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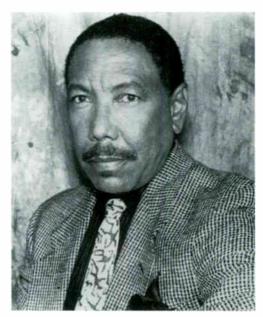
# UBLISHER'S

### MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD

ell, it's finally happening. After the long battle to have him rightly recognized, Marvin Gaye is being honored with a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame. Sincere thanks to all those who actively contributed to a struggle for something which obviously should have happened long ago. But, as with most things relating to blacks in this industry, victory was accomplished by overcoming fierce resistance from the establishment.

This battle was won through the power of the pen; with letters and petitions inundating the decision-makers at the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce. I get a good feeling knowing that there still exists an awesome power base within the black community which can leverage pressure when forced. The only thing which troubles me is that that power is often dormant, much like a sleeping giant, only awakening when the cries of injustice ring out at a deafening level.

We must learn to keep the power we possess in an ever-present posture, mobilized for action at a moment's notice, for there is still much that needs to be done. Our most recent effort with the campaign to get Marvin a star may have also played a key



role in the honoring of B.B. King and Nancy Wilson. Both performers are established legends, yet are only now being honored—late in their careers.

There are many others who also belong on the Walk of Fame. The only way for them to get there is to maintain the awareness we have raised at a level which lets all concerned know that we are watching. If we refuse to tolerate being ignored by taking calculated action, and not just saying "let's wait and see," then we will do our people a service which will forever be engraved in stone, and the toil and perseverance endured will have been worth it.  $\square$ 

Sidney Miller

# FRONT PAGE NEWS

# Stock Market Excited As Matsushita Eyes MCA

By Ruth Adkins Robinson

News that Japan's Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. is in talks with MCA Inc. regarding acquisition of the company for a figure ranging between \$6.7-\$7.5 billion generated some wild activity on Wall Street 9/25/90. At press time, the market had just closed with MCA stock at \$53.50 jumping \$19.00 over its opening position.

Wall Street watchers knew something was moving at MCA since it was falling even faster than the down market caused by the Middle East crisis. "MCA looked like a good buy, but not a good buyout," one analyst told BRE. In fact, the buyout seemed a strange spin, since usually word leaks and the stock goes up instead of down. However, in New York Stock Exchange composite trading just one day earlier, MCA's stock had closed at \$34.50, down 50

cents.

If the deal should progress, the transaction would eclipse Sony Corp.'s acquisition of Columbia Pictures Entertainment last year for \$5 billion.

With MCA, Matsushita would acquire an entertainment company with interests in film, tv, music, theme parks, book publishing, real estate and movie theatres.

The MCA Music Group accounts for 23% of MCA's 1989 revenue of \$3.4 billion and the black music division accounted for a heavy percentage of that percentage. Impressive sales were racked up by Bobby Brown's halfdozen gold and/or platinum singles from his multiplatinum LP Don't Be Cruel; gold and/or platinum from Guy, Sheena Easton, Heavy D. & the Boyz, the "Ghostbusters II" soundtrack, Stephanie Mills and Jody

Watley.

As negotiations proceed, there are likely to be bumps in the road. There are regulatory problems. MCA owns WWOR television, which cannot be owned by foreign interests. There is also likely to be an outcry when the realization sinks in that, if the buyout succeeds, the percentage of Japanese ownership in and control of U.S. entertainment has gone from 0% three years ago to approximately 23%.

In fact, should this buyout occur, it would mean that nearly 75% of the entertainment industry would be controlled by foreign interests. CBS is owned by the Japanese; BMG (Germany) owns RCA and Arista; Poly-Gram (Germany) owns Island, A&M, Polydor and Mercury.

## In Brief

### Walters' Conviction Reversed

After a triumphant reversal of his April 13, 1989, conviction for mail fraud, racketeering and conspiracy for signing college athletes to secret contracts before their eligibility expired, Norby Walters will launch a new music/motion picture entertainment company— Walters Entertainment Group—with an emphasis on personal management and film production. Walters was formerly president/founder of General Talent International, which represented 215 recording acts, including such talent as New Edition, Luther Vandross, Marvin Gave, M.C. Hammer and Bobby

### **HWPC Sponsors Benefit Concert**

Bonnie Raitt, Rickie Lee Jones, Melissa Etheridge and Dianne Reeves were slated to headline an acoustic evening of songs, "The Vote Choice Concert," presented by the Hollywood Women's Political Committee (HWPC) to raise funds for the "right to choice" agenda. The concert was held Oct. 4, 1990, at the Wadsworth Theatre in Los Angeles.

# CORE To Honor Davis, Knight And Bernstein

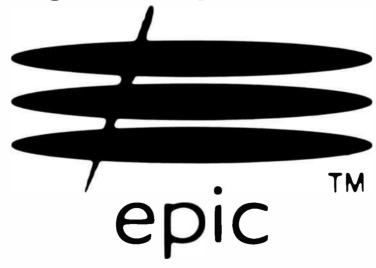
Arista Records president Clive Davis (Humanitarian Award), R&B recording artist Gladys Knight (Lifetime Achievement Award) and composer Leonard Bernstein (Lifetime Achievement Award) will be among those honored during the annual Ambassadorial Reception and Awards Dinner, Jan. 21, 1991.

### **Epic Replaces Signature Logo**

Reflecting a change in directions for the CBS label, Epic Records has replaced its previous 10-year signature logo and announced a current roster of new talent which will take it through the next decade.

The logo, created in-house by Mark Burdett, will be featured on all upcoming Epic releases.

"The new Epic Records is not only competing but succeeding in nearly every area of popular music," said Dave Glew, president, Epic. "When you put our current successes together with new signings of this quality, everyone—the industry, the artists and the public—can see that this is a company to be reckoned with."



Since Glew's appointment as head of the label in March, 1989, Epic has put more of its efforts into dance, metal, alternative and other genres while maintaining its position in the pop arena. Glew listed modern rock band Living Colour, the Indigo Girls, Social Distortion and Suicidal Tendencies as

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# Exec Stats

ANDREW PIRETTI has been named vp, planning/admin, CBS Records Distribution. Piretti will be responsible for the financial planning, budgets and administration for CBS Distribution's marketing, branch distribution and special products departments. He has held a variety of positions within the company, most recently the post of dir, finance/admin.

JIM PUGLIESE has been promoted to dir, marketing systems, MIS, CBS Records. Pugliese will be responsible for all MIS marketing applications in support of CBS Records' U.S. marketing areas. He has been with CBS for 10 years and was most recently dir, tech support/admin, MIS.

SHILAH MORROW has been appointed coordinator, nat'l

merchandising, WEA. Morrow joined WEA's Los Angeles branch warehouse staff in July '87. In Sept. '88, she was assigned to the sales department. In July '89 she was promoted to the position of rep, in-house marketing. Prior to coming to WEA, Morrow had two-and-a-half years experience as a sales clerk and buyer in record retailing. She will be based in the company's Burbank home office.

LINDA TRANAH is now nat'l coordinator, new releases, WEA. Tranah joined WEA in June '83 as a secretary for the national directors of advertising and merchandising. She will be headquartered in WEA's home offices in Burbank.



Janet Jackson recently signed a sub-publishing agreement for the world, excluding the U.S., Japan and Canada, for songs penned by Jackson from her *Rhythm Nation: 1814* album. Shown with Jackson (c) are John Brands and Merril Wasserman, vp, MCA Music International.

### IVA North America Adds Soundtrack Division

Island Visual Arts North America, a home entertainment company formed one month ago, has added a soundtrack recording division to its organization. The new division will work in conjunction with Island Records and will be run by Liz Heller, president of IVANA, and Hooman Majd, A&R director, Island Records.

"We're excited about the soundtrack division because it will provide additional exposure to many of our artists who have been creating a broad range of music over many years; early rock to '90s rai and everything in between," Majd said.

The primary source for the soundtracks will come from Island and its associated labels, Antilles, Mango, Axiom and 4th & B'way.

"We'll continue the Island tradition of releasing artistically compelling soundtracks like we did with 'The Harder They Come,' 'The Big Easy,' the Oscar-nominated 'Mississippi Burning' and 'An Officer and a Gentleman," Heller said.

The soundtrack to Dennis Hopper's film "The Hot Spot," featuring legendary jazz trumpeter Miles Davis and the blues talents of John Lee Hooker, Taj Mahal and Roy Rogers, is the entertainment company's first release.

"The Hot Spot' is not only a fine soundtrack, it's an important jazz/blues work that stands on its own merit," Heller said.

### **Epic Replaces Logo**

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examples of the label's commitment to these areas. He added the successes of Babyface, Teena Marie, Above The Law and Candyman—the result of Epic's association with Solar and Ruthless Records—to this list as well.

"Between our superstars, the acts we've broken over the past few years, and our new signings on the horizon, Epic is really the best of all possible worlds right now," Glew said.□

# BRE FLICKS

### Pebbles Breaks Ground With New Album

MCA tossed one of the most elegant listening parties ever to celebrate Pebbles' new LP. The crowd of several hundred was studded with celebrities and industry movers and shakers.



Also attending the party were (I-r) Al Teller, chairman, MCA Music Entertainment Group; Sandy Gallin, Pebbles' mgr; and Sidney Miller, publisher, BRE.

Pictured surrounding Pebbles are (I-r) MCA executives Louil Silas Jr., exec vp. A&R/artist dev, black music; Ernie Singleton, pres, black music; Al Teller, chairman, Music Entertainment Group; Pebbles; Richard Palmese, pres, MCA Records; and L.A. Reid and Babyface, producers of Always.



MCA executives joining Pebbles include (I-r) Louil Silas Jr., exec vp. A&R/artist dev. black music; Ernie Singleton, pres. black music; Al Teller, chairman, Music Entertainment Group; Pebbles; and Richard Palmese, pres. MCA Records.



Pebbles is flanked by (I) A.D. Washington, sr. vp, promo/mktg, black music, MCA; and singer Johnny Gill.



Joining Pebbles (2nd from I) are (I-r) singers Tyler Collins, Jermaine Jackson and Pia Zadora.

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### THE FUTURE

### IS COMING

# IVORY'S NOTES

### Today's Hits, Tomorrow's Muzak?

For the pop songwriter, the elevator is a virtual shrine. It's one thing to have a hit record, but to hear your composition piped in over those atmosphere music systems generically referred to as Muzak means you've really made it. Stevie Wonder, Gamble and Huff, Thom Bell, Lionel Richie and almost anything from the "old" Motown Jobete catalog are among the black songwriters/producers whose covers join elevator music champs like the Beatles, the team of Burt Bacharach and Hal David, Paul Williams and Jimmy Webb in getting plenty of airplay over the music systems.

However, there is an opinion-not

dramatically rampant, but there nevertheless-that today's black songwriters, despite selling millions of records, aren't as prolific as black writers before them or perhaps even their white counterparts today. The new crop of black songwriters, so the opinion goes, is generally in it for the fast buck. And while they're supplying acts with platinum hits, some argue that, among these baby hitmakers, the art of songwriting-strong

lyrics, flowing melodies, connecting bridges and catchy, mindim printing hooks—is being lost on one-dimensional grooves and trite lyrics often big on shock value.

To get feedback on this, we went to several executives at music publishing companies. All were interested in

discussing the issue although all surveyed, interestingly enough, requested anonymity. One exec may have spoken for the others when she reasoned, "I'm in the business of getting songs placed. While I feel that some of my most successful placements aren't anything more than trendy dance ditties, I realize there is a place for this kind of music. I wouldn't want to alienate any of my writers who happen not to write the next 'Never Can

Say Goodbye' or 'Feelings."

Another exec expressed his view that black songwriters indeed aren't what they used to be. "A lot of 'songs' aren't songs, just vamps with all kinds of synthesized beats over them. Time was when a song-

writer could come into your office, sit down at a piano and sing you a great song. Now, I'm not romanticizing the past and images of Cole Porter or anything, but today there are no pianos in cur offices and the lyrics to even some of the biggest records on the charts would sound stupid without that driving beat. Sure, the grooves have made



Clockwise from left: Stevie Wonder, L.A. Reid and Babyface, and Lionel Richie.

a lot of folks rich, but by buying into this style almost exclusively, we're turning our backs on the next Norman Whitfield or Curtis Mayfield—real composers who write songs that last. Young songwriters come to me and say, 'That's

a hit,' and I say, 'Yeah, but will you hear this in an elevator a couple of years from now?' A lot of black songwriters are missing the long-term boat—writing a strong composition that will endure years—and that's ultimately what the songwriting and publishing business is all about."

