singles made a healthy debut in 1987. There were 5.1 million units shipped at a dollar value of \$14.3 million. Disc singles were down but not as dramatically as in 1986.

IN BRIEF

Broadcasters Aid Public, Says NAB

WASHINGTON, DC: Radio and television stations across the country are definitely doing their part to increase public awareness, according to a series of surveys conducted by the National Association of Broadcasters.

One survey found that nearly all radio (90%) and TV (95.2%) stations aired public service announcements on the dangers of drug abuse during the past month. Nearly all broadcasters have likewise aired PSAs warning against driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, another survey found.

Carolyn Franklin Succumbs

BLOOMFIELD HILLS. MI: The music industry was saddened to learn of the death of singer-songwriter Carolyn Ann Franklin at the home of her sister, Aretha Franklin on 4/24.

She died of cancer at the age of 43-just days after receiving a bachelor of arts degree in music from Marygrove College in a special ceremony at Aretha Franklin's suburban Detroit home.

Among Miss Franklin's compositions were "Gotta Find Me An Angel" and "Ain't No Way," both million-sellers recorded by Aretha Franklin, for whom she, Erma and their cousin Brenda sang background on early records.

For Your Information

According to the Wall Street Journal, the following companies have hired lobbyists to kill the bill for stronger sanctions against South Africa: Union Carbide Corp.; Chevron Corp.; Chevron U.S.A., Inc.; Mobile Corp.; Texaco, Inc.; Dresser Industries, Inc.; Johnson & Johnson; CBI Industries, Inc.; Combustion Engineering, Inc.; and Caterpillar, Inc. Enough said...

NEWS

ARBitron Ratings

The following information represents the latest ARBitron ratings for average quarter hour shares, metro survey area, Monday through Sunday, 6 a.m. - Midnight, for the Winter '88 rating period. The Fall '87 rating period is also shown as a point of comparison.

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The following information represents ratings from urban, black and some contemporary formatted stations. More markets detailed next week.

DOCTON MA	FALL	WINTER
BOSTON, MA WXKS-FM WILD	7.0 2.3	5.9 1.0
CINCINNATI, OH WBLZ WCIN	4.4 1.3	4.5 1.3
COLUMBUS, OH WCKX WVKO	1.7 2.7	3.2 2.1
DALLAS, TX KKDA-FM KDLZ	8.6 1.6	8.7 2.1
HOUSTON, TX KMJQ KCOH	7.8 1.4	8.5 1.1
KANSAS CITY, MO KPRS-FM KPRT-AM	7.6 1.6	6.7 .7
MIAMI, FL WEDR	5.3	5.0
SAN DIEGO, CA XHRM	4.1	2.8
ST. LOUIS, MO KMJM KATZ-AM KATZ-FM	8.2 2.1 1.2	7.0 2.2 1.0
TAMPA, FL WTMP WRXB	1.7 .8	1.8 .7

EXEC STATS





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DAVID GLEW has been named senior vice president and general manager of Epic/Portrait/CBS Associated Labels. He comes to the label from Atlantic Records, where he was executive vice president/general manager.

FRAN LICHTMAN has been promoted to the position of vice president of international for Atlantic Records, based at the company's New York headquarters; she has worked at the label since 1975...KIM MCKENNEY has been appointed field merchandiser at the Warner/Elektra/Atlantic Corporation...DENNIS O'MALLEY, WEA Boston regional sales manager announced the following three appointments: RON ZWICKER, sales representative; JOE O'SULLIVAN, field merchandiser; and JAMIE WILLIS, mailroom representative.

RON SHAPIRO has been appointed director, public relations, west coast, at BMI. His former positions include that of publicist for the TV show, "Top of the Pops."

BRE Publisher Honored



MIAMI: On April 24, BRE Publisher Sidney Miller, Jr., received Florida Memorial College's Presidential Award of Excellence during commencent exercises. According to President Willie C. Robinson, Miller was cited as "...one of the most prominent and vocal musical industry figures in furthering the cause and importance of Black radio and promoting the significant contributions of Black artists and Black music to the contemporary music business."

Robinson said a scholarship will be awarded in Miller's name to a student "who has the dexterity necessary for initiating a successful business or enterprise."

Commenting on the award, Miller said, "As a native Floridian, I am deeply honored by this recognition by one of my state's most progressive, private institutions of higher learning. I am particularly gratified that the scholarship will assist in creating the next generation of service-oriented Black entrepreneurs."

THEY'VE GOT THE TOUCH



Columbia's Earth, Wind & Fire brought their Touch The World tour to L.A.'s Universal Amphitheatre for a 5-night, sold-out run. (L-r): Philip Bailey, EWF; Verdine White, EWF; Arsenio Hall; Ralph Johnson, EWF; Sheldon Reynolds, EWF; Eddie Murphy; Maurice White, EWF; and Andrew Woolfolk, EWF.

BRE-FLICKS

GET DOWN WITH WILL!



Island's Will Downing (I) recently paid a visit to B.E.T./radio station WYKS' Donny Simpson (r) to discuss his current single, "Free." Shown with them is Renee Givens (c), independent Island promotion.

MY PLACE OR YOURS?



Greg Walker (r), formerly of Santana, performed before a SRO crowd at At My Place in Santa Monica, CA. There to lend support were Capitol's Norman Connors (I) and Dawnn Lewis (c), co-star of NBC-TV's "A Different World."

STANDING UP TO CORNELIUS



Virgin Records recording duo Hindsight achieved a childhood dream when they appeared on "Soul Train" with Don Cornelius (r). Henri Defoe (l) and Camelle Hinds (c) performed their current single: "Stand Up."

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MAGIC?



Motown duo Magic Lady (Linda Stokes, 2nd I., and Jackie Ball, 2nd r.) are congratulated by staffers on their debut single "Betcha Can't Lose (With My Love)." Standing (I-r): Skip Miller, pres.-Motown Record Group; Rick Frio, mgr.; Karen Longley, prod. mgr.; and Kerry Gordy, exec. producer. Seated (I-r): Lee Young, Jr., pres.-Motown Music Group; and Michael Stokes, producer.

JAMMIN' WITH GAVIN



EMI-Manhattan's Gavin Christopher (2nd, r.) is shown at the Nucleus Nuance in Hollywood with BRE staffers: Lance Whitfield, production assistant/writer; Evelyn Hatcher, conference coordinator; and Elaine Stepter, columnist/music librarian.

BRE Attends ASCAP Black Music Gala

In New York: Last Monday found BRE's East Coast reporter at the American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers (ASCAP) Black Music Celebration which was held at the fabulous Stringfellow's. The occasion honored the writers and publishers of the 74 ASCAP songs that reached the Top Ten on the Black music charts in 1987.

After cocktails, conversation and some of the best finger-licking spare ribs in New York City, ASCAP president **Morton Gould** invited the celebritystudded audience into the Butterfly Room for the special presentations. Gould really set the pace for the gala fete as he announced that "Black music is the sound of America and it's the soul of America."

The first ASCAP "Duke" Award, named for the legendary **Duke Ellington**, was awarded to **Cab Calloway**. The regal granddaughter of the Duke, choreographer **Mercedes Ellington**, presented the award. Cab cracked the house up as he confessed in accepting the award, "I've been called Duke nine million times. You know why? 'Cause we all look alike!" The crowd roared again. "Nobody looks like you. You look absolutely wonderful!" shouted heartthrob **Billy Dee Williams**, who had discreetly entered the room. Billy Dee



Cab Calloway

made his way to the stage embracing Cab, **Mrs. Calloway** and Mercedes. Also on stage for the presentation were **Ruth Ellington-Boatwright** (sister of the Duke) and her husband, famous opera star **McHenry Boatwright**.

In addition, the ASCAP Founders Award was presented to **Berry Gordy**, **Jr.** and Motown Industries for their contributions to the black music industry. Accepting this award for Gordy was **Lester Sill**, President of Jobete Music. Billy Dee Williams then delivered remarks saluting Berry Gordy and commemorating the occasion.

Special ASCAP awards were pres-

ented to Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis of Flyte Tyme Tunes and SBK April Music, Inc. Jam and Lewis were recognized as the writers of the greatest number of songs to reach the Top Ten on the Black music charts in 1987. Flyte Tyme Tunes (the Jam/Lewis publishing firm) and SBK April Music, Inc. tied for first place among publishers in accumulating the most Top Ten hits on the Black music charts in 1987.

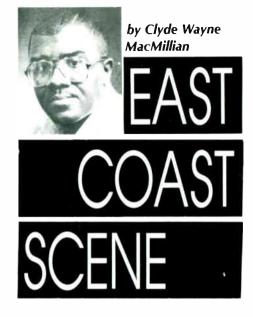
Lusting for some more of those downhome tasting spare ribs, I returned to the buffet table to discover that it was surrounded by all my favorite stars eating ribs and drinking champagne! I was thrilled to see that everyone had come out to have a good time and no one was going to be caught trying to play "Star." I just hate that kind of party. Finally, I had my fill of ribs, watermelon, strawberries, sliced turkey, cantaloup and Coke (not diet), so now I could really get the dirt...

Stringfellow's was packed with literally a "Who's Who" of celebrities in the entertainment industry. Most were friends I already knew; then there were some I wasn't guite sure about, so I asked. I chatted with Mercedes Ellington about the success she is having with her DanceEllington dance troupe. I absolutely love her aunt, Ruth Ellington Boatwright, who is a legend in her own right. Ms. Ellington-Boatwright was quite stunning in a blue sequinned dress that really accentuated her shoulder-length blonde tresses. Cab Calloway and Ljoked about his amazing "Minnie the Moocher" classic as he made an early departure to catch a flight to Europe.

Terry Lewis and Jimmy Jam told me they have just finished a single, "If It Isn't Love," for **New Edition** from the *Heartbreak* LP that is due June 15. They have also mixed an upcoming single for **Cherelle**. The good news is that they are working on their own LP.

Audio II, Mic Murphy from The System, Nelson George from Billboard, Paul Laurence and Jasmine Guy (who plays Whitley on "A Different World") were also among the party people. Jasmine said that she also sings and would like to record. She is working on a demo now and is looking for a producer.

LaLa, dressed in a multi-colored sexy frock, was a lot of fun as usual, as she and Johnny Kemp clowned around. Angela Winbush was in the company of Ronald Isley most of the evening. Could a romance be blossoming? Angela informed me that she is working on a project with Stephanie Mills and she may possibly produce a tune for Freddie Jackson. (She has recently produced The Isleys.) Speaking of Freddie Jackson, he certainly got his share of attention from his industry peers. His escort for the



evening was the lovely Lisa Ruffin.

Award-winning choreographer George Faison pointed out to me that he had choreographed Cameo's hit "Back and Forth" as the tune blasted overhead on a projection screen. Toyce Anderson, who designed Cameo's controversial cod-piece pants—as well as the striking invitations for the event was dashing about in a black and white self-designed suit.



Ronald Isley, Angela Winbush and Cassandra Mills

Audio II said their new rap single is "What More Can I Say" and they produced MC Lyte's "Lyte As A Rock," which is in its third release week. On the rap side, Bobby Ervin, Dwayne Simon and Darryl Pierce from L.A. Posse seemed to be having a great time. The trio produced LL Cool J's "Bigger and Deffer" hit.

Cassandra Mills, Stephanie Mills' manager, was one of the prettiest ebonyhued beauties present. She announced that Stephanie is currently working on a new LP.

David Townsend from Surface, Chuck Rue from EMI Music, Henry Rock from National Black Network, Darryl Clark from RCA, Charles Rogers from Amsterdam News, Don Thomas from Big Red News, Terri Williams, publicist for Eddie Murphy and Miles Davis, gospel diva Bonnie, former Wilbe recording artist Janice Bullock, Jimmy Holland, Lillo Thomas, Wayne Brathwaite, Barry Eastmond, Saint St. James and Nia Peeples all helped to celebrate at the truly memorable ASCAP tribute to Black music.



