

# Frank Sinatra Responds to George Michael's "Celebrity Strain"

IN RESPONSE TO A RECENT Los Angeles Times Calendar cover story on George Michael, in which the Columbia recording artist complained about the "difficulties" of stardom, Frank Sinatra wrote a recently published letter to the *Times* saying that he should stop complaining and count his blessings. "When I saw Calendar's Sept. 9 cover story about George Michael, 'the reluctant pop star,' my first reaction was he should thank the good Lord every morning when he wakes up to have all that he has. And that'll make two of us thanking God every morning for all that we have, Sinatra wrote.

In his letter, Sinatra wrote that many talented but struggling artists would gladly welcome the fame and recognition Michael has enjoyed. "I don't understand a guy who lives 'in the hopes of reducing the strain of his celebrity status, Sinatra wrote. "Here's a kid who 'wanted to be a pop star since I was about 7 years old.' And now that he's a smash performer and songwriter at 27, he wantes to quit doing what tons of gifted youngsters all over the world would shoot Grandma for—just one crack

at what he's complaining about."

Sinatra continued, "Come on George. Loosen up. Swing, man. Dust off those gossamer wings and fly yourself to the moon of your choice and be grateful to carry the baggage we've all had to carry since those lean nights of sleeping on buses and helping he driver unload the instruments. And no more of that talk about 'the tragedy of fame.' The tragedy of fame is when no one shows up and you're singing to the cleaning lady in some empty joint that hasn't seen a paying customer since Saint Swithin's Day... Talent must not be wasted... Those who have it must hug it, embrace it, nurture it and share it lest it be taken away from you as fast as it was loaned to you. Trust me. I've been

We at Cash Box commend Sinatra, a veteran recording artist with a great deal of experience and knowledge, for taking the time to share his wealth of knowledge with the public. Cash Box president and publisher George Albert wishes to thank Sinatra for his letter to the Times and encourages him to speak out more often on matters relevant to the music industry.

# Yetnikoff Barred From CBS's New York Headquarters

WALTER R. YETNIKOFF, who recently resigned from his position as chief executive of CBS Records, has been barred from CBS, Inc. property and ordered not visit employees of the major label's New York headquarters, according to a recent article in the Los Angeles Times. Security guards working at CBS' New York headquarters have allegedly been instructed to neither allow Yetnikoff to enter the midtown Manhattan building nor allow him access to CBS Records

files, the Times quoted insiders as saying. According to the Times' sources, CBS Records' senior executives are now reporting directly to Norio Ohga, president and chief executive of the Sony Corporation.

The request to ban Yetnikoff was allegedly made to CBS Inc. by the Sony Corporation, which has owned CBS Records since its purchase of the company in January, 1988. The *Times* quoted one source at CBS Inc. as saying, "[Yetnikoff] is not to be allowed upstairs."

JAMIESON DEPARTS: Bob Jamieson has resigned his post as executive vice president of PolyGram Holding. He will now act as an outside consultant to PolyGram, and his job will not be filled.

**DATES, WE GOT DATES:** September 26: The 10th annual ASCAP/PRS Awards dinner in London. Elton John, the Cure, Climie Fisher and others are expected. It's at the Claridge's Hotel, and if you're expected, you're probably already well aware of it... October 2: David Handleman, Handleman Co. honcho, will receive the Human Relations Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Anti-Defamation League at a dinner, hosted by the ADL's music and video division, at N.Y.'s Marriott Marguis Hotel.

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# EXECUTIVES ON THE MOVE

■ Larry Stessel has been appointed to the newly created position of senior vice president/marketing at Epic. Stessel, most recently vice president/West Coast operations for the label, will be responsible for overseeing all activities of the marketing, media and artist development departments on both coasts. Andrew Piretti has been named vice president/planning and administration for CBS Records Distribution. Piretti, most recently director/finance and administration for CBS Distribution, will be responsible for the financial planning, budgets and administration for the market- Stessel ing, branch distribution and CBS Special Products departments. Jim Pugliese has been upped to director/marketing systems, MIS CBS Records from director/technical support and administration, MIS. Kevin Kertes has been named promotion manager/secondary markets for Columbia Records. Also at Columbia, Lisa Wolfe has been promoted to associate director/field promotion, a newly created post, from Columbia's mid-Atlantic LPM. Earl Jordan has been named Warner Brothers Records' vice president of sales for black music, and Hank Spann has been named Warner Brothers Piretti Records' vice president of promotion for black music. Spann was national director of black music promotion for Reprise until his recent appointment. Jordan was national director of black music sales and marketing for CEMA Distributing. 

David Fleischman has been appointed to the position of vice president, album promotion, MCA Records. Fleischman will be responsible for overseeing the promotion of all rock music product. ■ Joe lanello has been upped to vice president/pop promotion for Atlantic, where he has most recently held the position of senior director/pop promotion. He's been at the label since 1982. **Michael Krum** has been named vice president, promotion at Enigma Records. Krum, who has been with Enigma for a year, formerly held the position of vice president, CHR promotion. Prior to Enigma, Krum was at Scotti Brothers Records for 14 years, where he most recently held the position of vice president, promotion. I Paul Bezilla has been named to the newly created post of vice president, business and legal affairs for **Priority Records**, Inc. Prior to joining Priority, Bezilla served for three years as director of music business and legal affairs for the Walt Disney Company. ■ Kris Bagwell has been promoted to vice president, Southeastern region of MTV Networks' affiliate sales and marketing group. He'll be responsible for managing the operating activities of MTV Networks' Southeastern region, including all major relationships with key MSOs headquartered within the region. Also, Dennis Gillepsie, Jr. has joined MTV Network's affiliate sales and marketing group as vice president. He's responsible for managing the operating activities of the Eastern region. Sooze Wall, formerly of Columbia Pictures and Hush Productions, has joined Fleischman Kirby/Scott Artist Management as president of creative operations. Laura Swanson has been promoted to the post of national director of publicity/West Coast for A&M Records. Swanson, who was recently serving as West Coast director, has been with A&M for five years. Michael Schwartz has been named to the position of associate director of creative copy at Arista Records. He's been with Arista since 1988. # Elizabeth Evans has been appointed marketing manager, CEMA Distribution. Evans is responsible for preparing and overseeing the implementation of marketing plans in the U.S. for key releases by CEMA labels. I Suzanne Jessup has been appointed product and promotion manager, EMI Music International. Prior to this, Jessup had served as senior staff assistant for EMI Music's International marketing division since 1987. ■ Larry Palmacci has joined Musicmasters as director of marketing and sales. He comes to the BMG-distributed independent from BMG, where he was most recently director of regional sales for BMG Distribution. # Glenn Boothe has been appointed Island' manager/national college/alternative promotion, East Coast. Kevin Curry has been promoted to the position of East Coast A&R rep at Virgin Records, based in the company's New York office. Curry joined Virgin in 1987 as an assistant in the A&R department in the company's Los Angeles headquarters. # I.R.S. Records announces the creation of and appointments for two promotion department positions: Christy Roberts to regional promotion manager, Kansas City, and Greg Forston to regional promotion manager, Cleveland. Each will be based in their respective cities and report to Barry Lyons, vice president of promotion. Roberts was formerly MD and promotions director at KKYK Swanson in Little Rock.