Perhaps, but yet another publisher insisted that "there are just as many good songs being written by black songwriters

today as there were, say, 20 years ago. The **LA./Babyface** catalog will be even more valuable in years to come, as will **Jam** and **Lewis**'. Plus, you have to consider that pop music reflects the times and the times are a lot more permissive.

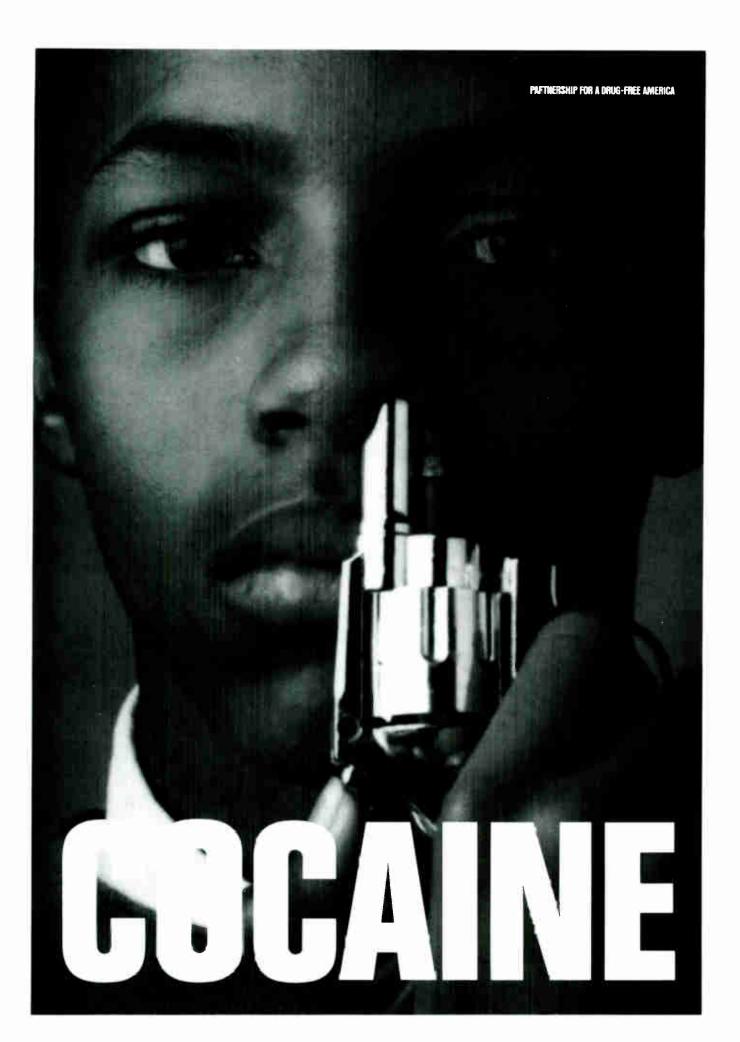
I'm not sure 'Poison' (recorded by Bell Biv DeVoe) will be remembered after the nuclear war, but it's good for now. I don't think it is every writer's goal to be the next Gershwin, nor should it be. Maybe some writers want to make all their money now, as opposed to over 20 years. Nothing

wrong with that."

We also ran into at least one writer who said he echoes the view of other writers. "There are some voung writers with songs like [the James Ingram hit] '100 Ways,' but our kind can't get past A&R men who want the next gimmick song. That, in turn, makes publishers sign more gimmick writers. Forget that bull about it all beginning with a song; it begins with the A&R man who decides he wants a

beat instead of a melody. It's all very frustrating."

The songwriting debate may continue, but parties from all sectors seem to agree that there's nothing like hearing a song with which you're associated floating out of one of those atmosphere music systems. And the elevator doesn't have a monopoly on this; according to Warner Bros. Music writer Dianne Quander, much joy can be derived in the doctor's office. which is where she heard a homogenized cover of Anita Baker's "Rapture," a song Quander co-wrote with Gary Glenn. "I can't explain the excitement I felt when I heard it. You're waiting for the doctor or getting your nails done at the salon and you just want to tell everybody, 'Hey, I wrote that!' It's not so much the money, because the 'Muzak' covers aren't a big source of income. It's just the continued on page 43



# ANADIAN REPORT

### **By Norman Richmond**



Lorraine Scott

The fight for a Black or Dance radio station in Toronto continues. African-Canadians and their supporters are keeping up the pressure. The Committee for Dance Music Radio held a benefit at a local nightclub, the Spectrum, to rally support for its appeal of the recent Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) decision giving Toronto's last FM license to a country music station.

The Committee also released a single and video titled "CRTC (Can't Repress the Cause)" featuring a 30-member allstar local lineup. The song is broken into three parts: soul, hip hop, and dance hall reggae. The R&B/soul section features Leroy Sibbles, Lorraine Scott, Messeniah, George Banton, Mojah, Thando Hyman and others. The hip hop crew includes Maestro Fresh Wes, Self-Defense, HDV. the Dream Warriors and Michie Mee and L.A. Luv. The dance hall reggae section features Carla Marshall, Devon Martin, Lillian Allen, Clifton Joseph and Zama Hyman.

While differing opinions abound on the formats and structures of the stations, all affiliations were discarded when an idea for a song chanting "down with the CRTC move" came about.

"It was very easy gathering opposition because it was so universally condemned," says Billy Bryans, an artist and producer, who set out to work on "Can't Repress the Cause" with Maximum 60

(Richard Rodwell) of Beat Factory and Rupert Gavle.

"The city has made such a quantum leap into the '90s that the inevitability of a Black/Dance music station was so strong," Bryans savs.

Bryans, who helped coordinate the recording session with the scores of rappers, R&B singers, dub poets and reggae musicians, says he has "never seen such a level of cooperation before.

"The spirit of doing the record was unreal," he says. "The unity made me realize

that as a community-you can call it black or dance-we are strong and mad."

Milestone Communications Ltd. has studied the success of WBLS/WLIB in New York City and is interested in more

than a just a Dance music station. "Milestone favors a contemporary Black format, which includes dance music and any renditions composed by black artists or white artists performing black compositions," Milestone's Denham Jolly said in a recent interview.

"What we're talking about is empowerment. What do we own in this city that can be identified as an institution that is black-controlled? What better way to

build a vibrant, cohesive community than with a radio station? We're not just interested in playing music for dancing," Jolly continued.

"I don't want to make it a racial thing, but who better to instil a sense of community than their own people? It's our music, our culture. Why should someone be colonizing it and making money off what we've created? We'd like to prove that Canada is the mosaic it says it is. We feel that multiculturalism is more than Caravan and Caribana. It has to deal with ownership and appointments to commissions," he added.

The Milestone group is keenly aware of the power of Black radio. They know the role that Black radio played in the first election of Harold Washington as Chicago's first African-American mayor. In a recent provincial (state) election an African-Canadian candidate, Carolann Wright, running for the New Democratic Party (NDP) lost the election to Liberal lan Scott by 65 votes in the riding of St. George-St. David.

Public Enemy is on a Canadian tour. They are scheduled to appear in Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton. The group's show in Hamilton, Ontario (a small city between Toronto and Buffalo, N.Y.), was nearly cancelled after local police refused to supply off-duty officers because, according to senior police officials, the band was "anti-police" and its raps "incited the crowd to defy authority." A compromise was reached and the show will go ahead, but with 14 uniformed officers in attendance.

Two new jazz clubs have opened in Toronto. The Top of the Senator and the

> Bermuda Onion have opened their doors to jazz fans. Marlon Jordan, the new trumpet sensation from New Orleans recently made his Canadian debut at the Top of the Senator. Abdullah Ibrahim, Herbie Mann, the Cecil Taycoming

lor Quintet and Cassandra Wilson are Billing itself as a world class jazz club, the Bermuda Onion recently featured Sheila Jordan with Harvie Swartz. Kenny Barron, Bar-

nev Kessel, the Louis Haves Quintet, Mongo Santamaria, Sam Notol/Pat La Barbera, the Randy Weston Group and the Terence Blanchard Quintet are coming.

Speaking of Terence Blanchard, his playing on the soundtrack Mo' Better Blues is getting lots of airplay in the Toronto market.



Michie Mee and L.A. Luv

**Rebel With A Cause** 

Reggae legend **Jimmy Cliff** returned to England on Sept. 21 for a long-awaited gig at Kentish Town's Town and Country Club. Next year he'll be back again—this time on celluloid for the sequel to the film "The Harder They Come."

"It's my first attempt at writing a script and I'm really quite close to finishing it. But I'm not writing it on my own; I'm going to get someone to write it with me," said Cliff.

In the original film made in 1972, Cliff played the part of Ivan, a poor boy from the country who had come to town and nurtured an ambition to make it big as a singer. However, due to the industry being controlled primarily by one man, Mr. Hilton, Ivan found it difficult to line his pocket with gold, especially since Mr. Hilton had taken an instant dislike to him. As a result, Ivan turned to a life of crime.

"I could identify with that character in a big way because I'm a rebel at heart—as far as getting your rights but not to the extent of killing someone.

"I kind of stumbled my way into 'The Harder They Come.' The script was sent to Island Records where I was at the time, and Island decided to give me the script to read and what I read, I liked.

"If you remember, at the end of the last film you saw Ivan getting shot up. But what you didn't know is that he didn't die," said Cliff. "They took him to the hospital where eventually he got better and then they tried and sentenced him to 40 years in prison. After a while, the government changed and Ivan was given parole after 20 years of good behavior. The sequel will continue to trace Ivan's life.

"The Harder They Come' was telling a true story about Jamaica socially, politically and economically. It was real and what I'm trying to do is make 'The Harder They Come II' set in modern time."

During the early '60s, Cliff came to prominence as one of many Jamaican artists to be signed to **Chris Blackwell**'s newly-formed Island Records. After recording a string of ska songs for the label such as "Miss Jamaica" and "Gold Digger," Cliff wanted to change his musical style. In 1969 he recorded



the album Jimmy Cliff, which was one of the first albums to successfully fuse reggae, soul and rock. From it came the hits "Wonderful World, Beautiful People" and "Hard Road To Travel."

"A lot of my songs are drawn from personal experiences. I mean, on my latest album—which I don't think is released in England—called *Thinking About The Earth*, there's a ballad called 'The Rebel In Me.'

"In the late '60s and early' 70s I wanted to perform different musical forms due to Island Records. They were only promoting the rock acts they had signed to the label so I thought, 'Okay, I'm going to do something to try and get myself some attention."

But in 1971, Cliff was to take his musical fusions to another level by recording the country soul LP Another Cycle. "Another Cycle received great critical acclaim in England but it didn't sell and, to make matters worse, my reggae fans felt cheated. They felt that I'd switched and left them. They felt I didn't know where I was going but I wanted to prove to my company that I could do any damn music outside reggae. Unfortunately, this was part of the reason why I lost some of my following."

In the mid '70s and '80s, Cliff's popularity in England had fallen and it was in this period that religion and the knowledge of his own culture began to take a place in his life.

"I've always been a person who was looking for my culture and for a long time I had almost given up the music. Because of this quest for my culture, I was making records but finding the cultural area of my existence was taking up the forefront of my life. However, after I was satisfied with my quest of what I wanted to know, I found it easier to concentrate on my music."

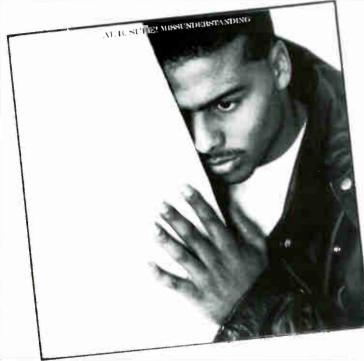
After a number of flirtations with various record labels, Cliff, now a devout Muslim, has formed his own label and is adamant that important lessons have been learned from the past.

"I'm wiser and more experienced now," says Cliff emphatically. "Looking back on those early days, I guess what I should have been doing was to say that I'll concentrate on one form of creativity rather than country, blues and all that. If I'm going to make an album I'll be more selective and more focused to say 'This is how the album is going to go.' I still maintain the fact that I'm a creative artist and it was reggae that I helped to create."

