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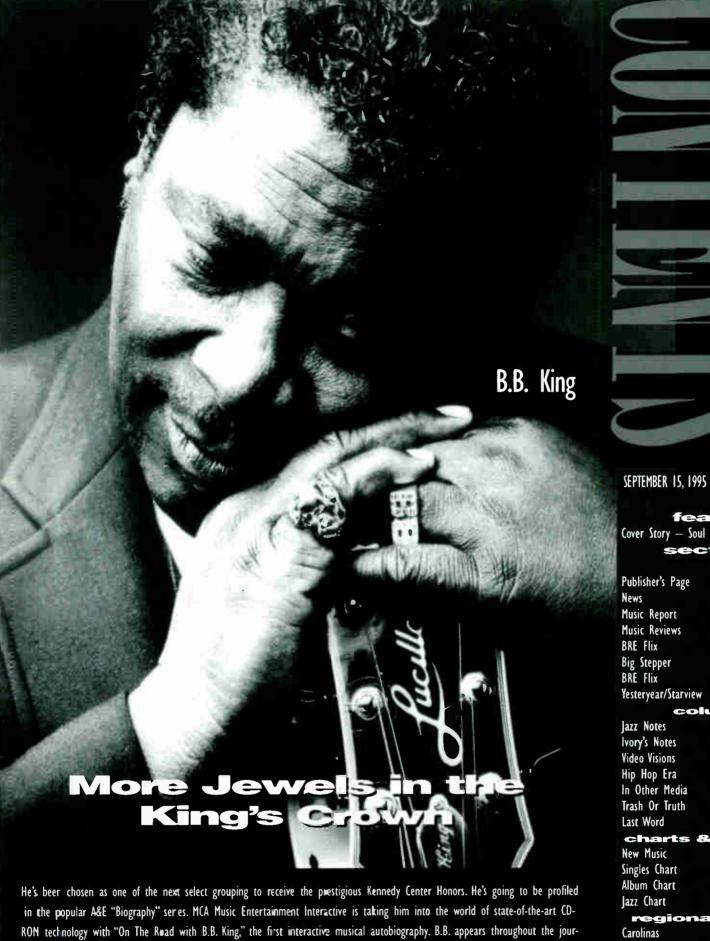
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in the popular A&E "Biography" series. MCA Music Entertainment Interactive is taking him into the world of state-of-the-art CD-RON technology with "On The Road with B.B. King," the first interactive musical autobiography. B.B. appears throughout the journey as both guide and comparion directing the user through the inner workings of the CD-ROM. He's readying a home video "Blues Summit Concert," which includes 11 live performances. A&E will broadcast the "Blues Summit Concert" in its entirety, Sept. 28 and then it will be available in home video. He's currently on tour doing 52 one-nighters with Etta James and Jimmie Lee Vaughan. There's no signs of him slowing down as he adds more jewe's to his crown of "King of the Blues," but why should he, he's only just celebrated his 70th birthday. What's next?



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# Soul II Soul

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# publisher's

### Making a Joyful Noise

t seems gospel music is getting more popular every day. This multimillion dollar business of the Lord is growing. Gone is the niche marketing and in its place are heightened awareness of the people who make, market and enjoy this music. BRE will be exploring the gospel music explosion in a special issue later this year. Certainly one of the people who

will be profiled is gospel music's Andrae Crouch, who next week is adding another milestone to his list of accomplishments. He assumes the post of Senior Pastor of the San Fernando Valley church his father founded and where Andrae grew up. To celebrate the occasion, Crouch kicks off a jubilee weekend with a Sept. 22 VIP reception and banquet at the Century Plaza Hotel, fol-



lowed by installation and consecration at the Christ Memorial Church of God in Christ the next day. He will be joined by Quincy Jones, Stevie Wonder, Tremaine Hawkins and Marvin Winans and other guests at the installation produced by his sister, Sandra. On Sunday, the 24th, there will be an "Explosion of Praise" concert, featuring gospel music artists Crouch has known and worked with over his 25-year plus years in the music business. He's recorded 15 solo albums, won eight Grammys, three Dove Awards and an Oscar nomination over the course of his career. There are gospel brunches everywhere from the House of Blues to the Last Tango Cafe on Ventura Blvd. Gospel choirs are massing everywhere from Denmark to Japan. It would seem we can look forward to a future full of great gospel celebrations and BRE plans be there to shout "Hallelujah."

Sidney Miller







### **HIStory Hits 5M**

Yes. Michael Jackson's HIStory: Past, Present And Future, Book 1 has made the

five million units sold mark, according to the Recording Industry Association of America. It's

his fifth consecutive album to reach such sales. Jackson's joined in the multi- platinum album circle by Warren G who reached that status with his '94 Violator/RAL debut Regulate...G Funk Era, Salt 'N Pepa for their '93 release Very Necessary on London/PLG, Jackson label mate Sade for Best Of Sade

released on Epic last year and Seal's self-titled Warner Bros. LP from spring '94.

Ranking platinum were Vanessa Williams for her Dec. 94 Mer-

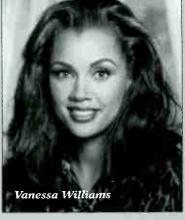
cury release The
Sweetest Days,
Candy Rain on
Uptown, the March
'95 debut from
Soul For Real,
Atlantic's Collective Soul CD,
Prince's Hits I and
Hits II, both
released on Paisley
Park in Sept. '93,
and Brownstone's
From The Bottom



Up Jan. '95 debut on MJJ/Epic. As far as platinum singles, Shaggy was a shoo-in with his "Boombas-

tic" single on Virgin.

On the gold side were albums from Crystal Waters (Storyteller, Mercury, 5/94), Keith Murray (The Most Beautiful Thing In This World, Jive, 11/94), and All 4 one (And



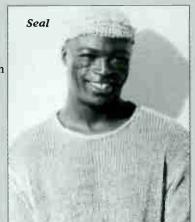
The Music Speaks, Atlantic, 5/95). Meanwhile, Jodeci's latest single "Freek 'N You" on Uptown

hits gold along with Xscape's newest "Feels Go Good" on So So

Def/Columbia, Seal with

"Kiss From A Rose" on Sire,
and "Colors Of The Wind,"
coming in from Vanessa
Williams. Several singles from
newcomers also hit the gold
mark: Skee-Lo's "I Wish" on
Sunshine/Scotti Bros., Faith
Evans with her debut single

"You Used To Love Me" on
Bad Boy/Arista, MoKenStef
with "He's Mine," and "I Got
5 On It" from Noo Trybe/Virgin rap group Luniz.



### Vibe Staffer Launches Label

Scott Poulson-Bryant, a senior writer at *Vibe* magazine, along with producer Torey Thorpe, who has worked with Color Me Badd, Bell Biv Devoe, have launched a multi-media record label, Madhouse Entertainment. According to the principles, whose relationship spans some twenty years having attended elementary school together, Madhouse will be an "all-purpose, multi-media entertainment company incorporating records, film, television, and new media production into a visually exciting, cutting edge vision that raises the ante on how street-savvy urban culture is presented." The company will be based in New York.

### **NAACP** Radio

On Sept. 11, the American Urban Radio Networks (AURN) broadcast the first live radio address from newly elected NAACP head Myrlie Evers-Williams. The half-hour show covered Williams' plans for fundraising, the organization's membership and image development, NAACP positioning in the current

political and social climate as well as black-on-black crime, affirmative action, and the NAACP voter empowerment project. It was broadcast live from the AURN studios in Pittsburgh and aired on the network's 67 member radio stations, including WLIB-AM New York, WGCI-AM Chicago, WOL-AM Washington, D.C., and WGPR-FM Detroit.



### A&M And Wake Form DVS

A&M Records pres/CEO Al Cafaro has initiated a joint venture agreement between A&M and Wake Prods., a group of companies founded and headed by producer Ric Wake. As part of the deal, DVS Records has been formed. Wake, best known for his work with Mariah Carey, Taylor Dane and Natalie Cole, will directly oversee the operation of the new label. Wake's five state-of-the-art recording studios are where Wake and his team of staff producers are recording and

developing artist projects for potential release on DV8/A&M.

The first release bearing the DV8 logo will be a single and video entitled "Cutie" by female R&B duo Raw Stilo on Oct. 10, followed closely by a release from alternative rock group Drill. Early in '96, the Wake-produced debut single and album by Billy Mann will follow.

### Celeb Spots For urbanAID



The official radio lineup for the celebrity PSAs done on behalf of urbanAID 4 LIFEbeat has been announced: Big Les, Craig Mack, Lin Que, Kid Capri, Mad Lion, Pete Rock, 80ff, Supernatural, Das EFX, MC Lyte, Jeru The Damaga, KRS-One, Redman, Keith Murray, and Aaliyah.

Spearheaded by pres/CEO Uptown Records, Andre Harrell, R&B group Jodeci, and LIFEbeat, urbanAID is



an AIDS awareness and fundraising campaign, which will encompass a hard-hitting series of radio, TV, and print public service announcements, local LIFEbeat benefits, hospital visits culminating in a starstudded marathon concert later this fall. Proceeds will be donated to assist AIDS organizations nationwide specializing in care for black and Latino communities.



### Damian Music Debuts

Rock musician Aldy Damian, who formed the band Earth Youth Energy Soul in '88, has launched his own label, Damian Music, to be distributed by Navaree Corp. which also distributes Disney Records and GTS Records. The independent's first release will be Bourgeois/Tagg co-founder Larry Tagg's debut solo project With A Skeleton Crew, slated to hit the streets on Oct.
7. Upcoming releases also include The Dance Box, featuring rave and house hits from such artists as 2 In A Room, Real McCoy, and Stevie B, which is set for a Nov. release.





# EXEC STATS

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Lori Wentworth Odierno has been appointed dir. legal affairs. EMI records. She will be based in NY. In her new position, Odierno will provide general commercial and corporate legal services to the company's record labels, sales, and distribution division as well as it's manufacturing operations. In addition, she will be responsible for supervising outside counsel in connection with the company's corporate transactions and special projects. For the past three years, Odierno was a corporate associate with the NY-based law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind & Garrison where she practiced primarily in the areas of mergers and acquisitions, securities, and general corporate law.

Heather Davis was promoted to associate dir, media relations, West Coast at Epic records. Davis, who is based in Santa Monica, will have an expanded role in Epic's media relations dept, developing and implementing nat'l print campaigns on selected artists. Davis joined Epic in '91 as asst to the media relations dept, West Coast; the



following year she was promoted to mgr of the dept.

Keith Naftaly has been named vp, A&R, Arista Records.
Naftaly began his career in '80 as music coordinator for KFRC Radio in San Francisco. From there he went to become md for KMEL and was promoted to pd. Most recently he was vp programming for both KMEL of San Francisco and KKBT Los Angeles. Naftaly will be based in Arista's NY headquarters.

Christopher Bren is now international dir of Almo Sounds. Based in NY, Bren will handle all overseas mktg for the label's U.S. and U.K. signed acts through the label's various licensees and affiliates abroad. Bren started his music industry career at Sony music as international coordinator. After three years there, he launched Blackwiz Records. He opened a recording facility in the South Bronx and began scouting urban talent. Signing dance, hip hop and house artists, he set up production deals, sold 12-inch singles, and licensed numerous records overseas.



**Dennis Reese** was appointed nat'l dir, promo for the WORK Group. He will be based in NY. In his new role, Reese will be responsible for nat'l promo at Top 40, alternative and rock radio on behalf of the WORK Group's roster of artists. He will be closely involved in training the label's regional promo staff as well as supplementing their efforts. Reese comes to the WORK Group after serving as Columbia Records local promo mgr for New England during '93, when he was named "Colombia Promotion Person of the Year," and during '94, when he won the Bobby Poe Ward.

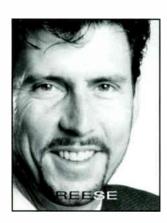
Brian Shafton has been upped to regional sales mgr, West Coast, for Priority Records. Shafton, formerly dir of credit services, will continue to be based in L.A. In his new position, Shafton will be responsible for selling Priority and all distributed label product throughout the West Coast, coordinating and placing co-op advertising with accounts, and overseeing all Priority interac-



tion with West Coast retailers, one-stops, distributors, and racks.

Damon Stewart is now associate dir of West Coast A&R at Epic. He will be responsible for working with West Coast-based acts currently signed to the label as well as for seeking out and developing new talent. He will be splitting his time between assignments in Santa Monica and Seattle. Stewart has spent the last five years covering the Northwest market as a member of Sony Music's team of regional A&R mgrs.

Lawrence A. Kanusher has been appointed counsel in the law dept of Sony Music Entertainment. He is based in NY. Prior to this appointment, Kanusher was dir, business affairs, Sony Music International, since Sept. '92, following two years as an attorney at EMI records. He began his legal career in '88 as a law clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Mitchell Cohen. In '89, he joined the law firm of old Farrell & Marks as an associate.













Black Book



### LABEL



Gerald Albright—Giving Myself To You

**BLUE NOTE** 

Sonny Fortune—A Better Understanding

Greg Osby-Black Book

CAPITOL

Channel Live-...For The Sport

COLUMBIA

Toshi Kubota—Sunshine, Moonlight

Regina Belle—Reachin' Back

EASTWEST/EEG

Terry Ellis-Where Ever You Are

MCA

Devante-Gin & Juice

MESA/BLUEMOON

Willie And Lobo-Between The Waters

The Jazzhole—And The Feeling Goes Round

MERCURY

Veronica—Without Love

**PRIORITY** 

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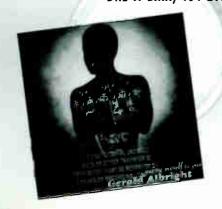
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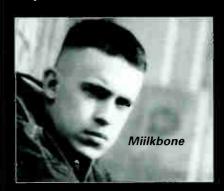


# BLACK

Who: Milkbone

Age: 21

Occupation: Rap Recording Artist



Hometown: Perth Amboy, NJ

Label: Capitol

First Hit Song: "Keep It Real"

Latest Hit Single: "Where'z The Party

New Album: Da' Miilkrate

Early Beginnings: Milk hung out with Biz Markie, Cool V, and Raggedy Man. "We were always in the basement making tapes, working on perfecting our styles," remembers Milkbone.

Influences: Kool G Rap, Naughty By Nature, Rakim. "Nobody could mess with Rakim when he was rockin'," marvels Miilk. "He was so ill; everybody was tryin' to sound like him when I first started rapping."