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Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis (3rd and 4th from left), accepting the award as songwriters of the most Top Ten hits on the Black Music charts in 1987. Their publishing company, Flyte Tyme Tunes tied with SBK April Music, Inc. in accumulating the

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Cab Calloway receiving the first ASCAP "Duke" Award in recognition of his singular achievements and unmistakable style as a songwriter, singer and bandleader for over six decades. The award commemorates the name of the legendary ASCAP member, Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington.

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Morton Gould, ASCAP President, congratulating Lester Sill, ASCAP Board Member and President of Jobete Music Co., Inc. as he accepts the ASCAP Founders Award to Motown Industries for "...a sustaining influence on American music..." Actor Billy Dee Williams praised Motown for providing an atmosphere that is conducive to creativity.

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MIDWEST REPORT



By Jerome Simmons

CHICAGO SCENE

WGCI radio has moved to new headquarters this week. The new address is: Suite 600, 332 South Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60604 (312) 427-4800. Please not that this address is just for the business and sales office. Record day will still take place at 6 North Michigan. According to Barbara Prieto, MD, they will not move into the new building for another month or more.

WGCI's Chillie Childs was featured last week on CBS's Two on 2 weekly

TV show. The focus of the show was "Black Role Models" and Ms. Childs, who is a school teacher in addition to being a radio personality, more than fills the bill. She is a household name here in Chicago radio.

With all the hoopla over the WGCI ratings, there was little mention of the other stations in the market. WBMX remains the number two Urban Contemporary music 'station in Chicago. WBMX placed number 5 behind WGCI-FM AND WGN-AM (Talk) tied for first with a 9.2; WBBM-AM (Talk), with 6.3; WXEZ-FM (Beautiful Music), 5.4; and WBMX-FM, 4.3. WVON-AM (Black talk) and WOJO-FM (Spanish Music), tied for 18 with a 2.0; WNUA-FM (New Wave) was 22, with a 1.8; and WJPC-AM/WLNR-FM came in last with 0.5.

WBMX has bought back its late night jazz show with **Wallie Muhammad**. This appears to be a good move by **Lee Michaels** as jazz is on the upswing in Chicago.

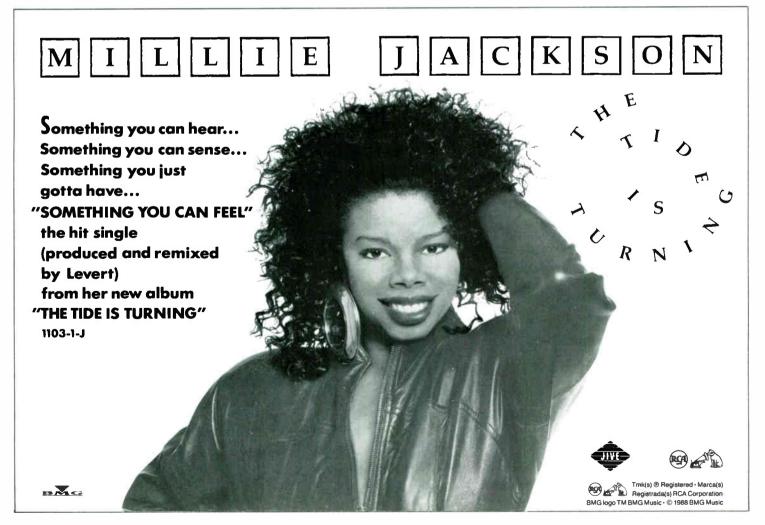
WBEE presented "Jazz Mania," an event designed to promote the station

and expose the masses to jazz. The event featured a 15-piece jazz band with dining and dancing. After dinner, there was a cocktail party with recorded jazz music. It seems that "Jazz Mania" was a get-away weekend for most listeners as they booked rooms for the two-day affair at the Hyatt Hotel.

Attention Chicago: The BRE office in California informs me that Detroit is way ahead of us this year in registration for the Conference. I must remind you that you must call early to make your hotel reservations to insure that you take advantage of the special rate. Chicago always has the best showing of folks at the conference. Let's not fall down in '88!

Hey, Marv—It would be nice if Banks & Company would broadcast live from the Conference...

Radio Stations—A trip to the BRE Conference would be an excellent prize to give away. The winning listeners would have a chance with mingle with all the music industry stars. Think about it...





WHATEVER HAPPENED TO? RUBY AND THE ROMANTICS: Their Day Will Come...Again

By Spider Harrison

Remember those opening lines: "Our day will come...and we'll have everything. We'll share the joy...falling in love can bring."

In 1963, that was the warmest, sincerest love song on wax. And it still sounds great. It's a classic.

The song, written by Mort Garson and Bob Hillard, was intended for another artist. But, according to the lead singer of the group that ultimately recorded it, "We knew it was going to be a hit so, because of our persistence, it was given to us. They never told us who it was for, though, and we never did find out who the other artist was."

Well, the artists who did perform the tune turned out to be Ruby and The Romantics. I was a fan, bought their records and saw them perform many times at the Apollo Theatre and the Hi-Way Inn in Roosevelt, Long Island.

Originating from Akron, Ohio, the Romantics were Ronald Mosley, Edward Roberts, George Lee, the late Leroy Fann and that first class talent, Ruby Nash, the lead singer.

"The fellows were all part of different groups," Nash told me, recently. "They all came together around 1959. They formed a group originally under the name 'Supremes,' and went to New York."

Having little initial success, the group returned to Ohio. Then they decided that a female would be an excellent addition to their number. At a community center talent show, members of the group first heard Ruby Nash. The group which she led that night won first place. On the same show, were the O'Jays, who came from only 35 miles away in Cleveland.

The men of the singing group immediately recruited Nash and headed for New York, once again. This time, they would succeed.

"You had to be in New York in those days," said Nash. "I remember having an apartment in New York and another in Akron. It was Leroy Kirkland, a friend the fellows met on their last visit to New York, who took us to Kapp Records. And it was Al Stanton, Kapp's A&R director, who created the name Ruby and The Romantics."

Nash also remembered one night, after singing from 5-11pm, when it was decided finally that she was to become



Ruby and The Romantics

the lead singer. Each member auditioned for lead. It was agreed that Nash had a very contemporary white sound with broad appeal potential.

"Personally, I've always wanted an Aretha style," she revealed. "But my voice was always soft."

During our conversation, she spoke fondly of her friendship with Aretha and her sister Erma Franklin. At that time, I also learned of the recent death of their other sister, Carolyln, a very creditable songwriter.

Ruby and The Romantics stayed with Kapp Records (now part of the MCA catalog) for the next three years. In addition to "Our Day Will Come," their releases included "Our Summer Love," "Young Wings Can Fly" and "Hey There, Lonely Boy," the answer to Eddie Holman's "Hey There, Lonely Girl."

Later, when the group moved on, first to ABC Records, then to A&M, they again met little success. "There was no material," said Nash, "no direction and we had too many different managers, all making too many promises with too few results."

In the beginning, they were signed with the William Morris Agency. "Hanging in there like Gladys Knight and The Pips is what we wanted," she said.

I asked her about Motown. "Yes, I believe Motown would have been a good move, because the producers and the songs would have been available."

Only Nash was single. All the other members of the group were married with

families. "It started getting tough on the fellows," she said. "Because there wasn't enough money coming in. But there was lots of traveling...and I mean **lots**! I didn't get married until 1966, and we didn't have any children. So it was easier on me."

Although there was always strong camaraderie among members of the group, Nash remembers the stresses of traveling to engagements. "We appeared with James Brown on 34 one-nighters," she said. "Yes, it was a dynamite show. But we slept four nights in a hotel and the rest on the bus...and that was just too much!"

Ruby and The Romantics broke up in August, 1971. "If we had been earning more money, we might still be together," she mused. "We were all good friends and we respected each other, always."

There was a bit of sadness when she talked of the death of Leroy Fann. "Leroy was the writer of the group," she said. "He wrote the flip side of 'Our Day Will Come' and 'Moonlight and Music.' He died in New York in 1973. The rest of us stay pretty much in contact with one another."

Today, Ruby is married to Robert Garnett, a physical education instructor and wrestling coach at Akron's Central Howard High School, the same school Nash attended.

"My brother and my husband attended Akron University together," she smiles. "He came home with my brother and that was it."

Often, her two teenage sons and her 11 year-old daughter try to persuade their mom to continue her singing career. And to that, the once-shy high school girl, now a legend in the music industry, responds: "I've been thinking seriously about it. I'm sure it wouldn't be as tough this time. Maybe next summer we'll do some engagements."

Up and down the West Coast, according to promoters, there is a demand for Ruby and The Romantics. In their prime, they never played that part of the country. Perhaps their day will come again and we'll all hear them next time.

"Whatever Happened To?" will soon be available as a 30 minute weekly syndicated radio program. For more information please call (818) 508-9180.



The Cellular Revolution

Just a few years ago, having a car phone was a status symbol. But recently, when I saw a '72 Nova with one door in primer and its driver talking on his mobil phone, it dawned on me that things have changed. Personally, I have enjoyed the tranquility of being isolated from the world as I drive down the freeway. However, it has become a fact of life for many of us that being out of touch can cost money.

As a non-status-seeking person, I put on my best disguise and started nosing around cellular phone stores. In this, the first of a two-part series on cellular, we'll take a look at the history of the mobil phone.

What we call cellular phones are basically two-way radios. The first twoway radio was installed in an automobile by the Chalmers-Detroit Company in 1921. In 1933, the New York Police Department installed two-way radios in their vehicles, and coined the phrase, "Calling all cars!"

Though the police and the military, as well as amateur radio operators, had patched their two-way radio equipment into land lines for a long time, it wasn't until 1946 that Ma Bell got in on the act and formed the first mobil telephone service. At that time, it was necessary to go through an operator to make a call.

In 1964, a direct-dial service was formed. By the mid-70's, the mobil phone service was so clogged that there was a wait of up to 40 minutes to place a call. The waiting lists to have phones installed were growing astronomically.

The main reason for the delay was that the early mobil phones required a



pair of frequencies that tied up a good bit of an already obsolete frequency spectrum. Now, a new band provides nearly 700 channels allocated to mobil phone service. This band is in the 800 Mhz range, located above UHF-TV

Back to mobil phone history: Although Bell Telephone developed the cellular concept in 1947, it wasn't until 1977 that the first prototype systems were planned for operation in 1983.

As mentioned earlier, cellular solved the clogging of the airwaves. But the remaining problem was reception. Early mobil phone system base stations had one location per area, usually on a mountaintop or tall building. If the phone happened to enter a dead spot, all conversation would be cut off. Cellular now has solved that problem with the formation of "cells." Each cell is a remote base station, capable of receiving and transmitting many calls simultaneously. You may have seen triangular boxes with antennas mounted on large poles. These are automated cellular base stations. They are scientifically placed to avoid any dead spots within their assigned areas.

As the caller drives along, making that big business deal or setting up that hot date, the equipment is switching from cell-to-cell, assuring good and constant communication. And the growing popularity—and must-have convenience of this high-tech phenomenon has ushered in the cellular revolution.

Also, with cellular, there is a certain amount of security provided for the conversation. With older mobil phone service, anyone with a communications receiver could pick up the mobil phone band and listen in on the conversation. (I had such a radio as a kid. But of course, I never evesdropped on private conversations.)

Now, with cellular, the signals are so complex and the actual power used is so low that it is very difficult for the amateur to pick out and follow one conversation.

Cellular phones come in many forms. There are quite a few bells and whistles available as well. Next week, we'll look into the various equipment and services available too. With so many channels and so much equipment on the market, prices are coming down. But it still isn't as cheap as calling from home.

Warning! A friend of mine called everyone he knew after purchasing his new cellular phone—just to say he was calling from his car. His first bill was over \$1,000.



INDIES

Indie Label Signs Ohio Players & AWB

Track Record, the new indie record label based in Seattle, WA, has announced the signing of The Ohio Players and The Average White Band.