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# \*\*\*\*\*\*\* TOP **5** SINGLES \*\*\*\*

	ARTIST	TITLE	LABEL
7	BLACK BOX	EVERYBODY, EVERYBODY	RCA
2	LALAH HATHAWAY	HEAVEN KNOWS	VIRGIN
3	PEBBLES	GIVING YOU THE BENEFIT	MCA
4	PRINCE	THIEVES IN THE TEMPLE	PAISLEY PARK/WB
5	JOHNNY GILL	FAIRWEATHER FRIEND	MOTOWN



### SINGLE OF THE WEEK

AL B. SURE!

MISSUNDERSTANDING

WARNER/UPTOWN

This is an excellent groove, which isn't a total surprise considering Sure's track record. Look for this to be one of the hottest records on the airwaves and at the clubs this fall. If Sure's LP *Private Times And The Whole 9* is along the same vein as this single, watch it soar to the top. Demos: All.

### **ALBUM OF THE WEEK**

BRENDA RUSSELL KISS ME WITH THE WIND A&M

A very good album opens with the Narada Michael Walden-produced title track, a cut that has a catchy beat and will surely be a massive cross-over hit. Russell's current single "Stop Running Away"—also produced by Walden—makes the opening side of the LP very strong, as does "All American." "Good For Love" and "Night Train To Leningrad" stand out on a more mellow B side, which also has great cuts. Demos: All.





### IMPORTANT RECORDS

### SINGLES

**BELL BIV DEVOE—I THOUGHT IT WAS ME—MCA**—The question is can BBD repeat its success after two massive hits? Well, the answer is yes: "I Thought It Was Me" is definitely on par with "Poison" and "Do Me" As usual, strong raps accompany BBD's soulful lyrics. This is the most funky of the three singles they have released Production done by Hank Shocklee, Eric "Vietnam" Sadler and Keith Shocklee. It looks like the third hit off the *Poison* LP. Demos: All.

YAZZ—TREAT ME GOOD—POLYGRAM/BIG LIFE—The funky house cut with heavy disco overtones has the potential to be Yazz' biggest single to date. The soulful vocals are backed up with solid lyrics on a cut that has already been to the top of the Euro-soul charts. All mixes are good but the 12" mix is the best due to its pumping bass. For Yazz, the only way is up. Demos. House, Funksters, Young Adults.

RAY CHARLES—I'LL TAKE CARE OF YOU—WARNER—Brother Ray does kind of always take care of us—giving us another taste of why he's been the soul and inspiration of so many, many artists. On this first single from his WB album Would You Believe, Charles tells his baby he'll always be there to take care of her. From the first note of this midtempo cut, you know the girl is gonna be convinced. The man means what he sings and no one's ever been better at that than him. Demos Adults

ROBBIE MYCHALS—DO FOR YOU, DO FOR ME—ALPHA INTERNATIONAL—This excellent single off Mychals' self-titled debut LP is yet another chance to show off his exceptional vocals. Lori Fulton backs him on this ballad, which is destined to be a massive Quiet Storm hit. It could well cross over to the pop charts and score well there also. Demos. Quiet Storm, Adults

### **ALBUMS**

L.L. COOL J—MAMA SAID KNOCK YOU OUT—DEF JAM—This is rap at its best. Like *Radio* and *Bad*, L.L. has another excellent LP. All songs are good and only enhance his claim for the top spot among rappers. L.L.'s current cut "The Boomin' System" really starts the album with a boom and is followed by some really solid songs like the title track. There is also a remixed version of "Jingling Baby," which is still great to hear. Two other cuts that have already been released, "To Da Break Of Dawn" and the infectious "Illegal Search" round out one of the best rap albums of 1990. Excellent production work from Marley Marl. Demos: Rappers, Young Adults

WINTLEY PHIPPS—THE SUN WILL SHINE AGAIN—WORD—Some beautiful ballads make this a very mellow album from the start. With Patti LaBelle featured on the title track, it is no wonder that the album is a strong one. Another duet worth noting is on "Forever Yours," where Lisa Robinson is on vocals. By far the most inspirational cut is "Someday We'll All Be Free." Demos: Adults

**B.B. KING—LIVE AT SAN QUENTIN—MCA**—Here is an excellent blues effort from B B "Bad to the Bone" King. All the selections are awesome as King uses his fantastic vocals and guitar Everybody will have his or her own favorites, but "Let The Good Times Roll," "Peace To The World" and "Sweet Sixteen" should be at the top of most people's lists Demos: Blues Brothers, Adults.

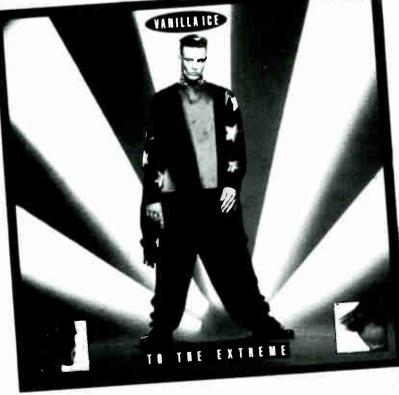
CPO—TO HELL AND BLACK—CAPITOL—A superb album will have you in a trance from the opening slow rap, "Ballad Of A Menace" In contrast, "C P. OSIS" is an uptempo cut that should become a massive hit. Some other tough-talking raps follow like "The Wall" with its incredible lyrics. This song also features Cameo's Larry Blackmon Another guest artist is the legendary Isaac Hayes on "Ballad Of A Menace." Demos Rappers, Soulsters, Young Adults

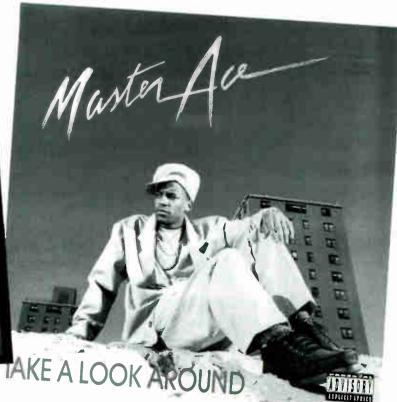


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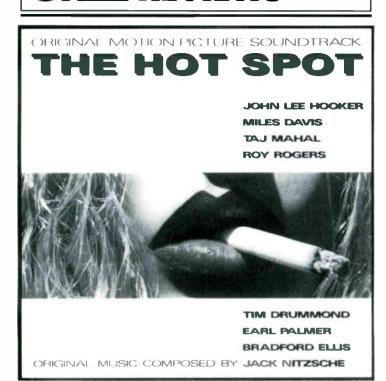
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2	2	10	ANITA BAKER, Compositions, Elektra	27	17	12	ERIC B. & RAKIM, Let The Rhythm Hit 'Em, MCA					
3	3	14	KEITH SWEAT, I'll Give All My Love, Vintertainment/Elektra	28	38	3	OLETA ADAMS, Circle Of One, Fontana/PG					
4	4	13	MARIAH CAREY, Mariah Carey, Columbia	29	34	4	BASIC BLACK, Basic Black, Motown					
5	5	21	JOHNNY GILL, Johnny Gill, Motown	30	31	19	CURTIS MAYFIELD, Take It To The Streets, Curtom/Ichiban					
6	6	9	THE TIME, Pandemonium, Paisley Park/Reprise	0	39	4	MASTER ACE, Take A Look Around, Cold Chillin'/WB					
7	8	7	WHISPERS, More Of The Night, Capitol	32	33	7	GEOFF McBRIDE, Oo You Remember Love, Arista					
8	10	3	PRINCE, Graffiti Bridge, Paisley Park/WB	33	27	57	BABYFACE, Tender Lover, Solar/EPA					
9	9	7	D-NICE, Call Me O-Nice, Jive/RCA	34	36	8	MAGIC MIKE, Bass Is The Name Of The Game, Cheetah					
10	7	17	TONY! TONI! TONE!, The Revival, Wing/PG	35	35	9	CARL ANDERSON, Pieces Of A Heart, GRP					
0	14	7	BLACK BOX, Oreamland, RCA	35	44	2	MAXI PRIEST, Bonafide, Charisma					
12	13	24	HOWARD HEWETT, Howard Hewett, Elektra	37	37	10	GLENN JONES, All For You, Jive/RCA					
B	16	6	SPECIAL ED, Legal, Profile	38	26	8	THREE TIMES DOPE, Live From Acknickulous Land, Arista					
D	18	4	BOOGIE DOWN PRODUCTIONS, Edutainment, Jive/RCA	39	29	13	VARIOUS ARTISTS, We're All In The Same Gang, Warner Bro					
15	11	25	BELL BIV DEVOE, Paison, MCA	40	30	16	ICE CUBE, AmeriKKKa's Most Wanted, Priority					
16	12	17	SNAP, World Power, Arista	41	42	9	SILK TYMES LEATHER, It Ain't Where Ya From, It's, Geffen					
17	15	13	THE 2 LIVE CREW, As Nasty As They Wanna Be, Skyywalker	1	48	3	THE AFROS, Kickin' Afrolistics, JMJ/RAL/Columbia					
B	22	12	JUST ICE, Masterpiece, Fresh/Sleeping Bag	43	43	15	POOR RIGHTEOUS TEACHERS, Holy Intellect, Profile					
B	21	9	COMPTON'S MOST WANTED, It's A Compton, Orpheus/EMI	44	45	3	GUCCI CREW II, 64, Gucci/Hot					
20	20	11	CAMEO, Real Men Wear Black, Mercury/PG	45	47	2	M.C. CHOICE, The Big Payback, Rap-A-Lot					
2	24	7	KID SENSATION, Rollin' With Number One, NastyMix	46	46	47	JANET JACKSON, Rhythm Nation 1814, A&M					
22	28	3	N.W.A., 100 Miles And Runnin', Ruthless/Priority	47	49	2	DENISE LaSALLE, Still Trapped, Malaco					
23	25	5	LALAH HATHAWAY, Lalah Hathaway, Virgin	48	40	30	AFTER 7, After 7, Virgin					
24	19	22	EN VOGUE, Born To Sing, Atlantic	49	41	13	MILIRA, Milira, Apollo Theatre/Motown					
25	32	4	VANILLA ICE, To The Extreme, SBK	50	50	24	TYLER COLLINS, Girl's Nite Out, RCA					





## JAZZ REVIEWS



# The Hot Spot John Lee Hooker, Miles Davis, Taj Mahal, Roy Rogers, Tim Drummond, Earl Palmer, Branford Ellis

This is the original sound-track of the motion picture "The Hot Spot," directed by Dennis Hopper with music by Jack Nitzsche. Produced by Michael Hoenig on the Antilles label, the soundtrack features 13 cuts which were laid down in a four-day session.

If you like down-home blues, then this CD is for you. Davis gives the project that eerie texture for which his trumpet is known. Hooker provides vocals and his unique guitar style, which really sets the tone for this project.

The movie itself has a jump-start as a result of the music, which brings a blues quality to the picture.

### Made In Coracao Toquinho/Sadao Watanabe

Smooth and mellow sounds are what you hear on *Made in Coracao*, released on Elektra. **Toquinho** and **Sadao Watanabe** turn out beautiful production on this project.

Easy vocals mixed with understated guitar lines make this CD a good choice for easy listening, cocktail parties and even romantic dinners. Watanabe balances out this project, turning in a steady performance using his soothing sax sounds.

### Solar Leo Gandelman

Released on Verve, Leo Gandelman's *Solar* is a delightful journey into the sound of music, according to sax interpretation. His play is very emotional, blending technique with style into long minutes of pleasure.

Balance is what this CD offers. Gandelman combines various styles of music, which makes for interesting listening. The title song is a gentle tune which renders visions of a sunset on a warm evening. "Baganas" has a funky beat, set off by the bass-playing of Fernando De Souza.