Most Recently: Milk completed shooting the video for "Where'z The Party At?" Look for it on the Box, BET and MTV soon.

Spot Miilkbone: On A promotional tour with KRS-One and Channel Live, traveling across the country. ⇒ ₹



### TRUSIC Febort

MICHAEL JACKSON

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

EPIC

**BRIAN MCKNIGHT** 

ON THE DOWN LOW

MERCURY

**GROOVE THEORY** 

TELL ME

EPIC

**EX-PRINCE** 

I HATE U

NPG/WB

**PURE SOUL** 

WE MUST BE IN LOVE

STEPSUN/INTERSCOPE



Terry Ellis
"Where Ever You Are"

EastWest/EEG

It didn't take long. With all the rumors about the demise of En Vogue, member Terry Ellis has just released her first solo project, "Where Ever You Are," the first single from her forthcoming album *Southern Gal*. This is a great start for Ellis. The heart-warming track was written and arranged and produced by Foster and McElroy, the same team who were responsible for En Vogue's hits. Ellis' smooth vocal style combined with a laid-back beat are soothing to the ear. If En Vogue never gets back together Terry Ellis has a bright future as a solo artist.



Diana Ross
Take Me Higher

Ross served as executive producer on this project and she assembled a heavyweight production team that included Narada Michael Walden, Babyface, Brenda Russell and Nick Martinelli. On *Take Me Higher* the music ranges from straight-up dance and R&B to pop, going from ballads to midtempo and uptempo tracks. The title cut and first single is actually a classic dance song that was produced by Walden and includes background vocals by Angela Bofill and Patti Austin. Other songs to listen for include a re-make of the '70s club anthem "I Will Survive," "I Thought We Were Still In Love," and "Keep It Right There." *Take Me Higher* is Diana Ross at her best. Fans will not be disappointed. Demos: R&B Fans





### ALBUMS

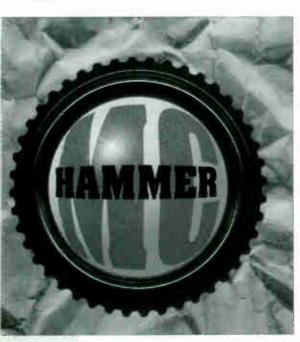


Onyx—All We Got Iz Us—Def Jam—Now a trio after their fourth member went AWOL, Onyx returns after the two-year absence that followed their platinum debut with All We Got Iz Us. The first single, "Live Niggas," gives you exactly what you would expect from Never, Sticky Fingers, and Sonee Seeza—grimy hard-core hip-hop. Although they maintain their raspy style on most of their tracks, they show the versatility of their lyrical style on cuts like "Last Days" and "Purse Snatchers." Other songs to listen for include "What Past Of The Game," "Shout," "Most Def," "Better Off Dead," and "2 Wrongs." The powerful lyrics Onyx kicked on this album are sure to keep them as popular—and as controversial—as ever. Demos: Rap Fans



Solo—Solo—Perspective/A&M—On their self-titled debut, Solo gives the listener more of the New Classic Soul they gave on their first single "Heaven." Darnell, Eunique, Daniele, and Robert put their all in to every track on this very soulful album. Solo worked with Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis on the majority of the tracks. Tune into "Back 2 Da Street," "It's Such A Shame," "Where Do You Want Me To Put It," and a inspiration remake of the Sam Cooke classic "A Change Is Gonna Come." In fact, there are more than a couple of snippets of Cooke songs on the LP. If this debut is any indication of their talent, we'll be hearing a lot from these young men in the future. Demos: R&B Fans

### SINGLES



M.C. Hammer—"Sultry Funk"—Giant/WB—Hammer's back, this time with the M.C. reattached to his name. The West Coast flava that Hammer implemented on his last album is back in full force on this cut. On it, he's joined by WMF, who perfectly compliment Hammer's rapping style. Their addition make for a fresh sound. All of this combined with the very innovative style of Hammer, spell success for the debut single from his upcoming *V Inside Out* CD. Demos: Rap Fans.

### **BLACKstreet F/ SWV and Craig Mack—**

"Tonight's The Night" (Remix)—Interscope/AG—The remix version of this track kicks some additional flavor with the voices of Craig Mack and SWV. It's a laid-back groove that will have heads swaying. The remix and the original were both produced by Teddy Riley. BLACKstreet's smooth vocal style combined with the sultry sounds of SWV make for a track that's destined to have radio stations all over it. Demos: R&B Fans

### SUPERMOT

The father and son duo of **Eddie & Gerald Levert** have the hottest song at radio this week with "Already Missing You" on the EastWest label from their forthcoming Father & Son album. It's being added at WZFX, WWWZ, WPEG, WNAA, WPAL, WJFX, WKKV, WTLC, KBCE, KIPR, KFXZ, KCOH, WOWI, WQQK, WRKE, WEDR, WIBB, WFXA, KMJK, WDAS, WUSZ, WBLS, WABO, WROU, WCKX.

The second single from Monica, "Like This And Like That," on Dallas Austin's Arista-distributed Rowdy label is burning up the airwaves at WPEG, WQMG, WWDM, WPAL, KIPR, KFXZ, WJMG, KIIZ, WRKE, WJTT, WEUP, WBLX, WEAS, WENN, WFXA, WROU, WCKX, WZAK.

Michael Jackson's nephews **3T** make their debut on his MJJ/Epic label with their single "Anything" getting adds at stations such as WAAA, WPEG, WQMG, WRNB, WKKV, WTLC, KIPR, KFXZ, KCOH, WOWI, WJTT, WBLK, WYBC, WBLS.

The "Boss" is back as

Diana Ross makes her
return on Motown with
"Take Me Higher" receiving
adds at WRVS, WPEG,
WWDM, WPAL, KBCE,
KJCB, KFXZ, WJMG, WEDR,
WEUP, WEAS.

New Columbia recording artists **Asante** are making noise on the radio airwaves with their debut single "Look What You've Done" receiving adds at WQMG, WWWZ, WPAL, WKKV, KMOJ, WTLC, KBCE, KFXZ, WCKX, WLOU.

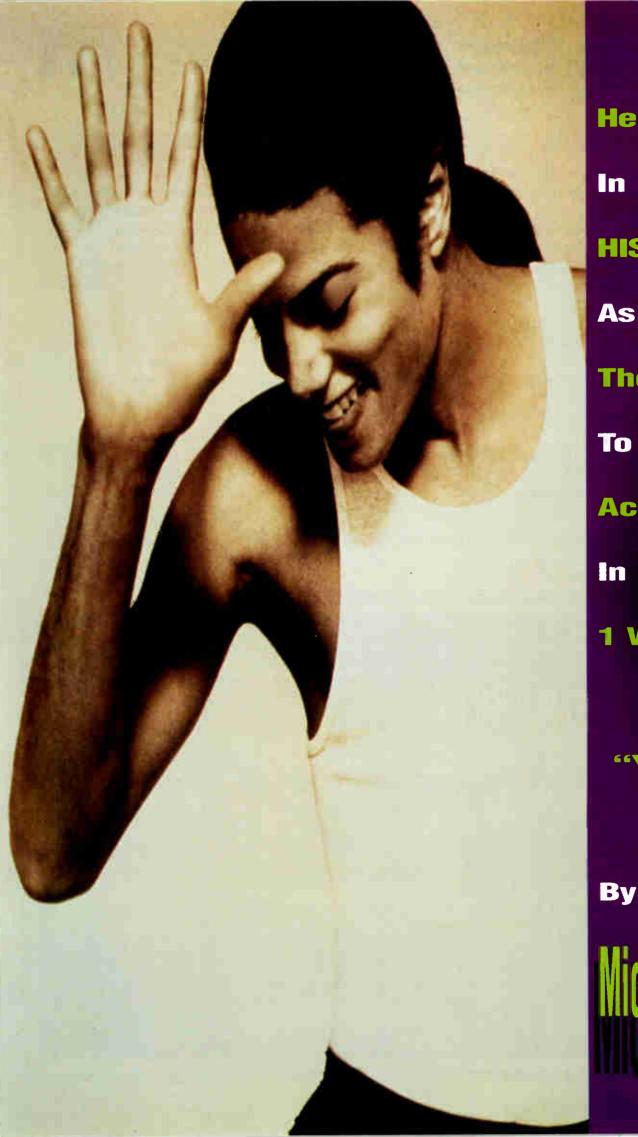




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	7 13	XSCAPE, Feels So Good (So So Def/Columbia)	87 78 11 BONE THUGS-N-HARMONY, 1st Of Tha (Ruthless/Relativi
	8 10	DOVE SHACK, Bomb Drop (G-Funk/RAL/Island)	33 ☆☆ ♥♥ D'ANGELO, Cruisin' (EMI)
	9 9	MACK 10, Foe Life (Priority)	③ ☆☆ ⊙ UNV, What's It Like (Maverick/WB)
	8 0	MONTELL JORDAN, Somethin' 4 Da Honeyz(PMP/RAL)	90 90 10 SOUNDS OF BLACKNESS, Black Butterfly (Perspective/A&M)
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_	8 4	TINA MOORE, All I Can Do (Street Life/Scotti Bros.)	94 42 12 COZETTE MORGAN, All Out Of Love (Nina)
	5 10	KEITH MARTIN, Moment In Time (Columbia)	95 89 6 SKILLZ, Just For My Man (Raging Bull)96
46 40		JODY WATLEY, Affection (Avitone/Bellmark)	96 65 8 MADONNA, Human Nature (Maverick/WB)
5		SUPERCAT, Girlstown (Columbia)	97 97 17 TLC, Waterfalls (LaFace/Arista)
	9 12	PATRA, Pull Up To The Bumper (550 Music/Epic)	98 86 12 BARRY WHITE, There It Is (A&M)
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TW	LW	WOC	ARTIST + TITLE + LABEL	TW EW	WOC	ARTIST & TITLE & LABEL
1	3	9	MICHAEL JACKSON, HIStory, Past, Present, And Future, Book 1 (Epic)	<b>2</b> 1	6	GURU, JAZZMATAZZ Vol. 11 (Chrysalis/EMI)
2	3	3	BRIAN MCKNIGHT, I Remember You (Mercury)	<b>2</b> 29	3	PATRA, Scent Of Attraction (550 Music/Epic)
3	5	7	AFTER 7, Reflections (Virgin)	23 19	8	SOUTH CIRCLE, Anotha Day Anotha Balla (Suave/Relativity)
4	2	7	XSCAPE, Off The Hook (So So Def/Columbia)	<b>2</b> 35	3	WILLIAM BECTON & FRIENDS, Broken (Intersound)
0	6	7	JODECI, The Show, The After Party, The Hotel (Uptown/MCA)	25 23	12	NOTORIOUS B.I.G., Ready To Die (Bad Boy/Arista)
0	7	10	IMPROMP2, You're Gonna Love It (MoJAZZ)	26 26	6	5TH WARD JUVENILZ, Deadly Groundz (Underground/R-A-L)
O	8	5	RAEKWON THE CHEF, Only Built For Cuban Linx (Loud/RCA)	27 27	36	BOYZ II MEN, II (Motown)
Ŏ	10	6	MONICA, Miss Thang, (Rowdy/Arista)	28 28	16	MONTELL JORDAN, This Is How We Do It PMP/RAL)
9	9	6	BONE THUGS-N-HARMONY, E. 1999 Eternal (Ruthless/Relativity)	<b>29</b> 32	3	MARY J. BLIGE, My Life (Uptown/MCA)
10	4	5	DANGEROUS MINDS, Soundtrack (MCA)	30 30	3	BG KNOCCOUT & DRESTA, Real Brothas (Outburst/Work/Columbia
11	11	9	SKEE-LO, I Wish (Sunshine/Scotti Bros.)	31 31	26	BROWNSTONE, From The Bottom Up (MJJ/Epic)
Ø	12	10	TONY THOMPSON, Sexsational (Giant/WB)	<b>37</b> 37	3	KIRK FRANKLIN & THE FAMILY, Kirk Franklin &(Gospocentric)
Ď	15	27	BRANDY, Brandy (Atlantic)	33 33	16	THE WHISPERS, Toast To The Ladies (Capitol)
14	14	3	VARIOUS, The Show Soundtrack, (Def Jam/RAL/Island)	34 34	10	MOKENSTEF, Azz Izz (Outburst/RAL)
15	13	8	D'ANGELO, Brown Sugar (EMI)	35 22	26	TLC, CrazySexyCool (LaFace/Arista)
16	16	9	LUNIZ, Operation Stackola (Noo Trybe/Virgin)	36 36	1.8	KUT KLOSE, Surrender (Keia/EEG)
17	17	8	BUSHWICK BILL, Phantom Of The Rapra(Rap-A-Lot/NooTrybe/Virgin)	3 38	3	AL GREEN, Greatest Hits (The Right Stuff/Capitol)
18	18	11	NAUGHTY BY NATURE, Poverty's Paradise (Tommy Boy)	38 39	11	INCOGNITO, 100 Degrees And Rising (Verve/Forecast/Talkin' Loud
19	19	8	SHAGGY, Boombastic (Virgin)	39 40	2	GARY TAYLOR, The Mood Of Midnight (Morning Crew Records)
20	25	6	WAYMAN TISDALE, Power Foward (MoJAZZ/Motown)	40 13	12	JON B., Bonafide (YabYum/Sony 550)

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### **₩ ₩ ARTIST • TITLE • LABEL**

- 1 2 JON HENDRICKS AND THE ALLSTARS, Boppin' at The Blue ... (Telarc Int.)
- 2 5 DIANNE REEVES, Quiet After The Storm (Blue Note)
- 3 1 ROY HARGROVE, Family (Verve)
- 4 4 JIMMY SMITH, Damn! (Verve)
- 5 3 TERENCE BLANCHARD, Romantic Defiance (Columbia)
- 6 8 MILT JACKSON, Burnin' In The Wood House (Quest/Reprise)
- 7 7 KENNY GARRETT, Trilogy (WB)
- 8 6 MARCUS PRINTUP, Song for The Beautiful Woman (Blue Note)
- 9 9 TANAREID, Looking Foward (Evidence)
- 10 10 STANLEY TURRENTINE, T-Time (Music Masters)
- 11 11 T.S. MONK III, The Charm (Blue Note)
- 12 12 MODERN JAZZ QUARTET, Dedicated To Connie (Atlantic)
- 13 13 TITO PUENTE, Tito's Idea (Tropijazz)
- 14 14 ABBEY LINCOLN, A Turtle's Dream (Verve)
- 15 15 DR. JOHN, Afterglow (Blue Thumb)
- 16 16 KEITH JARRETT TRIO, Standards In Norway (ECM)
- 17 17 CHARLIE HUNTER TRIO, Bing, Bing, Bing (Blue Note)
- 18 18 ETTA JAMES, Time After Time (Private Music)
- 19 19 WALLACE RONEY, Munchin' (Muse)
- 20 20 ARTURO SANDOVAL, The Latin Train (GRP)