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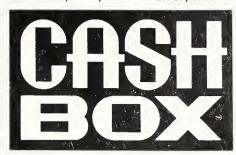
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On the Cover

# Nelson

BY ALEX HENDERSON



IN THE 1950S, RICK NELSON HIT BIG IN ROCK AND ROLL with such hits as "Hello Mary Lou" and "Bebop Baby." In 1990, the late Rick Nelson's sons Matthew and Gunnar are making an impact in the rock world as part of the five-piece band Nelson, whose debut album on Geffen Records, After the Rain has climbed to the top of the pop charts. Nelson's current single, "Love and Affection," is a top-5 single. Besides vocalists Matthew (who also plays bass) and Gunnar (who also plays rhythm guitar), Nelson consists of Brett Garsed (lead guitar), Paul Mirkovich (keyboards), Bobby Rock (drums) and Joey Cathcart (rhythm guitar).

The songs on After the Rain deal with romantic relationships. One thing you won't hear on the commercial album is an abundance of social or political commentary on the world's problems. "The world's dark enough as it is," Gunnar says. "It's time to shed a little light. Too many people draw their energy from the negative side of things. They become takers instead of givers. But music's always been our inspiration. That we're still standing after all we've been through is a matter of hope and trust and the power of music... Stylistically, no one's doing what we're doing. Dynamic, melodic vocal guitar rock—a big sound. It's just us."

#### E N M B R N

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# POINTS WEST

"YOU CAN BE IN A RELATIONSHIP FOR YEARS AND YEARS," counseled one of the New Kids on the Block during their recent Dodger Stadium gig, "and it still doesn't work out."

Looking around at the audience of 50,000, whose average age was roughly 11, you couldn't help but wonder who NKOTB think their audience are. While toddlers sat on laps, parents pasted grins on their faces and watched as their offspring lost it for the new darlings of Forbes magazine.

The relief was short-lived, though. While the NKOTB present a safe, wholesome image in their videos, posters and, oh yeah, *music; live* they gyrated, thrust pelvi (plural, you know), and crotch-grabbed. Donnie Wahlberg, whose role it apparently is to be obnoxious and rebellious, strutted the stage like a Beastie Boy slightly tamed, while lead singer Jordan Knight struck the pose. These are the two, judging by the crowd reaction, that fuel the fantasies of young American girls, circa 1990. In all fairness, Knight is a decent singer, letting loose with a capable falsetto that has "future solo career" written all over it (it's fair to say that a lot, if not a majority, of the vocals were live). Plus, the guys are good dancers in the Janet Jackson (takes direction very well), not Michael Jackson (feet guided by his muse) sense.

But their attempts at casual, laid-back performing were merely self-indulgent and repetitious. They milked applause like needy Vegas acts and were just as smug and self-satisfied. For all the razzmatazz, there was no real spark in the performance. They hit their marks, but didn't really go beyond that. Not that it mattered. The crowd roared as if cue cards were before them, and each song was greeted as if it were a holy hymn. What will be interesting to see is what the group does in a few years when they have to earn the applause, when they realize that working hard means more than working up a sweat.

-ERNEST HARDY

# EAST **COASTING**

IDOL CHATTER: Rock and roll charmer Billy Idol played to a near-capacity crowd at Jones Beach last week, winning over the assembled with what was basically a greatest-hits show featuring everything from "Hot in the City" to "Cradle of Love." The crowd, which by and large was still in diapers during Idol's Generation X days, gave back everything he gave out, in a sense helping him celebrate his recovery from a near-fatal motorcycle accident this year. Definitely a decent show, and for those who missed it, a repeat at the Meadowlands is scheduled for later this month.

But let's be real—we went to see the opening band, braving the insanity of the Deadhead crowd milling around Penn Station to get all the way out to Long Island. Who on earth is worth that kind of aggravation? You guessed it—Faith No More. Thirteen months on the road has made this into a definitive touring band, yet they don't appear to have lost their enthusiasm, even after playing the same songs over and over and over. But since people aren't getting tired of hearing them over and over and over, that makes sense. The massive "Epic" got the loudest crowd reaction, probably because even the people who just got to the venue early and have no interest in Faith No More have seen it on MTV billions of times. The songs the crowd didn't really get into were the surprisingly pretty Nestle's theme ("Nestle makes the very best, N-E-S-T-L-E-S..."), and the faithful cover of the Commodore's "Easy."

The funny thing about these two songs is that they're the only ones that truly demonstrated the fact that frontman Mike Patton can sing. On his own stuff, he has a tendency to bellow, whine and yelp—basically make noises that incorporate the lyrics but not necessarily the melodies. It's definitely entertaining, as is his rather unusual fashion sense. He's sporting some new highlights in his hair these days (actually, it looks like someone dumped paint over his head), and at the Jones Beach show, he had on a suit that even a blind man couldn't miss.

If you strike out and don't get to see this band during the Billy Idol tour, you can catch them on the Warner Home Video version, a live tape called *You Fat Bastards*. Next best thing to being there...

SPEAKING OF DRESSING FUNNY: The first thing you notice about Jellyfish, San Francisco's new psychedelic hipsters, is their clothes. They must have searched high and low for this stuff—it's worth picking up the new Charisma release, Bellybutton, just to see what they look like. But do check out the music, as well—it's worth a listen. Beatles references are inevitable, because this band turns out well-crafted, intelligent pop songs, but Jellyfish is more like the Beatles meet the Partridge Family, to jam on a few Supertramp covers. Looks funny on paper, I know, but it sounds great. Another interesting fact to note—Bellybutton was produced by Albhy Galuten, who has worked with Kenny Rogers and Eric Clapton, and produced the notorious Saturday Night Fever soundtrack. This is the first project he's done since then. Once you check out the album, make sure you catch them live. They're currently on tour with World Party, and will be in New York next week at the Ritz.

THE DOG DAYS OF...AUTUMN: Since we're on the subject of tours, Skinny Puppy will be heading out on the road in late October, starting in the Midwest, in support of the soon-to-be-released Nettwerk/Capitol album, *Too Dark Park*. That's my last Skinny Puppy item, I promise. Seriously.

AND AS THAT IMMORTAL SAGE KNOWN AS PORKY PIG WOULD SAY, th-th-th-that's all, folks. I'm outta here (all that goodbye stuff is in the other column—you know where to look), and have to say it's been fun. Keep an eye on this space to find out who to call about comings and goings in this magnificently weird city called New York, and be careful out there.

Peace.

-KAREN WOODS

# **NEW FACES**

# An Emotional Fish



"IT JUST MEANS MEANS SOME-ONE WHO'S REAL. It means self-expression, and not fearing that expression, and not being worried about being judged."

That's the explanation Gerard Whelan, lead singer of An Emotional Fish, gives to explain his group's name.

Formed in Dublin, Ireland in the spring of 1988, AEF generated strong label interest with their demo tape, which led to them signing a singles deal with U2's Mother Records. Their first release, "Celebrate," was a top-10 success in Ireland, spending four months on the Irish charts.