The Ohio Players, who've had three platinum and six gold LPs, just completed recording their first Track release, *Back* which will be their first new record in eight years. The single, "Sweat" will be released April 25th.

The Average White Band, whose biggest mid-seventies hits were "Pick Up The Pieces" and "Cut The Cake," are about to go into the studio to record their first Track LP.

Track Record is headed by Chip Wilson, a Pacific Northwest concert promoter who has handled dates for Frank Sinatra, Eddie Murphy, Tears For Fears and Tina Turner.



Joyce Sims



Back Row (I-r): Darwin Dortch and "Diamond" Williams (Ohio Players), Richard Brown (Ohio Players' co-producer), Glenn Rupp (engineer). Front Row (I-r): Chet Willis and Billy Beck (Ohio Players), Alan Gorrie (AWB), Onnie McIntyre (AWB), Roger Ball (AWB), "Sugar" Bonner (Ohio Players). Center (kneeling): Chip Wilson (President of Track Record).

Joyce Sims Wows The UK

Joyce Sims, Sleeping Bag Records recording artist, has just triumphantly completed a tour in the United Kingdom and Amsterdam, where she sold out every venue she played, including two nights at the world famous Hammersmith Odeon in London.

Strongly contributing to Ms. Sims' performances was the Joyce Sims Band; guest appearing with the band as the multi-talented Jimmy Castor.

As one newspaper critic raved, "Joyce Sims is the Voice of the '90s, classically 'post-modern' with a skill and vocal range that leave more humble warblers gasping. The marriage between Ms. Sims and her illustrious band is truly a match made in heaven."

Presently, Sims is rapidly approaching star status in the music industry. A woman who wrote, arranged, performed and produced her debut LP *Come Into My Life*, she has already earned a gold LP in the UK. Sims is now looking for a fifth hit single from the LP in the Barbara Acklin remake of "Love Makes A Woman," featuring Jimmy Castor on saxophone.

VIDEO

TAYLOR AND BET SHOW "COMPASSION"



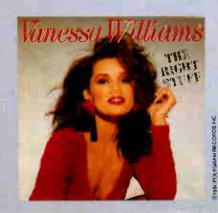
New Virgin Records star vocalist Gary Taylor recently filmed a special segment of Black Entertainment Television's "Video Soul" program in London. His hot single, "Compassion," is fast becoming the choice of reviewers and programmers alike. Cruising along the Thames River with the singer is "Video Soul's" host, Yolanda Gaskins.

GERRY WOOS 'EM ON VIDEO SOUL



A recent guest on Black Entertainment Television's popular "Video Soul" program, 19 year-old singer Gerry Woo (left) wowed audiences with his video "How Long" (a Top 30 R&B Chart hit on PolyGram Records), as well as other favorites. The hardworking UCLA sophomore is pictured here with PolyGram's Baltimore/Washington promotion manager Sharee Hawkins and "Video Soul's" host Donnie Simpson.

Vanessa's Got Like Stuff





"The Right Stuff" is the first hit single from the exciting debut album by Vanessa Williams.

Right Stuff" On your desk now. So jam it loud!!

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AIRWAVES By Carolyn Plummer Riley

MUSICAL CHAIRS

Evans Joins K104/Dallas

K104 (KKDA-FM, Dallas/Fort Worth) announced the appointment of **Stanley T. Evans** to the K104 airstaff, effective



Stanley T. Evans

May 6. Evans joins Dallas/Fort Worth's most-listened-to radio station, as determined by the winter Arbitron (12+, 8.7 share) from New York City's top-rated station, WHTZ-FM (Z100).

The announcement of Evans' assignment to the evening air shift, 6-10 pm, was made by K104 vice president and program director Michael Spears.

"Stanley has been working with America's number one radio station for almost a year. We intend to bring him on with great style," Spears said in welcoming him to the station.

Evans was one of the original seven "audition DJs" participating in the station's national talent search last November. Prior to his airwork at New York's Z100, Evans generated number one ratings for nearly two years at WZAT-FM, Savannah, Georgia. Evans replaces Jay Michaels, who exited the station last month to pursue other interests. "We are looking forward to Stanley

"We are looking forward to Stanley bringing our ratings higher than ever at K104FM," Spears concluded.

Other Mikes in Motion

WEUP/Huntsville, AL announces the appointment of **Rick "Candy" Lee** as the station's new music director. Congratulations are also extended to **Steve Murry**, who was promoted to production director at the station.

KQXL/Baton Rouge, LA welcomes a new staffer to the Power 106.5 lineup. **Tina Marie Hamilton** comes to KQXL-FM as afternoon drive announcer.

WTLC/Indianapolis, IN announces the appointment of **Vycki Buchanon**, who officially became the station's new MD on May 1st. The announcement comes from PD **Jay Johnson**. Stay tuned!

Clark to Program XHRM/San Diego

Hal Clark comes to XHRM from WYLD/New Orleans, where he worked as programming assistant. Clark also held positions as production director, sports director and mid-day air personality.

According to GM **Darryl Cox**, "Hal was brought into the WYLD family by **Brute Bailey** in 1982, while still attending Grambling University. I am pleased to have Hal Clark at XHRM. He comes to us with years of experience from YLD and I am confident that he will help



L.D. McCollum

XHRM reclaim its rightful stance in the San Diego market.

"L.D. McCollum moves back into the music department as the station's MD," he said. "L.D. will also oversee marketing promotions at XHRM."



Hot 102/WLUM hosted a free concert starring A&M recording artist Shanice Wilson. Shanice dropped by the station to share some smiles with LUM staffers. Pictured (I-r): WLUM's music director Gary Young; promotions director Bobby "Z"; afternoon driver Geno Jones; and Shanice Wilson. (Photo by Robert G. Browning) KYEA/Monroe, LA welcomes Mike Payne as its new PD. Mike has been at the mike at WAMO/Pittsburgh, WABQ/Cleveland, KYOK/Houston and most recently co-produced the syndicated show "Highlights" out of Los Angeles. Mike will also hold down the afternoon airshift from 1pm to 5pm. The announcement was made by operations manager, Julian Davis.



KISS 102 "Goodtime Gator" at the Craven County Special Olympics, held recently in KISS 102's hometown, New Bern, North Carolina.



WEKS-FM GM Lee Zapis Meets Michael & Rebbie Jackson

During Michael Jackson's big concert in Atlanta, WEKS-FM/ KISS 104 general manager Lee Zapis met with Michael and Rebbie Jackson for a friendly backstage photo. Rebbie was in town for two reasons: She was KISS 104's honored guest for a private dinner reception prior to the concert; and the second is pretty obvious, she wanted to see her brother perform!

Fishnet Fan



Morris Day recently visited New Jersey's music station WNJR. Pictured following a very successful on air interview are: WNJR afternoon drive personality, Carlos de Jesus; Morris Day; WNJR PD Henry Singleton; Warner Brothers Vice President/Promotion Ray Harris.



Recording artist Tania Infante is currently promoting her U.S. Records and Music Group, Inc. 12-inch record "I Just Won The Lottery." (L-r):L Alberto Guerra (producer); Jane Carnegie (WEDR DJ); James T. (WEDR DJ); recording artist Tania Infante; and U.S. Records and Music Group, Inc., Frank Hart.



PD Meets M.D.'s

New York-based vocal group the Force M.D.'s stopped by KJLH/Los Angeles for an on-air interview with program director Cliff Winston during a recent promotional tour. The group continued their travels with a tour of Japan. Pictured (I-r): Stevie D. of the Force M.D.'s; Warner Bros. rep Steve Campfield; Cliff Winston; T.C.D., Trisco and Mercury of the Force M.D.'s.

Service Requests WBMS, Wilmington, NC, needs service from all Independent Labels, Rap Music and Gospel Record Labels. WBMS 310 Davis Street Wilmington, NC 28401 (919) 763-4633 Attn: Raul Brewster, PD

REGIONAL RADIO REPORT

The following reports reflect new adds to the stations listed from the cut off of reports on Tuesdays. These reports reflect changes for that week. Complete playlist information is on file at the offices of Black Radio Exclusive. For more information, please phone (213) 469-7262.





Henry Singleton 600 N. Union Ave. Hillside, NJ 07205 201-688-5000 MELBA MOORE, I CAN'T COMPLAIN TYKA NELSON, MARK ANTHONY'S ANTHONY & THE CAMP, OPEN YOUR CLUB NOUVEAU, IT'S A COLD SADE, PARADISE

LaVerne Blakely 89 LaSalle Av. Buffalo, NY 14214 716-834-1080

WUFO

JETS, MAKE IT REAL WALK THIS WAY, IN THE ROOM PAULA ABDUL, KNOCKED OUT CLUB NOUVEAU, IT'S A COLD

Power State Power State 2015 Philadelphia, PA 19128 215-483-8900

SADE, PARADISE NOEL, LIKE A CHILD CLUB NOUVEAU, COLD COLD WORLD BETTY WRIGHT, NO PAIN NO GAIN MELBA MOORE, I CAN'T COMPLAIN

MID-ATLANTIC

KCXL

Cleo Cook 810 E. 63rd Street Kansas City, MO 64110 816-333-2583

Chuck Moore

MICHAEL COOPER, DINNER FOR JODY WATLEY, MOST OF ALL RANDY HALL, SLOW STARTER EARTH WIND & FIRE, FUL ROY TEMPTATIONS, DO YOU WANT TO MORRIS DAY, DAY DREAMIN' DAZZ BAND, ANTICIPATION TEDDY PENDERGRASS, JOY HALL & OATES. EVERTHING HALL & OATES, EVERYTHING CLUB NOUVEAU, IT'S A COLD

KRNB

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Bobby Bennett Mike Archie 529 Bryant St. N.W. Washington, DC 20059

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JEAN CARNE, AIN'T NO WAY J.J. FAD, SUPERSONIC JERMAINE STEWART, SAY IT

WANT JOYCE COBB, ANOTHER LONELY STEPHANIE MILLS, IF I WERE PIECES OF A DREAM, HOLDING JULIO IGLESIAS/WONDER, MY GREGORY ABBOTT, I'LL PROVE IT MELBA MOORE, I CAN'T COMPLAIN JERMAINE STEWART, SA'I IT PRINCE, ALPHABET ST.