"Saxy Talk" highlights Gandelman's saxophone know-how, while "Toucan" and "Cuba Libre" offer seductive and exotic echos. All the selections on *Solar* were written or co-written and arranged by Gandelman, who also takes producer credits  $\Box$ 

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0	2	BLUESIANA TRIANGLE Bluesiana Triangle Windham Hill Jazz	21	21	KEN PEPLOWSKY QUINTE Mr. Gentle & Mr. Cool Concord Jazz
2	1	BOB JAMES Grand Piano Canyon Warner Bros.	22	23	DJAVAN Puzzle of Hearts Columbia
3	4	RICARDO SILVEIRA  Amazon Secrets Verve Forecast/PG	23	24	RICHARD ELLIOT What's Inside Intima
0	5	HARRY CONNICK JR. We Are In Love Columbia	24	26	MEZZOFORTE Playing For Time Novus/RCA
5	3	METHENY w/HOLLAND/HAYNES  Questions & Answers  Geffen	<b>3</b>	30	DON GROLNICK Weaver of Oreams Blue Note
6	7	BRANFORD MARSALIS Crazy People Music Columbia	<b>@</b>	29	BOBBY LYLE The Journey Atlantic
7	8	BOB BERG In The Shadow Denon	0	31	DAVID BENOIT Inner Motion GRP
8	10	SOUNDTRACK Mo' Better Blues Columbia	8	35	RIPPINGTONS Welcome To The St. James GRP
9	12	MICHEL CAMILO On The Other Hand Columbia	29	11	HARRY CONNICK JR. TRI Lofty's Roach Souffle Columbia
10	6	JIMMY McGRIFF You Ought To Think Headfirst/K-Tel	30	19	WYNTON MARSALIS Standard Time, Vol. 3 Columbia
0	17	TANIA MARIA Bela Vista World Pacific	1	☆	NINA TEMPO Tenor Saxophone Atlantic
12	13	OLETA ADAMS Circle of One Fontana/Mercury	32	27	ELIANE ELIAS Eliane Elias Plays Jobim Blue Note
13	14	RONNIE LAWS True Spirit PAR	0	38	GERRY MULLIGAN Lonesome Blvd. A&M
14	15	HERBIE MANN Camino de Casa Chesky	0	☆	GEORGE BENSON Big Boss Band Warner Bros.
15	16	AZYMUTH Curimim Intima	35	25	VERNELL BROWN JR. Total Eclipse A&M
<b>(</b>	20	PHIL SHEERAN Breaking Through Sonic Edge	36	☆	JOHN PATITUCCI Sketchbook GRP
17	18	DON PULLEN Random Thoughts Blue Note	37	33	BAREFOOT Barefoot Global Pacific
0	22	ACOUSTIC ALCHEMY Point of Reference GRP	0	☆	MARK WHITFIELD The Marksman Warner Bros.
19	9	JOE PASS Summer Nights Pablo	39	37	MICHAEL FRANKS Blue Pacific Reprise/WB
20	28	EMILY REMLER This Is Me	0	☆	MICHAEL BRECKER Now You See It

# Music Reviews

### **SINGLES**

### **JAMAICA BOYS**

MOVE IT REPRISE/WARNER



Another hit looks like it's on its way for the Jamaica Boys. They are back with some more of their funky harmonies with this cut off their self-titled LP. This record could surpass "Shake It Up" and, if that happens, that would be some feat. Co-produced by Lenny White. Demos: All.

### **CARL ANDERSON**

MY LOVE WILL GRP

As usual, Anderson's rendition of this cut off the *Pieces Of A Heart* LP is beautiful, soft and mellow—which has become his forte. The music and lyrics were written by Lamont Dozier and definitely live up to expectations. Anderson looks like he has a Quiet Storm No. 1 here. Produced and arranged by Andre Fischer. Demos: Quiet Storm, Young Adults.

### RONNIE LAWS HEART STATION

PAR

An excellent saxophone solo opens the song, a jazzy cut with funky overtones. As Laws usually does, he casts all your troubles away for a few minutes as he graces you with his songs. This instrumental nevertheless has chart position. It should place high on jazz charts and playlists. Demos: Jazz, Adults.

### THE BEATMASTERS

WARM LOVE SIRE/REPRISE



Look for this lively cut with hints of deep house mixed with funky beats to explode in the clubs, especially house clubs. It's not repetitive like a lot of house; good lyrics back up an already good cut. Produced by the Beatmasters. This record—off the *Anywayyawanna* LP—could be a sleeper and surprise a lot of people. Demos: House.

### **AFTER 7**

MY ONLY WOMAN VIRGIN

The lively uptempo cut that's as catchy as they come has the right appeal for both the clubs and airwaves. With this track the group offers proof that it is a legit force for the '90s. Like "Can't Stop," this record should become an instant hit. A brilliant a cappella version also appears—further showing After 7's true talent. Demos: All.

### **ANGELA WINBUSH**

PLEASE BRING YOUR LOVE BACK

**POLYGRAM** 

After her success with Ronald Isley, Winbush goes solo for this beautiful ballad. Her vocals are sheer inspiration and prove she is one of today's elite female performers. The vibe that is given off by this song is 100 percent positive. This single should become a massive hit for the Quiet Stormers. Demos: All.

### **ALBUMS**

### **TRUDY LYNN**

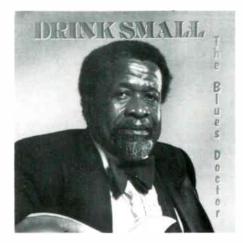
COME TO MAMA ICHIBAN



The classy blues LP definitely deserves a listen to the mid- and uptempo selections. The title track is a catchy song that is the epitome of funky blues. Some more traditional cuts are "Do I Need You (Too)" and "Making Love To Me." Lynn also does an outstanding rendition of "When Something Is Wrong With My Baby," a cut that becomes a medley with "I've Been Loving You Too Long." Demos: All.

## **DRINK SMALL**THE BLUES DOCTOR

**ICHIBAN** 



Classic blues with titles like "Rub My Belly" and "Baby Leave Your Panties Home" are offered for the real blues lovers. If you are one, then *The Blues Doctor* has just the tonic you need. Demos: Blues, Adults.

# RAP, ROOTS & REGGAE

### **By LarriAnn Flores**



No Face

Has everyone recovered from the "Back to School Rap Party" that was at the Palladium in Hollywood over the weekend? It was an all-star event with Boogie Down Productions headlining the show. KRS-One gave a fine performance and turned the place out, doing material from their latest album Edutainment. The young audience responded with roars of excitement. Other rap artists included Laquan, who had a pre-show reception and listening party that went very well Poor Righteous Teachers, Boo-Yaa T.R.I.B.E., D-Nice and Def Jeff all performed nicely. The Palladium is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year and plans to do more shows like this in the future. So stay tuned for more great things to come

Motown Records' first female rapper M.C. Trouble has a bonafide hit on her hands with her first sinale "(I Wanna) Make M C Trouble

You Mine" for her video. Malcolm Jamal Warner of "The Cosby Show" will direct her next video for the song "Gotta Get A Grip"—the next single off her fresh

debut album. She should be around for a long time with dope material like this.

The new group **No Face** on the No Face/RAL/Columbia label is coming out with another fresh cut entitled "Fake Hair Wearin" B\*\*\*\*," which features a cameo appear-

ance by the 2 Live Crew, this should be

interesting. This group hails from Queens, New York, where many rap stars have started and do quite well. Their song "Half" is steadily climbing the charts—be on the lookout for more to follow.

Another star to look out for is 2-Bigg MC, who used to front for M.C. Hammer and

is now on his own with a monster jam entitled "He's The King Of Hype." The song is more than just hype, it has the juice and if you're not careful it will punch you in the face.

CBS Music Video
Enterprises has just
released "Def Jam
Classics Vols. I & II."
This video collection
features videos from
Def Jam's hottest acts,
like L.L. Cool J. Public
Enemy, Slick Rick, 3rd Bass
and the Beastie Boys. All
this talent in one package—
what a deal!

On the roots side of things, U.K. artist Maxi Priest is doing great in the U.S. with his hit single "Close To You." Look for Priest to come to the States soon on a world tour. Stay tuned for more info

### R/R/R REVIEWS

SHINEHEAD

THE REAL ROCK ELEKTRA

Shinehead is poised for international acclaim. Dancehall reggae meets rap as Shinehead rocks the mike on this midtempo cut. The "Dope Radio Mix" is excellent and deserves to be the main

### **RAP SINGLE OF THE WEEK**

MONIE LOVE

MONIE IN THE MIDDLE

WARNER BROS.

This rapping sister from the U.K. deserves the rap spotlight this week. This single jams, Monie's rapid-fire rap is hype and the chorus asking "where's Monie at?" could be answered with "Monie is about to be at the top of the charts." The super sax blowing in the middle adds flavor to this slammer. Demos: Rappers, Teens, Young Adults.

mix on the single. He's sure to please both the reggae and rap fans as he mixes the two in his own special way.

Produced by Claude Evans, this is the title track off the new LP. Demos: Roots, Rappers, Young Adults.

INTELLIGENT
HOODLUM
BACK TO REALITY

BACKIUT

A&M

This is a magical cut with rap, reggae and soul vibes. Heavy mixes include Soul II Soul's "Back to Life" and "Keep On Moving." The reggae influence has a major role on this cut, although the Soul II Soul samples really dominate this record. The various mixes that have house dubs on them should be definite club favorites in the months to come. Demos: All.

2-Big M C. BROTHERS FROM ANOTHER PLANET

WISHING ON A STAR

SAM

Here is an infectious rap cut with an even more infectious bass guitar that's low-down and funky. It's this guitar along with solid raps that shape this song. For a brief instant it slips into a chorus only slightly reminiscent of the Rose Royce song of the same name. It sounds like the Brothers have a fall chart entry here. Demos: Rappers, Teens, Young Adults.

### **FINESSE & SYNQUIS**

STRAIGHT FROM THE SOUL

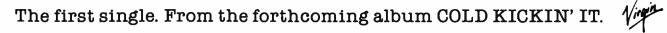
MCA

These tough-talking ladies have a definite hit on their hands. Using samples of an Isaac Hayes-written classic, "Hold On I'm Coming," they blend their vocals excellently. The record has a real underground sound that warehouse parties will love. It's one of the best rap