To produce their self-titled debut album for Atlantic Records, the band

chose Tim Palmer (Robert Plant, Tim Machine, Mission U.K., House of Love). Cutting the band's basic tracks live in the studio, Palmer has captured the over-the-top rock momentum that An Emotional Fish are known for onstage.

With lyrics that "glow with a surreal Doorsian mix of childlike happiness and brooding cynicism" (Melody Maker), captivating melodies and inspired musicianship, An Emotional Fish is a band about to surface. O

# Whiz Kid

BY ALEX HENDERSON



THE SEATTLE-BASED NAS-TYMIX RECORDS is associated with Sir Mix-a-Lot, High Performance and other Emerald City artists. An exception is hardcore rapper Whiz Kid, a native and resident of the Bronx. The debut album by Whiz Kid, who recorded two singles for Tommy Boy before signing with Nastymix, should be out in early 1991.

West Coast rap acts haven't always fared well in New York, which Whiz Kid finds regrettable. Whiz Kid is one native New Yorker who feel strongly that provincialism and regional prejudice should have no place in rap. "It's so stupid to have a conflict between New York and other rappers," contends Whiz Kid,

whose real name is Harold McGuire. "How can a New York rapper justify dissin' rappers who have achieved gold record status? I was born in the Bronx. I live in the Bronx, but that doesn't mean that a rapper from Hollis [Queens] or L..A. isn't a viable rapper, or that those rappers don't deserve my respect. I don't understand how people of the same color can be segregating themselves from one another. I'd to see more unity with the hip-hop community of the world."

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# ISIC PUBLISHING



ASCAP HELD A LUNCHEON during the 1990 Foundations Forum at the Sheraton Plaza La Reina Hotel in Los Angeles. Attending the luncheon were members of the press and prominent heavy-metal songwriters for ASCAP, as well as the panelists from the ASCAP Metal Songwriter Workshop. Pictured are (I to r): Nick Bowcott of Barfly (RCA); producer Mark Dodson (Anthrax, Suicidal Tendencies); Bob Pfeifer of Epic Records; Susan Collins, Virgin Music; and producer Andy Johns (Led Zeppelin, Cinderella).

ASCAP/NEW YORK: By popular demand, ASCAP sponsored its second "Pool Your Efforts" party on the evening of Thursday, August 9 at Manhattan's Billiards Club. The invitation-only event was designed to bring songwriters, record producers, publishers and A&R executives together in a relaxed social setting. Among the many industry players in attendance were Virgin Music VP/GM David Steel; MCA Music's Susan Henderson, Tita Gray and Evan Lamberg; Arista A&R VP Mitchell Cohen; EMI A&R VP Michael Barackman; VP/GM of Zomba Music, David Renzer; SBK/EMI Publishing VP Jody Gerson; producer Michael Frondelli; esteemed songwriters Seth Swirsky, Alex Forbes, Jeff Franzel and Peter Bliss; John Lennon's pal May Pang; Island Records' Hugo Burnham; Jerry Love of Famous Music; Jellybean's publishing honcho Debbie Benitez; PolyGram Music's John Titta; and Hit 'n' Run Music's Julie Lipsius and Joey Gmerek. Hosting the event were ASCAP's Lisa K. Schmidt, Jonathan Love, Leotis Clyburn, Marcy Drexler and Debbie Rose...

ASCAP/LOS ANGELES: ASCAP sponsored a Metal Songwriter Workshopat Foundations Forum '90 at L.A.'s Sheraton Plaza La Reina Hotel

on Friday, September 14. The workshop was open to all Foundations Forum registrants. It featured a panel of music industry professionals who critiqued the songs of 18 of the best unsigned heavy metal/hard rock bands from across North America. The 18 bands were selected by Foundations Forum and ASCAP from among hundreds of tapes submitted. The panel was moderated by Andy Gould of Concrete Management, a firm noted for its heavy metal roster. Joining Gould as panelists were producer Andy Johns (Led Zeppelin, Cinderella, Killer Dwarfs); A&R executives Bob Pheiffer (Epic Records) and Tom Zutaut (Geffen Records); publishing execs Susan Collins (Virgin Music) and Susan Henderson (MCA Music); and songwriter/artists Gary Cherone (Extreme/A&M Records) and Nick Bowcott (Barfly/RCA Records)...

ISLAND MUSIC: Zane Giles wrote the theme song, "Big Break," for Natalie Cole's TV show of the same name. Giles is also writing with Gladys Knight for her LP... Darryl Ross has the first single, "What's Up," on the upcoming Jellybean (Atlantic) album... Tony Haynes has co-written seven songs with Karyn White for her next LP. Haynes' song, "Bad Boys Club," will appear on both the



DURING FOUNDATIONS FORUM '90, ASCAP held a luncheon prior to the ASCAP Metal Songwriters Workshop. The luncheon was attended by panelists, press, some of ASCAP's prominent metal songwriters and various artists. Pictured are (I to r): (standing) Tom Skeoch of Tesla; producer Andy Johns; Ronnie James Dio; Brian Wheat of Tesla; ASCAP's Lisa Schmidt; Ron Mancuso and Louise Merlino of Beggars & Thieves; Nick Bowcott of Barfly; and (kneeling) ASCAP's Tom De Savia, Loretta Munoz and Jonathan Love.



WRITER/PRODUCER MARC TANNER has signed a worldwide co-publishing agreement with Emerald Forest Entertainment. Nelson's debut single, "Can't Live Without Your) Love and Affection," and album, *After the Rain*, on DGC—which Tanner co-wrote and co-produced—are both bulletting up the national charts. Tanner's next production will be WTG's the Choirboys. Shown welcoming Tanner to the Emerald Forest are Marla McNally (left) and Linda Blum-Huntington (right).

soundtrack and an episode of the NBC-TV show Boys Next Door. He also wrote "The Fashion Police," which will be used in three episodes of the program. Also, Haynes' "Showbizz" composition is to be used in the forthcoming Blake Edwards film, Switch... Jeff Paris' "Lucky This Time" is being cut by Fiona (Geffen). "No One Looks as Good as You," co-written with Dennis Morgan, is being recorded by Tony Terry (Epic). Paris is currently writing with Atcoact Outlaw Blood, and with Capitol artists Alias (formerly Sheriff), who will release as their third single "Waiting for Love," which Paris cowrote with Bret Walker. He collaborated with the band on the song "After Love Is Gone." Paris also has two co-writes with Y&T (Geffen): "Let It Out" and "Red, Hot 'N' Ready," on Y&T's current release... Stephen Bray is currently writing with Madonna. Bray's "That's Why," co-written with Linda Mallah, has been recorded by the Party (Hollywood Records) and should be out this week... Jimmy Scott's "You Go to My Head" will be the third single taken from Geoffrey McBride's (Arista) LP, and his "How Long Can a Man Be Strong" will be the third single from Jeff Healey's (Arista) current album... Barry Reynolds is writing with Marianne Faithfull for her next LP... King's X (Megaforce/Atlantic) have completed their third LP,

entitled Faith Hope Love. As yet, no release date is known... Island Music newcomer Michele Vice has the first single, "Contribution," on the forthcoming Mica Paris (Island) release, slated for October 23... The second single and video, "Can't Feel from Brent Bourgeois' the Pain, (Charisma) debut solo LP, has just been released. Dino's second LP, entitled Swingin', is in the stores, and the first single, "Romeo," is rapidly climbing the pop charts... The Buck Pets (Island) have recorded a new album, entitled Mercurochrome, street date October 23... Two debut LPs-I Want, by Jamm (Island); and Kissing the Roof of Heaven, from Irish band Hinterland (Island), with their first single, "Dark Hill"—are also slated for October 23 releases... Company of Wolves are currently on tour, and their latest single, "Hangin' by a Thread," is rapidly approaching breaker status in R'N'R... The Corbin/Hanner LP has just been released on Mercury... Robert Cray's (Mercury) LP is also just out... L.A. Guns' LP has acheived gold status, with their current single, "I Wanna Be Your Man," doing well... The Kentucky HeadHunters' LP has surpassed gold status, as the group currently tours with Hank Williams, Jr.... More on Island Music next week. This company is very, very hot...