BROS. JOHNSON, KICKIN' IT GREGOR' ABBOTT, I'LL PROVE SADE, PARADISE MELBA MOORE, I CAN'T COMPLAIN PAULA ABDUL, KNOCKED OUT SHANICE WILSON, THE WAY YOU OHIO PLAYERS, SWEAT DEELE, SHOOT EM UP MOVIES REDDINGS, SO IN LOVE

TIM HEINTZ, SEARCHING THE JAMES MOODY, MOVING FORWARD SAM RINEY, LAY IT ON THE CLYDE CRINER, BEHIND THE SUN TOMMY FLANAGAN, NIGHTS AT TUCK & PATTI, TEARS OF JOY

PRINCE, ALPHABET ST. DEELE, SHOOT 'EM UP MOVIES NU SHOOZ, SHOULD I SAY YES NU SHOOZ, SHOULD I SAY YES LEATA CALLOWAY, WITH EVERY TYKA NELSON, MARC ANTHONY'S ANGELA WINBUSH, IT'S YOU 2 LIVE CREW, MOVE SOMETHING STETSASONIC, SALLY



Tony Fields Phillip D. March 10213 Linn Station R Louisville, KY 40223 502-425-3444 n Road

MELBA MOORE, I CAN'T COMPLAIN ALEXANDER O'NEAL, THE LOVERS SADE, PARADISE I/AZY JEFF, PARENTS JUST DEELE, SHOOT 'EM UP MOVIES GREGORY ABBOTT, I'LL PROVE WORLD CLASS WRECKING, TURN



Bill Price P.O. Box 3244 Louisville, KY 40208 502-636-3536

MAGIC LADY, BETCHA DEELE, SHOOT EM UP MOVIES MACK BAND, ROSES ARE RED VANESSA WILLIAMS, THE RIGHT MELBA MOORE, I CAN'T COMPLAIN JAMES BROWN, I'M REAL ALEXANDER O'NEAL, THE LOVERS SADE, PARADISE WALTER BEASLEY, ON THE EDGE MILLIE JACKSON, SOMETHING MORRIS DAY, DAY DREAMIN' Thomas Lytle 168 Business Park Dr. #100 Virginia Beach, VA 23462 804-473-1194



RAYS, BE ALONE TONIGHT MAGIC LADY, BETCHA CANT SADE, PARADISE GUY, GROOVE ME MORRIS DAY, DAY DREAMIN' TRACLE SPENCER, SYMPTONS JETS, MAKE IT REAL BARDEUX, WHEN WE KISS PRINCE, ALPHABET SI. JAZZY JEFF, PARENTS



SADE, PARADISE HERBIE HANCOCK, VIBE ALIVE JODY WATLEY, MOST OF ALL MICHAEL COOPER, DINNER FOR SHANICE WILSON, THE WAY YOU JAMES BROWN, TWA REAL DJ JAZZY JEFF, PARENTS JUST

Stan William WPAK Rick Darnell P.O. Box 494 Farmville, VA 23901 804-392-8114

JAMES BROWN, I'M REAL GEORGE MICHAEL, ONE MORE TRY MICHAEL JACKSON, DIRTY DIANA DA KRASH, TRAPPED IN PHASES JOYCE SIMS, LOVE MAKES A TEENA MARIE, WORK MAKES A TEENA MARIE, WORK IT NICOLE, JAM PACKED CIRCUIT BREAKERS, U EXCITE ME MELBA MOORE, I CAN'T COMPLAIN GREGORY ABBOTT, I'LL PROVE

Debbe Parker 3267 Crader Road Petersburg, VA 23805 804-748-4199 WPLZ

ALEXANDER O'NEAL THE LOVERS ALEXANDER O'NEAL, THE LOYERS MAGIC LADY, BETCHA CAN'T JAMES BROWN, I'M REAL PRINCE, ALPHABET ST. JUNIOR, YES NOEL, LIKE A CHILD MELBA MOORE, I CAN'T COMPLAIN

Paula Cox 4760 Kingsway Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46205 317-257-8928 WPZZ

TONY TERRY, FOREVER YOURS JULIO IGLESIAS/WONDER, MY MACK BAND, ROSES ARE RED NAT GEORGE, THIS TIME POINTER SISTERS, I'M IN LOVE GARY TAYLOR, DON'T ASK MY Cy Young P.O. Box 8085 Nashville, TN 37207 615-227-1470



MICHAEL IACKSON, DIRTY DIANA



JETS, MAKE IT REAL CLUB MOUVEAU, COLD COLD WORLD BROTHERS JOHNSON, KICK IT TO JODY WATLEY, MOST OF ALL WINANS, GIVE ME YOU RICK ASTLEY, TOCETHER FOREVER STACY LATTISAW, LET ME TAKE DA KRASH, TRAPPED IN PHASES GLORIA ESTEFAN/MSM, ANYTHING



LeRoy Penn P.O. Box 216 South Hill, VA 23970 804-447-8997

JAMES BROWN, I'M REAL TONY TONI TONE, HEY LITTLE BIZ MARKIE, VAPORS BASS PATROL, ROCK THE HOUSE





E.P.M.D., YOU GOTS TO CHILL GREGORY ABBOTT, I'LL PROVE IT BROS. JOHNSON, KICK IT TO THE JAMAICA BOYS, SPEND SOMETIME GWEN GUTHRIE, CAN'T LOVE YOU

KBUC KBUC TEDDY PENDERGRASS, JOY TEASE, I CAN'T STAND GEORGE MICHAEL, ONE MORE TRY RIGHT CHOICE, TIRED OF SADE, PARADISE

KCLT

Charles Dorn P.O. Box 2870 West Helena, AR 72390 501-572-9506

NU SHOOZ, IF I SAY YES TEASE, CAN'T STAND THE RAIN JAMES BROWN, I'M REAL E.P.M.D., YOU GOTS TO CHILL RICKY KICKGLIDER, JUNGLE THOMAS & TAYLOR, TRY ME FINESSE & SYNQUIS, SOUL TIME BANDITS, WILD FIRE GREGORY ABBOTT, I'LL PROVE IT TONY TERRY, FOREVER YOURS

KCOH

Travis Gardner 5011 Alameda Houston, TX 77004 713-522-1001

MORRIS DAY, DAY DREAMIN' GREGORY ABBOTT, ILL PROVE IT PAGE ONE, BABY SAY YES MICHAEL JACKSON, DIRTY DIANA EGYPTIAN LOVER, D.S.L.S. WORLD CLASS WREEKING, TURN SWEET SENSATION, TAKE IT

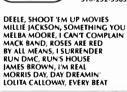
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C. Erwin Daniels 1000 Grimmette Dr. Shreveport, LA 71109 318-965-9103

SADE, PRADISE MELBA MOORE, I CAN'T COMPLAIN RANDY HALL, SLOW STARTER PAULA ABDUL, KNOCK OUT MILLIE JACKSON, SOMETHING YOU JOYCE SIMS, LOVE MAKES A JAMES BROWN, I'M REAL MARVIN SEASE, LOVE IS A GAME



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DA KRASH, TRAPPED IN PHASES



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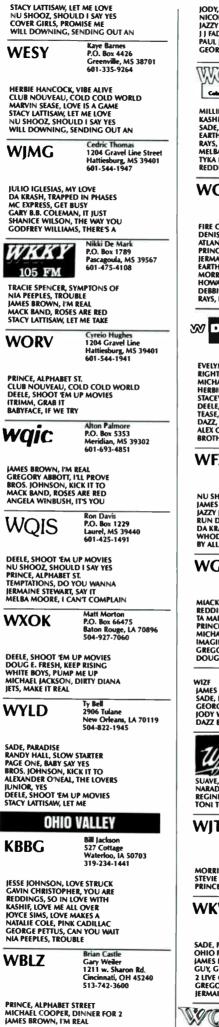
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ALEXANDER O'NEAL, THE LOVERS JAMES BROWN, I'M REAL SADE, PARADISE MICHAEL COOPERS, DINNER FOR J.J. FAD, SUPERSONIC Mike James 109 E. 6th Expressway Mission, TX 78572 512-383-7267 K-JAM 105 PM BOZ SCAGGS, HEART OF MINE DONNA SUMMER, FASCINATION PAUL JOHNSON, EVERY KIND OF ELEANOR, ADVENTURE TRACIE SPENCER, SYMPTONS SEQUEL, I'M OVER YOU DA KRASH, TRAPPED IN PHASES NOEL, LIKE A CHILD SPOOKIE, DONT WALK AWAY ZIGGY MARLEY, TOMORROW PEOPLE GEORGE MICHAEL, ONE MORE TRY Horatio Handy 413 Jefferson Street Lafayette, LA 70501 318-233-4262 KIEB SAMANTHA FOX, NAUGHTY GIRLS SADE, PARADISE TONY TERRY, FOREVER YOURS CLUB NOUVEAU, COLD COLD WORLD **Mike Spears KKDA** Jimmy Smith P.O. Box 530860 Grand Prairie, TX 75053 214-263-9911 SADE, PARADISE ALEXANDER O'NEAL, THE LOVERS LTRIM, GRAB IT STACY LATTISAW, LET ME GREGORY ABBOTT, I'LL PROVE DEELE, SHOOT 'EM UP MOVIES JAMES BROWN, I'M REAL Pat Spearman 8906 Wall St. Suite 401 Austin, TX 78754 **KQCF** 512-339-6102 PAUL JACKSON, JR., I CAME TO MAGIC LADY, BETCHA CAN'T LOSE NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK, RIGHT NORMAN CONNORS, I AM YOUR STACY LATTISAW, LET ME TAKE A.B. Welch 7707 Waco Drive Baton Rouge, LA 70806 504-926-1106 KQXL REDDINGS, SO IN LOVE CLUB NOUVEAU, IT'S A COLD MELBA MOORE, I CAN'T COMPLAIN JERMAINE STEWART, SA'I IT DAZZ BAND, ANTICIPATION PAULA ABDUL, KNOCKED OUT DEELE, SHOO'T EM UP MOVIES DOUG E. FRESH, KEEP RISING L. Green L. Lewis 902 High Street Little Rock, AK 72202 501-375-1069 J. Hurs AMES BROWN, I'M REAL MACK BAND, ROSES ARE RED STACY LATTISAW, LET ME TAKE MICHAEL JACKSON, DIRTY DIANA GREGORY ABBOTT, I'LL PROVE TO JAZZY IFFF, PARENTS JUST ALEXANDER O'NEAL, THE LOVERS Michael Hightowe 1623 A East Apach Tulsa, OK 74106 918-428-4451 KXOI KASHIF, LOVE ME ALL OVER NORMAN CONNORS, I AM YOUR JOHNNY KEMP, JUST GOT PAID Jay Jefferies 311 Alamo St. Lake Charles, I 318-436-7277 KXZZ . LA 70601 WILL DOWNING, SENDING OUT AN RANDY HALL, SLOW STARTER MACK BAND, ROSES ARE RED MILLIE JACKSON, SOMETHING WALTER BEASLEY, ON THE EDGE GUY, GROOYE ME DEELE, SHOOT EM UP MOVIES WORLD CLASS WRECKING, TURN DARRYL DUNCAN, HEAVEN **KBBG** Julian Davis P.O. Box 2199 West Monroe, LA 71294 318-322-1491 **KYEA** FRO7EN WBLZ Kaye Barnes P.O. Box 4426 Greenville, MS 38701 WBAD 601.335.9264 HERBIE HANCOCK, VIBE ALIVE CLUB NOUVEAU, COLD COLD WORLD MARVIN SEASE, LOVE IS A GAME