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2	3	12	LALAH HATHAWAY, Heaven Knows, Virgin				
3	4	8	PEBBLES, Giving You The Benefit, MCA	53	57	5	A TRIBE CALLED QUEST, Bonita Applebum, Jive/RCA
1	2	10	PRINCE, Thieves In The Temple, Paisley Park/WB	<b>5</b>	67	3	TAKE 6, / L-O-V-E U, Reprise
•	8	7	JOHNNY GILL, Fairweather Friend, Motown	9	62	5	CYNDA WILLIAMS, Harlem Blues CBS
6	1	13	THE BOYS, Crazy, Motown	60	66	2	E.U., / Confess, Virgin
	10	12	HOWARD HEWETT, If I Could Only Have That Day Back, Elektra	9	64	3	MIKI HOWARD, Come Home To Me, Atlantic
8	12	13	MAXI PRIEST, Close To You, Charisma	63	77	2	AFTER 7, My Only Woman, Virgin
9	9	14	BODY, Touch Me Up, MCA	59	*	D_	LEVERT, Rope-A-Dope, Atlantic
0	14	6	KEITH SWEAT, Merry Go Round, Vintertainment/Elektra	60	#40	1.1	NAYOBE, I Love The Way You Love Me. WTG/Epic
1	13	17	QUINCY JONES, / Don't Go For That, Qwest/WB	61)	72	3	SPECIAL ED, The Mission, Profile
2	15	9	KIARA, You're Right About That, Arista	62	63	6	NEWKIRK, Double Dutch On The Sidewalk, OBR Columbia
B	1.7	8	TRACIE SPENCER, Save Your Love, Capitol	63	70	3	MIDNIGHT STAR, Luv-U-Up, Solar/Epik
D	18	8	SAMUELLE, So You Like What You See, Atlantic	64	☆	$\triangleright$	PRINCE/TEVIN CAMPBELL, Round and Round, Paisley Park/W
Ð	21	8	L.L. COOL J, The Boomin' System, Def Jam/Columbia	65	73	4	MICHEL'LE, Keep Watchin', Ruthless/Atco
D	20	5	BELL, BIV, DEVOE, / Thought It Was Me, MCA	66	33	9	RANDY CRAWFORD, Cigarette In The Rain, Wamer Bros.
D	38	4	MARIAH CAREY, Love Takes Time, Columbia	67	43	8	WHISTLE, Bad Habit, Select
B	23	5	TEENA MARIE, Here's Lookin' At You, Epic	68	68	7	ALEX BUGNON, Dance Of The Ghost, Orpheus/EMI
Ð	26	7	TROOP, That's My Attitude, Atlantic	69	69	3	OLIVER CHEATHAM/JOCELYN BROWN, Tum Out, Warlock
20	22	g	MAC BAND, Someone To Love, MCA	70	74	2	TERRY STEELE, Prisoner of Love, SBK
D	25	5	CARON WHEELER, Living In The Light, EMI	71	71	8	SALT-N-PEPA, Independent, Next Plateau
2	27	11	OLETA ADAMS, Rhythm of Life, Fontana/PG	0	☆	Ď	ANGELA WINBUSH, Please Bring Your Love Back, PolyGram
3	28	8	LISA STANSFIELD, This Is The Right Time, Arista	Ø	84	2	BARBARA WEATHERS, Our Love Will Last Forever, Warner Bros
24)	31	5	GERALD ALSTON, Slow Motion, Motown	0	*	D	QUINCY JONES, Listen Up, Qwest/Reprise
25	7	15	EN VOGUE, Lies. Atlantic	75	78	4	SYDNEY YOUNGBLOOD. I'd Rather Go Blind. Arista
26	29	10	CAMEO, Close Quarters, Atlanta Artists/PG	73		,, D	GRADY HARRELL. Don't Turn Your Back On Me. RCA
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2	36	5	JANET JACKSON, Black Cat, A&M			5	THE ADVENTURES OF STEVIE V, Dirty Cash, Mercury/PG
28	46	3	M.C. HAMMER, Pray, Capitol	78 <b>7</b> 9	85	2	GEOFF McBRIDE, No Sweeter Love, Arista
29	30	10	FAMILY STAND, In Summer I Fall, Atlantic	_	☆	Ď	BOOGIE DOWN PRODUCTIONS, Love's Gonna Getcha, Jive/RD
D	48	2	AL B. SURE!, Missunderstanding, Warner Bros.	80	89	2	JAMES INGRAM, / Don't Have The Heart, Wamer Bros.
D	35	<i>i</i>	JONATHAN BUTLER, Heal Our Land, RCA	<b>a</b>	*	D	OAKTOWN'S 3-5-7, We Like It, Capitol
32	45	3	ANITA BAKER, Soul Inspiration, Elektra	82	34	11	MILIRA, Go Outside In The Rain, Motown
33	44		BRENDA RUSSELL, Stop Running Away, A&M	83	19	13	WHISPERS, Innocent, Capitol
34	39	7	SNAP, Ooops Up, Arista	84	51	10	TYLER COLLINS, Second Chance, RCA
35	24	14	TONY! TONI! TONE!, Feels Good, Wing/Polydor	85	_53	6	SOMETHING SPECIAL, U Can Get Me Anytime Epic/Associate
36	37	5	TODAY, I Got The Feeling, Motown	86	52	11	FORCE M.D.'s, Are You Really Real, Tommy Boy/WB
37	6	14	NAJEE/VESTA, I'll Be Good To You, EMI	87	32	14	M.C. HAMMER, Have You Seen Her, Capitol
38	1.1	14	THE WINANS, A Friend, Qwest/WB	88	76	16	BABYFACE, My Kinda Girl, Solar/Epic
39	42	7	BLACK FLAMES, Dance With Me, OBR Columbia	89	82	15_	THE TIME, Jerk Out, Paisley Park/Reprise
<b>40</b>	41	7	MICHAEL FRANKS, The Art Of Love, Reprise	90	75	10	DIANNE REEVES, More To Love, EMI
D	49		VANILLA ICE, Ice, Ice Baby, SBK	91	66	9	GOOD GIRLS, I Need Your Love Motown
12	16	11	FATHER MC, Treat Them Like They Want To Be Treated, MCA	92	83	12	THE AFROS, Feel It, JMJ/BAL/Columbia
Ð	60	2	WHISPERS, My Heart, Your Heart, Capitol	93	81	14	MELBA MOORE, Do You Really Want My Love, Capitol
14	47	4	SOUL II SOUL, People, Virgin	94	80	16	BASIC BLACK, She's Mine, Motown
Ð	50	4	HI-FIVE, / Just Can't Handle It, Jive/RCA	95	83	10	PERRI, Someone Like You, MCA
B	55	-5	LAQUAN, Now's The B Tum, 4th & Broadway/Island	96	90	14	PUBLIC ENEMY, Brothers Gonna Work It Out, Def Jam/Columbia
D	54-	6	NO FACE, Half, No Face/RAL/Columbia	97	87	10	RUDE BOYS, Come On Let's Do It, Atlantic
D	58	3	BERNADETTE COOPER, / Look Good, MCA	98	91	8	DIND, Romeo, 4th & Broadway/Island
Ð	56	1	D-NICE, Call Me D-Nice, Jive/RCA	99	92	11	STANLEY CLARKE/GEORGE DUKE, Lady. Epic
D	30	-	JASMINE GUY, Try Me, Warmer Bros.	100	94	10=	EARTH, WIND & FIRE, Wanna Be The Man, Columbia







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### **VICIOUS BASE**

DROP BASE II—THE SEQUEL CHEETAH





The sequel to the cut originally recorded with DJ Magic Mike has a similarity to Afrika Bambaataa's "Planet Rock" without being totally the same. It's got a wicked beat that fills the body with electricity. This should be a monster since it has great dance appeal. Demos: Rappers, Young Adults.

### **KID SENSATION**

ROLLIN' WITH NUMBER ONE NASTY MIX



The rap LP opens with KS's current "Seatown Ballers" and stays interesting to the finish. "Maxin' With E.C.P." and the impressionable "Prisoner Of Ignorance," with its thought provoking lyrics, are the best cuts on the A side. Two cuts co-written with Sir Mix-A-Lot, "Legal" and "Back To Boom," also deserve mention. Demos: Rappers, Young Adults.

### AZIATIC

NIGHT LIFE

**POLARIS** 

This excellent dance cut with hardhitting rap lyrics will fill the dance floors with its lively, contagious sound that grows on you. It should be only a matter of time before this is being added to playlists across the country. Demos: All.

### **KAOS & MYSTRO**

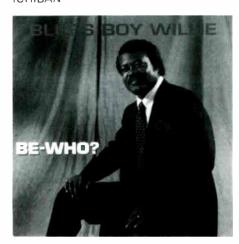
TIMELESS INSIGHT OF KAOS WORLD ONE



A fast-paced rap cut, with lyrics just as fast, along with heavy samples ignite an already good record. "Buffalo Girls" samples are the more predominant. This song has a lot of appeal and should chart high. The title remix is by far the stronger of the two. Demos: Rappers, Teens.

### **BLUES BOY WILLIE**

BE-WHO



This traditional blues album tells a story with each song. It takes you to the good times and bad. "Crack Up," "Let Me Funk With You" and the title track are funny and sad at the same time. This really relaxing LP could see you through the blues. Demos: Blues. Adults.

### T-WIZ

GOOD THING GOIN'

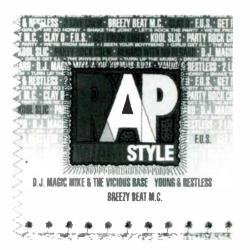
DNA

This is an uptempo rap cut with incredible vibes. Lively horns and bells throughout keep your body rocking. When the raps get faster, so do your

body movements. The clubs and record stores won't be able to keep up with the demand this record should stir. In other words, this rap cut seems assured of chart success. Demos: Rappers, Teens.

### **VARIOUS**

RAP MIAMI STYLE
PANDISC



As the title suggests, this is an album featuring some of Miami's top rap performers. Kicking off the album is the clean version of 2 Live Crew's "Me So Horny," perhaps the most successful cút on the LP. There are some other strong songs featured: "The Rhymes Flow" by the Party Rock Crew has a Whodini sound; another good one is "Drop The Base" from DJ Magic Mike & the Vicious Base—it has overtones of a "Planet Rock" style cut. Demos: Rappers, Young Adults, Teens.

### **HOT RAP**

"Treat Them Like They Want To Be Treated" Father MC Uptown/MCA

"The Boomin' System"
L.L. Cool J
Def Jam/Columbia

"Call Me D-Nice"
D-Nice
Jive/RCA

"Love's Gonna Get'cha" Boogie Down Productions Jive/RCA

"Ice, Ice Baby" Vanilla Ice SBK

# NEWRELEASES

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	THE NEVILLE BROTHERS, Fearless				•					
	BRENDA RUSSELL, Stop Running Away	•			•					
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MCA	THE JETS, Special Kinda Love	+		-						
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OST RECORDING ARTISTS TELL TALES of hoping to become the stuff of which their musical influences and idols are made. There are some, on the other hand, who are different—those who didn't try to follow in the footsteps of their predecessors, content instead on doing their own thing.

Vintertainment/Elektra supertalent Keith Sweat is definitely not one of the followers. Born and raised in Harlem, it was the desire to create his own sound that drove Sweat

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# GOSPEL

### **Alexis Nucklos: They Call Her Lexi**

A college senior at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, Alexis Nucklos, also known as Lexi, got a very early start singing gospel music. From singing in church to performing in talent shows throughout elementary school, this talented young woman had a phenomenally strong desire to make the most of her gifts.

"I have a friend, Dwight Steel, who

plays with Michael Brooks (formerly with the group Commissioned). I opened for Commissioned about a year ago at the University of Toledo and all I remember thinking to myself is, 'I really want them to hear me sing.' But they were in the dressing room, so I figured they didn't."

A year later, a friend of Nucklos' was playing the organ at a church in Detroit and, ironically, it was the same church Brooks attended. "All of a sudden I overheard Michael saying, 'I'm getting some projects together for PolyGram and there's an opening for a female artist." Dwight thought I could do it. So I made a fourtrack demo that was absolutely laughable in quality, but the true range of my voice was very apparent. Dwight and I rode up to Detroit one day and gave it to Michael after his church services. I walked into the church and after the service

was over he came up to me and said. I know you. You opened for Commissioned about a year ago.' I was so astounded, all I could say was, 'I thought you were in the dressing room.' And he said. I was already dressed so I came out. You were really good.

"He immediately went out to his car to listen to the tape. I couldn't believe it. I thought, 'I'm not going to sit here and take the chance of him hating it.' I walked around a while and when I came back he said, 'Turn it off.' I thought that

he hated it. And all of a sudden he turned to me and said, 'This is great. Hove it.'

The next step took place when Brooks sent the tape to Raina Bundy, general manager of Lection/PolyGram Records. Says Nucklos, "After listening to the tape, she said, 'You can sing and I want to sign you!"

The rest is history. Nucklos is currently making her presence felt in the urban

contemporary gospel arena with her debut release for the Lection/PolyGram label, Call Her Lexi. Produced by Michael Brooks and written by Brooks and Bundy, the album is a brilliant mixture of beautifully arranged ballads and hotout-the-box, hard-driving R&B flavored gospel, which Lexi sees as the album's driving force. "I think this album appeals to the young people, which is exactly what I wanted to do. But that doesn't mean the adult audience won't get an equal amount of joy from

listening to it."

What does she hope to accomplish with the release of Call Her Lexi? "To travel and meet a lot of young people who want to do something with themselves. I'm trying to better myself through college. I just want the opportunity to sit down and talk with them, to give them some direction and to tell them to get out there and try to

> do something to make this world a better place."

### GOSPEL REVIEWS

Hezekiah Walker and the Love Fellowship Crusade Choir

Oh Lord We Praise You Sweet Rain

After a brief hiatus, this ensemble returns hot as ever. High energy oozes from the grooves. Walker effectively combines contemporary rhythms with the traditional choir sound. This aggregation is fast becoming a favorite in gospel music circles. This record should only assist in increasing their popularity. Hit picks: "Oh Lord We Praise," "Romans 8:28,""Walk In The Light," "The Storm Will Pass" and "You Must Be Born Again."

M.C. R.G.

In Jesus' Name Frontline

Gospel rapper M.C. R.G. sounds a lot like his secular counterpart Young M.C. Tim Miner and Bernard Wright's production meshes well with R.G.'s hard-hitting

lyrics. Power-packed grooves are the order in this very surprising package. Hit picks: "Young And I'm Saved," "Cleanse," "It's In The Bible," "M.C. R.G.," "Power Of The Tongue" and the title track.

### **Debbie McClendon**

Get A Grip Frontline

After recording many albums searching for her musical identity, McClendon has finally hit paydirt. Influences of urban, hip hop and pop can be heard through-

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# NTRO...