To be continued...



NEW WRINKLE FOR THE KIDS: Recording sensations New Kids on the Block have signed an exclusive worldwide co-publishing agreement with Warner/Chappell Music. With combined worldwide sales of more than than 15,000,000 copies of their first three albums, and their current album, Step by Step, now racking up similar success, the Kids have now thrown their respective hats into the world of songwriting and publishing, specifically with the world's largest and most prestigious publisher, Warner/Chappell Music. Pictured are (I-r): (standing) Dick Scott, New Kids' manager; Rachelle Fields, Warner/Chappell VP creative; Les Bider, Warner/Chappell chairman and CEO; Danny Wood and Donnie Wahlberg of New Kids; and (seated) New Kids members Joe McIntyre, Jonathan Knight and Jordan Knight.

# Rappin' With the Retailer

BY C.J. AND JEFF KARP

RECORD THEATRE, Rochester, New York

Reporting: Jennifer Di Risio

"We are doing pretty well with the new Poison and the new Winger. Of course, the New Kids on the Block are doing well. The Young Guns soundtrack is doing very well. We really sell a lot of M.C. Hammer. There is just no stopping him here. Johnny Gill does really well for us. We have had a lot of people asking for the LL Cool J. We think that's going to do real well. Steve Vai is still the big indie here for us. The George Michael has started off real well. We have had a lot of people come in for the new Queensryche and Living Colour. The new Stryper is starting to pick up. The Vixen is doing well."

GARY'S RECORDS, Richmond, Virginia

Reporting: Jason Power

The Black Crowes are selling great. So is the Nelson and the new Warrant. Slaughter has picked back up again because of the second single. Faith No More is peaking out. Anthrax is hot. Depeche Mode has its good days. Keith Sweat is our #1 R&B seller. The new George Michael was real stong out of the box. Mariah Carey is just going wild. M.C. Hammer is still selling. So is Bell Biv Devoe and Johnny Gill. En Vogue continues to do well. Poor Righteous Teachers is the hot rap artist. We are sold out of Firehouse. Steve Vai is still selling. The new Randy Travis is doing great. The Keith Whitley is also strong. We are seeing some action on the Reba McEntire."

NORWALK RECORD DIS-TRIBUTORS, Anaheim, California

Reporting: Eva Arbusa

"The Queensryche came out really hot. The George Michael and Bob Dylan are off to a good start. So is the Neil Young. The Twin Peaks soundtrack is doing great. The Ghost soundtrack is still blowing out the door. The new Pebbles and the Vanilla Ice are just kicking. The Candyman is moving well. The new Garth Brooks is steaming. The Judds are holding their own. Randy Travis is doing very well. Hank Williams Jr. is doing well. The new N.W.A. is exploding."

NAVARRE, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

Reporting: Eric Vincent
"The new George Michael is rushing out the door. Warrant also came out really well. Bob Dylan is doing well. Two titles that continue to do well for us are Prince and Jane's Addiction. Wilson Phillips continues to do well for us. M.C. Hammer is doing well all over. Living Colour has been a surprise to us, but is selling really well. Queensryche, Ratt and Anthrax are all doing well for new releases. The new Stryper release is also doing well. There is a lot of interest in all the Stevie Ray Vaughan titles. The Too Short release has been real strong for us. Boogie Down Productions continues to do well. We are seeing some consistent numbers on Johnny Gill. We have just been blown away by the new Garth Brooks. There has been a huge demand for it. His first album continues to do well. Bonnie Raitt is still doing well. Carlene Carter has done quite well, and so has Reba McEntire."

ZIP'S, Tucson, Arizona

Reporting: Rick Andrade

"Queensryche is the biggie for us. It was #1 after two hours. The Garth Brooks has really come up strong. Living Colour and Neil Young are both doing some serious business. Winger has been doing real well. M.C. Hammer is still just incredible. Johnny Gill and Bell Biv Devoe are both selling steadily. En Vogue is still hanging in there. Bob Mould is doing exceptionally well. The George Michael is doing well. Eric Johnson is really stirring up a lot of commotion."

STRAWBERRIES, Boston, Massachusetts

Reporting: Beth MacGory

"Bon Jovi is just doing a crazy amount of business. It continues to stay in the top 10. The Righteous Brothers are selling a lot because of the Ghost soundtrack. Living Colour is #1 in the store. M.C. Hammer is still hanging in there. Of course, Anita Baker and Oletta Adams are top sellers. George Michael is doing very well. Roger Water's The Wall is just breaking down the walls. Stevie Ray Vaughan's In Step has just been phenomenal since his death. Poison is steady. Lee Greenwood is #1 in country right now. George Strait is 'hanging tough.' Reba McEntire is doing

really well. Soul Asylum is doing really well. Sonic Youth is moving really strongly. Lots of request for the new Redd Kross. Social Distortion has picked back up again."

CENTRAL SOUTH MUSIC, Nashville, Tennessee

Reporting: Tony Ross

"M.C. Hammer and Keith Sweat are right up here at the top. Johnny Gill and Bell Biv Devoe seem to be really strong. Pebbles looks to be real hot. Too Short has a new one that is going to be hot. Jon Bon Jovi is 'blazing.' Prince is stealing the top positions away just like a thief. That Jane's Addiction is doing great. Anthrax is another hot one. Extreme is moving right along. Wilson Phillips is doing well. Both of the Garth Brooks are selling like wildfire. Clint Black is still doing it. This new Randy Travis album looks to be a sure winner. The Judds have a new one out that will probably do pretty well. Kyper. are still hanging in there. N.W.A. is moving up."

SAM GOODY, Baltimore, Maryland

Reporting: Dennis

Wilson Phillips are selling on their own. They have a real broad age following. Slaughter's sales has increased. Bon Jovi is doing a lot of business. Bell Biv Devoe just got their second wind because of their second single. Boogie Down Productions goes in spells. Paula Abdul's Forever Your Girl is still hanging in there. Phil Collins has picked back up again. Aerosmith just won't quit. Ratt is starting to move a little better the more airplay it gets. Vixen is beginning to move. Keith Whitley just can't seem to go wrong. Clint Black is

still selling. Garth Brooks has just come out of nowhere. I'm just wiped out of Stevie Ray Vaughan since the accident."