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### CONTEMPORARY JAZZ

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### **W** W ARTIST ◆ TITLE ◆ LABEL

- 1 1 KIRK WHALUM, In This Life (Columbia)
- 2 3 ISAAC HAYES, Branded/Raw & Refined (Point Blank/Virgin)
- 3 2 RICK BRAUN, Beat Street (Bluemoon)
- 4 4 RAY OBEIDO, Zulaya (Windam Hill)
- 5 10 WAYMAN TISDALE, Power Foward (MoJAZZ/Motown)
- 6 10 ROY AYERS, Naste (Groovetown/RCA)
- 7 5 THE JAZZMASTERS F/PAUL HARDCASTLE, The Jazzmasters (JVC)
- 8 8 EVAN MARKS, Long Way Home (Verve/Forecast)
- 9 7 NEAL SCHON, Beyond The Thunder (Higher/Octave)=
- 10 9 INCOGNITO, 100 Degress And Rising (Verve Forecast/Talkin' Loud)
- 11 11 SLIM MAN, End Of The Rainbow (GES)
- 12 12 HERBIE HANCOCK, Dis Is A Drum (Mercury)
- 13 13 MARION MEADOWS, Body Rhythm (RCA)
- 14 14 BRIAN CULBERTSON, Modern Life (Bluemoon)
- 15 15 KEVIN TONEY, Pastel Mood (Ichiban)
- 16 16 KEIKO MATSUI, Sapphire (White Cat/Unity)
- 17 17 AARON NEVILLE, The Tatooed Heart (A&M)
- 18 18 URBAN KNIGHTS, Urban Knights (GRP)
- 19 19 GARY TAYLOR, The Mood Of Midnight (Morning Crew Records)
- 20 20 LEE RITENOUR & LARRY CARLTON, Larry & Lee (GRP)



### **Not A Quiet Year**

Atlantic Jazz recording artist **James Carter** recently celebrated the release of his new album, *The Real Quietstorm*, with a per-

formance at the legendary Village
Vanguard in NY's Greenwich Village.
Besides the album, also this year
Carter received a \$50,000 arts grant
from Cal-Arts and the Herb Albert
Foundation in recognition of having
such great artistic impact so early in
his career. And, Carater just wrapped
filing of an upcoming Robert Altman
feature tentatively tilted "Kansas City."
In it, he portrays saxophonist Ben
Webster. Carter also recorded on the soundtrack. Both are scheduled for release by mid-'96.

Here he poses with Atlantic Records CEO/founder **Ahmet Ertegun** (left) at the Village Vanguard.

### **Keys of Life**

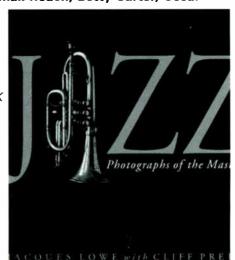
EMI recording artist saxophonist **Najee** has been in the studio of late recording his next project, *Songs In The Key of Life*, which is Najee's interpretation of Stevie Wonder's '70s classic LP. Look for a release date in fall '95. Here Najee is flanked by bass players/producers **Stanley Clarke** (left) and **George Duke**, who is the producer of *Songs*.



### **Capturing The Masters**

Artisan Publishing is set to release Jazz: Photographs Of The Masters by renowned photographer Jacques Lowe with Cliff Preiss. The collection features some 200 photos of such great jazz masters as Sonny Rollins, Max Roach, Betty Carter, Oscar

Peterson, and Wayne
Shorter. Jazz also include
introductory essays by
Boston Globe jazz contributor Bob Blumenthal that
traces the development of
jazz. Lowe also authored JFK
Remembered: A Tribute By
His Personal Photographer
for Random House. Preiss is
host of WKCR's "Jazz
Alternatives" in New York
City.





# MUSic Reviews

Singles

### **Channel Live**

"...For The Sport Of It" Capitol

listen as he takes you on a tour of the streets of South Central Los Angeles and beyond. Look for the single to blow up the airwaves near you soon. Demos: Rap Fans. -JS

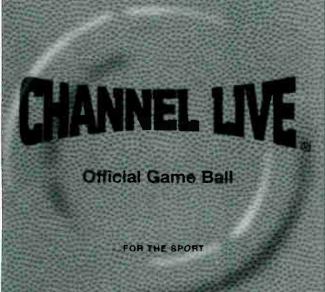
Warren Robinson, Will Townsend, and Andre Zachary make up the new group Asante, whose Swahili name means "thank you." "Look what You've Done" is a mellow groove that showcases their vocal harmonies. Urban radio stations are quickly catching on to this track.

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### **Asante**

"Look What You've Done" Columbia



forthcoming debut album, Asante Mode, to follow on the success this single is destined to have. Demos: R&B Fans. -JS STEREO 32-09

Look for

The third release from their debut album Station Identification, "...For The Sport Of It," is a midtempo track that offers a lighthearted look at sex and the chase that leads up to it, by comparing sex to a sporting event. The interesting use of lyrics make it known that Hakim and Tuffy are one of the best duos on the hip-hop scene in '95. Check for the remix (on wax only) for even more dope lyrics. Demos: Rap Fans. - Jerry Sawyer

### **Davince**

"Simplistic Funk" Veragon

Davince is the first artist on L.A.-based Veragon Music. His debut single. "Simplistic Funk," from his forthcoming album Give Me A Minute gives the listener just a taste of West Coast flava at its finest. The track makes you sit back and





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### **Mad Lion**

"Real Ting" Nervous

"Real Ting" is a dancehall cut with a topic that has always appealed to fans of reggae, and has recently become just as popular in today's now chronic hip-hop culture. This song will surely have a crossover appeal reaching fans of both genres. The track is really funky. With the breakdown sandwiched in the middle of the song, it teases the listener to the track's end. Mad Lion's rough vocal style is perfectly complimented by the smooth accompanying vocals. Demos: Dancehall/Hip-Hop Fans. —JS

### Albums

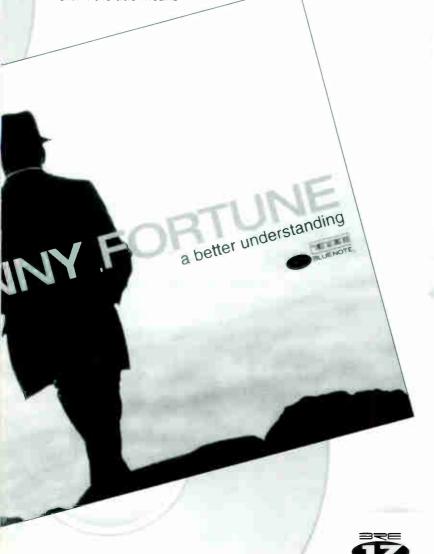
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### **Sonny Fortune**

A Better Understanding Blue Note

On A Better Understanding Sonny Fortune worked with such artists as bassist Wayne Dockery, drummer Billy Hart, and pianist Kenny Barron, among oth-

ers. If the title means



that Fortune has a better understanding of his music then it's definitely aptly named. His alto saxophone combined with the other instruments featured make for a smooth blend on all of the album's nine tracks, which are original compositions by Fortune. Tracks to listen for include "Mind Games," "Awakening," and "Tribute To A Holiday." If you're looking for solid jazz but with an updated appeal, this is an album for your collection. It has energy, skilled musicians, and great grooves. Demos: Jazz Fans. -JS

### Joshua Redman Quartet

Spirit Of The Moment- Live At The Village Vanguard WB



Besides popular contemporary jazz saxophonist Joshua Redman, this collection features Peter Martin on piano, Christopher Thomas on bass, and Brian Blade on drums. *Live At The Village Vanguard* is actually two CDs and includes some of the best live jazz you'll hear today. The quartet has an extremely smooth style that invites the listener inside each track making you feel as if you were a part of the audience. Very infectious music from Redman. Demos: Jazz Fans. —JS





# IVORYS NOTES

### "R" Is For Racism

wo record company executives at Le Dome, Los Angeles' perennial music biz hangout, were in the men's room talking about what everyone else upstairs in the dining room must have discussed at some point that night as well. Indeed, the Mark Fuhrman episode of the O.J. Simpson saga had actually

reached threatening to polarize a whole city.

"It's hearing stuff like that [the contents of the Fuhrman tapes] that makes me glad I work in this [the music] business," said one.

His friend agreed.
"Yeah, I bring a lot of
shit home to my wife,
but never that. I think
my mother-in-law finally is beginning to
understand why I work

in entertainment rather than City Hall or the rest of corporate America. Things are just different."

Are they? Perhaps those two gentlemen, who happened to be white, truly have never witnessed that certain ugliness in the music business. Their overhead conversation seemed to imply that entertainment is too open, too creative, too *progressive* an industry to harbor prejudice on any significant level.

Though it is difficult to believe, perhaps those guys, whose Armani jackets and Presidential Rolex watches reflected the fat salaries of major-label execs, have never been in a company meeting where a

woman in the room whether she was an assistant, an artist, attorney, manager, or company exec was treated by men as if she were literally, pun intended, the odd man out, spoken over and around.

Maybe they'd really never seen a "black" record sell enough units that it magically morphed into a "pop" record, with the pop promotion and PR department taking over the reins, and, of course, total credit for the record's success as well.

Chances are good those two honestly don't know that in the eyes of many black entertainers, there are two kinds of deals the one given to black acts, and the fabled "white boy deal," where the artist gets respectable money up front and a contract that calls for him to be treated, well, like an *artist*. And of course, they probably never knew the frustration a good black manager or lawyer goes through in attempting to convince black acts that he

or she  $\ensuremath{\textit{can}}$  negotiate such a deal, if simply given the opportunity.

It is quite possible that these men have never seen the biggest act on a label be treated by an executive with evil spite simply because the act was black, white, long-haired, gay or lesbian. Maybe they really don't know that, to some folks in this business, someone like **Michael Jackson** or **Whitney Houston**, despite extraordinary successes that put food on many tables and Mercedes Benzes in many garages, are viewed as nothing more than, well, you know, the "N" word.

If those downstairs in Le Dome's men's rooms truly haven't seen racism and prejudice in the music business, then they are either real lucky or innocently ignorant. Because, Lord knows, it's there.

Meanwhile Back At The Ranch: Speaking of such things, you gotta love Alan Leigh's column in BRE, "In Other Media," but after watching the Emmy Awards on TV the other night, it's a wonder he finds anything to write about. Except for a few faces of color—most of those being to actors—television, from the writing and directing of it to production, is mostly white and male. Remarkable...The new P.M. Dawn Gee Street/Island album Jesus Wept, is a wonderful, seamless meld of what I call Hippie

pop and R&B. Melodic and funky, the duo have practically created a record for all formats. Check it out...In a deal done at zero hour, Silas records looks as if it will remain at MCA after all...Over at Sony 550, folks are excited about that new young singer Tami Hert...Motown having acquired access to Clarence Avant's Tabu Label catalog when he became Motown chairman, is readying a greatest hits package on the S.O.S. Band, which has reformed and is on the road...Speaking of reunions, Kool And The Gang, including J.T. Taylor, sounded better

than ever during a recent "Today Show" appearance...Respects to the family and fans of **Bobby DeBarge**, whose AIDS-related death last month seems nothing more than a footnote in pop/R&B history. Fact is, as a singer, songwriter and keyboardist, the elder DeBarge paved the way for the rest of the DeBarge siblings. Etterlene DeBarge, the family's mother, once told me, "Bobby's got more talent in his little finger than all my kids put together." She said this not out of disre-

spect for the rest, but simply to emphasize Bobby's tremendous potential. A troubled life, including drug abuse and prison time, all

served to smother a brilliant talent.









# VIJEU VISIO

### BRE VIDEO REVIEW

### **Diana Ross**

"Take Me Higher" Motown Records

**Director: Barry Maguire** 

We love you Diana! But your director didn't. This is what happens when you use the wrong director for an artist. Someone was asleep at the wheel when they let Diana Ross get sold on a clip like this. This video is so bad it's hard to dec ded just how to begin with what didn't work. Diana, you



need a clip that

looks like the Nineties, not one with the feel and look of the early Eighties. Diana, remember you're the "Boss!"



1. Dana Dane Chester Moverick

BRE TOP

Dir: Jake Scott

2. TLC "Waterfalls LaFace/Arista Dir: F. Gary Gray

3. Michael Jackson/ Janet Jackson

"Scream"

Dir: Mork Romanek

4. Seal

"Kiss From A Rose" Worner Bros./Atlantic Records

Dir: Joel Schumocher

5. Coolie

"Gangsta's Paradise"

Dir: Antoine Fuquo

6. Skee-Lo

"I Wish" Sunshine/Scotti Brothers

Dir: Mark Thomas

7. Michael Jackson You Are Not Alone

Dir: Woyne Isl om

8. D'Angelo Brown Sugar'

Dir: Brett Romer

"I Could Fall In Love"

Dir: Wilson/Kethe

10.Solo "Heaver"
Perspective Recods/A&M

Dir: Pom Thomas

### of the WEEK

### Mavsa

"What About Our Love" Blue Thumb Records

**Director: Keith Ward** 

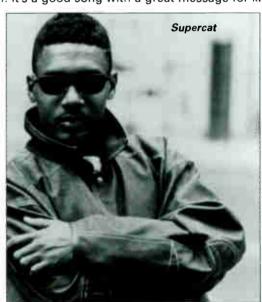
Have you ever found yourself sitting in a coffee shop reminiscing about the loves of your life. That's the idea benind Ward's clip for Maysa's melancholy single "What About Our Love." The cropped images complements Maysa's vocals as she's seen seated alone in a empty diner in New York. The idea isn't a new one, but with just enough new twists this one works. It tags on your emotions, leaving you feeling empty and sad.



TLC, TLC, TLC, Repeat after me—TLC. They were the big winners at the recent MTV Music Video Awards.