### **KIPPER JONES:** Carrying On The Funk

By Rachel Williams

he locale-the recordina studio-is set. All the key players have taken their rightful places. The producer, the engineer and the artist inside the control booth prepare to overdub the next player. A single mike is in place and the experienced instrumentalist is ready to play. There is nothing wrong with this picture, but missing is an unknown artist-the friend of the session musician-not affiliated with this particular project. In this case, Kipper Jones, former member of R&B group Tease. was the unknown musician in question. Attending any and every session he pos-



sibly could, even those he wasn't called to play for. Jones hoped to learn things about the music industry he hadn't already picked up. "Who is he?" was the oftenasked question when Jones "tagged" along with Tease colleagues to recording sessions. It was the frequent questioning of his presence which led to the naming of his production group, The Hoo Group, Ltd., and the credits on his Virgin Records debut album, Ordinary Story, which list him as "Mr. Juno Hoo.'

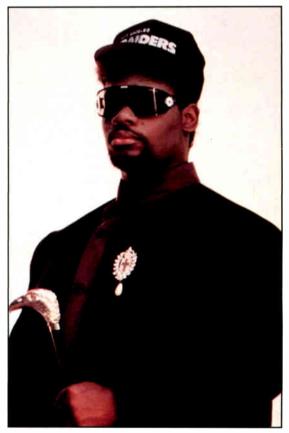
In his solo debut, the public also may be unfamiliar with Jones' name and alias, yet they are sure to remember Vanessa Williams' hit continued on page 42

# SNAP: The Power By Lynette Jones



ut of nowhere they came. Like a meteor powering its way through the atmosphere, landing with a bang, Snap, Arista's dance music sensation, burst on the scene almost overnight. The unlikely combination of a rapper, Turbo B, and a jazz/ classical vocalist, Penny Ford, dropped the bomb on Europe with its first release "The Power," then proceeded to take American clubgoers by storm shortly thereafter, eventually coming forth with its debut LP. World Power.

The duet, masterminded by producers Benito Benites and John "Virgo" Garrett III, hadn't even met one another when the vocals for the first-released track were laid. They were basically two continued on page 42



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# Programmer's Poll

### FRANKIE DARCELL WPEG/CONCORD, NC



### VANILLA ICE "ICE, ICE BABY"

This is the newest, freshest sound I've heard in rap in a long time. It's rapidly climbing up the charts and is very hot on our playlist. Demos: Teens.

### VARIOUS ARTISTS "LISTEN UP"

Quincy Jones has put together a mixture of artists that's got all demos excited. The song gives you such a wide variety of talent, you get everything from rap to Ray Charles. It's funky and it works in all dayparts. Demos: All.

### BASIC BLACK "NOTHING BUT A PARTY"

This jam puts the swing in new jack swing. I believe that this release will establish these guys as a strong group for the 1990s. It's a strong dance track with good vocals and when you hear it, the title "Nothing But a Party" speaks for itself. Demos: Young Adults

### COLLIN DEBOSE WXLA/LANSING, MI THE WINANS "A FRIEND"

All demos can appreciate this song, from the true gospel fans to the young adults. It's a nice, smooth, very pleasant midtempo cut with a timely message. Demos: All.

### OLETA ADAMS "RHYTHM OF LIFE"

This song features a great

vocal performance along with a nice midtempo groove. The song has been on the charts for a while and is still moving up. I really do like this one. Demos: Adults.

### EN VOGUE

These young ladies are burning up the charts. They've even incorporated rap into the program. They have a unique harmonic structure that sets them apart from any female group I've heard in a long time. Top it off with a quality production and you've got something truly outstanding. Demos: Young Adults

### MORGAN SINCLAIR WBLX/MOBILE, AL

### AL B. SURE! "MISSUNDERSTANDING"

Well, it's been a while, but he's back with a hot one. It's a fresh and different sound for Al but it works so well. This, I feel, is a strong top 10 record. Demos: Young Adults.

### VARIOUS ARTISTS "LISTEN UP"

All I can say here is that nobody does it better than Quincy. He can really put it together. The song works well in all dayparts and phone response is tremendous. We've added it only a few short weeks ago but it's doing remarkably well. Demos: All.

### CARL ANDERSON "MY LOVE WILL"

This is true adult material here. Anderson's got a unique and pleasant vocal style that I like very much. He may be overlooked, but he's got a super-strong ballad that should really hit. Demos: Adults.

# BRIAN WALLACE WYLD/NEW ORLEANS, LA KEITH SWEAT "MERRY GO ROUND"

Another smash ballad from Sweat. Lots of female calls for this one. Keith is definitely a ladies' man when it comes to these ballads. Demos: Females, Young Adults.

### MAXI PRIEST "CLOSE TO YOU"

A strong club/dance record that's even smooth enough to slip into Quiet Storm once in a while. Maxi mixes hip hop and reggae with a little bit of R&B flavoring. And with some help from Jazzie B. on the production, this guy is moving closer to No. 1. Demos: Young Adults.

# TOO SHORT "SHORT DOG IN THE HOUSE"

This is the hottest thing happening rap-wise in the New Orleans area right now. The record is hot and the phones are smokin'. Demos: Teens, Young Adults.

### TRASI SHEARD WTCC/SPRINGFIELD, MA



## PRINCE f/TEVIN CAMPBELL "ROUND AND ROUND"

I really like this one. Campbell's voice has what can be called youthful maturity. In other words, he sounds young but sings with such conviction. Superstar Prince has really put a fresh new twist to his "Graffiti Bridge" soundtrack. This song is hot. Demos: Teens, Young Adults.

### MONIE LOVE "MONIE IN THE MIDDLE"

This young lady is one of the dopest rappers to step on the scene to date, male or female. It's a fast-paced,

hyped groove that just flows and flows. She's a rapper blessed with a voice that makes you sit up and take notice. Demos: Teens, Young Adults.

### JASMINE GUY "TRY ME"

Surprisingly enough, this is the most effective transition from actor to recording artist I've ever heard. A very solid track with great vocals, a slammin' dance beat and a refreshing burst of energy that should do very well in the clubs and on the air. Demos: Dancers, Young Adults.

# TONY RANKING WJTT/CHATTANOOGA, TN BELL BIV DEVOE "B.B.D. (I THOUGHT IT WAS ME)"

These guys are riding the crest of success these days. Hot off the heels of their, previous top 10 smash "Do Me," they have released another uptempo groove equally capable of achieving the same. Not to mention the reunion performance on the MTV awards and the reunion LP in the works, these N.E. boys are hot! Demos: Teens, Young Adults.

### L.L. COOL J "THE BOOMIN' SYSTEM"

Talk about growing up between albums, this new release has got the biggest sound ever. You will definitely take notice when cars go by playing this slammin' cut on their boomin' systems. Demos: Teens, Young Adults.

### MAXI PRIEST "CLOSE TO YOU"

Maxi is hot with a cool groove that's burning up the charts as well as our playlist. It's so smooth yet danceable at the same time. It's got an obvious Soul II Soul flavor—added by Jazzie himself—that sets this one apart from all the imitators. This is my personal favorite. Demos: Young Adults, Adults.

# RADIO NEWS

### **Summers To Be Honored**

William E. Summers III, will be honored by Clothe-A-Child, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing clothing to indigent children in the Louisville community. The roast, hosted by civic leaders and local and national celebrities, will be held on Oct. 6 in the Grand Ballroom of the Galt House East.

Summers, president emeritus for Adopt-A-Child, is known as a leader in the broadcast community and has been in the industry for almost 40 years. Although his professional career began at the Louisville Defender, his first broadcast opportunity came in the late '40s when he coordinated a talent program for WGRC

radio.

Summers got his first real break in broadcasting in 1951 as a part-time sports announcer for WLOU radio. From there he moved into a full-time position on the business side, working as asst mgr of Rounsaville Radio, a chain of seven Black formatted stations. He was promoted to vp/gm of the operation in 1967.

Forming Summers Broadcasting Company in 1971, he purchased WLOU and became the first black station owner in the state. In 1973, he purchased WNUU-FM while remaining pres/ gm of WLOU until 1982, when the station was sold to Johnson Publishing Company in Chicago.

### **NAB Hosts Heated DAB Discussion**

Digital Audio Radio was one of the most talked about subjects at the National Association of Broadcasters conference. Over 500 men and women filled the meeting room for the forum entitled "Digital Audio Broadcasting: Friend or Foe." Experts mulled through the advantages and disadvantages of moving from the old analog radio broadcasting method to the higher transmission quality offered by Digital.

The hot spot of the meeting regarding digital conversion revolves around the sweeping ramifications the technology brings. DAB technology will immediately make current radio equipment obsolete. Consumers

would have to purchase new radio systems for the digital broadcasts. The question of how long analog systems could remain competitive arose, prompting grumbles around the room.

Though regulators are just beginning to tackle the implications of digital broadcasting, the industry is preparing for the inevitable.

### Sr. Sells Jr. WTUA

George Wells, Sr. sold WTUA to George Wells Jr. for \$275,000. The terms were \$175,000 for the station's assets and \$100,000 for the real estate. The St. Stephen, SC, station broadcasts at 3,000 watts.

### **WAUG Shares Celebration**



WAUG, Raleigh, NC, participated in the National Black Family Reunion in Washington, D.C., by providing two families with round trip train tickets and hotel accommodations to the affair. Pictured are (I-r) Alvin John Waples, pd; Jay Holloway, gm; winners Mrs. Deborah Blount, and Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Copeland; and "Dollar" Bill Chapel, md.

## KACE Back To "Quiet Storm"

Ricky Tatum, vp/gm, KACE, announced that the station is bringing back the Quiet Storm format to the Los Angeles station. "We are very pleased to bring the

Quiet Storm back to Southern California. Listeners have expressed strong desire for this format to return since its departure three years ago," said Tatum.

KACE prepared for this change with the recent hire of Lawrence Tanter, pd, who

helped pioneer the Quiet Storm sound in Southern California. "The Quiet Storm will reflect the everchanging Southern California lifestyle," said Tanter. "We will play an abundance of music that adults are thirsty for."

### Houston Weather About To Change As Snowman Returns

KISS 98.5 has signed an exclusive multi-year agreement with veteran ap Jim "The Snowman" Snowden. No stranger to Houston (he previously worked for KMJQ earlier in his career), Snowden will work the morning drive slot for the station.

### Williams, Smith Appointed At WMVP

WMVP has appointed Roger Williams sales manager for the Milwaukee station. Williams, 40, brings 15 years of sales experience. With 12 years experience in broadcasting, Williams was most recently employed at KWSS, San Jose, as sales manager. Prior to that, he was sr. acct exec for WLUM.

The station also announced the promotion of Ella Smith to full-time dir. community relations. Smith, currently midday air personality for the station, also

hosts WMVP's public service program "Community Focus." "Being informed is one of the most needed tools in the black community," she said

Smith attended Jackson State University, Milwaukee and M.A.T.C.

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### Russell Gets Piece of His Heart



GRP recording artist and entertainer Carl Anderson puts the squeeze on Antoinette Russell, asst pd, KACE, during his visit to the station in Los Angeles.

### **WIZF Night Out**



The staff at WIZF, Cincinnati, welcomed RCA recording artist Tyler Collins to town to do a free outdoor concert. Pictured (I-r) are Sharon Hardin, dir, promo, WIZF; Bryan Scott, ap; Collins; Todd Lewis, pd; Byron Pitts, RCA Records.

### **Cozy Gathering**



Recording artists Angela Winbush and Ronald Isley flank WBLS' Frankie Crocker and friend, during a night out in the city.

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# DOWNLINK

# Syndicated Programs: Can They Boost Ratings?

The "Top 20 Countdown"; "America's Top 40"; "What Ever Happened To?"; "The Tom Joyner Show"—they're billed as some of the most popular syndicated entertainment features on radio. They're informative; they're funny; they offer the listener an interesting diversion from regular programming.

But are they worth it? Syndicated programs can run for a couple of minutes on a daily basis, or can be a major feature—running for several hours, once a week. Whichever the case, these shows often bring a new dimension to regular programming. However, in terms of cost effectiveness as it pertains to ratings, do programmers use them to bring in listeners? Or are they simply designed to fill the dead space during the unpopular radio listening hours?

There are several types of radiosyndicated programs. They basically fall into the following categories.

The first is the short "capsule," which consists of either an information bit such as a "Black History Moment" or "On The Phone With Tyrone." These segments are on no longer than five or so minutes and can provide information or serve as an amusing break in station format. Sometimes it can be both, but what makes this sort of bit so useful is the length. Because it is so short it can be programed in almost any shift, but many times goes in the morning drive or during afternoons, or both.