RECORD ARCHIVES, Rochester, New York

Reporting: Jim Huie

"George Michael is selling without prejudice. Neil Young is appealing to all ages. Everyone is totally addicted to Jane's Addiction. Bell Biv Devoe is still topping the R&B charts. M.C. Hammer is still there. We haven't censored 2 Live Crew yet, so we are still seeing sales on them. Climbing up our charts in all shapes and colors is Black Box. John Haitt is really selling well. The Pixies are really appealing to the college audience. k.d. lang is o.k. by me. Rodney Crowell is selling really well. So is Roseanne Cash.'

CML ONE-STOP, Maryland Heights, Missouri

Reporting: Phil Dunscombe "Warrant is incredibly hot out of the box. It was definitely hotter than anything last week. M.C. Hammer us still hanging in there. George Michael is strong out of the box, but not as strong as I expected. N.W.A. is exceptionally hot and I expect it to be that way for a while. Phil Collins is back in the saddle with his new single. Anita Baker is doing fine. Living Colour is doing real well. Ratt seems like it's climbing up there. The hardcore fans are really eating up the Jane's Addiction. Michael Bolton has been refueled with the 'Georgia on My Mind.' Vince Gill is doing very well. That new Garth Brooks is really, really, really strong out of the box. Randy Travis seems to be doing real well, too."



# INDIE FOCUS

BY ALEX HENDERSON

## ■ INDIE PROFILE

## MALACO MALACO RECORDS HAS BEEN

DESCRIBED as a refuge for traditional soul music as we knew it in the 1960s and '70s. While the younger and lesserknown Ichiban is also recording a fair amount of classic soul, Malaco remains the leader in that area. Johnnie Taylor, Denise LaSalle, Dorothy Moore and



Johnnie Taylor



**Bobby Bland** 



Denise LaSalle



Latimore

# CASH BOX SEPTEMBER 29, 1990

Latimore are among the veterans recording straight-up soul for the Jackson, Mississippi-based Malaco. Other Malaco artists, like Bobby "Blue" Bland and Little Milton, while primarily blues artists, often venture into classic soul territory as well.

"Johnnie Taylor and Denise LaSalle are the very best at what they do, and there's no reason for them to change,' Malaco president Tommmy Couch asserts. "I can't say the O'Jays or the Temptations are wrong for choosing an urban/contemporary direction, but I do compliment our artists for continuing to do what they're so great at doing. They don't have a lot of peers

in doing what they do anymore."
In 1990, having a classic R&B sound is more difficult than having a classic jazz or a classic rock sound. While Etta James is acccused of sounding "dated," no one uses that word to describe Milt Jackson or David Lee Roth. Couch stresses, "Bobby Bland may sound 'dated,' but that's the way he's supposed to sound, as far as I'm concerned. If Bobby Bland tried to sound like M.C. Hammer, he wouldn't sound right. He wouldn't sound dated, but he would probably sound bad.

Couch says that Malaco, which was founded in 1968, can sell 100,000 units on a classic soul album and break even. But he's certain Taylor, LaSalle and Latimore would be selling a lot more albums were black radio more receptive. "The blame lies in the fact that these records aren't being played on the radio," Couch emphasizes. "Black radio will not play classic black music. Maybe their perception is that their listeners don't want to hear it. I really think our artists are too black for black radio.

But perhaps with Malaco releasing more contemporary R&B sounds from recent signings the Mailmen and Teen Dream, the label will enjoy more black-radio exposure. "Traditional rhythm and blues is the kind of music we love and the kind of music we've felt comfortable with," Couch notes. "But I think that as time goes on and we get bigger, we're gonna change a little bit. In the past, myself and Wolf Stevenson did most of the producing. As we get bigger and have more releases and more artists, we obviously can't do all the producing. I think basically, we're gonna stay with black music in some form or another. But it will probably be more urban contemporary-not necessarily rap-type urban, but more like a Bobby Brown... The Mailmen are an example of what I'm talking about. The producers that did their album made it more urban contemporary so that radio stations will play their kind of music, whereas with a Bobby Bland or a Johnnie Taylor, we have problems getting on black radio."

#### ■ INDIE **NEWS**

FANTASY: In October, Fantasy recording artist Ruth Brown is scheduled to appear at blues festivals in San Francisco, Sacramento, and Long Beach, California. R&B/blues/jazz singer Brown is best known for such 1950s R&B hits as "Mama, He Treats Your Daughter Mean," "5-10-15 Hours" and "Have a Good Time"...



H.W.A.

DRIVE-BY: September 25 is the street date for Livin' in a Hoe House, H.W.A.'s debut album on Drive-By Records, a new rap-oriented, L.A.-based label launched by industry veteran Ronnie Richardson. In the past, Richardson has held such positions as Motown's



Ronnie Richardson, president of **Drive By Records** 

director of regional promotions, R&B and pop; and Fantasy's national promotions director. H.W.A., whose name stands for Hoe's Wit Attitude, hails from Chicago, but band members 2 Jazzy, D. Diva and Baby Girl aren't on the hip-house tip. Rather, their explicit lyrics inspire comparisons to the erotica of a certain Miami posse and N.W.A.'s gangster imagery. Richardson sees H.W.A. as a female rap equivalent of Eddie Murphy. Musically, H.W.A. goes for a sound that is hard and funky, yet melodic...

PROFILE: This month, Profile ventures into new territory with the release of the Chicago-based pop/rock singer/songwriter Thom Bishop's Restless State of Grace—an album that is a definite departure for an indie associated with rap, dance music and, to a lesser degree, metal and hardcore punk... October releases on Profile include Dana Dane Forever, rapper Dana Dane's first album in three years; and reggae singer Pablo Moses' We Refuse... Back From Hell may be the title of Run-D.M.C.'s long-awaited followup to the Hollis, Queens homeboys' Tougher Than Leather album of 1988... King Sun's Righteous But Ruthless has a release date of November 5...

EMERGO: Alternative rock releases scheduled for release in October on Roadrunner's Emergo label include Senator Flux's The Criminal Special (October 2), the Neighborhoods' Hoodwinked and Waxing Poetics' Bed Time Story. On October 9, the label is releasing Heads Up's Soul Brother Crisis Intervention, a slammin' fusion of funk and rock...

## ■ INDIE REVIEWS

## **ALBUMS**

THE DRAMATICS: Stone Cold

(Volt/Fantasy V-3407)
Like 1989's Positive State of Mind, Stone Cold finds the Dramatics doing what fellow soul veterans like the O'-Jays, the Temptations, Blue Magic and Gladys Knight are doing—taking a high-tech, drum machine-driven approach in order to appeal to contem-porary black radio. "If U Really Luv Me," "Just a Little Bit" and "Candy" are among the album's black radio-ready techno-funk cuts. "She's Stone Cold" and "No Place to Live," Stone Cold's only truly retro cuts, are moving, classic-soul slowjams.

# ☐ MOJO NIXON: Otis (Enigma



With Otis boasting song titles like "Destroy All Lawyers," "Don Henley Must Die," "Put a Sex Mo-Sheen in the White House" and "Rabies Baby," it's obvious that Mojo Nixon has lost none of his outrageous sense of humor. While Nixon may not be as shocking as N.W.A. or Slayer, some individuals make the mistake of taking his lyrics literally-which is unfortunate because Nixon makes rock and roll (as well as funk/rock and blues/rock) that's meant to be fun. Period.