JODY, MOST OF ALL NICOLE, JAMPACKED TO THE JAZZY JEFF, PARENTS JUST J J FADE, SUPERSONIC NO ADDS <u>wvk0.16</u> PAUL JACKSON IR. L CAME TO GEORGE MICHAEL, ONE MORE TRY WAXX **Rick Stevens** MICHAEL JACKSON, DIRTY DIANA JERMAINE STEWART, SAY IT 696 E. Broad Columbus, OH 43215 PRINCE, ALPHABET ST. _ 106 614-464-0020 **WXLA** MILLIE JACKSON, SOMETHING KASHIF, LOVE ME ALL SADE, PARADISE EARTH WIND & FIRE, EVIL ROY RAYS, BE ALONE JAMES BROWN, I'M REAL MORRIS DAY, DAY DREAMIN' HALL & OATES, EVERYTHING NU SHOOZ, SHOULD I SAY YES BETTY WRICHT, NO PAIN NO CAIN MACK BAND, ROSES ARE RED GUY, GROOVE ME RATS, BE ALONE MELBA MOORE, I CAN'T TYKA NELSON, MARK ANTHONY'S REDDINGS, SO IN LOVE Mark McGill 600 S. Michigan Street Chicago, IL 60605 312-663-1693 WCRX WZAK FIRE ON BLONDE, BOUNCE BACK DENISE LOPEZ, SAY I'M SORRY ATLANTIC STARE, LET THE SUN PRINCE, ALPHABET ST. JERMAINE STEWART, SAY IT EARTH WIND & FIRE, EVIL ROY MORRIS DAVI, DAY DREAMIN' HOWARD HEWETT, STRANCE DERBE CIESON, EOU LISH BEAT DEELE, SHOOT 'EM UP MOVIES MILLIE JACKSON, SOMETHING YOU MACK BAND, ROSES ARE RED MELBA MOORE, I CAN'T COMPLAIN SADE. PARADISE DEBBIE GIBSON, FOLLISH BEAT SADE, PARADISE ROB BASE, IT TAKES LEATA CALLOWAY, WITH EVERY JESSE JAMES, DON'T GET RAYS, BE ALONE TONIGHT Lankford Stephens Michael Ecton 1400 Cincinnati Street Dayton, OH 45408 513-224-1137 W D A O KATZ EVELYN KING, FLIRT RIGHT CHOICE, TIRED OF BEING MICHAEL JACKSON, DIRTY DIANA HERBIE HANCOCK, VIBE ALIVE STACEY LATTISAW, LET ME TAKE DEELE, SHOOT EM UP TEASE, I CAN'T STAND DAZZ, ANTICIPATION ALEY OPNEAL THE LOWERS GREGORY ABBOTT, I'LL PROVE IT SADE, PARADISE STACY LATTISAW, LET ME TAKE ALEX O'NEAL, THE LOVERS BROTHERS JOHNSON, KICK IT TO Carl Conner P.O. Box 1584 Augusta, GA 30903 WFXA 2 LIVE CREW, MOVE SOMETHING TRACIE SPENCER, SYMPTONS OF RUN DMC, RUN'S HOUSE GREGORY ABBOTT, I'LL PROVE IT 803-279-2331 NU SHOOZ, SHOULD I SAY YES JAMES BROWN, I'M REAL JAZZY JEFF, PARENTS JUST RUN DMC, RUNS HOUSE DA KRASH, TRAPPED WHODINI, YOU BROUGHT IT ON BY ALL MEANS, SURRENDER GIVES, GROOVE ALEXANDER ONEAL, THE LOVERS CLUB NOUVEAU, IT'S A COLD STACY LATTISAW, LET ME TAKE JAMES BROWN, I'M REAL Mel Edwards 1004 E. Dunklin lefferson City, MO 65101 314-681-5295 Joe Spencer 3146 E. Jefferson Detroit, MI 48207 313-259-8862 WGPR MICHAEL JACKSON, DIRTY DIANA JODY WATLEY, MOST OF ALL RAY PARKER IR., I SHOULD HAVE CLUB NOUVEAU, ITS A COLD JESSE JAMES, I'M GONNA BE ALVIN CASH, I'M BETTING PRINCE, ALPHABET ST. NU SHOOZ, SHOULD I SAY MIACK BAND, ROSES ARE RED REDDINGS, SO IN LOVE WITH YOU TA MARA, BLUEBERRY GOSSIP PRINCE, ALPHABET STREET MICHAEL JACKSON, DIRTY DIANA IMAGINATION, INSTINCTUAL GREGORY ABBOTT, ILL PROVE IT DOUG E. FRESH, KEEP RIGHT ON **KPRS** WIZF JAMES BROWN, I'M REAL SADE, PARADISE GEORGE MICHAEL, ONE MORE TRY JODY WATLEY, MOST OF ALL DAZZ BAND, ANTICIPATION CHRIS JASPER, ONE TIME LOVE POINTER SISTERS, I'M IN LOVE GREGORY ABBOTT, I'LL PROVE MACK BAND, ROSES ARE RED SADE, PARADISE FINESSE & SYNQUIS, SOUL CLIV, CPOWR Doug Harris 11821 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH 44106 216-795-1212 UMAC GUY, GROOVE ROGER, PAPA'S GOT JAMES BROWN, I'M REAL ICE T, COLORS SUAVE, MY GIRL NARADA, DIVINE EMOTIONS REGINIA BELLE, HOW COULD YOU TONI TONY TONE, LITTLE WALTER THE James Taylor Ron Lucky WITB A. Ron Lucky 35102 Center Ridge Road No. Ridgeville, OH 44039 216-327-1844 MICHAEL JACKSON, DIRTY DIANA JOHNNY KEMP, JUST GOT PAID NIA PEFELES, TROUBLE KOOL MOE DEE, FIFTY WAYS RAISE, BE ALONE TONIGHT GARY TAYLOR, COMPASSION BASS PATROL, ROCK THE HOUSE JANETTE RENEE, GONNA BE YOUR 2 LIVE CREW, MOVE SOMETHING MORRIS DAY, DAY DREAMIN' STEVIE WONDER, GET IT PRINCE, ALPHABET ST. Frank Grant P.O. Box 828 Grand Rapids **WKWM** MI 49508 616-676-1135 WGMX SADE, PARADISE OHIO PLAYERS, SWEAT JAMES BROWN, I'M REAL GUY, GROOVE ME JOYCE SIMS, LOVE MAKES A MACK BAND, ROSES ARE RED STACY LATTISAW, LET ME TAKE SADE, PARADISE 2 LIVE CREW, MOVE SOMETHING GREGORY ABBOTT, I'LL PROVE IT JERMAINE STEWART, SAY IT Claude Young Suite 2056 Penobs Detroit, MI 48226 313-965-4500 WCRX

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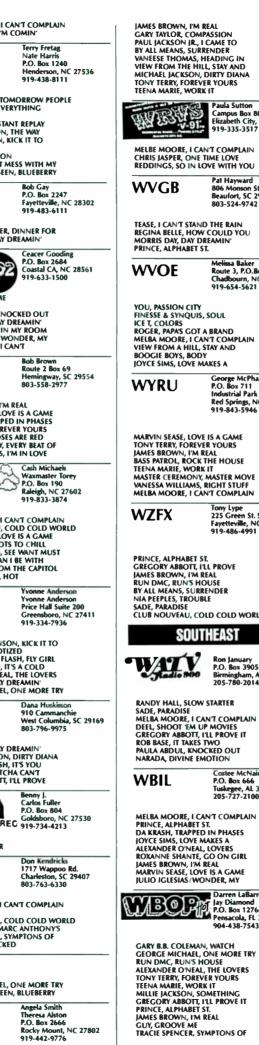
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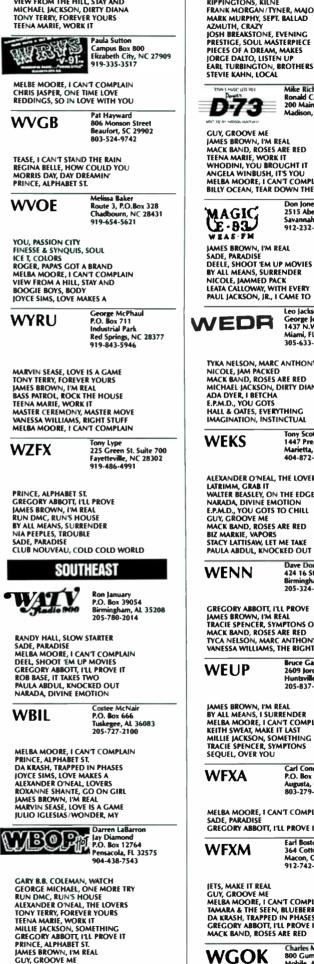
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WHITE BOYS, PUMP / GORGEOUOS & ESSE LOU RAWLS, RUN JES VISION, HYNOTIZED BROS. JOHNSON, KIO SWEET COOKIE, MIN CAROL LYNN TOWNE	ME UP NCE, I KNOW SE RUN EK IT TO THE D YOUR	BROTHERS JOHNSO VISIONS, HYPNOTIZ GRAND MASTER FLA CLUB NOUVFAU, IT ALEXANDER O'NEAL, MORRIS DAY, DAY D GEORGE MICHAEL, 1	ED SH, FLY GIRL S A COLD , THE LOVERS REAMIN'
wete	Eugene Brantley P.O. Box 1005 Mullins, SC 29574 803-423-1140	WOIC	Dana Huskinsor 910 Cammanch West Columbia 803-796-9975
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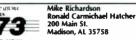
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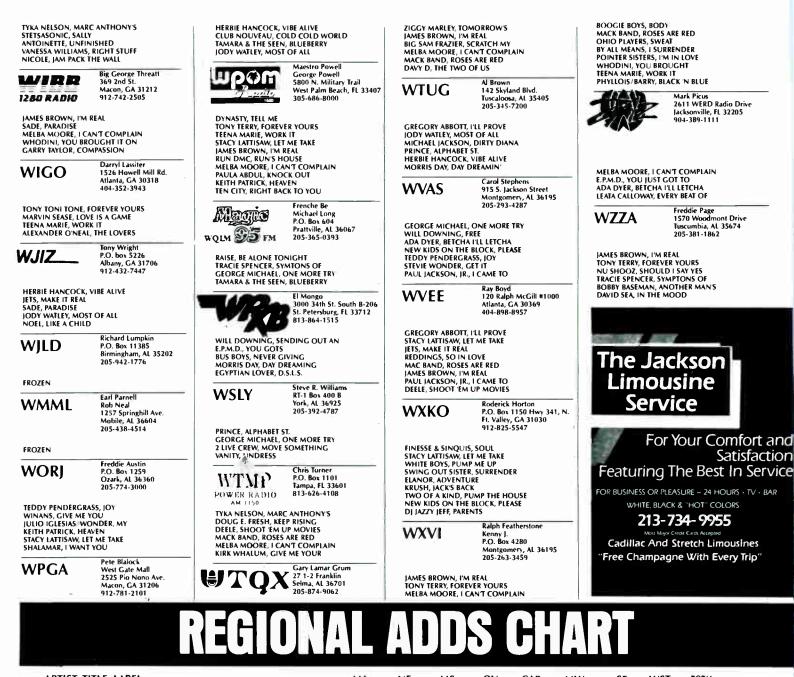


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ARTIST, TITLE, LABEL	MA	NE	MS	OV	CAR	MW	SE	WST	TOTAL
JAMES BROWN, I Got You (I Feel Real) EPA	7		7	3	5	3	12	5	42
MELBA MOORE/F. JACKSON, I Can't, Capitol	8	3	5	2	10	1	12	1	42
SADE, Paradise, Epic	6	6	6	4	5	5	6	3	41
GREGORY ABBOTT, I'll Prove It To You, Columbia	6	1	5	1	3	3	7	3	29
MAC BAND, Roses Are Red, MCA	2	3	5	2	3	3	9	2	29
DEELE, Shoot 'Em Up Movies, Solar	6		9	1	1		4	1	22
STACY LATTISAW, Let Me Take, Motown	3		6			3	6	3	21
ALEXANDER O'NEAL, The Lovers, Tabu/EPA	4	1	5		1	2	4	2	19
CLUB NOUVEAU, Cold Cold World, Tommy Boy	1	3	5		4	4	2		19
PRINCE, Alphabet St., Paisley Park/WB	5		3	1	2	2	4	1	18
GUY, Groove Me, MCA	1	1	1	2	3	4	4	1	17
MORRIS DAY, Day Dreamin', Warner Bros.	2	1	2	2	5	2	2	1	17
TRACIE SPENCER, Symptoms of True Love, Capitol	2	1	2		3	2	5	1	16
MICHAEL JACKSON, Dirty Diana, Epic	3		3		4	3	2		15
GEORGE MICHAEL, One More Try, Columbia	1		2	1	2		4	3	13
PAULA ABDUL, Knocked Out, Virgin	2	3	3		1		3		12
TONY TERRY, Forever Yours, Epic	2		1		5		4		12
BROTHERS JOHNSON, Kick It To The Curb, A&M	2	1	2		3			2	10
JODY WATLEY, Most Of All, MCA	2			1		4	3		10
TYCA NELSON, Marc Anthony's Theme, Chrysalis	2	1		1	1		4	1	10



THE DEELE: HIT-MAKERS FOR ALL "OCCASIONS"



olar recording artists The Deele have been together since 1981 and although they've had some measure of success with previous releases (such as "Body Talk"), the ballad "Two Occasions" has provided them with a major crossover hit. Their new single, "Shoot 'Em Up Movies" is just beginning to score with urban radio, and the group is feeling pretty good these days. Having hitmaking producers L.A. and Babyface as group members doesn't hurt either!