Tanter

The next type of show is the "infotainment" program usually consisting of entertainment interviews combined with musical interludes—many times songs from the people being featured. This program-can last from 15 minutes to an hour and thus must be programed on a shift which is slower paced than that of morning or afternoon drive shows.

Yet another show which is very popular with most music stations, which buy them mainly for afternoons on the weekend, is the "Music Countdown."



Merritt

This program can run several hours and depends heavily on the personality of the d<sub>J</sub> and his music to keep folks interested.

For some stations, syndicated programs are used more as a selling tool than a ratings gatherer. Lawrence Tanter is pd for KACE in Los Angeles. Tanter says his station uses several syndicated programs for reasons like those just stated.

"Because we're a major market station and have production facilities and staffing in adequate numbers, we can produce shows equal in quality to the ones which are being syndicated. And because of that, when we do make syndicated buys, they're usually ones with a special angle which we can't readily duplicate. For example, we use the 'David Sanborn Show' because it is a program with a name that advertisers recognize and want to buy around.

"It seems to me that the smaller markets are better suited for syndicated programming than larger ones because a smaller station lacks the production facilities most larger stations have. Plus, I'd say they would tend to have more than a little interest in what major markets are up to since that is where

the syndicators usually originate."

Charles "Madhatter" Merritt, pd for WGOK, Mobile, AL, is in agreement with Tanter's speculation concerning smaller market needs. "I use syndicated shows to give my station's audience the benefit of knowing what's happening in other parts of the country. It's a special treat for the listeners because most of the shows come from bigger cities and it gives them a taste of the musical preferences in urban areas," says Merritt.

While these shows reflect urban sounds for the smaller markets, that sound is not always what smaller markets are interested in hearing," Merritt explains. "From a geographic perspective, some of the shows, especially the music countdowns, don't contain the flavor a particular market region is familiar with or wants to hear.

"As an example, in our region of the country, the people are partial to music with a gospel or blues flavor. So they're not going to listen long to a program which is lacking that sound. It would almost be like asking them to listen to a different format. Many times they just won't do it. But this is not to say they don't give programs a chance because they do. They're like people everywhere who want to listen to a sound they're familiar with."

From the Pacific Northwest comes **Bailey Coleman**, pd for KRIZ/KZIZ in the Seattle/Tacoma area. Coleman says syndicated programs not only enhance



Coleman

her programming, but help ratings as well. "It adds so much, programming-wise," she says. "We use them to raise the value continued on page 43

to create his own band, Jamilah, at the tender age of 14. It was his dedication to hard-core R&B that wrought him unprecedented success with his 1988 debut LP. Make It Last Forever (which garnered the hits "I Want Her." "Don't Stop Your Love." "Something

## as a sex symbol. And he adequately projects that image as a strong black man."

-VINCENT DAVIS PRES VINTERTAINMENT

Just Ain't Right" and the title track). It will be the confidence that he has gained through years of work, dedication and support that make his current release, I'll Give All My Love To You (which has already yielded its first hit, "Make You

Sweat"), an even more phenomenal accomplishment.

Although he grew up only about two blocks from Teddy Riley, Sweat was never truly able to ioin forces with his compatriot until he was in the studio recording "Don't Stop Your Love." The relationship the two built as young men through friendly competitions they had trying to get their respective bands booked in neighborhood clubs wasn't enough to keep them in close contact until years later

After a few years with Jamilah, Sweat decided it was time to pursue a solo career. During his stint as a stockbroker, he kept his

music flame alive by shopping for record deals and spending every spare moment doing what he does best-writing and producing. He later found that he would be trading a commodity of a different kind as labels-independent and major alikebegan to take notice. Despite the interesting offers from a host

of indies, Sweat was able to sign with Elektra. With the support of Vintertainment head Vincent Davis. Sweat extended what was originally planned to be a 12" record deal into an album pro-

Sweat's deep, sensuous vocals pushed him immediately into the role of a sex symbol. This

follow-up LP justifies the reason why

The current single from All My Love, "Merry Go Round," has found its way to the top of the charts in only six short weeks. Contributions from the likes of Teddy Riley, Bobby Wooten,

Gerald LeVert (of the group LeVert) and Steven Russell (of Troop) figure heavily in the LP's fast climb up the charts. The album itself is sitting pretty in the No. 3 spot on black charts, reconfirming Sweat's ability to make it last and carry

image wasn't too

hard to project and

wasn't much of any-

thing that Sweat or

the label had to work

very hard on, con-

sidering his looks

and the effects of his

vocal performance.

To the average per-

son, it would seem

that his success was

immediate. The

Vincent Davis, president of the independent Vintertainment, says that a lot of his work, in respect to Sweat's career, deals with the packaging and marketing of Sweat's music and image. "Keith views himself as a sex symbol," comments Davis. "And he adequately projects that image as a strong black man."

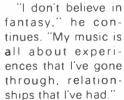
But Sweat doesn't

view things quite that simply. "I don't see myself as a sex symbol," he modestly laughs. "People have classified me as a beggar, but that's only because I'm not afraid to talk about men's feelings. We (men) hurt just like women do, but some men are afraid to admit it, let alone convey those feelings on a

record.

don't want anyone to give me something for nothing. Although I've established myself as an artist, I don't want anything I haven't worked for."

KEITH SWEAT



All of those who called him a beggar should be sitting up and taking notice. They are most likely amonast those who were at one time unwilling to listen to continued on page 43



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single, "The Right Stuff," cowritten by Jones. And Jones' 10-year association with Tease-noted for an R&B sound influenced by the likes of George Clinton, Sly Stone and James Brown-as founding member and contributing writer may also strike a note of recollection. Like former Tease mates Chuckii Booker, Derek and Thomas Organ, Rex Salas, Jav Shanklin and Cornelius Mims, Jones left the group to strike out on his own.

"I learned so much from being a part of Tease, including a good deal about the music business," Jones said. "But I became frustrated with the way the group was being promoted, so I felt it was time to move on." However, Jones insists that the group's breakup is temporary. "You'll probably see more of Tease in the future, but right now we're just doing our own things."

Jones, born in Flint, MI, started doing his own thing at the age of three when he grabbed a nearby water hose and began doing an imitation of James Brown, one of his many musical influences. But it would be a decade later before Jones cast himself into the role of a vocalist again. Beginning with piano at the age of five, Jones

became a proficient multiinstrumentalist, also playing the classical French horn and the saxophone—his main focus

"I just felt that (the saxophone) had more vocal expression than any other instrument." Jones explained. "It was the closest thing to singing." But soon after his family moved to Los Angeles, Jones laid down the sax and used his own voice for musical expression. "I was in the eighth grade playing in the band during a school performance when the singer wasn't present, so I went up there and filled in," Jones said. "The reaction was such that I kept on singing from then on."

The singing bug firmly entrenched in his soul, Jones—along with schoolmates Salas and Mims—formed Seventh Heaven, which later became Tease.

With his first solo outing, Jones hopes to appeal to both a younger and a much older crowd. "(My album) is fundamental, no frills, no new jack," Jones said. "I wanted it to be a bridge between what today's hip hoppers call traditional R&B and what people who are generally associated with R&B call rap." Songs like

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artists doing their own thing. Turbo, originally from McKeesport, PA, spent three years in the U.S. Army, serving most of his tenure in Germany. Reconsidering his decision to make a career out of the Army, Turbo turned his sights to his lifelong dream of becoming a rapper. He eventually got the opportunity to work with such notables as Maze, Big Daddy Kane, the Fat Boys and Mother's Finest.

"After the service." Turbo revealed, "I returned to the States and found things to be a lot different than when I had left. Drugs and crime were a lot worse, and some communities in general just seemed to have different moods. So I went back to

Germany.

"I had already done prior touring with the Fat Boys (playing drums and beat boxing), but I never took recording seriously. I knew that it was a hundred-to-one shot to make it in this business so I stayed out."

Ford, on the other hand, is a completely different story. Having spent 13 years trying to get a successful music career off the ground (working with the likes of Soul II Soul, the Eurythmics, Klymaxx, and the Rolling Stones and spending three years touring with Chaka Khan), she was apprehensive to get involved with a project that contradicted the classical roots from which she sprang.

"I only did the track in order to get a little extra

Christmas money," said the Cincinnati native. "I want to continue to write and produce the jazz and R&B music that I was already doing. I was against the computerization of music as well as rap because I am a music purist."

Ford changed her mind when she weighed the consequences of not completing the album and touring as a part of the group.

"The young lady people see in the 'Power' video is Jackie Harris. She was used as my replacement because at the time the video was shot, I was on the road with the Stones, was being offered the position of tour manager for Jazzie B. and just wasn't interested in taking my work on that song any further."

Realizing the financial

failure that may have resulted if Harris were found to be miming the lyrics, Ford decided to complete the Snap compilation.

Both having been discovered by the album's producers as they performed with separate organizations during Europe's Black Beat Tour, Ford and Turbo never actually met until two months after "The Power" was a smash on European dance charts. Suprisingly enough, for a short time many radio listeners were treated to two versions of the single—one by Snap and the other by rapper Chill Rob G.

The controversy surrounding who is the legitimate originator of the song is aptly addressed by both Turbo and Ford.

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what Sweat had to offer.

"When I first began my pursuit of a recording career, people wouldn't listen because my music wasn't in the mode of what radio was playing. At the time I was coming out, everyone was trying to cross over. Their only concern? To be No. 1 on the pop charts.

"People were trying to tell me that my music was 'too black.' My response was. 'Well, that's just what we need.' So my goals differed from quite a few others' because my primary concern was reaching No. 1 on the black charts—with traditional, hard-core rhythm and blues."

Considering himself a "down-to-earth" type of guy, Sweat knows that black radio is important to a successful career. However, he does take everything in stride and understands that there is never a full apprehension of one's goal.

"I want to do the best that I can do," Sweat explains. "I don't want anyone to give me something for nothing. Although I've established myself as an artist, I don't want anything I haven't worked for. This is a business where you have to prove yourself more and more. And with the release of this last album, I wanted to give listeners something better than before."

Sweat continues to deliver the goods with his Keia Pro-



ductions. Currently under the Keia umbrella are Jacci McGhee (who contributes confident background vocals on All Mv Love) and Omar Taylor (an MCA signee). There have also been recent calls from CBS label execs who are interested in having Sweat do some work on Cheryl Pepsii Riley's upcoming project. Looks like there'll be plenty of work for Sweat when his new label gets completely off the ground.

As long as Sweat keeps laying those sweet urban grooves he won't have to worry about riding any more merry-go-rounds. He won't even have to think about making a comeback. Instead, he can just sit back and enjoy the good life. He's got it like that. It's just one of them thangs.

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of the station's image. With the diversity that the programs add, listeners get a slice of life from other parts of the country, not to mention the pure entertainment value as well. It's more than just a matter of music."

Describing how the programs contribute to her station's overall plan, Coleman says, "People want more than just music all of the time. They want information, entertainment and perspective. Listening to a syndicated show out of Chicago or New York keeps folks in touch with what the rest of

the country is thinking. It offers the satisfaction of being able to know where the mind-set of another region of the country is, so it's definitely not merely a 'filler' we use at the station."

So whether it's a news show or a top 40 countdown, syndicated radio is a tool stations find valuable, either for station image, ratings or as a sales tool for drawing advertisers. Not every station uses the programs for the same reasons, but all will agree they are worth their weight in airtime.



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idea that you may have written something that could become a standard. It's a great feeling." **Mic Murphy** is finishing up his debut solo LP for Atlantic....J. Randy Taraborrelli, who scored a national bestseller



MEANWHILE BACK AT THE RANCH: The Time was actually supposed to do two nights on the "Tonight Show," but opted for the one. The band just wrapped production on the video—which was shot in L.A.—for "Chocolate," the second single from their Warner Bros. Pandemonium LP....Looks like Johnny Gill will be opening for the European leg of Janet Jackson's "Rhythm Nation" tour after all....The System's

with last year's unauthorized bio "Call Her Miss Ross" (Birch Lane Press), is now writing a book about **Michael Jackson**. Birch Lane expects a May '91 release....The **Antonio "L.A." Reid/Pebbles** estate in Atlanta features a state-of-the-art 48-track recording studio for him and a clothes boutique (honest) and full-service beauty salon for her. Why leave home without it if you don't have to leave home at all?

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out. McClendon has one of the most distinctive voices in gospel music and husband/ producer Scott Smith puts it to good use. Strong material and arrangements make this record happen. Watch this record pop up on many CHR formats. As the title depicts, get a grip on this one.