#### TRUDY LYNN: Come to Mama (Ichiban 1063)

While Trudy Lynn's last album was a mixture of blues and classic Southern-style soul, Come to Mama leans toward the latter. Lynn has a big, sassy voice comparable to Millie Jackson and Betty Wright that works well on "Fish Girl Blues," the album's strongest blues cut, and gritty soul songs like "Right Back in the Water," Bobby Womack's "Woman's Gotta Have lt" and a cover of Sam & Dave's "When Something Is Wrong With My

# **NEW MUSIC**

#### BY KAREN WOODS

I'M SO GLAD WE'VE HAD THIS TIME TOGETHER: Be glad you didn't hear me sing that. I type better than I sing, believe me. No, I'm not going to tell you that the next Ministry side-project is going to feature Carol Burnett (although some of you would probably believe me, wouldn't you?)... Instead, that just seems to be the most appropriate and least maudlin way to say goodbye.

I considered listing all the people to whom I feel incredibly grateful, but that would take two pages, and besides, you know who you are. Thanks for all your help, your patience, your warmth, and thanks for making me laugh. Above-and-beyonds, however, go to Cranky and Spanky (a.k.a. Cindy Gray and Lisa Markowitz), Layla Turkkan and Jocelynn Loebl-Venetianer, Marty Maidenberg, Janet Billig, Neil Cooper, the Warner Brothers crew and (of *course*) everyone at Nettwerk and Wax Trax.

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So, with that out of the way, if you need me for any reason or just feel like calling to chat, I'll be at (503) 665-5321 until December or so, taking a much-needed break, working on a couple of projects, freelancing and watching cartoons. Peace, love and keep the faith.

Stay tuned.

#### **TICKERTAPE**

Continued from page 2

BACKSTAGE PASS ALERTS: Dave Stewart and the Spiritual Cowboys will hit our shores with a short tour beginning in Boston on October 17 and hitting New York October 18 and L.A. around Halloween... Johnny Clegg & Savuka are heading this way, too. They start on the left coast September 29 and end up on the East Coast well into November.

SHINE ON, CRAZY CD:1t had to happen. It's the world's first glow-in-thedark CD. BMG Classics, to celebrate the recent signing of Henry Mancini and the Mancini Pops Orchestra (it's got a catchy ring to it) will put out a special glow-in-the-dark Mancini CD for Halloween (of his eerier music, of course). American Helix wants you to know that they produced the thing.

ON THE AIR: VH-1 is now producing half-hour programs to run on Japan Airlines. And you thought you could fly off to Tokyo and escape VH-1. Wrong... The same folks (VH-1, not JAL) are going to give \$25,000 to two environmental organizations—Global Releaf and TreePeople—as part of the run-off from its current on-air Crosby, Stills & Nash promotion.

HIDE YOUR HEARTS, GIRLS: Joe Ely, who was on MCA from 1977 to 86, has been re-signed to the label. First up will be *Live at Liberty Lunch*, coming at you next month, with CD reissues of his older MCA titles a good possibility.

**THEY TOOK A POLL:** The Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression did. They found out

that more than 65% of Americans believe that music lyrics are a form of expression protected under the first amendment, but that 84% thinks the government has the right to censor them in certain cases. In fact, 42% said the government should outright ban the sale of records with sexually explicit lyrics. This does not sound like good news to us... If you're not tired of the subject, the opening act for the November 8 pay-per-view broadcast of 2 Live Crew will be a debate between a Miami attorney and a guy from the ACLU. Dr. Ferdie Pacheco will do the color commentary.

ROUNDER BLUE: Rounder Records, those masters of recording American regional styles, has founded a new allblues label, Bullseye Blues. New albums by R&B crooner Charles Brown and blues piano veteran Champion Jack Dupree will highlight the first releases, due October 15 and also including sessions by Byther "Smitty" Smith, Eddie Hinton, John Mooney and Luther "Guitar Jr." Johnson.

TEN YEAR MAN: Philips' Jan Timmer, a man very much responsible for the introduction of the CD to the world, will receive the Nesuhi Ertegun Award as Man of the Decade at next January's M1DEM Conference. That's January 20-24 in the Cote d'Azur.

NEW ORLEANS: Orleans, one of the coolest bands of the '70s, has reunited. That's John Hall, Larry Hoppen, Lance Hoppen, Bob Leinbach, Peter O'Brien, Paul Branin and Rob Leon, and they're going to start off with a live album, which they're recording October 6 & 7 at Woodstock, N.Y.'s Bearsville Theatre. No label info yet.

# HEAVY **METAL**

#### BY ALEX HENDERSON

STUDIO SAVAGERY: Robert Plant's current Es Paranza/Atlantic album, Manic Nirvana, has been certified platinum in Canada... Island has signed German headbangers Victory, who opened for the Scorpions on their last American tour. Victory's first American release, Temples of Gold, is due out in early 1991... In late September, the Los Angeles-based Wild Rags label is planning to drop four death-metal thrash albums: Hellwitch's Syzygial Miscreancy, Blasphemy's Fallen Angel of Doom, Toxodeth's Mysteries About Life & Death and Impetigo's Ultimo Mondo Cannibale. In late October, Wild Rags plans to release a moshin' Invocator EP... On November 6, Combat is releasing



The Great Kat

ill death-metal thrashers Carcass' Symphonies of Sickness domestically. So far, the album has been available in the U.S. only as an import... Heathen, which has signed a worldwide deal with Roadracer/Roadrunner, will soon begin recording its second album, tentatively titled Fear of the Unknown. The Bay Area moshers' first album, Breaking the Silence, was released on Combat in 1987... October releases on Roadrunner's Roadracer and RC labels include the Great Kat's Beethoven on Speed, Hawkwind's Space Bandits, Realm's Suiciety, Exhorder's Slaughter in the Vatican, and Brazilian thrashers Sepultura's Schizophrenia... Geffen is planning to release Tesla's Five Man Acoustical Jam, a live all-acoustic album, in mid-November..

HIGHWAY TO HELL: Death has been touring with Combat/Relativity labelmates and fellow death-metal thrashers Carcass since August and will remain on

the road with them until at least mid-October. On September 6, **Pestilence**, a death-metal thrash posse that records for Roadracer, joins the tour in Cleveland... The second leg of Robert Plant's *Manic Nirvana* Tour begins in



Death

mid-September... Anthrax, whose slammin' Persistance of Time album on Island is rapidly climbing the pop charts, is scheduled to begin touring Europe with Iron Maiden, as an opening act. The tour commences with a show in Madrid



Xentrix

on October 23. Los headbangers espanoles estan moshando muy fuerte... Annihilator and Xentrix, two of the most accessible thrash bands on Roadracer, are playing dates in England, Germany, Holland and Belguim in October. Roadracer is hoping to cross Annihilator's newly released Never Neverland over to mainstream metalheads in a big way—which is what other labels have done with Metallica, Slayer, Megadeth and Anthrax...

VILLAINS ON VIDEO: The Making of Pump, a long-form home video spotlighting Aerosmith, is due out on October 9. The 110-minute video, which was produced by Keith Garde, boasts interviews with the Boston bombers, and takes an in-depth look at the six-month recording of Aerosmith's latest Geffen album, Pump—a disc that sold more than 5,000,000 units worldwide. The Making of Pump will have a suggested retail price of \$19.98...