* CURRENT SUCCESS:

We expected "Two Occasions" to do well and we feel great about the record's success and, yes, it's been a long time coming. We knew this was a strong song and even though our past singles have mostly been danceoriented, we wanted to deliver a record that people would love. The only thing is, we feel it should have gotten to No.1 on the Black music charts but we don't feel too bad because we did have the No.1 and No.2 records—Pebbles was No. 1 with "Girlfriend" (produced by L.A. and Babyface).

* HIT PRODUCERS, L.A. & BABYFACE:

We're aware of the danger of being overexposed so

we've actually been turning down projects. We're not looking to produce just anyone and it doesn't matter to us if it's big names that we're saying 'no' to. We feel that the work we do with other artists has only helped strengthen The Deele since practically everyone in the group is doing some writing and contributing to some of the projects we do as producers. We have some new production work on Bobby Brown due soon and we're working with Sheena Easton now.

* STUDIO/TOURING PLANS

We still have several studio commitments to complete and then there's a projected tour—probably a package that will feature Pebbles and a slot on the show for Babyface as a solo artist, but it won't happen till the late summer. Until then, there's work on a second Babyface LP and preparation for Pebbles' second MCA LP.

* THE DEELE'S FUTURE:

To all of us, The Deele is the nucleus. We're going to maintain that in all its different forms and that may include each of us doing solo LPs. But for right now, our focus is on keeping the *Eyes Of A Stranger* LP going.

JERMAINE STEWART: HITTING THE TOP..."AGAIN"

ermaine Stewart hit paydirt in 1986 with the smash, "We Don't Have To Take Our Clothes Off" (produced by Narada Michael Walden). And now, two years later, he's repeating that success with "Say It Again," the title cut from an album whose producers include Jerry Knight & Aaron Zigman and Andre Cymone. The former "Soul Train" dancer and backup singer with Culture Club is now ready for the road.

* SONGS ON THE NEW ALBUM:

I think this new record reflects my growth as a singer and songwriter. I got to write some songs this time, so my personality really came through. "Dress It Up" is a song inspired by the way I dress—you know, fashion is real important to me. Then, "Don't Talk Dirty To Me"well, after my success with "We Don't Have To Take Our Clothes Off," a lot of girls would come up to me and suggest ways in which we could have sex keeping our clothes on ! So that song is my answer to them!

• WORKING WITH ANDRE CYMONE:

I had a ball working with Andre. He's not a typical producer and he doesn't work with you in a strenuous way—there's no whip and chain. I'd heard what he did with Jody (Watley) on her debut LP and I really liked it. She helped set it up and then the three of us started writing songs together. We had fun, fun, fun!



· JODY WATLEY

We've stayed friends since the "Soul Train" days. In fact, my relationship with Jody inspired the song, "Is It Really Love?" I always used to go to her with all my problems—she's like my big sister and I could talk to her about all kinds of personal matters. We still find time to talk though, of course, it's not like it used to be because of our schedules. But when we do talk, it's usually for about three hours at a time.

* HITTING THE ROAD

Recently, I got a chance to perform before one-anda-half million people at a special festival in Florida and that blew me away. Just the idea of that many people all at once listening to you, it's amazing. Now I'm really ready for the road. My band-they're called The Party—are real tough! We're going to be out there from May to September with The Jets and then, later on in the year, I'm doing some dates opening for Jody.

BOOK REVIEW

"MOONWALK"

(Doubleday, \$15.95) By Michael Jackson

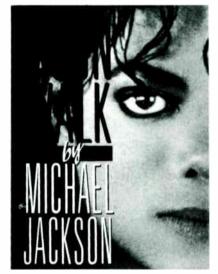
Ever since Michael Jackson's groundbreaking Off The Wall LP in 1979 he has developed an image (eccentric, reclusive, iconoclastic) that has frequently overshadowed his music. It's an image that the media has hungrily pounced upon; it's an image gossiped about and speculated upon by the public. One of the most sure-fire conversational ice-breakers of the '80s has become the latest rumor about this publicity-shy superstar. You can disagree with people about religion and politics, but the "weirdness" of Jackson is a subject that everyone seems of like mind about.

Jackson's book won't halt the relentless criticism, speculations, gossip and judgements. He's become too easy a target for too many people. Those who've already formed their arm-chair analysis of Michael Jackson aren't going to be swayed by anything he might have to say that would force them to alter that analysis.

The book does contain a few revelations. In it, Jackson describes himself as someone who regards his father, Joe Jackson (whose management both he and his siblings have broken away from in recent years) as an emotionally distant person who's always been a mystery to him.

"One of the few things I regret most," says Michael, "is that I never developed a real closeness with him. He built a shell around himself over the years, and once he stopped talking about our family business, he found it hard to relate to us."

Despite the rather frail picture Jackson presents to the world, he comes across in this book as someone not at all adverse to standing up for himself, be it in a break-away-from-Motown meeting with Berry Gordy, Jr., or in a studio situation with Quincy Jones. He does have a backbone, an astute business sense and a tough will of his own and all of that is great. What's not great is that Jackson isn't so tough that he doesn't care what the media and the public think of him. That has to be a painful situation for someone as introverted and turned off to the meet-the-press process as Jackson is.



Some people will read this book and complain that it doesn't delve into the areas of his life that have drawn the most speculation. Why did he break away from the Jehovah's Witnesses? Why did he have his nose changed surgically not just once, but twice? Why does he seem more comfortable with older female superstars (Diana Ross, Elizabeth Taylor, Katherine Hepburn, et al.) than with women his own age?



JESSE JOHNSON AT THE PALACE

By Lance Whitfield

It was "Funk Rock" night at the Palace in Hollywood on April 18 when Jesse Johnson performed before a jam-packed house. The event was very social: Fans of all creeds and colors came out to hear Jesse jam. People were dressed like Jesse—idolizers and imitators of his concept, people who "wannabee" just like him. Even before Jesse made his entrance, The Palace provided bumpin' sounds all night long (Parliament, James Brown, Cinema, etc.), keeping the crowded house entertained.

The show didn't start on time due to Jesse's strategic tactics to keep the crowd anticipating his arrival.

At 10pm Jesse and his band hit the stage. Dressed in a long, pink coat, Jesse went into his show playing hit after hit.

He also had a very talented band backing him: Eddie M., a sax player formerly with Sheila E.'s band and Prince's Revolution, jammed helluvaJackson doesn't talk frankly enough about these areas of his life, even as he expresses hurt when people draw their own callous conclusions. That he *attempts* to explain some aspects of his feeling and life in this book—even if the attempt is a wary and limited one should be commended though.

If Jackson decides to change his nose twenty times, he doesn't owe the world an explanation of that. Information regarding Michael Jackson's plastic surgery is not an area that should fall under "the public's right to know" category. While we'd like to know what would motivate him to alter his features to such a jarring degree, Jackson—who often uses the word "perfection" to describe what he strives for in his work isn't under any obligation to explain his concepts of physical "perfection" to us.

What plastic surgery can't help Michael Jackson with is the tough hide he needs to develop to deflect the slings and arrows of his detractors. Unless he adopts more of a "don't complain, don't explain" posture, he'll always be hurt by people who aren't satisfied by the points that this book touches upon, but doesn't face fully.

Other noteworthy books have been written about this complex entertainer, such as "The Michael Jackson Story" (Dell) by Nelson George and "Trapped— Michael Jackson and the Crossover Dream" (Bantam) by Dave Marsh. From reading Jackson's own book, what you come away with is a feeling of compassion for him. For all his talent and wealth, Michael Jackson paints a picture of his life as so lonely, cloistered and prison-like that rather than knock him you may want to hug him instead.

He may be the world's biggest and most famous entertainer, but what Jackson needs more than more #1 hits, Grammys and "Guinness Book of Records" accomplishments at this point in his life is a world-class dose of happiness.

guy solos throughout the show. But being a musician myself, I was most impressed with his solo on "Everybody Wants Somebody To Love," a fire-filled jazz solo.

At one point in the show, Jesse dismissed most of his band except for the rhythm section and played some blues riffs, letting us know where his musical roots lie. Then he dismissed the rhythm section to play his message song, "Being Black In America," which expressed some of his views from a black man's perspective.

All through the show Johnson executed spectacular solos on various songs letting the audience and me know that when Jesse Johnson comes to jam, he means *business*.

BLACK RADIO EXCLUSIVE

Top 40 Jazz Albums

TW LW

- Celebration
 PAQUITO D'RIVERA
 Columbia
 - 2 2 Joy Ryder WAYNE SHORTER Columbia
- 3 4 Early Spring ALPHONSE MOUZON Optimism
- 4 1 That Special Part... ONAJE A. GUMBS Zebra/MCA
- 6 Will Downing WILL DOWNING Island
- 8 Natural Elements ACOUSTIC ALCHEMY MCA Master Series
- 7 5 Yutaka YUTAKA GRP
- 8 13 Jazil Brazz HERBIE MANN RBI
- 9 9 Neo Jeo RYUICHI SAKAMOTO Epic
- 10 7 Full Circle FULL CIRCLE Columbia
- 11 10 40 Degrees North LATTITUDE Lifestyle
- 12 11 El Camino The Road HILTON RUIZ RCA/Novus
- 13 12 Love Is A Rush WILTON FELDER MCA
- 21 John Patitucci JOHN PATITUCCI GRP
- 15 22 Double Feature SPECIAL EFX GRP
- 23 Phil Upchurch & Jazz Quintet UPCHURCH/JAZZ QUINTET Pro Jazz
- 19 Live At Birdland West CARMEN McRAE Concord
- 18 16 Time & Tide BASIA Epic
- 19 14 The Gift of Time JEAN LUC PONTY Columbia
- 20 15 And You Know That KIRK WHALUM Columbia

TW LW

- 21 18 New York Rendezvous S.O.S. ALL STARS CMG
- 22 20 Mind Time DAVE VALENTIN GRP
- 25 Basic Blythe ARTHUR BLYTHE CBS
- 24 26 Super Live GRP ARTISTS GRP
- 25 27 To Begin Again NELSON RANGELL Gaia
- 26 32 Kilimanjaro RIPPINGTONS Passport
- 2 34 Harlem Blues DONALD BYRD Landmark
- 28 17 Behind The Sun CLYDE CRINER RCA/Novus
- 29 24 Century End DON FAGEN WB
- 30 38 Voice of the Heart ERIC MARIENTHAL GRP
- 39 Tears of Joy TUCK & PATTI Windham Hill Jazz
- 32 40 Walter Beasley WALTER BEASLEY Polydor/PolyGram
- 33 33 Living Colors DAVE SAMUELS MCA
- 31 Paradise Citizen RANDY BERSEN Zebra
- 35 28 Future Excursions HENRY JOHNSON MCA/Impulse!
- 36 29 The Best of Chess Jazz BEST OF CHESS JAZZ Chess Records
- 37 30 Kaleidoscope MIKE METHENY MCA
- 38 ** Time & Place MIKE STERN Atlantic
 - ** Power of Suggestion RICHARD ELLIOTT Intima
 - ** Distant Drums BRIAN SLAWSON CBS

JAZZ REVIEWS By Bill Quinn

JAMMIN' IN HOLLYWOOD

Hollywood: Within one block of each other in the heart of Hollywood, two of the greatest names in Jazz gave audiences their money's worth—and then some.

While legendary trumpeter Miles Davis headed up an eightpiece ensemble at the Pantages Theater, inimitable pianist McCoy Tyner's trio held forth at the Vine Street Bar & Grill around the corner. It was a rare opportunity to compare and contrast current approaches to the music taken by both artists.



Miles

Miles' one-stop, one-nighter was accompanied by the kind of spectacle one usually associates with a Rock show: the leader's gold and silver lame' outfits; smoke and flashing, multi-colored fresnels; a giant fabric mock-up of what appeared to be one of Miles' paintings, serving as a backdrop; symmetrical banks of synthesizers and speakers; various pieces of soft sculpture dramatically positioned amid a multi-level stage floor and lots and lots of instruments, sound equipment and much on-stage movement by all of the musicians and technicians present.