They took home the top honors: "Best Video of the Year," "Best Group Video of the Year," "Best R&B Video of the Year." The "Waterfalls" video director F. Gary Gray, is of course, to be congratulated as well (besides the TLC trophies Gray also won "Best Rap Video" for Dr. Dre's "Keep Their Heads Ringin'"). To beat Michael Jackson out you have to know your stuff. It's a good song with a great message for kids,



from the detrimental outcome of drug dealing to the possibility of contracting AIDS from practicing unsafe sex...Supercat and director Guy Guillet shot the Columbia artist's new video "Girlstown," the first track off his upcoming second album, The Struggle Continues. ⇒=



### Mack 10 Goes Gold

Priority recording artist Mack 10's selftitled debut LP has gone gold, selling over

500,000 units. In celebration Priority has sent out "African Express" cards that look an awful lot like gold American Express cards...This past Labor Day weekend, Kay Gee of Naughty By Nature

held a party at Boogieland (Kay Gee's home). One of the many festivities was a basketball tournament between Bad Boy Entertainment, Walker Wear, Illtown, and others. There were celebrities in the house including Mike Tyson, basketball player Chris Weber...Rowdy recording artist Jamal, formerly of the rap group Illegal, has dropped his solo debut LP, Last Chance No Breaks. The first single. "Fade Em' All," was produced by Redman



and will be

released in

October...At

the Vibe

Seminar

**Erick** 

last month

Sermon.

formerly of

EPMD, said that EPMD will be reuniting. Since the breakup, Sermon has gone on to record his first solo project,

No Pressure, that eventually went gold. Now he's back on deck for the fall season, releasing his next LP entitled Double Or Nothin'. Parrish Smith started his own label,

> PMD. But it was eventually dropped from RCA. Now he's concentrating primarily on managing Das EFX, who are promoting their latest LP, Hold It Down...KRS-

One just left L.A. on his way back to New York. He's traveling by tour bus because he doesn't like flying. His single "M.C.'s Act Like They Don't Know" is blowing up on the mix shows...Wild West recording artist SupHerb recently did a show in San Diego with Craig Mack. And the week before that he performed in Orange County, CA., It's all to promote his soon-todrop LP. Look for it this fall... New Orleans

Mack 10

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### UNDERGROUND TOP 1

### 1. Various Artists

The Show Mavie Soundtrack Def Jam/PolyGram

### 2. Raekwon

Only Built 4 Cuban Lynx Loud/RCA

### 3. Junior M.A.F.I.A.

Conspiracy Undeas/Big Beat/Atlantic

### 4. Bone Thugs-N-Hormony

E. 1999 Eternol Ruthless/Relativity/Sony

### 5. Luniz

Operation Stockola C-Note/Noo Trybe/Virgin

### 6. Mobb Deep

The Infamous Loud/RCA

### 7. Mad CJ Mac

True Game Rap-A-Lot/Noo Trybe/Virgin

### 8. Mack 10

Mack 10 Priority

### 9. Das EFX

Hold It Down EastWest/EEG

### 10. Masta ACE Incorporated

Sittin' On Chrome Delicious Vinyl/Capitol

### Pick Of The WE

### **SupHerb** 90008 Wild West/American

The first single coming from this South Central native is bumpin' in jeeps and on the streets. It's radio friendly but also describes life in the hood. through SupHerb's eyes.



The lyrics are painting a real picture of, as he puts it, "hellified earthquakes and the high \*ss murder rates." Produced by label mates the Nonce, the track will make your neck move. On the flip side is "Born On Parole," more of an underground track. SupHerb uses this side to represent his irrical skills on the mic.

### **Brian's Knight** At CLUB BRE

Friday afternoon EastWest recording artists Das EFX stopped by the BRE offices and gave us some insight into their new album Hold It Down. "Buck Buck" a track on their latest CD was recorded live in a basement with Krazy and Books freestyling. They also have an underground track that didn't make the album because of a sample that didn't



clear. Books let us know that it was from the hit 70 's TV show S.W.A.T.. Later that night they performed at the SIR Theater in Hollywood. Das put on a great show, they had the house jumping up and down and bob-

bing their heads to old and new tracks...Saturday and Sunday Los Angeles area radio station KKBT held a tribute to rapper Eric "Eazy E" Wright. The show which was put together by The Poetess included interviews with Ice Cube, Dr. DRE, and D.J. Yella to name a few. The interviews gave insight into Eazy's last days, the plans for an NWA reunion, and his plans for a double album which is still slated for release...Sunday evening Mercury recording artist Brian McKnight performed at Club BRE. All of McKnight's female fans came out to a packed house to see McKnight perform cuts from his first album, and of course his latest album I Remember You. His performance included renditions of "Crazy Love", and his latest hit single "On The Down Low." McKnight proved why his is one of the best R&B vocalists out there today sounding as good live as he does on tape. Celebrities on hand included Sally Richardson, Sheila E., Ron Harper of The Chicago Bulls, and Nick Van Excel and Eddie Jones of The Los Angeles Lakers. BRE would like to thank all of those who participated for making the evening a rousing success.



ALAN LEIGH

Vanessa

Williams

### **Cosby Back On Big Screen**

HOLLYWOOD—After announcing he's heading back towards series television with plans for a new sitcom, Bill Cosby has joined the cast of "Jack," a feature film starring Robin Williams for Hollywood Pictures. "Jack" is

the story of a young boy born in 1985 whose

body ages four times as fast as his mind. Cos will portray the boy's tutor. Cosby last feature film appearance was a cameo in "Meteor Man" in '93. His salary for "Jack" is said to be in the \$500,000 range...

Vanessa Williams, who proved her acting mettle on Broadway in Kiss of the Spider Woman, has been cast in the female lead/love interest opposite Arnold Schwarzenegger in "Eraser," for Warner Bros. Williams already has the CBS miniseries "Nothing Lasts Forever" in the can, as well as a tele-remake of the musical Bye Bye Birdie...

There's been some misconception that Nia Peeples is replacing Robin Givens in the new CBS series "Courthouse." T'ain't so. Peeples will portray the series' public defender character, which Givens portraved in the pilot, but Givens will remain

Bill Cosby

with the cast, shifting to a new character, that of a criminal investigator. This allows Givens

to be out of the courtroom and into the streets more, giving her a more diverse palate of activities

Anita Addison has been named vp, drama development, for CBS Entertainment. She was a producer-director with Warner Bros. during the period Leslie Moonves was president there. Now he heads CBS and has brought her along. Addison formerly was sr vp of dramatic development at Lorimar, working under Moonves. She has been executive producer of the series "Sisters," and directed the telefeature "There Are No Children Here"...

Herman Williams has been named executive producer of "The Charles Perez Show," where he had been supervising producer since the show premiered earlier this year. Williams is the brother of talk show host

and actor Montel Williams. This is not the first time a brother of a talk show host has worked behind-the-scenes for another talk show host. For many vears Dick Carson, brother of Johnny Carson, was the director of "The Merv Griffin Show." And, in case your won-

> Herman Williams has shorn his locks...

dering, like Montel,

Word is KTLA Los Angeles, which has devoted its entire daytime schedule to the O.J.

Simpson trial since it began, will be covering the trial of

Snoop Doggy Dog when

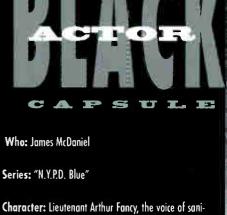
that commences. The station, which is owned by Tribune, is planning to pre-

miere "Guilty or Innocent," a morning show devoted to covering trials after Simpson...De Passe Entertainment, headed by Suzanne de Passe, has acquired the rights to the first two mysteries in a series by Carolina Garcia-Aquilera, which feature a female private investigator working in Miami. De Passe

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	OFFICE			
Film	Weekend/Per Screen	To Date		
1. To Wong Foo	\$9M/\$6,970	S9M		
2. Crimson Tide	\$222T/\$655	\$91M		
3. Operation Dumbo Dro	p \$135T/\$717	\$22.5M		
4. The Show	\$122T/\$732	\$2.5M		
5. Virtuosity	\$1117/\$502	\$23.4M		



ty amid the often-insane atmosphere of the New York City police department. James McDaniel **About The** Man: McDaniel



hails from Washington, DC, and attended the University of Pennsylvania to study veterinary medicine. But with no job waiting and S600 in his

pocket, McDaniel jumped into his Chevy Vega and headed to new York. Acting had been something he always wanted to do. In NY, he studied voice and dance before landing his first job in a Pepsi commercial. McDaniel makes L.A. his home with his wife (whom he married on stage after a performance of A Soldier's Play at the Negro Ensemble Co.), and their two sons, Dorian and Evan.

Role Reversal: McDaniel says of his character's changes through the seasons, "he's learned to relax, to take a few more chances. When we first began, Lt. Fancy was by-the-book and uptight, aware of racial tensions in the precinct as well as his own youth and perceived inexperience. Me reminds me of my grandfather, one of those stoic individuals who spoke very softly, but all the kids knew not to cross him."

Seen Before: Over the years, McDaniel has appeared on several series, from "Gabriel's Fire" and "A Man Called Hawk" to "Kate and Allie" and "Hill Street Blues." And in the films, "Malcolm X," "Strictly Business," "Crack In The Mirror" and Woody Allen's "Alice." McDaniel was nominated for a Drama Desk Award for his work the Broadway play Six Degrees of Separation and received an Obie for his stage work in Before It Hits Home.

No To O.J.: McDaniel had been offered the part of O.J. Simpson in the TV movie about the fallen sports start, but turned it down. "It's one of the most dramatic stories to be told, a present-day Othello," he says. "I would have loved to do it, but it's too early. This story is too far from its final outcome. For me, being first is not enough."







### Getting To Know Each Other

Jon Secada and Shanice have teamed up for the "Pocahontas" duet "If I Never Knew You," the second cut to be released from the film's soundtrack. The single was released on Sept. 5 on Hollywood Records.

### Blind Boys Sighting

The Blind Boys recently performed to a show-out crowd at the House of Blues in support of their first ever live album, I Brought Him With Me on House of Blues Music Co. Pictured here are (L-R): Ron McCarrell (gm HOB Music), Giulio Proietto (sr vp of finance and business affairs), Richard Cervera (pres/co-CEO HOB), Ron Goldstein (pres/CEO Private Music), Clarence Fountain (lead singer of BB), Jimmy Carter (BB), Kevin Morrow (BB mgr), and George Scott (BB)



# White Son

### **Priority Gets Rhythm**

Priority Records has inked a production deal with producer/artist Rhythm D, who has worked with Eazy-E, Paperboy, and Bone Thugs 'N Harmony. Rhythm will work up-coming Priority groups Me & My Cousin and Intense Method. Here at the table sealing the deal are Virgil Roberts Esq., Rhythm D., Priority's Bryan Turner, and Fred Ansis Esq.







### Talking Soul II Soul With Jazzie B

azzie B's been waiting. Waiting for the birth of his second child due any day now, waiting for the release of his other "baby," Soul II Soul's latest album on Virgin, Believe: Volume 5, due out next week. Jazzie's been waiting a bit longer, though, for the world, particularly America, to catch up to his eclectic musical outlook. "Sure there's a trans-Atlantic delay," says Jazzie from his office in Camden, London, where under two stories he houses three studios, a production suite and his central work space. "But the delay goes both ways. While it's been hard to work records in America, the same goes here, where there really wasn't any outlet like Soul II Soul before we started."

It was back in the early '80s that the Soul II Soul concept emerged. Jazzie (Beresford Romeo) was an avid clubgoer, hanging out with a clique of like-minded music lovers in North London. One of those was school friend Philip "Daddae" Harvey. By '82, Jazzie & Co. pooled their resources and opened a store in Camden selling clothes, sound equipment and, of course, records. The store's no more but the clothes line remains, with a mix of designs.

"As long as we can turn a few heads, I don't mind being the underdog."

"We're working our Windsor Collection now for October. We'll stick to suede and leather after that," says Jazzie. "We use different designers and sell to boutiques."

It was the introduction of the store that the "Funki Dred" lifestyle began to develop. The store soon became a haven for area vocalists and musicians. As the concept grew, Jazzie created a musical collective in which he as producer brought together vocalists and musicians. The result was the group's U.S. debut album, Keep On Movin' in spring '89. It marked the U.S.'s first British soul invasion and introduced the world to the fusion—blending American R&B, jazz, Caribbean dub, reggae, West African drums, even hip hop—vision of Jazzie B and the outstanding vocals of Caron Wheeler, who fronted on hits such as "Back To Life," the title track, "Keep On Movin'," and "Fair Play." It opened a floodgate allowing numerous British soul groups to flow through the American market.