#### Keith Staten

From The Heart Lection

A mixture of jazz and urban rhythms coupled with the gospel message dominate Staten's solo debut project. His vocals are smooth and soothing, yet when power is the protocol, he demonstrates he can reach back into the reserve tank and deliver the power and drive comparable to many of today's soulful belters. The nice balance of ballads and uptempo jams makes this an enjoyable listening experience. Hit picks: "Learn To Disagree," "Serve Him," "You," "He Is The Way" and "Miracles."

#### Slim & The Supreme Angels

Serious Business Sing Gospel

Their last album, Death And The Beautiful Lady, brought instant recognition to this fledgling label. After one listen to their latest effort, you can see they have another hit on their hands. Once again, Slim mixes his talent to deliver a story with the sounds of Southern soul. Hit picks: "If You Trust A Snake" and "God Loves The Ones (Who Cannot Help Themselves)."

## Trenora Parker And The L.A. Cathedral Choir

We've Gotta Be Ready Tribute

If you want to hear some singing folks, check out this LP. Parker has her hand in leading this choral aggregation as well as penning a large part of the material. Sax master Skip Pruitt greatly augments these arrangements with some stellar sax riffs. This record is a definite must. Hit picks: "Worship The Lord," "God's Been Good To Me," "We've Gotta Be Ready," "You're Never Alone" and

"Precious Lord."

## Walt Whitman And The Soul Children Of Chicago

This Is The Day

I Am

These kids are back and as hot as ever. This album, recorded live as was their debut LP, captures both the excitement and energy that this 120-voice choir generates. Hit picks: "This Is The Day," "Bless The Lord," "Perfect Praise," "Welcome Song" and "Use Me."

#### Vemessa Mitchell

On A Mission Benson

As the title depicts on Mitchell's debut Benson project, she is definitely on a mission. This former member of the successful Motown group High Inergy hits full stride on the opening cut. Mitchell's voice resembles another prominent female gospel artist, Tramaine Hawkins. For evidence of this, listen to "Solid Rock," "When I Am Weak, I'm Strong" or "I Found Out" for starters. Another winner for Benson.

#### **Jackson Family**

Family

Command

Michael, Janet, Randy, Jermaine, LaToya and the gang singing gospel? No. Introducing Monty, Mathan, Maria, Maury, Monica and Michole, better known as the Jackson Family (or the M.D.s. since all of their middle names begin with the letter D). As group leader Monty states, "The central theme of this album is focused around the family." Musically, this album falls within the realm of the newly created and embraced category of urban contemporary gospel. Featured on this project are such musical stalwarts as guitarists Paul Jackson Jr. and Michael Landau, and bassist Neil Stubenhaus. Material ranges from the R&B flavored "Do Right" to the beautiful, lush arrangements on the album's title cut and "Never A Time." The family has talent and it shows throughout this project.

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"Shockwave"—the first released single from his album—full of hot, scorching funk; the title track; and "Cut Me No Slack (Ordinary Story Part 2)" are good examples of this. But more important to Jones than closing the gap between age groups is preserving his musical heritage.

"Black musicians carrying on the tradition of black music is just something I feel strongly about," Jones said. This attitude becomes evident in his album as well, especially in the single "Carry On," which pays tribute to past and present music makers.

Jones may not be among those familiar names linked to the past and a cultural tradition, but his name is sure to be connected with those who passed it along to others.

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"Chill Rob G didn't write or arrange the song," commented Turbo. "The producers did a sampler in Europe with Rob's vocals on it. Maybe he thought the song would never make it to the States, so he released his own version."

"As a matter of fact," added Ford, "I sang on the 'Power' track before Rob or Turbo. Listeners can figure out whose song it is by listening to both versions of the song on their respective albums. It obviously belongs on the World Power LP because the other songs on the album create a continuity. The songwriters have a very distinctive sound."

Just as they exploded with their first single, the group has followed with what is proving to be an equal hit. "Ooops Up" is "rushing" the top of the charts almost as quickly as its "powerful" predecessor. Though some radio programmers have begun to play another song off the LP, "Believe the Hype," the group's next release may be double. It may be that "Cult of Snap" is released in Europe while "Mary Had A Little Boy" is reserved for American audiences.

Looks as if this group is working toward world domination. Why not? They've got the power, S-N-A-P!

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# THE MAC BAND The Missing Ingredient

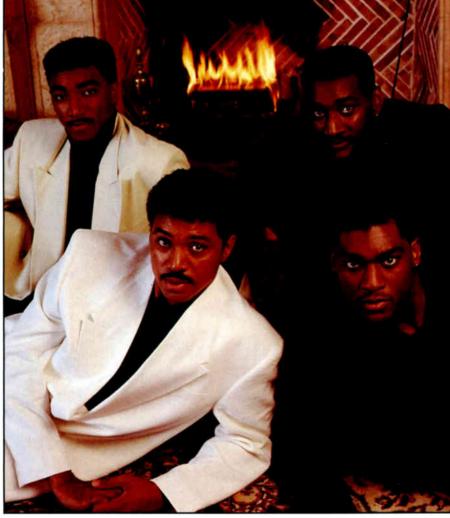
candlelit dinner for two-resplendent with red roses, a nice bottle of wine and a simple card with words of love—and the promise of a moonlit walk on the beach are essential ingredients for a romantic night. But crucial to any intimate evening is the one love song that creates the mood, that says those words not always easy to come by. This is where the McCampbell brothers, better known as the Mac Band, take their cue.

It's probable that the family quartet of Kelvin, Charles, Derrick and Ray had only the first inklings of love and romance during those early days in Flint, MI. Uppermost in their minds was homework, choir rehearsal and, later, daily practices for the next contest or talent show they would enter.

"We performed in several clubs and concert halls," said Charles,

lead, background vocals and guitarist. "Since we grew up near Detroit during the Motown era, many of the artists that influenced us were on that label. And as a result, our shows had that same theme as well as lots of energy."

It's a sure bet that the group had no idea then that their first released single, "Roses Are Red," from their MCA Records debut album in 1988, would become as hot or shoot as high on the charts as it did.



"We thought it was a strong song," Charles said, "but we had no idea that it would make No. 1 as fast as it did here or in the U.K."

Collaboration with L.A. and Babyface, on the verge of becoming one of the hottest writing/producing teams at that time, was also no doubt a key part to their prosperity. But it was quite probably the harmonious vocal stylings, apparent on their first hit, which helped to hasten their success as well.

The road traveled to this point in their lives was not always straight and narrow. nor was it focused. During the '70s, the four brothers drifted in different directions. Charles left Flint to join a New York-based band, Soul Liberation, for whom he played bass. Meanwhile, the other three brothers were working 9-to-5 jobs and attending school. Ironically, Charles, who first departed from the group, was the person to suggest a reunion. But this time they intended to follow through and take the necessary steps to obtain a record deal.

Starting all over in Dallas, the group soon gained local recognition. Older and much more polished in their performances, they won the competition at the Dallas "Budweiser Showdown" and a \$10,000 first prize in the "1986 Benson & Hedges Electric Nights Talent Search." Their "time" came while performing in a series of record company showcases in Los Angeles and, soon after, the group released its first album on MCA.

"We wanted to capitalize on the fact that we were brothers, a family act," Kelvin said. "So on our first album we were called the 'Mac Band featuring the McCampbell Brothers."

Now just the Mac Band, the group hopes to equal or surpass its previous level of success with the current album, Love U 2 The Limit.

"Our fans have always been an equal mix of men and women," Charles said. "But this album is such a celebration of women and relationships...we're definitely going to appeal to the ladies with this one."

With love songs like "You Are My Heart," the title track and "I Could Never Say Goodbye" to provide the finishing touch, the final element, the right mood to any night of romance, the Mac Band is sure to jump on many lovers, playlists.

## RAPEVINE

→CHORS AWEIGH—Grape notes the coloring up of Navy reservist **Emest Davis** to active duty. You probably know him better as **Ed Michaels**, former md and diffor WACR, Columbus, MS. Davis' duty

station is in Jack-sonville. NC. He reports that while his unit has not yet been given the call to head out across the seas to Saudi, that call could come at a moment's notice and within as little as 12 hours he could be en route. BRE wishes him all the best.

A&M'S A&R SHUFFLE—Steve Ralbovsky, sr. vp. A&R for A&M, has resigned his position. David Anderle

and Mark Mazzetti, both current A&R vps for the company, will take on the administrative responsibilities left from that post.

LITTLE POSSE NO SMALL DEAL—Little people of the world, there's a big reason why you should get into rap: Little Posse. B-ILL, M.C. Science, and GIZ-MO-C are all little people and have invaded the rap scene with a promising act. They are on the Tin Pan Apple label

and the first singles are "Gimme Some Lovin'!" and "Livin' Large."

READY OR NOT-Producers R.O.N., Sweets and Shragah of Ready Or Not Productions have "rapped" up the summer and are preparing to hit the charts again with more new artists. Some of them include Sean- One, Lori-Lori, Jacqueline, Gerald Horton (better known as Majestic Jay Black or

M.J.B.) and Stevie Blass, brother of Rakim of Eric B. and Rakim. Way to keep busy guys.

EN VOGUE TOUR SET—Atlantic recording artists **En Vogue** have begun touring the U.S. The first date was in Worcester, MA, with at least 50 more appearances lined up around the country. The group will be touring as special

quests of Capitol's M.C. Hammer.

MCA'S PROMO PERSON OF THE YEAR IS BROWN—Kudos to **Taryn Brown**, promo mgr for MCA Records. The hardworking SW region person was named

Promotion Person of the Year during the company's convention in Dana Point, CA. Brown is to be commended for earning an award amid such stiff competition.

MORE BROWN NEWS—Recording artist **Bobby Brown** was arrested after he intervened in a restaurant confrontation between his brother and a police officer. According to police, Brown's brother Tommy had

been arguing with another man, then cursed and threatened a police officer when the officer tried to calm him.

EVEN MORE BROWN NEWS—Singer James Brown will appear—via video, this weekend—at the American Film Institute in Washington's premiere of "James Brown: the Man, the Music & the Message," a one-hour special about his life and career. He can't appear in person because of the terms of his work-release

program confine him to a two-county area.

REAGAN FIN-ISHES QUALITY RECORD—Russ Reagan's new label Quality Records has finished recording and mixing an album for its debut artists the Rainbow Girls. Ricky Times gets producer credits.

GRAPE LOOKS BACK AT THE PAGES OF *BRE*: Ten years ago this issue, **Jheryl Busby** was

promoted to vp. R&B promo, Casablanca Records. Billy Bass was elevated to the position of sr. vp. Chrysalis Records. J.J. Johnson hosted "KDAY Night" at Noah's Ark, a teen disco in Long Beach. Jimmy Alexander from WBMX, Chicago, joined WBMK, Knoxville. Jalila Larsuel, with Elektra Asylum, was in the hospital on her way to a speedy recovery.



En Vogue

# PROPHET

#### ARIES (March 20-April 19)

A Capricorn will bring you interesting news about your employment status. Listen carefully as you just may be onto another big project.

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Give a little more attention to courtship. A little more intellectual curiosity won't kill you or the cat.

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Take special care in your decision to rebuild and/or stabilize on a more solid base. Scorpio figures in.

#### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Your reputation has not suffered despite recent exposures. As long as your morals remain intact, co-workers and associates will only view recent revelations as a lighter side to your personality.

#### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Someone will consider you a best friend within a matter of only weeks. Although this is a compliment, take care to tell him/her that friendships should be based on trust.

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Family members will finally agree to stop intruding in your personal affairs. Don't humiliate them with "I told you so" comments. Use this freedom to excel.

#### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Still dwelling on your birthday? Well, get on with more important tasks. Someone has been watching you and is awaiting the OK to move a little bit faster.

#### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

People will fall over backward to be your friend in the near future. As you make strides to truly "hook yourself up," be careful of excess baggage.

#### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Both a Pisces and an Aries may be involved in a future project. Analyze frustrations and utilize patience as your work pace quickens in the coming weeks.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

You may receive a new deal from someone who had previously been hostile toward you. An Aquarian may be involved in an upcoming promotion.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 18)

Engage in artistic indulgence this week. Exposing a young person to some of your tastes will give you a high sense of achievement

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 19)

Funds may become tied up this week. You've dealt with it in the past. Grit your teeth and stick it out. Your day of reckoning has yet to come.



Taryn Brown

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