For close to a decade now, Miles has been into a new groove. His traditional fans still recoil at the trumpeter's "transgressions" (he refuses to blow chestnuts like "Milestones," "So What?" and "Walkin" anymore; he wears costumes instead of suits, and he's gone hi-i-i-tech).



McCoy Tyner

Regardless of where the individual falls on the Miles watching—and listening—spectrum, the master's recent Hollywood Boulevard appearance left little doubt that he has his new groove well in-hand.

Now this wasn't always the case. While possibly braver and more artistically sophisticated than most Jazzmen who attempt perfection within one mode only, Miles' tendency toward perpetual evolution has—on occasion—led him down some perilous paths.

In 1981, for instance, when he came back after a seven-year layoff due mainly to illness, it was not with a whimper but a bang. Maybe too big a bang, some thought. Not only had he changed his style but his substance, too. He was trying, somewhat awkwardly, to set his silken sound atop a bumptious bed of Rock rhythms.

At the same time, he was exploring the then-unperfected arena of remote microphones: the one attached to his horn had a habit of producing tremendously loud feedback when he walked through certain invisible current vectors traversing the stage. But in time, the uncertain software and the unpredictable hardware were modified, managed and, finally, mastered. Like some Indiana Jones of Jazz, he muzzled the forces of adversity and tamed the unknown. Today, he stands at the apogee of the fusion genre, as much the innovator-he was in 1945, '55, **'65**...

Miles' current road band---Continued on page 35

PROGRAMMER'S POLL

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RICK CANDY



Paula Abdul, "Knocked Out"—From choreographer to the recording studio, Paula's first single release "Knocked Out" is just that. A knock out for progressive markets."

Club Nouveau, "It's A Cold Cold World"—This new single is one of the most meaningful dance-orientated cuts out today. Great dance beat for that power radio sound and definitely lyrics that could open the eyes of the world. Great add for UC, AC & CHR formatted stations.

Barry Manilow & Phyllis Hyman, "Black And Blue"— I admit the combination is different, but if not for the difference it wouldn't be right for radio. Look for "Black and Blue" soon at the top of all Contemporary charts. Very strong crossover potentials.

Randy Hall, "Slow Starter"—The beat will take you to another place and time. My advice is to take a slow start and check out the serious lyrics. Very hot female requests at MAGIC.

MID-ATLANTIC

ANGE CANESSA

WLOU Louisville, KY

Vanessa Williams, "The Right Stuff"—After one listen, it was the right choice. Incredible sampling in production. This is gonna go to number one.

Tamara & The Seen, "Blueberry Gossip"—Nice to have her back. Jesse Johnson as a producer is on fire and my turntable smoked when I played it!

Giorge Pettus, "Can You Wait"—Dig it out of your pile of records. Give it a serious, concerned listen. A real nice ballad that has my adult demos ringing the phones off the hook.

OHIO VALLEY

BOBBY RUSH

WZAK Cleveland, OH

James Brown, "I'm Real"—James Brown & Full Force have proved how to produce a winning song. Hot uptempo smoker. 18 to 34 demos.

D. J. Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince, "Parent's Just Don't Understand"—This seems to be the national anthem for all of our young adults and teen listeners. H-O-T phones.

Teddy Pendergrass, "Joy"—Teddy has brought "Joy" to every woman's heart by coming back with a very strong song. For those of you who have not given the LP a listen, put it on your turntable. It's hot.

Club Nouveau, "It's A Cold Cold World"—Club Nouveau adds heat to any day. One of the brightest songs out today.

CLAUDE YOUNG

WQBH Detroit, MI

Brenda Russell, "Piano In The Dark"—It hits every age demo. Should see top ten action.

Whitney Houston, "Where Do Broken Hearts Go?"— Another smash for Whitney. The song has meaning with heavy, heavy telephone requests. All demographics.

Jean Carne, "Ain't No Way"—The best cover of an Aretha Franklin song ever. Should go to top five.

George Howard, "Love Will Conquer All"—It would be interesting if Lionel Richie sang to this track! It's hot.

MIDWEST

CHARLES BROWN

WNOV Milwaukee, WI

Teddy Pendergrass, "Joy"—It's great to have him back. Super track to come back with. Looking forward to the new LP. It's hot...and he deserves it.

Sade, "Paradise"—She's right back in the groove with a good one for the Quiet Storm. If this is a sampling of the LP, look out. Another great comeback.

Ohio Players, "Sweat"—Great to hear that funky sound from the Players. One to watch.

DJ Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince, "Parent's Just Don't Understand"—Just a fun record. Reminds you just how good "Rap" can be. The phones are h-o-t for this one.

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MCA RECORDS





By Elaine Stepter

BRE would like to welcome Barnett Productions to the wonderful world of entertainment. What began as a just-forfun family affair blossomed into the newest personal management/booking agency in North Chicago. The company executive line up is as follows: Mae Barnett, president; Walter Barnett, vice president, and Sylvia Johnson, administrative affairs. Their first release is by the newly signed male vocalist Shibeli. The single titled "Find That Girl" is something very special and is on WMB Records.

Barnett Productions will



(L-r): Erik Nuri, VP of A&R, RCA; Julius, RCA artist; Gerry Brown, engineer; and Bernard Jackson, producer. (Photo by Kassa.)

strive to provide personal counseling and management for new or established individuals in the recording industry. For further information contact Barnett Productions at 2305 Dickey Ave., North Chicago, Ill. 60064 or call Mae Barnett at (312)



Ada Dyer

689-0449. Currently in the studio recording and mixing is Jermaine lackson. We have also

maine Jackson. We have also learned that one of the four songs he recorded is a duet with **Miki Howard**. Stay in the mix for further details and dates.

By now everyone is aware of the changes that are taking place at Motown Records and these changes are bringing in new executives and artists as well. A newcomer to Motown is Ada Dyer, a young lady that I found to be very pleasant, intelligent and when it comes to her craft, the lady can go! Her debut LP titled Meant to Be is really sophisticated R&B. When asked about the competitive aspects in the industry, Ada stated, "I don't look at the competition. Everybody has their own thing happening, so I just go with the flow. I feel there's enough room at the top for all of us!" Word! Now that her current single "I Betcha I'll Let Ya" is working its way up the charts, Ada is excited, and a promotional tour is in the planning stages. For an album pick, check "I Don't Feel Like Crying." an L.A. Reid and Babyface tune.

At **Total Trak Productions**, five songs are being cut for the upcoming LP by MCA recording group **The Boys Next Door**.

Producers are Courtney Branch and Tracy Kendrick...Another new company, Jumele't Records, is on the map with their first release on Randall Jermaine. The first single, "Runnin," is a sweet ballad with serious orchestrations. When you first hear this trak you will think Randall records for CBS or one of the other major labels because of the quality of this record. Randall is quite a vocalist/songwriter/producer. He is currently in pre-production for his debut LP and plans to do most of the actual recording here in L.A. Randall will also be attending the BRE Conference. For further information on Jumele't Records, contact Donnis Cowart at (205) 284-0738.

The long-awaited debut LP from Fantasy recording artist **Kerry Campbell** will ship 5/8/ 88. This LP is destined to become one of the hottest Jazz/ Contemporary pieces to surface this year. On your desk shortly.

Speaking of the BRE conference, the Special Conference Issue will be In The Mix very shortly. All editorial information, studio pics, special reports and news for this column can be sent to Elaine Stepter, c/o BRE, 6353 Hollywood Blvd, Hollywood, Ca. 90028. All items must be received by 5/ 13/88.

By Duff Marlowe

LEATA GALLOWAY—WITH EVERY BEAT OF MY HEART—COLUMBIA—Leata offers a fine down beat groove with strong Black and Pop sensibilities. Producer Nick Martinelli gives the singer a lush, well arranged musical backdrop.

ROGER—PAPA'S GOT A BRAND NEW BAG—REPRISE—Vocorder funk master Roger gets way down with this kickin' soul-fired version of the classic James Brown jam. Pumped up with high tech beats, it'll rock the dancers.

TYKA NELSON-MARK ANTHONY'S TUNE-COOLTEMPO/CHRYSALIS-Tyka might just be another name to you, except that most of us industry insiders have been anxiously watching for this modern sounding ballad from Prince's little sister. Aimed at both Pop and Black formats. DYNASTY-TELL ME (DO U WANT MY LOVE)?-SOLAR-L.A. Reid and Babyface continue their hit-making spree with two Solar releases including this sexy ballad from straight ahead R&B masters, Dynasty.

THE DEELE—SHOOT 'EM UP MOVIES—SOLAR—Number two from the team is another ballad from another killer R&B crew, The Deele. The group's smooth, falsetto vocals are more than enough to get the ladies hearts pounding and those female demographics soaring.

NEW RECORD RELEASES

Label	Artist, Title	45	12	LP	CD Tem	po Description
MAJORS:						T
COLUMBIA	LEATA GALLOWAY, With Every Beat Of	-	•		M/I	A Debut
	ZAWINUL SYNDICATE, No Mercy		•		M	A Remake
	SPOOKIE, Don't Walk Away		•		M	Dance
	CHUCK MANGIONE, Eyes Of The Veiled		•		M	New Music
COLD CHILLIN/WB	ROXANNE SHANTE', Go On Girl	٠			M	Rap
SIRE/WB	ICE-T, Colors	•	٠		M	The T. & A. Islam Produce
REPRISE	ROGER, Papa's Got A Brand	•	•		M	3rd Single
ATLANTIC	KEITH PATRICK, Heaven		•		M/5	2nd Release
MCA	MAC BAND/MCCAMPBELL, Roses	•			M	Reid/Babyface Project
ELEKTRA ASYLUM	TEDDY PENDERGRASS, Joy		-	•	A	The Callways Produce
REPRISE	NARADA, Divine Emotions			•	A	His New Album
SOLAR	DYNASTY, Tell Me (Do You	•			M	Second Release
	THE DEELE, Shoot 'Em Up Movies	•			S	3rd Single
POLYGRAM	THE REDDINGS, So In Love			•	A	Otis Redding Offspring
POLYDOR	VISIONS, Hypnotized	•			M	Female Upfront
A & M	TAMARA & THE SEEN, Blueberry Gossip			•	A	J. Johnson Production
INDIES:	/ b b					
ICHIBAN	GARY B. B. COLEMAN, If You Can Beat Me		٠		M	Blues
	ROSHELL ANDERSON, Know What You're		•		5	Indie Material
PROFILE	ARTS & CRAFTS, Burning Love	•			F	Dance/Clubs
CHRYSALIS	TYCA NELSON, Marc Anthony's Tune	•			M	Prince's Sister Debut
WINDSONG	NAT GEORGE, Can I Be With You	•			F	Up Beat

: Cassette Single TEMPO: F-Fast, M-Medium, S-Slow, A-All

JAZZ

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reedman Kenny Garrett (alto and baritone saxes, flutes), keyboardists Adam Hozman and Bobby Irving, guitarist Joseph McCreary, bassist Benny Rietveld, drummer Ricky Wel-Iman and percussionist Marilyn Mazur were typical of the sidemen he has always brought into his music: young, eager, energetic and bursting with talent. They were not only attentive to their leader's every nuance, they laid down extraordinarily imaginative duet dialogues with the trumpeter at to pull from the past as he every opportunity.

The selections, all from *Tutu* on Warner Brothers, clearly indicate his grasp of the mate-

had an even heavier than usual funk base onstage, thanks to Wellman's power drumming and Mazur's timely accents.

Siesta, dedicated to Gil Evans, was released just before the composer's death and the hauntingly beautiful melodies therefrom harken back to the glory days of such Davis/Evans collaborations as Miles Ahead, Porgy & Bess and Sketches of Spain. The Siesta pieces were especially appropriate showcases for the reedman and the guitarist, as well as a graphic demonstration of Miles' ability moves into the future.