Since Soul II Soul was a collective, its members come and go. Following Keep On Movin', Wheeler went onto to record solo projects for EMI. Soul II Soul resurfaced with Volume II—1990—A New Decade the next year, followed by Just Right in '92. A fourth album, a collection of hit singles, was released only in Europe. In the process, Soul II Soul racked up two Grammy Awards, three nods from Soul Train, gold and platinum singles while changing the face of both the British and American music scenes. "It's hard when you're a pioneer, and I use that term loosely," says Jazzie. "When something's new



### By ANN L. BROWN

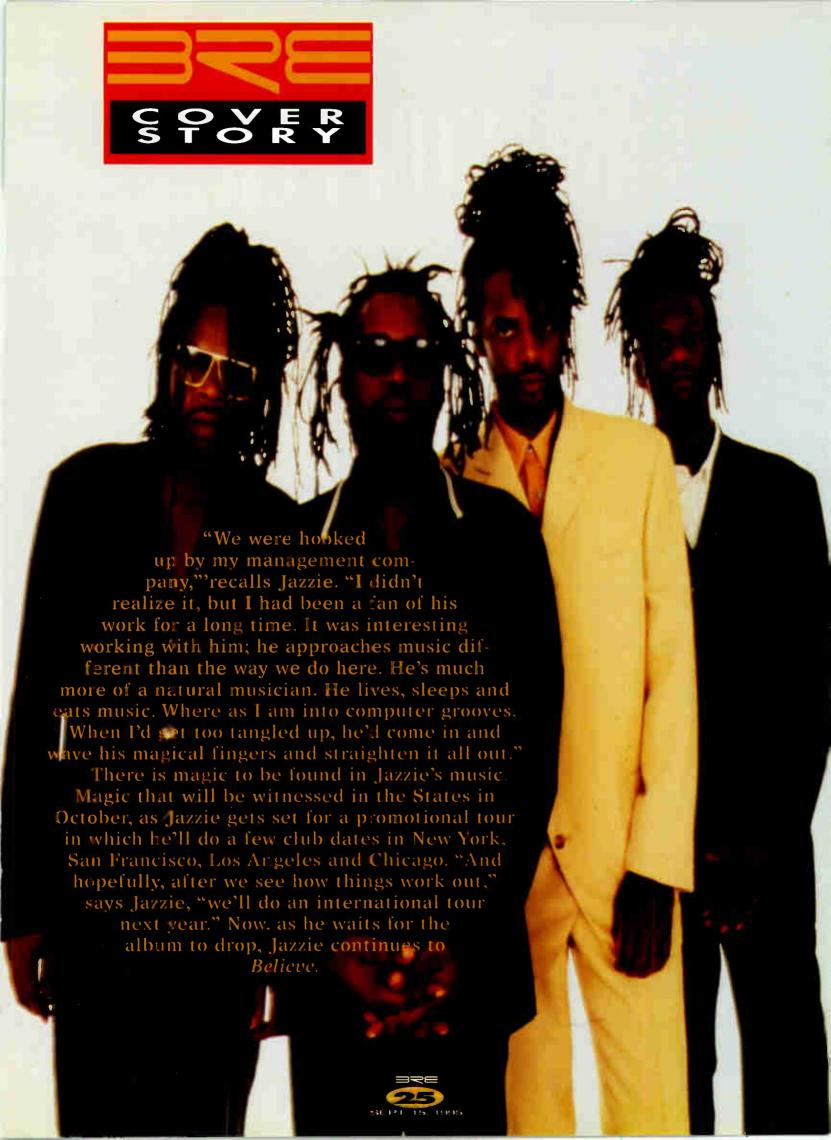
it's hard for people to catch on. Before Soul II Soul there wasn't anything like it here. And it's hard, still sometimes, to get people to understand until they see the end product. From the record company standpoint, I think things have evolved, after they see there is economic gair in this music for them. But here, it's still different than America, where you have more young black execs in charge. Who may better understand your vision. But as long as we can continue to turn a few heads, I don't mind being the underdog."

Jazzie's vision remains futuristic. "I'm trying to go into the 21st Century," he says, "and I think 'Love Enuff' is taking it to that level." It's also the first single from the group's forthcoming LP and it's being added at radio stations across the country. The song debuted at 88 on the BRE singles thart, jumping up 12 notches its second week. On the cut is vocalist Penny Ford of Snap fame. "We're mixing a very Eastern sound with Western style," says Jazzie, "which is something people said shouldn't be done—that the two don't mix. But I think we've come up with something's that's very pleasant to the ear."

The whole album continues Soul II Soul's global allure, driven by the music of the world. Again it comes down to the Soul II Soul credo: "a happy face/-humping bass/for a loving race." Take a listen to the ambitious and inspiring "Universal," which calls for unity across the world. "Being A Man" tackles the issue of responsibility. "The song started out addressing the problem of men not owning up to their responsibilities in our culture," explains Jazzzie. "But it's really a question of adults acting as adults, paving the way for the future. It's really a serious issue for the world." The gentle ballad is sung by veteran Soul II Souler Melissa Bell. Wheeler has also rejoined Jazzie's creative orbit on a trio of new cuts: "Feeling," "Sunday," and "Ride On."

Newcomer Charlotte Kelly not only provides the vocals for the hiphop tinged "Pride" (which also features rapper Sensi, aka Nikkolai Daniel) and on the infectious "I Care (Soul II Soul)" but also wrote and sings the haunting "Dor't You Dream." "It's my favorite cut on the album," says Jazzie. "It's such a dense track. What I really like about this album is its very story oriented. Each track has something people can relate to."

Manager Jazz Summers agrees, "I think it's the best album he's done in a few years. The use of four different vocalists was great. There are fewer instrumentals and the ones that are on the album are wicked." Cut to "How Long" to get the idea. This is an instrumental so funky even the flute is grooving. Production was handled by 21-year-old Jason Chue, DJ/producer Taxman, Simon Law (a Jazzie associate since '87) and Juni Morrison, who wrote "One Nation Under A Groove" and was part of the hit-making production team for the Ohio Players and George Clinton.





### Taking Gospel Higher

When it comes to gospel Demous Alexander knows her stuff. After all she did get her start in the industry as a vocal performing and recording for such artists as Reba Rambo and Daryl Coley. In '90, stationed Nashville-based Warner Alliance as an asst to the vp of mktg. But in six months time, she was named dir of gaspel promo, a post she held until leaving the companion become label dir for Verity Records. In '94, Warner Alliance convinced her to companion become label dir for Verity Records. In '94, vp. Yes, Alexander does know her gastellasses.

Demetrus Alexander



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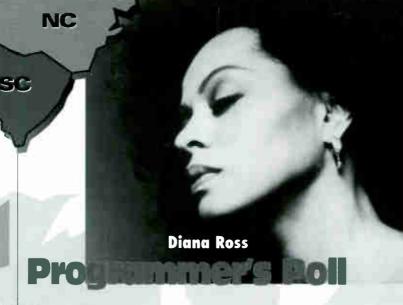
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Allen Gowan WMTY-FM/Greenwood, SC

Mikki Bleu, "You Should Be With Me," Showtime Records

I was on his music back in '89, '90, '91. This is his first comeback since then and I think it should do really well. Demos: 23-35.

Otis Stokes, "Desparte Times," Just Us Records

It's an upbeat song that has a spiritual feel coming from the former lead singer Lakeside. Demos: 23-

Janet Jackson, "Runaway," Epic This id doing great over here. Demos: All.



### **Radio Bits**

Stanley Toole, who had been co-hosting the morning drive at WJMZ-FM in Greenville, SC, joins pd Marv Hankston's new air team with Chuck Hamilton, WXWX-FM's Joan Martin joins Toole...WOIC-AM has moved to 1300 Pickens St. in Columbia, SC. The phone number stays the same...Allen Gowan replaces Barry "Midday" K at WMTY-Fm in Greenwood.

### Young Leaves WOOK

Long time morning personality/pd at WQOK-FM in Raleigh, NC, Cy Young recently announced he's leaving the the station to do morning at FOXY 107/104 also in Raleigh. The announcement came as a surprise to many in the industry since there has been a heated rivalry between the two stations for two years-WQOK-FM is ranked No. 1 in the market, while FOXY 107/104 is No. 10. WQOK-FM midday personality Jerry Jam will fill the slot doing morning for now along with morning news co-host Sheila Stewart. ⇒ ==



Top Ten

### 3. Deborah Cox

"Tell Me"

"Sentimental" Aristo

### 4. Ex-Prince

"I Hate U" NPG/WB

### 5. Brandy F/Wayna Morris

"Brokenhearted" Atlantic

### 6. Immature

"Feel The Funk"

### 7. Pure Soul

"We Must Be In Love" StepSun/Interscope

### 8. Janet Jackson

"Runaway" ARM

### 9. Faith

"You Used To Love Me" Bad Boy/Arista

### 10. Montell Jordan

"Somethin' 4 Da Honeyz" PMP/RAL

### Most Added

### 1. Gerald & **Eddie Levert**

"Already Missing You" EastWest/EEG

### 2. Diana Ross

"Take Me Higher" Motawn

### 3. Monica

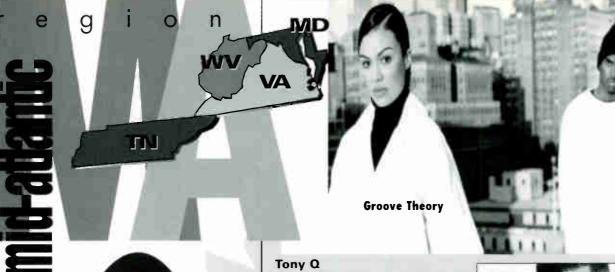
"Like This And Like That" Rowdy/Arista

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"Anything" MJJ/Epic





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### WRKE-FM/Ocean City, MD

Teddy, "Tell Me What You Want," Virgin

Nice mid- to slow tempo record. Just a nice track. Demos: 18-34.

Shai, "Come With Me," Gasoline Alley/MCA

A really nice ballad. Demos: 12-24.





Pebbles, "Are Your Ready," MCA I really like this one a lot. I hope it makes it. It's a good uptempo record, the way R&B used to be. It's got that energy. Demos: All.

### **Bow Wow**

Nashville, Tenn.-based Big Doggie Records is debuting a new group that goes by the name Young Warriors For The Cause. The group, whose members range in age from 9 to 13 years old, dropped their debut single, "Up On It," Sept. 5. The same-titled album is set for release Sept. 26. YWFC were discovered at a talent contest in Chicago. The NFL's Reggie





**Young Warriors** For The Cause

### Top Ten

### 1. Michael Jackson

"You Are Not Alone"

### 2. Brandy F/ **Wayna Morris**

"Brokenhearted"

### 3. Deborah Cox

"Sentimental" Arista

### 4. Coolio

"Gansta's Paradise"

### 5. Janet Jackson

"Runaway" A&M

### 6. Ex-Prince

"I Hote II" NPG/WB

### 7. Pure Soul

"We Must Be In Love" StepSun/Interscope

### 8. Groove Theory

"Tell Me" Epic

### 9. Jon B.

"Pretty Girl" Yab Yum/550 Music

### 10. Faith

"You Used To Love Me" Bad Boy/Arista

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### 1. Gerald & Eddie Levert

"Already Missing You" EastWest/EEG

2. 3T

"Anything" MJJ/Epic

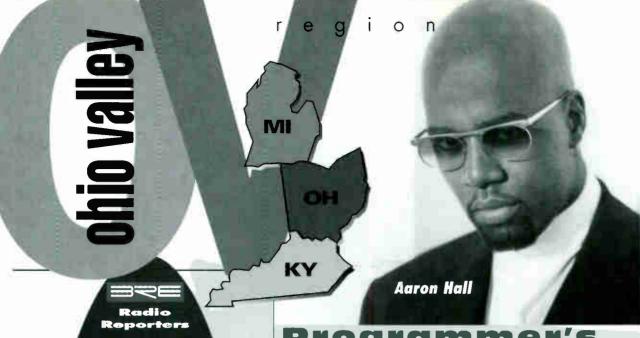
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### Monica

"Like This And Like That"

Rowdy/Arista





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> WTLZ-FM, Kermit Crockett Saginaw, (517) 754-1071

### Programmer's Poli

Jay Butler WQBH-AM/Detroit, Michigan

Anointed, "It's In God's Hands Now," Verity
It's a gospel song that will be played across the board. In
fact, we had them on our blues program this morning.
Demos: 25+.

Willie Clayton, "Meet Me Tonight," *Ichiban*It's an R&B song with a country flavor. It's really taken off here. Demos: 25+



**Chaka Kahn**, "Love Me Still," *MCA* It's from the *Clockers Soundtrack* and people just really seem to like it. Demos: 25+.

### Radio Bits

Johnson Publishing has sold **WLOU** in Louisville to Mortenson Broadcasting. With this move, Johnson departs from radio.

### Seeking

WZJM, Jammin' 92, is currently looking for a morning on-air personality. We prefer candidates to have experience in this related area. Applicant must have the following experience: Minimum 3 years radio experience; prior morning show experience.

Send resumes to:

Lisa Rodman WZJM-Zebra Broadcasting Corp. 2510 St. Clair Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44114

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### Top Ten

### 1. Michael Jackson

"You Are Not Alone"

### 2. Brian McKnight

"On The Down Low"

### 3. Montell Jordan

"Somethin' 4 Da Honeyz"

### 4. After 7

" 'Til You Do Me Right"

### 5. Pure Soul

"We Must Be In Love"
StepSun/Interscope

### 6. Brandy F/ Wanya Morris

"Brokenhearted"

### 7. Solo

"Heaven"
Perspective/A&M

### 8. Patra

"Pull Up To The Bumper"
550 Music/Epic

### 9. Xscape

"Feels So Good"
So So Def/Calumbia

### 10. Agron Hall

"Curiosty"

### Most Added

### 1. Asante

"Look What You've Done"

### 2. Gerald & Eddie Levert

"Already Missing You"

### Regional Heat

### Monica

"Like This And Like That"

Rowdy/Arista



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WUSL-FM, CeCe McGhee Philadelphia, (215) 483-8900

Rhode Island WBRU-FM , Khobi Hall Providence, (401) 272-9550

### **Programmer's Poli**

**Doc Martin** WNHC-AM/North Haven, CT

Regina Belle, "Love TKO," Columbia Women are really into this song. Regina puts a whole new spin on it. Demos: Females.



Regina Belle

D'Angelo, "Cruisin," EMI We were playing this a lot, then, all of a sudden, lately we're getting lots of requests. Demos: All.

Ex-Prince, "I Hate U," Warner Bros. Definitely top of the list-it's Prince after all. Demos: Men.

### Radio Bits

98.7 KISS-FM will throw a gala party to benefit New York AIDS charity Children's Friends For Life, after the "Kiss Cares Concert" at Madison Square Garden on Sept. 29.

Immediately following the show, which will feature Gladys Knight, Aretha Franklin, Kool & The Gang, the Isley Brothers and hosted by Ashford & Simpson, will be a star-studded charity party. Tickets are being sold at \$500 per pair and include special Golden



Circle seating to the concert. All net proceeds from the party will go directly to Friends For Life.

Ashford & Simpson

### Top Ten

### 1. Michael Jackson

"You Are Not Alone" Epic

### 2. Groove Theory

"Tell Me" Epic

### 3. Pure Soul

"We Must Be In Love" StepSun/Interscope

### 4. Faith

"You Used To Love Me" Bad Boy/Arista

### 5. Deborah Cox

"Sentimental"

6. D'Angelo "Brown Sugar"

### 7. Ex-Prince

"I Hate U"

NPG/Warner Bros.