# ON JAZZ

#### BY LEE JESKE



**Charlie Mingus** 

PITHECANTHROPUS ENOR-

MOUS: Look, everybody keeps talking about these rock and roll boxed sets—you know, four CDs of the Bee Gees or Led Zeppelin. C'mon, they've got to be kidding. Four CDs? Five hours? Wussies. Jazz, which has been coming in boxed sets since that first Buddy Bolden 78 box in 1915, knows how to put out boxed sets. Take the new Charles Mingus: The Complete Debut Recordings, just out from Fantasy. A Mingus-sized 12 CDs it is—a dozen CDs—ringing up to about 14 hours of music. That's right—14 hours. And it doesn't even include the most essential Mingus recordings (those were made later, for Atlantic, Columbia and other labels). You want this baby-it lists for \$175 and takes up the space of a small end table. *That's* a boxed set! That's commitment! Two CDs of Bo Diddley in a box? Gimme a break. The Led Zeppelin set has two previously unreleased tracks. This has 64.64! Rock and roll's got a long way to go.

In any case, the set looks and sounds misleading, since Mingus is not the subject of all of these sessions, although he does play on all of them (see, Debut was a label that he and Max Roach ran from 1951-1958). This is not even everything that was recorded for Debut, just the stuff that was recorded for Debut with Mingus on it. Got it? So there are fine sessions by Kai Winding and J.J. Johnson, Paul Bley, Miles Davis, Hazel Scott, Thad Jones and others, all with Mingus as sideman. Also, there's the famous Massey Hall concert with Mingus, Roach, Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie and Bud Powell, both with Mingus' overdubbed bass solos (something you can do when you own the label) and without. The set also includes some Mingus-led sessions and, all and all, a hefty slab of fine mid-'50s jazz. (Oh, if you think I've listened to all of this yet, you're crazy, although I am familiar with most of the records. I'll get to the unreleased tracks next Purim.)

STORY VILLE: It must be a trend. In the past couple of months, two books of jazz fiction have come out. Two. First there was Hot & Cool: Jazz Short Stories, edited by Marcela Breton (Plume, \$9.95 paperback). Now there's From Blues to Bop: A Collection of Jazz Fiction (Louisiana State University Press, \$24.95 hardback), edited by Richard N. Albert. It's a good idea, although, for the most part, jazz hasn't inspired much great fiction. It's too elusive. The books have several pieces in common: "Powerhouse" by Eudora Welty, "Sonny's Blues" by James Baldwin, "Eine Kleine Jazzmusik" by Josef Skvorecky (author of The Bass Saxophone, one of the few exceptional jazz novels) and "The King of Jazz" by Donald Barthelme. They've each got a different Langston Hughes piece and, just from a glance, Hot & Cool seems like a stronger collection—less reliance on novel excerpts and a greater number of cool writers (Peter De Vries, Terry Southern, Julio Cortazar—you know, cool writers).

OLIVER'S STORY: Saxophonist Oliver Lake • he of the World Saxophone Quartet, Jump Up, the Oliver Lake Quartet, and other ensembles—came up during a time, the early '70s, when young jazz musicians wanted to take jazz music to different places; wanted to carry it off to spheres unknown, to attach it to sounds and forms to which it was never attached before, to shake it up. Now, of course, many young jazz musicians are skipping back past Lake's generation to the pre-Coltrane era. Hard bop lives. I recently asked Oliver Lake what he thought about all of this—and the fact that Harry Connick Jr. comes out in print slamming Max Roach, and Greg Osby comes out in print slamming Eric Dolphy, etc.—and this is some of what he said:

"I think that group of musicians that the press has been paying attention to and the clubs have been hiring are all great players, but I think a lot of the adventurousness has left and it's kind of strange. It's kind of served as a divisive thing among the musicians, because you set up camps again—"This person is not playing standards, so therefore he can't play." You know, that's kind of stupid, because we're all in the same bag—none of us is really doing anything more than anyone else. And everything is valid, from my point of

"You have a set of young musicians who are out there now, screaming on people who are older than them and who are playing different styles from them, that if you're not playing this style, then you can't play. I think it's totally ridiculous from that point of view. I don't know why the camps are getting further and further apart. It's disturbing to me, the fact that the camps are getting further apart. I used to have a point about that, about all the rock

# **CONTEMPORARY JAZZ**

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BLUE PACIFIC (Reprise 26183) MICHAEL FRANKS	2	10
2 FAST FORWARD (GRP 9608)		1
	1	12
3 LIVE AT THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL (JMT/Polygram 834 436)		
	3	12
4 COMPOSITIONS (Elektra 60922) ANITA BAKER	8	8
5 WELCOME TO THE ST. JAMES CLUB (GRP 9618)		
	DEE	BUT
6 GRAND PIANO CANYON (Warner Bros. 26256) BOB JAMES	4	8
7 WHAT'S INSIDE (Enigma 73565) RICHARD ELLIOT	10	3
8 3 (Epic 46012) STANLEY CLARKE/GEORGE DUKE	6	8
9 MAXIMUM GROOVE (Opitimism 3228) MAX GROOVE	9	6
10 TOKYO BLUE (EMI 92248)	5	20
11 AMAZON SECRETS (Verve Forecast/Polygram 843 602) RICARDO SILVEIRA	DEE	3UT
12 COLLECTION (GRP 9611) LARRY CARLTON		12
13 IN THE SHADOWS (Denon 6210) BOB BERG	DEF	BUT
14 TRUE SPIRIT (PAR 2003) RONNIE LAWS	20	3
15 THE JOURNEY (Atlantic 82138) BOBBY LYLE	DE	_
16 CORNUCOPIA (Blue Note/Capitol 92356) STANLEY JORDAN		22
17 REFERENCE POINT (GRP 9614) ACOUSTIC ALCHEMY		BUT
18 THEM CHANGES (GRP 9613)		10
19 SKETCHBOOK (GRP 9617) JOHN PATITUCCI		BUT
20 TAKE ANOTHER LOOK (Mesa/Blue Moon 79152) GRANT GEISSMAN		10
21 A TOTAL ECLIPSE (A&M 5305) VERNELL BROWN JR,	14	8
22 RECKLESS PRECISION (Winham Hill 0124) TUCK ANDRESS	15	10
23 LOVE IS GONNA GETCHA (GRP 9603)	18	22
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	17	28
26 BELA FLECK & THE FLECKTONES (Warner Bros. 26124)	40	40
BELA FLECK & THE FLECKTONES	19	16
27 EDGE OF THE WORLD (Verve Forcast/Polygram 843 011) TOM GRANT	22	16
28 TOKYO NIGHTS (Nova 9026) ROB MULLINS	21	10
29 A TIME FOR LOVE (Muse 5381)	25	14
30 LOVE GODDESS (Startrak/Ichiban 4021) LONNIE LISTON SMITH	23	18
31 HEAD OVER HEALS (Orpheus/EMI 75615) ALEX BUGNON	24	14
32 INSIDEOUT (GRP 9601)	29	26
33 OTHER PLACES (Nova 9025) BRANDON FIELDS	27	12
34 TOE TO TOE (MCA 6334)	26	18
35 JUST LIKE MAGIC (GRP 9609) SPECIAL EFX	28	14
36 OUT OF THE SHODOWS (Atlantic 82065) PAUL JACKSON JR.	30	14
37 NEW PANTS (Warner Bros. 26152) FLIMM AND THE BB'S	33	20
38 NO BORDERS (MCA 6380) KEIKO MATSUI	32	14
39 A LADY WITH A SONG (Columbia C 45378) NANCY WILSON	31	22
40 NEVER TOO FAR (EMI 92401) DIANNE REEVES	36	28

musicians against the bebop musicians, bebop musicians against the funk musicians, and it goes on and on and on. And it doesn't really mean anything, because we're all in the same boat.