McCoy Tyner and his men, and Siesta, his first two albums bassist Avery Sharp and drummer Louis Hayes, were the perfect foil for Miles Davis' tour rial. The Tutu tracks performed de force. In the close quarters audience glimpse the vast jammin'...

of the Vine Street Bar & Grill, Tyner's trio was just the right size, just the right sound.

McCoy's intimate set at Vine Street, as opposed to Miles' extravaganza around the corner, was purely traditional, as well: No special effects, instrumentation was mainly acoustic, the musicians remained seated in one spot (only the bassist stood at times) and-wore businesslike, easily forgettable suits and sports jackets. What was not forgettable, however, was their music.

Passionate, complex, soulful and cerebral is McCoy's work. For the most part, the tunes and their interpretation were the pianist's own. But he gave the old classic "Satin Doll" an Art Tatum-like treatment that let his



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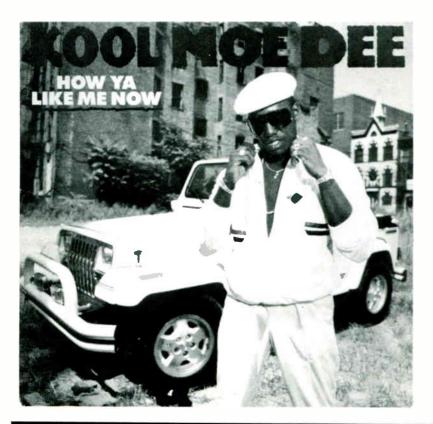
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depths of his technique.

McCoy is the consummate captain of his style of performance: none in the world can do it better.

All in all, on that Hollywood night on that Hollywood block, lazz was more than alive-andwell, it was diversified, dynamic and-to hell with alliterationit was jammin', baby,

TW	LW	WO	C
1	1	17	TERENCE TRENT D'ARBY, Introducing the, Columbia
2	2	17	MICHAEL JACKSON, Bad, Epic
3	3	17	GEORGE MICHAEL, Faith, Columbia
4	4	16	KEITH SWEAT, Make It Last Forever, Vintertainment/Elektra
5	5	14	THE DEELE, Eyes of a Stranger, Solar
6	6	7	BILLY OCEAN, Tear Down The Walls, Jive / Arista
0	9	17	PEBBLES, Pebbles, MCA
8	14	4	TEENA MARIE, Naked To The World, Epic
9	10	6	SCHOOL DAZE, Various Artist/Soundtrack, EMI/Manhattan
10	15	6	BRENDA RUSSELL, Get Here, A&M
11	7	17	GLADYS KNIGHT & THE PIPS, All Our Love, MCA
12	8	17	STEVIE WONDER, Characters, Motown
13	11	11	MORRIS DAY, Day Dreaming, Warner Brothers
14	13	17	WHITNEY HOUSTON, Whitney, Arista
15	30	2	HOWARD HEWETT, Forever And Ever, Elektra
16	26	4	JEAN CARNE, You're A Part Of Me, Atlantic
D	24	6	BIZ MARKIE, Goin' Off, Cold Chillin'/WB
18	12	8	DA'KRASH, da'Krash, Capitol
19	17	17	LEVERT, The Big Throwdown, Atlantic
20	18	17	ROGER, Unlimited, Reprise / WB
2	21	17	STEPHANIE MILLS, If I Were Your Woman, MCA
22	25	17	KOOL MOE DEE, How Ya Like Me Now, Jive/RCA
23	19	9	SKWARES, Start It Up, PolyGram
24	16	17	SALT-N-PEPA, Hot, Cool & Vicious, Next Plateau
25	33	5	MANTRONIX, In Full Effect, Capitol





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26	27	4	NORMAN CONNORS, Passion, Capitol
27	23	4	TONY TERRY, Forever Yours, Epic
28	20	17	EARTH WIND & FIRE, Touch The World, Columbia
29	22	17	NATALIE COLE, Everlasting, Manhattan
30	28	17	JODY WATLEY, Jody Watley, MCA
31	29	17	MICHAEL COOPER, Love Is Such A Funny Game, WB
32	**		TEDDY PENDERGRASS, Joy, Elektra /Asylum
3 3	43	3	SUAVE, I'm Your Playmate, Capitol
34	45	3	THE WEATHER GIRLS, The Weather Girls, Columbia
35	48	2	JERMAINE STEWART, Say It Again, Arista
36	49	2	HINDSIGHT, Days Like This, Virgin
37	31	12	STACY LATTISAW, Personal Attention, Motown
38	32	17	JOYCE SIMS, Come Into My Life, Sleeping Bag
39	34	17	ANGELA WINBUSH, Sharp, Mercury/PG
40	35	17	MIKI HOWARD, Love Confessions, Atlantic
41	38	17	O'JAYS, Let Me Touch You, PIR/Manhattan
42	37	17	ALEXANDER O'NEAL, Hearsay, Tabu/EPA
43	40	5	HEAVY D & THE BOYZ, Living Large, MCA
44	39	16	SOUNDTRACK, Less Than Zero, Def Jam/Columbia
45	36	8	GAVIN CHRISTOPHER, Gavin, EMI/Manhattan
46	**		BOOGIE DOWN PRODS., By All Means Necessary, Jive/RCA
47	***	••	JESSE JOHNSON, Every Shade of Love, A&M
48	47	17	LISA LISA/CULT JAM, Spanish Fly,, Columbia
49	44	13	CHRIS JASPER, SuperBad, CBS/EPA
50	46	17	L.L. COOL J, Bigger & Deffer, Def Jam/Columbia

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Eddie Murphy



EDDIE MURPHY caught much flack backstage at the Academy Awards from both the show's producer SAMUEL GOLDWYN JR. and Oscar winner CHER for his on-air statements regarding discrimination from the Academy toward Black actors. His response? Let's just say that the air turned extremely blue

Murphy clearly feels—and lots of folks back him up on this—that he's earned the right to say pretty much whatever he wants to say regarding the movie industry. Of course, he may have to express those views anyplace other than at an Oscar presentation as long as Goldwyn is affiliated with the telecast. Aah, Hollywood!

On a more personal note, Murphy's publicist **TERRIE M. WILLIAMS** has let us know in no uncertain terms that the superstar is *not* involved with actress **SHARI HEADLEY**—despite stories we've heard to the contrary. So relax, ladies, Murphy is still one of the entertainment world's most eligible bachelors.

DICK CLARK's "American Bandstand" may be re-scheduled for latenight viewing (or no viewing at all) in Los Angeles due to the low ratings it continues to get in this city.

AFRIKA BAMBAATAA, newly signed to Capitol, will have a number of big name pals on his new LP, *The Light*, to be released in May. His starry friends include UB40, GEORGE CLINTON, SLY & ROBBIE, YELLOWMAN and BOY GEORGE.

VANITY appears in the current issue of Men's Look magazine (a GQ-styled monthly), and admits that she recently joined Alcoholics Anonymous and entered a detoxification program at St. John's Hospital in Southern California. Could it be that she was "under the influence" the night she made that infamous gorilla remark to **JOAN RIV-ERS** last year on "The Late Show"?

CHUCK BERRY's "Roll Over Beethovan" was banned from the playlist on a Chinese national radio program that debuted last week. According to **ROBERT HILL**, chairman of the Los Angeles-based company that produced the show, Chinese officials felt the rock 'n' roll classic is "disrepectful" to the deceased composer.

TEARS FOR FEARS' "Everybody Wants to Rule the World" was banned by the Chinese also, due to the song's "offensive" song title. Selections by MICHAEL JACKSON and MADONNA met with approval, said Hill...In a totally unrelated item, let the record show that the Chinese are also fans of LEON ISAAC KENNEDY and JAYNE KENNEDY. The divorced duo's remake of "Body and Soul" was the secondhighest grossing movie import in that country last year.

Speaking of movies...Madonna, we hear, is beefing up the security for her hubby, **SEAN PENN**, now that L.A. gang members reputedly have him on their to-be-dealt-with list due to his portrayal of a police officer in "Colors."

SIEDAH GARRETT will appear as a celebrity judge at the Sugar Ray Robinson Youth Foundation's 15th annual Teen Pageant, to be held June 12 at Los Angeles Trade Technical College's Grand Theatre. Actress **DAWNN LEWIS** ("A Different World") will emcee the event. For more information call (213) 936-2121.

BOBBY MCFERRIN has embarked on an ambitious 35 city "Simple Pleasures" tour, set to hit Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center and the Hollywood Bowl, among other venues. McFerrin's hour-plus set promises to include many of the '60s rock hits that he grew up being influenced by.

RAY CHARLES will appear at the May 11 salute to **IRVING BERLIN** at Carnegie Hall. (May 11 will mark Berlin's 100th birthday.) Charles' first pop LP in almost a decade is due in June. Its title: *Just Between Friends*.

MARILYN MCCOO is set to receive an honorary doctorate from Talladega University in Alabama on May 15. Since both of her parents are doctors, that'll make McCoo the third doc in the family.

Michael Jackson's "Moonwalk" is selling so briskly (so far, a near-sellout of the book's initial 300,000 hardcovers within three days of its release) that Doubleday is already going into a second printing.

PROPHET

ARIES (March 20-April 19)

Trying to change a previously established image is difficult, and is that really what you want to do?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

As you celebrate another year, plan some specific goals to achieve and stick with them.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Understanding where people are coming from gives you insight and advantage.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Don't let tensions cause you to compromise your intentions. Stress communication.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

It is sometimes right to change your mind and change directions. Decide what you really want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Gather your strength and have some fun. You deserve it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Keep an open mind and a steady course. Think about the future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

This is not the time for a crusade. Stay neutral or pick the favorite.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Good advice can be found if you're not afraid to ask for it. There are experts out there who can help you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

Following a steadfast course to one objective at a time can prove successful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)

Be practical for the time being. Too much fantasy can make you feel better, but it won't get the job done.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 19)

Your charm and charisma are at a peak now; just make sure there is follow through.

BIRTHDAYS

Toni Sallie, WB	5/8
Billy Cobham	5/16
Janet Jackson	5/16
Jerry Hughes, WWAB	5/17
George Johnson	5/17
Taj Mahal	5/17
Walter Hawkins	5/18
Grace Jones	5/19
Walt Love	5/20

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- 2. **TO REPORT OR NOT TO REPORT**—Back To The Numbers Moderator: Step Johnson, VP/GM, Capitol Records
- 3. **BLACK MUSIC**—Who's Got The Power? Moderator: Tony Gray, PD, WRKS/New York
- 4. **SALES, MARKETING & PROMOTION**—The Total Picture Moderator: Ruben Rodriguez, VP, Black Music & Jazz Promotion, Columbia Records
- 5. JAZZ—Fusion Into Multiple Formats Moderator: Harold Childs, VP, Jazz Marketing, Warner Bros. Records
- 6. **PROGRAMMING & SALES** (Working Together/Production Techniques) Moderator: Pam Wells, PD, KACE/Los Angeles
- 7. **MUSIC RESEARCH TECHNIQUES** Moderator: Ray Boyd, PM, WVEE/Atlanta
- 8. **MARKET RESEARCH**—Strengthening Black Radio's Power Base Moderator: Brute Bailey, PD, WDJY/Washington
- 9. **PLENARY SESSION**—Issue Awareness and Ownership Moderator: Pluria Marshall, Chairman, NBMC
- 10. **ARTIST DEVELOPMENT**—Broadening the Base of Black Artists Moderator: Sheila Eldridge, Orchid Public Relations
- 11. **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**—Willie L. Brown Jr., Speaker, California State Assembly/National Chairman, Jesse Jackson Campaign

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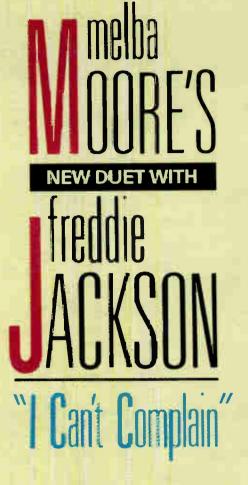
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