### 8. Brandy F/Wanya Morris

"Brokenhearted" Atlantic

### 9. MoKenStef

"He's Mine" Outburst/Def Jam

10. After 7

" 'Til You Do Me Right"

### Most

### 1. Michael Bolton

"Can I Touch You There" Columbia

2. 3T

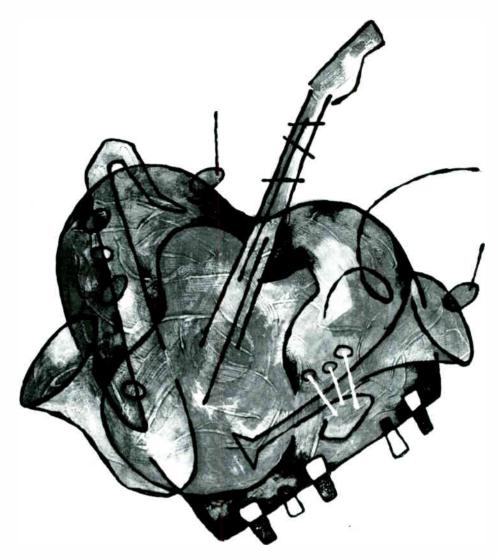
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### **Gerald & Eddie Levert**

"Already Missing You" EastWest/EEG

### On Friday, September 29th, 98.7 KISS FM puts its Heart where its Soul is.



Aretha Franklin will sing straight from the heart as will Gladys Knight, the Isley Brothers and Kool and the Gang.

In fact, a galaxy of stars from the music, film and fashion world will come out at night for the Kiss Cares Party after the Kiss Cares Classic Soul Concert.

It will be an event that won't soon be forgotten. Especially by children who are living with AIDS in the New York metropolitan area. For the proceeds will go to Children's Friends For Life.

We'd like to thank 98.7 KISS FM. Who said New York doesn't have a heart?





For more information contact: 212-969-0296

### To The East BLACKwards

By Darrell M. McNeill

Doug E.

### Doug E. Fresh Is On

Doug E. Fresh is on his way to a party. "Today up at Grant's

Tomb [in Harlem], there's an
Uptown thing goin' on, and it's
gonna be off the hook
tonight," he cheers. "And
I've got to make sure that
when I get up there, I am
ready, 'cause it's gonna be
like that."

Doug always sounds like

he's on his way to some jam. Talking on the phone, you can feel his energy, almost see his lithe, restless form moving through the receiver. Small

wonder why he's earned the title of "hip hop's greatest entertainer."

perform
because I live
to see the way
people feel," he
says thoughtfu.ly. "I love to
make people feel

have to think about anything. They can have a good time and enjoy themselves."

good. I love to make them feel like they don't

Doug is ardent in his mission to keep the fun element in hip-hop music, particularly at a time when urban tragedy is raking in the big bucks. "I've found this niche in the ghetto," he says. "There are people who just wanna make money, have a good time, and chill with their girlfriend or boyfriend and just enjoy an atmosphere of passiveness."

The atmosphere is brought out on Doug's latest release on Gee Street, *Play*. The album takes rap back to its roots as party music. This is exemplified on a track called "The Original Old School," featuring **Lovebug Starsky**, **The Furious Five**, **The Cold Crush Brothers**, and **DJ Hollywood**.

"These brothers played a major part in paving the way to what we're doing right now," he says. "Without them, all of this wouldn't even exist. When people say I'm the old school, they've got a misconception. There's a whole generation of rap I learned from, who were fathers of mine, who ain't gettin' their due respect. I'm just a child of what they created."

Doug is just as adept at getting new. He teams up with producer **Easy Mo Bee** on *Play's* first single, "It's On." He brings in protégés **Vicious** and **missjones** (the latter sings on the track "Doug E.'s Got It Goin' On") and teams with **Beenie Man** ("Hand In The Air") and **Luke Campbell** ("Freak It Out"). Doug's party,

feel-good vibe runs throughout the album, and he feels no pressure "to jump onto hard-core bandwagon, to change and be something that I'm not in order to be accepted. I always look in myself and find new things about me that fascinate me."

### **Faith To Move Mountains**

To get to know Bad Boy Entertainment's Faith requires a sidestep from easy assumptions. Forget, for a moment, her husband, Notorious B.I.G., or cursory similarities to friend and fellow Puffy Combs charge Mary J. Blige. The soft-spoken and amiable singer, on the strength of her self-titled debut album, is looking for her own niche in the annals on new jack soul.

"I don't mind being compared to anybody," she says. "Especially not her. I have no reason to *not* want to be compared. I mean, Mary sold four or five million records. That's not a bad thing. The only downside is, I started to think, 'Well, it's not bad that people are comparing me, but do they hear that there's a difference at all?'"

However, the comparison don't phase Faith. "Most of the time I've heard it, it hasn't been from anyone who really knows any better," she shrugs. Puffy had a unique description for Faith's vocal style. "When I listen to Faith sing, I think of rain," he says. "It covers so many emotions. There's so many aspects to rain—there's good rain and bad rain."

Faith's energies right now are concentrated on her album, which got jump-started with the hit single "You Used To Love Me." Tri-State area radio is starting to pump "Falling In Love Again," while quiet storms are rotating her cover of **Rose Royce**'s "Love Don't Live Here Anymore," a duet with Blige.

The album continues with standard relation themes and owes a great deal to female song stylists of the past. When told she's young women with an old soul, Faith laughs. "Everybody says that to me. It's not something I purposely do. My sound may be like old school probably because I have a really good ear. And I listen to everything. I think sometimes I'm too critical and analytical when it comes to my music. I always strive for that perfection."

### Freestylin'

GRP/Impulse Records held a showcase at The Bank in conjunction with the Vibe Music Seminar. Featured artists were jazz quintet **Blacknote**, **The Groove Collection** and songstress **Maysa**, whose single "What About Our Love?" is starting to get airplay...Look for **Shaggy** to appear in a Levi's claymation spot featuring his smash "Boombastic." The commercial debuted during the MTV Awards...Ain't no party like a **Gram'Ma Funk** party. Her weekly "Fun Hut" functions at Club Esso showcase some of the area's best talent. Particularly noteworthy were poet **Jessica** "Care" Moore, house band **Freaky Dek**, and an amazing four-year-old deejay, **DJ Jus**, who brought the house to its feet with his skills on the wheels.





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### **Programmer's Poli**

Ange Canessa WJFX-FM/Fort Wayne, Indiana

Tag Team, "Funkey Situation," Bellmark Records
Granted it's not "Whoop There It Is," but this is a strong
second effort. I'm getting calls from people 8 to 80.
Demos: 12-24, 25-34.



Eddie & Gerald Levert,
"Already Missing You,"

EastWest/EEG

It's about time. Demos: 25+





Monica, "Like This And Like That," Rowdy/Arista Truthfully, I'm just glad it wasn't another "Don't Take It

Personal." This one shows she has good vocal range. Demos: 12-24, 25-34.

### **Radio Bits**

In Chicago, WGCI's new md, **Don E**. **Colonge**, is now doing on-air personality duties as well. He's joined the station's Saturday morning show, "The Breakfast Brothers"...It was the annual "Back To School Jam" for WEJM (106 JAMZ) also in the Windy City. On the bill, for the show that was set for Sept. 1, were: **Junior M.A.F.I.A., Luniz, Bushwick Bill**,



### Top Ten

### 1. Michael Jackson

"You Are Not Alone"

### 2. D'Angelo

"Brown Sugar"

### 3. Pure Soul

"We Must Be In Love"
StepSun/Interscope

### 4. Brandy F/ Wanya Morris

"Brokenhearted"

### 5. Coolio

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"Sentimental"

### 9. Patra

"Pull Up To The Bumper"
550 Music/Epic

### 10. Solo

"Heaven"

Perspective/A&M

### Most Added

### 1. UNV

"What's It Like"

Maverick/WB

### 2. D'Angelo

"Cruisin'"

### 3. Asante

"Look What You've Done"

### Regional Heat

**3T** 

"Anything"

MJJ/Epic

### mid-west region

Masta Ace, MoKenStef, Faith, AZ. Proceeds from the event were to benefit Burham Park Preparatory School.



### **WMCS' Dream Home**

Milwaukee radio station **WMCS** 1290-AM may be the first in radio history to give away a house. And not just the struc-



1290 WMCS employees, local government officials and "Dream Home" sponsors at a recent press conference announcing the promotion. WMCS pd, Kathy Brown, hold a citation awarded to the station by a Milwaukee County Supervisor.

ture—a four bedroom, bath and a half home—but also the house will be carpeted, landscaped, and partially furnished. Plus, the station will also install a bugler alarm and stock the refrigerator with \$1,290 worth of groceries. The "Dream Home," valued at more than \$100,000, will be given away on Oct. 8, following a 12-week promotional.

### Forty-Five And Holding

Sean Levert

KPRS-FM and KPRT-AM recently celebrated their 45 anniversary at the Count Basie ballroom in the Marriott Hotel in downtown Kansas City. Even the mayor of the city, **Emanuel Cleaver II** came out for the celebration and credited KPRS

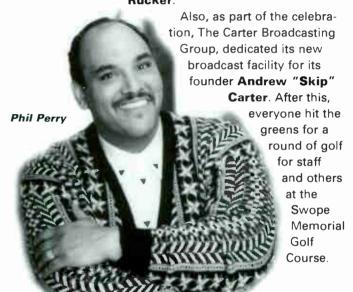
with playing an important role in his election to a second term as Kansas City's first black mayor. The star-studded event was hosted by **Regina Belle** and **Gerald Levert**. Countless artists performed, including

Hammer, Phil Perry, Tina Moore, Sean Levert, Eddie Levert, Solo,

The Whispers, The Gap

Band and area gospel singer Crystal

Rucker.



### **Midwest Report**

By Jerome Simmons

### **Presidential Material**

Secret Communications L.P. has announced the promotion of vp/gm **Verna Green** to president of WJLB-FM/WMXD-FM. Green continues to serve as gm of the stations, where she has taken WJLB to number one in Arbitron's last three rating periods for all major demographic areas.

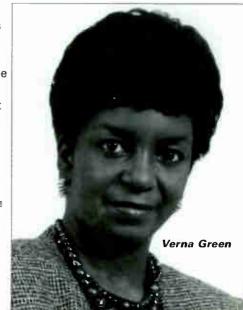
"Verna Green epitomizes the qualities of a great manager,"

of Secret
Communications. "She is smart, she has superb people skills, she is wonderfully organized and she is totally unafraid. Her appointment as president recognizes her value to our company, and it underscores the impor-

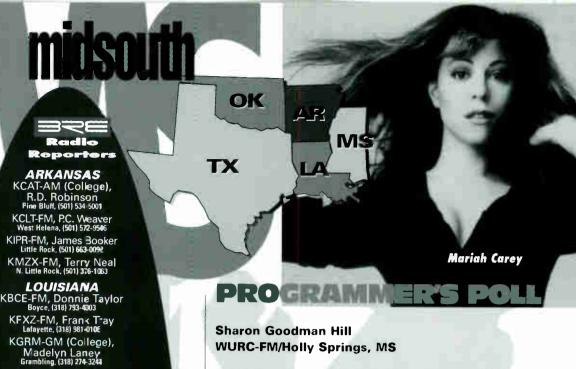
says Frank Wood, pres

ket to Secret
Communications."

tance of the Detroit mar-







Chris Byrd & True Victory, "Feel Him Moving," Pulse This is hot. Lots of phone action. Demos: Adults.

Canton Spirituals, "Live From Memphis," Blackberry This seems to be a very emotional song for our listeners. Some mornings I can barely get in without lots of requests. It's about the death of his father and I think a lot of people can relate to it. Demos: Adults.

Dottie Peoples, "On Time God," Air

It's just a good traditional song. It has the foot-stomping feel. Though it's been out awhile, it's still doing good. Demos: Adults.



### Radio Bits

WKXG has started something called "Al Martin's Hit List." From Mon. to Fri., between the hours of 2 and 4 PM, the station takes tally of listeners' favorite songs. On Fri., the names of all who called in during the week are tossed in a hat and a winner is drawn. The lucky listener receives a special prize. Also, Martin wants to mention a recent visit by Ever Ready recording artist Sterling Williams, who stopped by the station to promote his new album. One Day At A Time and the first single, "Grade A Quality." "Our listeners really like that one," says Martin. "In fact, the whole album is pretty good."



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"You Are Not Alone"

### 2. D'Angelo

"Brown Sugar"

### 3. Deborah Cox

"Sentimental" Arista

### 4. Brandy F/ **Wayna Morris**

"Brokenhearted" Atlantic

### 5. BLACKstreet F/ **SWV & Craig Mack**

"Tonight's The Night" (Remix) Interscope/AG

6. Solo

"Heaven"

Perspective/A&M

### 7. Coolio

"Gangsta's Paradise"

### 8. Ex-Prince

"I Hate U" NPG/WB

### 9. Brian McKnight

"Crazy Love" Mercury

### 10. Faith

"You Used To Love Me" Bad Boy/Arista

### Added

### 1. Diana Ross

"Take Me Higher" Matown

### 2. Monica

"Like This And Like That" Rowdy/Arista

### 3. Gerald & Eddie Levert

"Already Missing You" EastWest/EEG

### Regional

### **Mariah Carey**

"Fantasy" Columbia



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### **Midsouth Report**

By Taryn Brown

#### KIMZ Makes Switch

Dallas-Forth Worth-based KJMZ Radio is now officially KRBV-V100FM. The station, still under the ownership of Granum Communications, made the switch from urban mainstream to urban adult contemporary, Sept. 1 at 3 PM with a major announcement by morning show host Tom Joyner and Russ Parr who does afternoons. The station broadcasts from 100.3-FM and is targeting black adults aged 25-54 with its core audience being 30-44 (60% female, 40% male)

"You [the listening audience] have been asking for this," says Joyner. "Now you can stop flipping down the dial to find the kind of music that you grew up with." The station is planning on program-

ming R&B hits from the late '60s to today,

including such artists as Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, Aretha Franklin, The Spinners, Barry White, The Supremes, Earth, Wind & Fire, Gladys Knight, The Commodores, and others.

Reaction to the format changes from listeners has been very positive, the station says. According to a press release issued by the company, Granum's commitment is to provide quality "family friendly" radio with an adult focus and to ensure their commitment to excellence and provide positive growth of advertisers and the community.

### Hoop Challenge

KSJL Radio has put out an early notice that the station will indulge in the "Ultimate Basketball Experience." As San Antonio plays host to the '96 NBA All Star Weekend Feb. 9-11, the station will play an active role in the event. In addition to the station's involvement with the "NBA Jam Session" and the NBA's four-day interactive fan event, KSJL will also host an event of their own, "The 96.1 FM NBA Jam." This stationsponsored event will feature some of the hottest names in the NBA and artists in the music industry.

Mike Andrews, pd, KSJL, says everything is still in the planning stages and he is asking labels to keep the dates in mind when routing artists on promotional tours.

#### On The Town With KFXZ

Frank Tray, pd of KFXZ Radio, says he's



motional events for an adult and college crowd. For younger acts Tray says he has been putting teens and hip hop groups at the Martin Luther King Center.

"It works our great," says Tray. "The kids have been very supportive and we want to be able to offer something for them."

#### Blue MACE

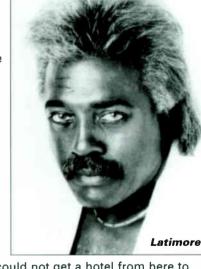
MACE (Mississippi **Action For Community** Education), a community organization that assists with grant

money, adult literacy, and computer classes, held their 18th Annual Blues Festival in

Clarksdales, MS, recently. Some of the biggest names

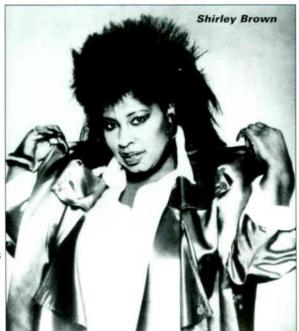
in the blues world appeared at the event including B.B. King, Shirley Brown, Latimore, as well as local and gospel groups.

WBAD Radio, located in the northwest corridor of "blues" country, provided support for the event. Danny Jones, md for the station, says, "You



King

could not get a hotel from here to Jackson. We broadcast live from the event." WESY Radio, WBAD sister station, also provided a live broadcast. A portion of the proceeds from the event will continue to benefit the programs of MACE.



Tom Joyner





Coolio, "Gangsta's Paradise," MCA This is especially hot on the phones. Doing really well right out the box. I think the video has really made this song happen. Demos: 12-14

18-34.

Mary J. Blige

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# Top Ten

#### **Brian McKnight**

"On The Down Low" Mercury

#### 2. Michael Jackson

"You Are Not Alone"

#### 3. Ex-Prince

"I Hate II"

NPG/Warner Bros.

#### 4. Faith

"You Used To Love Me" Bad Boy/Arista

## **5.Groove Theory**

"Tell Me"

Epic

#### 6. Brandy/F Wanya Morris

"Brokenhearted" Atlantic

#### 7. After 7

"'Til You Do Me Right"

#### 8. Shaggy

"Boombastic" Virgin

#### 9. Solo

"Heaven"

Perspective/A&M

#### 10. Montell Jordan

"Somethin' 4 Da Honeyz" PMP/RAL

### Most Added

#### 1. Mary J. Blige

"A Natural Woman" Uptown/MCA

#### 2. Diana Ross

"Take Me Higher" Motown

#### 3. Monica

"Like This And Like That" Rowdy/Arista

#### Regional Heat

#### Gerald & **Eddie Levert**

"Already Missing You" EastWest/EEG



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#### Radio Bits

WHTA-FM has relocated. It moved its studios and office to College Park, GA. Also, they've added Art Terrell from WVEE-FM to the staff. He'll do wake-up duty with Felicia Love.

## Florida Focus

By Carol U. Ozemboya

### It's Hammer Time—Again

Hammer

MC Hammer (yes, he's MC again) danced into the Magic City last weekend to debut his latest album, Inside Out. On Giant Records, the album was released last Tuesday nationwide and features a slew of samples in the old Hammer style. "I love that old-school funk," he says.

Without his usual entourage of a small army, Hammer made a quiet entrance into Miami Nights. He was very gracious, signing autographs and posing for snapshots with just about anyone who asked. When the DJ in the club finally fired

up "Bustin' Loose," one of the (remake) tunes on Inside Out, Hammer hit the dance floor. And there he stayed for nearly an hour, with just enough fancy floor work to capture every eye in the place.

Also, on the menu that night was R&B crooner Michael Speaks (on Elektra) LaFace record's A Few Good Men, and the debut of Terrion, a female sensation on Miami-based Upfront Records. In the house were the 99 JAMZ (WEDR) crew-gm Jerry Rushin and DJs Lady Dee, Terry Alexander, and Craig Locke-WEA's Trupiedo Crump, Crown Prince, and Pamela Douglas, and Ifie Green from Arista.

### Wake Up, Tampa

A big welcome from the Sunshine State to BJ Smith and Dwane Landers, who have teamed up to wake up Tampa folks on WTMP-AM. Landers slides over from WRXB in St.

Petersburg, while Smith is a fresh voice.

#### **Bad Move**

A switch at WEDR. The "Bad Boy" of radio Terry Alexander, will be moving into the 6-10 PM weekday slot, while Chico "The Virgin" Wesley slides into his 2-6 PM slot.

#### Biv Biz

Fort Lauderdale-based Elon Bivins, a producer and musical talent, is making his own name in the biz, starting in Japan, Europe, and New York City. He wrote and produced a track for Kashief Lindo, a new young reggae artist on Heavy Beat, which is also

> "Call Me." the R&Bflavored ballad is picking up air and club play, especially across the waters. Bivins used to work with Expose and John Minnis

based in Miami. Called

(who won Star Search one year and is now working with indy label Extreme).

# Spec's Super

Spec's Music is holding its annual convention in Miami. The retail chain has just opened a twostory "super" store on the

heart of South Beach. In addition to a vast collection of CDs, tapes, videos, and magazines, the new store features a cappuccino cafe. Performing for retailers, hundreds of managers, and veeps, were A Few Good Men. The fourman quartet's current single is "Tonight." Brought together by Daryl Simmons, who was in the Deele along with L.A. Reid and Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds, the fellas' debut album features the producing talents of Simmons, Reid, Babyface, and Dallas Austin. Expect A Few Good Men to produce a few good hits.



SULE

Who: Society Of Soul

LP Info: The group just drapped their debut LaFace LP, Brainchild. The first single is "Pushin'."

Who's Society: Sleepy Brown, originally from Sovonnoh, GA. The group's lead vacally, he grew up surrounded by music. His fother was one of the founding members of the '70s funk group Brick. Big Rube, an Atlanta native and Society's street paet, first developed an interest in music listening to the likes of Melle Mel, Run DMC, Chuck D and KRS-One. Espraranza is the Society's South Carolina barn female lead vacalist who moved to Atlanta in 'B9. She has backed such groups as TLC and Bayz II Men. Ray, barn in Pittsburg, he's called Atlanta hame since he was five. DJ Ray also plays piana, bass and guitar. Rica, another Atlanta



native, started out writing poetry. After meeting up with Sleepy and Ray they created the group Organized Naize, who produced the platinum selling OutKast LP as well as the hit single "Waterfalls" for TLC.

Soul Search: "I was really into surviving any way I could," says Rica. "It was actually Sleepy's passion for music that changed my life, made me see there was another way. Society of Soul was his dream and it rubbed off. It was his concept that through music there could be unity. The more you are true to your soul, the better society will be. The more you treat people the way you'd like to be treated, the better society will be. We're asking people to look into their souls."

Black Woman Model: "I knew they were looking for a female singer ta represent black wamen," says Espraranza. "It was important for us to have a wamon in the group," says Sleepy. "It cames down to what we're trying to do. We're trying ta shaw respect for one another. Respect for men. Respect for wamen. And Espraranza, her whale vibe and attitude, was how we envisioned a model for black wamen: sameone who respects herself, talented, confident, secure in her own soul, yet, as wel all should be, she is humble.

Cuts: "Migratenation," which Sleepy calls the group's "lyrical wake-up call.," the gaspel flavored and inspirational "Things Con Only Get Better," the instrument "Wind," which features Sleepy's father, and the ald-school funk cut "Peaches N Herb."

Club BRE: When the group appeared at Club BRE recently, alang with Faith, many were taken by surprised. "Many didn't seem to know who they were," says one clubgoer, "but they do naw—they put an a really good show."

Society Motto: "We want to use our gift, music," says Sleepy, "as a tool for good. People are walking around like zambies, inundated with sex and violence. We're saying live true to your 

-Ann Brown





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KKBT-FM, Herald Austin Los Angeles, (213) 466-9566

KPOO-FM (Rap/Urban), Jerome Parsons San Francisco, (415) 346-5373

KUCR-FM (College), Barry Benson Riverside, (909) 787-3421

#### Colorado

KDKO-AM, Rick Walker Denver, (303) 295-1225

#### **New Mexico**

KKSS-FM, Jackie James Alberquerque, (505) 265-1431

#### Nevada

KCEP-FM, Louis Conner Las Vegas, (702) 648-4218

KUNV-FM (College), Warren Peace Las Vegas, (702) 895-3877

#### Washington

KBMS-AM, Angela Jenkins Vancouver, (503) 222-1491

KRIZ-AM, Frank Barrow Seattle, (206) 323-3070

# Programmer's Pol

Angela Jenkins KBMS-AM/Vancouver, WA

Anointed, "It's In God's Hands Now," Verity Even though this is considered a gospel song, I think it will do very well in the mainstream. I think all

well in the mainstream. I think all our listeners here at the station, in all age groups, will really go for it. It has one of those positive vibes. Demos: Adults.

**Blu**, "Hide & Go Get It," *Motown*This is really a great song. And, men and women are into it even though it's a ballad. Demos: Adults.

Maysa, "What About Our Love," Blue Son,/GRP Her voice is dynamic. She's definitely her own person; her style is extremely original. That's why it's so refreshing to hear a song like hers. Demos: Adults.

#### **Radio Bits**

The Beat, 92.3 Los Angeles, held a showcase last week for unsigned talent. On the bill were: Khaalis, Benito, Chane, Rene Claibourne, Next Exit, Jay Luv, Black Eyed Peas & Young Trey. The show was headlined by Dove Shack, Subway and Kausion.

Surf's Up

The **Wailing Souls** performed recently at the U.S. Open Surfing Championship in Huntington Beach, CA. The Zoo Entertainment recording group made the stop on the promotional tour in support of their new CD, *Live On.* Pictured L-R: Dave Kaplan (Surfdog Prods.), Lloyd "Bread" MacDonald, Lou Maglia (pres., Zoo), Winston "Pipe" Matthews, Burt Stein (band mgr.)



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Epic

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"Who Can I Run To"
So So Def/Columbia

# 2. Naughty By Nature

"Clap Yo Hands"
Tommy Boy

#### Regional Heat

# Gerald & Eddie Levert

"Already Missing You"





# **Just Us Three**

Wouldn't you like to have been a fly on the wall for this conversation between Mercury pres Ed Eckstine, singer Lionel Richie and BRE's Sidney Miller. Inquiring minds will have to keep wondering about what the threesome discussed. But we're sure it was tantalizing.



# They Got Rhythm

More than 5,000 came out to the first Rhythm & B Les Festival in Newport, Rl. The show, which will be an annual event, Among the performers were Clarence Foundation and the Five Blind Boys of Alabama, Sam Moore, Pops Stades, and countless others. Here many of the artists gathered for a group shot, from L-R: Allen Toussaint Orchestra keyboardist Scmmy Berfect; Ruth Brown,; Narda Michael Walden; R&B Foundation exec dir Suzan Jenkins; EMI pres/CEO Jim Fifield; Pops Staples; Don Henley; Irma Thomas; Bonnie Raitt; Sam Moore; and Allen Toussaint.



**EW YORK** 

# They're Here

Biv 10 CEO Michael Bivins joined producers/songwriters Charles Farrar and Troy Taylor for a few minutes' worth of R&R after the duo completed post-production work on Hayden's "I'm Here," off the forthcoming same-titled CD. Pictured are, L-R: Todd Russaw, mgr of A&R, Biv 10; Taylor; Bivins; Titus "Bud" Carson, Hayden's road mgr. Seated in front is Farrar.



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rapper Mystikal has just been picked up by Jive. He sold about 60,000 units independently...Sunshine recording artist Skee-Lo's single "I Wish" has just gone gold...South Central Cartel singer L.V. has released his first solo singles, "The Wrong Come Up," featuring The Evil Gs, and "Gangsta's Boogie." L.V.'s still riding off the success of "Gangsta's Paradise," the Coolio cut from the Dangerous Minds Soundtrack, on which he is featured vocalist...Coolio will be back with his own project on Tommy Boy entitled Throw Your Hands Up, due Oct. 17 and Treach from Naughty By Nature did a remix on the track. Seems Tommy Boy is really paying attention to West Coast groups. maybe it's the units they move... Noo Trybe recording artists The Luniz, Mad CJ Mac, and Poppa LQ mashed to Chicago to do a back-to-school show. Bay Area artist Dru **Down** was also in town shooting his film debut playing a drug dealer...Warner Bros. recording artist Stepchild performed at the SIR Theatre for the Budweiser Best In The West Talent Contest...Geto Boy member Scarface has completed producing his new group Face Mob. They're coming with that Southern funk mixed with banging beats...Outburst recording act B.G. Knocc Out & Gangsta Dresta are gearing up for The Source Van tour set for this fall...The Sick Wid' It family will be droppin' a compilation LP entitled The Hogg In Me. It'll feature B-Legit, Gangsta P, Celly Cel, A-1, Mossie, The Funk Mobb, The Click, Suga T, E-40, and others. The Click will also drop their first single, "Hurricane Ethel," on Sept. 18. The LP, Game Related, will drop Oct. 24. And the video was shot last

month in the Bay Area with appearances from the Sick Wid' It family. E-40's sister, Suga T, is also dropping on Sept. 18 with her single "Recognize." Suga T was featured on E-40's latest single, "Sprinkle Me." Label mate Celly Cel is releasing his LP Killa Kali LP in Nov. along with gangsta rapper Spice 1. Spice also has done a gangsta remake of the Run-DMC classic "Sucka M.C." Staving busy, Spice 1 also played an instrumental part in getting his group 187 Fac signed to Big Beat/Atlantic...Miami bass group Poison Clan featuring Rufftown Mob dropped a new single entitled "Fire Up This Funk." The cut, which was produced by Mike Fresh who was down with the 2 Live Crew back in the day, is radio friendly but it should also bump in the clubs. ... Mac Vo is a gritty player rapper that gives reality rap a new twist. He's hitting the scene with an LP called Player IV Life on Concern Records/Relativity...Nervous Records has a compilation album, Hip Hop, that features remixes of many of Nervous' past releases including tracks by Black Moon, Mad Lion, FunkMaster Flex, Smif-N-Wessun, and others. Underground New York DJ Kenny Dope remixed the all of the tracks...Smif-N-Wessun has a new single, "Recognize," that will hit the streets soon...LaFace recording artists Goodie Mob releases their debut LP, Soul Food, some time this fall with the first single, "Cell Therapy." The Atlanta-based group is preparing for a promotional tour along with Society of Soul...Scoop: DJ Magic Mike is currently in negotiations with Priority Record for a label deal. ≡₹≡

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hopes to film "Bloody Waters" and "Blood Shame"...

Mykelti Williamson, best known as Bubba in "Forrest Gump," has signed with the William Morris Agency. He will soon be seen in "Waiting to Exhale," and is about to begin shooting "How to Make An American Quilt"...Williamson's "Waiting to Exhale" director, Forest Whitaker, will be back in front of the cameras in "Phenomenon," which begins production October 9 for Touchstone Pictures (which means he'll be filming when "Exhale" opens at Thanksgiving). Whitaker portrays best friend to John Travolta in the film...

Other Castings: **Sonia Braga** stars in SONY Pictures' "Tieta do Agreste," a drama filming in Brazil...**Glynn Turman** joins **Jason Gould** in "Subterfuge," an action-adventure independent...**Tyrin Turner** (from "Menace 2 Society") is part of the ensemble of "The Method," a drama which begins production in Los Angeles at the end of September...**Halle Berry**'s "The Rich Man's Wife" for Caravan and Buena Vista is now slated to begin production in October...

Doubleday is publishing Racial Healing: Confronting the Fear Between Blacks and Whites by Harlon L. Dalton in October.

Dalton is a Yale professor who believes "We have run away from race for far too long"...Kofi Buenor Hadjor, a professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara, is the author of Another America: The Politics of Race and Blame," a September offering from South End Publishers (in both hardcover and softcover)...Pocket Books is re-releasing the soft cover version of Devil in a Blue Dress by Walter Moseley in anticipation of the upcoming film based on the mystery novel starring Denzel Washington. Now there can be no excuse for not reading the book.

Also in October, All Soul's Rising, a novel by Madison Smartt Bell, will be published by Pantheon. The story follows several characters during Haiti's struggle for independence not long after the American Revolution. Of course, Toussaint L'Ouverture is one of these characters. Bell's last novel was Save Me, Joe Louis...Until Next Time...Stay Focused!

# Job Opening

Major urban radio network is looking for experienced reporter to cover news bureau in top market. Prefer candidate with network radio experience but will consider major market candidates.



# TRASHOT TRUTH

#### BY RUTH A. ROBINSON

he reason for the repeated question about **John McClain**...all of you ask and ask? I started doing this when all the Motown rumors began, since there was a story long ago that McClain was supposed to go over there with Jheryl and become a minority owner (you know he loves that kind of position). Didn't know whether

DAVID RUFFIN

it was a fact or fancy but I
thought it might have been
interesting, after all he did
hook up the Death Row thing
with all those monster hits.
People making decisions about
hiring and tossing all those million
dollar contracts around ought to look
hard to see if people in the running
can line up back-to-back hits on artists?
Hmmm. On the subject of Uptown, is
Heavy D's title really CEO? Will Angela
T. be heading back Uptown? And while at

the other record company in the Valley,
has MCA really made a power bid for
Death Row? It would be a heck of a

thing, wouldn't it?

What's going on at Maverick? Is there a black music division left? If it's gone, maybe it's a good thing, somebody didn't do something right. If you don't think I'm right, answer this: How can you have an artist who is nominated for four Grammys, and you couldn't take the record to gold? Ask **MeShell** how she feels?

Since we can't get away from the Motown of it all...will Motown move to New York? What on earth would happen to the zillion square feet of space on the third floor of the new Motown digs? If Andre does get the gig, for sure he wouldn': move here, they say. Did Louil Silas stall in the re-negotiation of his label with MCA because of promises made at Motown? Clarence Avant was overheard saying changes are about to be made and he wasn't talking about Jheryl, so what was it?



Leotis
Clyburn has exited his A&R
gig.. Joyce
William, ex of
L.A. Style magazine is working in
publicity at
Motown...what
happened to
Kevin Hall and

Did you watch the MTV Awards? Can you say ghetto? Lipsynching is so tired, why do acts continue to do it? How come **TLC** thanked "friends, homies, niggas, and pals," reading their list off a roll of toilet paper and put the trophy down on the floor, next to, instead of on, the podium. And what was that smart remark about **Pebbles**? They shouldn't deny her nov, if they did-

n't deny she was the one in the

beginning...Remember
when Janet Jackson
said "you don't have
to be half-naked to be
sexy" in that interview a
couple of years ago? That
couldn't have been her then in
that very low necklined get-up, with
"pervert" on the back? Sure it coulda
been her, and why not? She looks
fabulous. Maybe it's just that all girls

have one opinion when the body looks one way and another different one when it's as great looking as hers....and on the subject of Pebbles, is it true she's hooked up with **Mario Winans?** How old is he, anyway? Not that I think there's anything at all wrong with age differences, if you know what I mean?

Ok, is it true that **Madonna** asked **Dr. Dre** to produce her and was turned down? If so, that would account for the somewhat awkward feeling when she presented the trophy to Dre during those same awards? If it's not true, how cum Dre didn't even acknowledge her presence? She's so used to bein' jocked hard, might have miffed her. And then again, maybe not.

There's a lot of silence at Warners. One executive commented, "It will all be alright with a hit record." Perhaps, the dust has been stirred up so long and so thick, will anyone notice? First reports on the coming **Chaka Khan** are that they will notice her. Reports on the profile on her in *Essence* are that the piece is deep. So was the piece this month in *Vanity Fair* on the executive two-step over there.

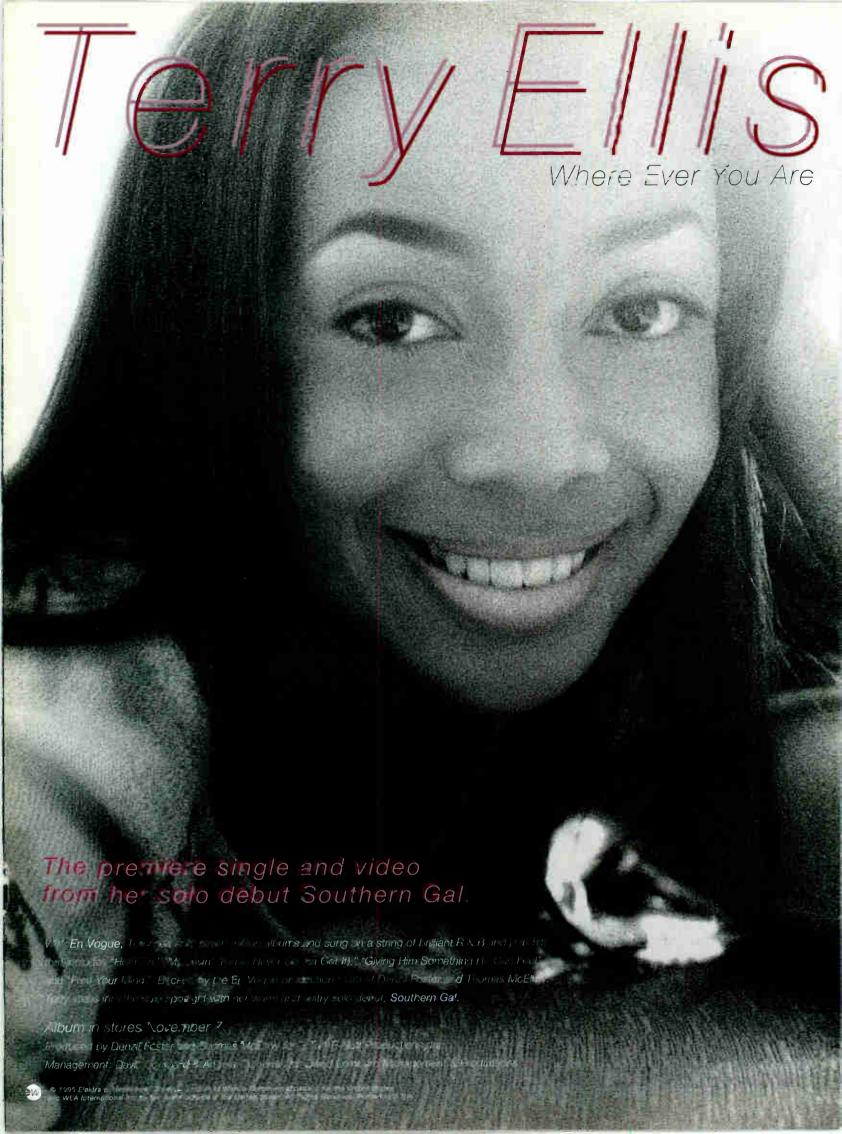
All the everybodies showed up for the grand opening of the first Motown Cafe, including Berry Gordy, Martha Reeves, Luther Vandross, Boyz II Men, Salt 'N' Pepa, Wesley Snipes, Jasmine Guy, Patrick Ewing and Dr. J. The Temptations performed and ran away to do the MTV after party.

What is this I hear about how those collecting memorabilia for the Cafes aren't doing it as correctly as they should be?
Once you turn people off, don't expect them to be grinnin' again.
Upstarts ought to find a little insight. It wasn't easy to have been part of the people who built that monument and then got left in the dust. For some, a long overdue thank you is in order and will serve the process, for some it's about the money. Come to



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# the last WORD

by RUTH A. ROBINSON

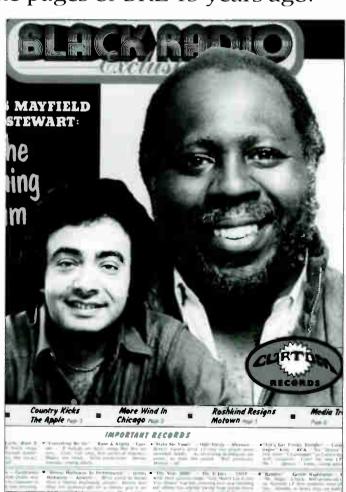
was listening to the Blues Summit LP, shaking my head and chuckling at the exchange between Ruth Brown and B. B. when Jerry walked into my office and said "how come you're laughing, you're supposed to be crying if you're listening to the blues." Of course that made me laugh some more. He's young so he can be forgiven for not knowing that blues reflect every emotion you got as long as you can get them. My deep heart always takes me back to the blues. Somehow they slip into my selection process when grabbing a batch of CDs to play for myself alone (as opposed to listening for work). My selections this day Mahalia, Gypsy Kings and happily, Blues Summit. I was out of the

country and surely out of my mind when the Blues Summit album came out back in '93, since I had no recollection of it and no copy of it until today. I begged a copy out of MCA after reading a press release about the upcoming video of the blues summit. Listening to the blues licks, they cut achingly sweet, heartwrenching painful, sly, serene and so good for the soul, it's no surprise this won a Grammy. Can you imagine a greater bunch of "Friends" to be playin' with than Robert Cray, Katie Webster, Buddy Guy, John Lee Hooker, Koko Taylor, Etta James, Lowell Fulson, Albert Collins, Ruth Brown. Lord, I'm proud to say, every day, every day, I get the blues. (Thanks, B.B.). ⇒==

# YesterYear

looking back in the pages of BRE 15 years ago.

**Curtis Mayfield and Mary Stuart** were on the cover of BRE 15 years ago. Mayfield and his manager, Stuart, had launched their own record company called Curtom Records. The two were celebrating fifteen years together in show business...Donning a BRE cap, Richard Pryor appeared on the "Tonight Show" with then host Johnny Carson...Michael Roshkind resigned from his position as vice chairman of Motown Industries after joining the company 15 years earlier as a consultant...Peaches & Herb opened for Dionne Warwick during a performance at the Greek Theater in L.A...The National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters celebrated its first anniversary...Ella Fitzgerald was set to receive an honorary doctorate from Howard University at their opening Convocation..." Master Blaster(Jammin')" by Stevie Wonder debuted at #41 on the BRE singles chart. The Single of The Week was "Better Things" by Sylvia St. James. ⇒≂∈





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Aries (March 2-April 20) You need to let what you want be known to the other person in your life. Things will never straighten out if you always bite your tongue. If you feel lonely, you've chosen it.

Taurus (April 21-May 21) Before you continue your commitment regarding joint ventures, take a long, clear look. Mercury goes retrograde on Sept. 22 and makes navigating through these waters even trickier.

**Gemini (May 22-June 21)** You've got skillz, you know you do, so now is the time to concentrate on honing them with the right people, for the right reasons.

Cancer (June 22-July 23) Look into a home security system. You should be extra careful with your money and valuables this week. Follow-through on financial commitments and contracts.

Leo (July 24-Aug. 23) Your past is tapping you on the shoulder this week at work. Just hold onto yourself and ride out the storm. You should be fine, just be more careful in future when rethinking job choices.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) Makes some personal contacts that will help you in the workplace. Don't be so eager to rush home and hide. Get involved, socialize. Join something. Hurry.

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) Patience wearing thin? Get away from your loved ones and isolate yourself for a minute. On the job, people are listening to you, so speak up.

**Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** You're stronger now. You've got more energy. Those powerful eyes of yours have locked now a new love. Don't burnout. Take it slow in all cases.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) What are you trying to do? Right now is the time to renew the commitments to projects that get you where you want to be in this lifetime. Don't be distracted by some faster-talker-than-you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20) Stay loose. But don't be pushed off the mark of who you are, just to get along. There's some unfinished business that needs your attention, do it now or suffer for it later.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Sign up for some classes. You might find the person you've been looking for all your life sitting at the desk next to you. Do something for improvement and then share it.

**Pisces (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)** This is the week to tie up all the knots in any negotiations. If you don't do it before the 22, hold off. Meanwhile collect those tax receipts.

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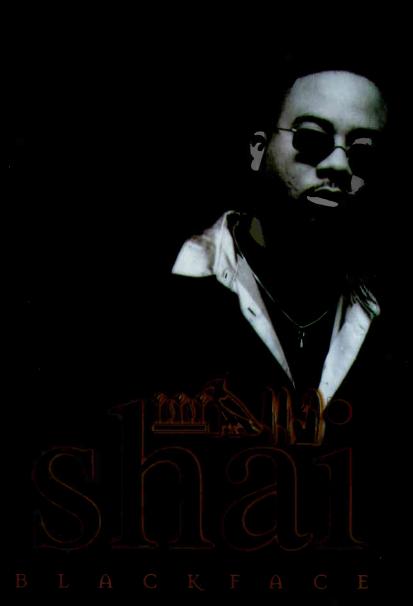
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