Wynton Marsalis has gone into some universities and called names, man, of people you should not listen to, or people who can not play-some of my very best friends, and probably me included because I'm not playing standards.

"The point is that you communicate with this music, and if people can feel your communication, whether you're playing 'Georgia on My Mind' or one of my originals, it doesn't matter, as long as you make that communication. And that's what we were about, and that's what we're still about—the musicians in my age group, who came out of St. Louis and Chicago and so forth. And so I think a lot of us would just like him to go and play his horn and be quiet. There it is, and it's nothing against him. I mean, all of us are trying to survive through this music, and it's a very difficult thing to do. To have someone who's going into universities and telling students not to listen to this player, I think it's totally ridiculous.

"They're going to have to eventually find out that we're all in the same boat. We're trying to survive with this music, and all of that shit is divisive and doesn't mean anything."

Lake, by the way, is about to go into the studio to record an album of original ballads for Gramavision, and the WSQ has finished up its next album for Elektra, a set with African percussion.

# RHYTHM & BLUES

BY ERNEST HARDY

### ■ RHYTHM & BLUES NEWS

CLASSIC SOUL SINGER Curtis Mayfield—recently injured in a stage accident which has left him paralyzed from the neck down—will be honored in a special rap concert September 25 at the Palace, in Hollywood. The concert, "In Honor of Curtis Mayfield: The Return of Superfly Live," previously scheduled for September 17, will star Ice-T, Tone Loc, Eazy E, Mellow Man Ace, the Uzi\$Bros, C.P.O., King Tee, and other surprise guests. Proceeds from the \$25 admission tickets will go to Mayfield's family.

The performing artists are joining onstage for this special tribute because





most joined Mayfield on the new original soundtrack, *The Return of Superfly*, released August 21 by Capitol Records. Mayfield reprises his role as composer with four new *Superfly* tracks: "Showdown," "Forbidden," "For the Love of You" and the new single, "Superfly 1990." For the latter, Mayfield teams with



Marvin Gaye

rapper Ice-T for an updated twist on the classic theme from his barrier-breaking 1972 Superfly sound track. Lenny Kravitz mixed the single and album version of "Superfly 1990."

A 5 p.m. press conference will be held before the concert.

RECENTLY, ACTOR MICKEY ROONEY semijoked that he wanted to have his star lifted off the Hollywood Walk of Fame

because it's so easy to get one that almost anyone who has starred in a television sit-com has one. When the likes of Mary Hart (Entertainment Tonight) gets a star while a Marvin Gaye goes ignored, you realize Rooney isn't simply being facetious. At least, though, the slight of Gaye is about to come to an end. On Thursday, September 27, 1990, the Hollywood Walk of Fame dedicates its 1,920th star to him. The ceremony will take place at 10:30 a.m. at 1500 Vine Street, Hollywood, California.

To accept for Gaye will be his three children: Marvin III, Frankie and Nona. Industry notables such as Berry Gordy, Jheryl Busby (current Motown president/CEO), Diana Ross, Smokey Robinson, the Temptations, Lionel Ritchie, and a host of other celebrities and fans are expected to be in attendance.

## R&B ALBUMS

Sep	pt. 29, 1990 The square bullet indicates strong upward chart movement.  Last	Total Week	Weeks
10	PLEASE HAMMER DON'T HURT'EM (Capitol 92857)(P3) M.C. Hammer	1	32
2	I'LL GIVE ALL MY LOVE TO YOU (Elektra 60891) Keith Sweat	2	14
3	COMPOSITIONS (Elektra 60922) Anita Baker	4	
4	POISON (MCA 6387)(P)	13	25
5	JOHNNY GILL (Motown 6283)	5	22
6 7	GRAFFITI BRIDGE (Paísley Park/Warner Bros. 27493)	9 8	4 6
8	MORE OF THE NIGHT (Capitol 92957)	19	19
9	EDUTAINMENT (Jive/RCA 1358) Boogie Down Productions	11	4
10	100 MILES AND RUNNIN' (Ruthless/Priority 7224) N.W.A.	18	3
11	PANDEMONIOM (Paísley Park/Reprise 27490)	3	
12	BANNED IN THE USA (Luke Skywalker/Atlantic 91424) 2 Live Crew	6	8
13	CALL ME D-NICE (Jive/RCA 1202) D-Nice	7	-
14	LEGAL (Profile 1297) Special Ed	10	
15	MARIAH CAREY (Columbia 54202)		
16 17	BORN TO SING (Atlantic 82084)	14 15	
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		16	13
20	LIVE FROM ACKNICKULOUS LAND (Arista 8615) Three Times Dope	17	7
21	LET THE RHYTHM HIT EM' (MCA 6416) Eric B. & Rakim		
22	AFTER 7 (Virgin 91061)(G)		
23 24	REAL MEN WEAR BLACK (Mercury/Polygram 846 297) Cameo WORLD POWER (Arista 8536)		
24 25		23	13
		35	3
26	LALAH HATHAWAY (Virgin 91382) Lalah Hathaway		4
27	TO THE EAST, BLACKWARDS (4th & B'way 444019) X Clan	24	20
28	VOL II 1990 A NEW DECADE (Virgin 91367)		
29	FEAR OF A BLACK PLANET (Def Jam/Columbía C45413) Public Enemy		
30			
31 32	JANET JACKSON'S RHYTHM NATION 1814 (A&M 3920)(P3) Janet Jackson SEX PACKETS (Tommy Boy 1026) Digital Underground		
33	HOLY INTELLECT (Profile 1289) Poor Righteous Teachers		
34	STILL TRAPPED (Malaco 7454) Denise Lasalle		
35			ITRY
36	IT'S A COMPTON THING (Orphous/EM175633) Compton's Most Wanted	32	
37	BASIC BLACK (Motown 6307) Basic Black		
38	THE MAN IS BACK (A&M 5256) Barry White		
39	TAKE A LOOK AROUND (Cold Chillin'/Reprise 26179)		4 BUT
40 41	BONAFIDE (Charisma 91384) Maxi Priest TO HELL AND BLACK (Capitol 94522)		
42	HOOKED (SBK 4019)		_
43	WANTED: DEAD OR ALIVE (Cold Chillin' Reprise 26165) Kool G Rap & D.J. Polo		
44	ALL FOR YOU (Jive/RCA 1181)		10
45	BASS IS THE NAME OF THE GAME (Cheetah 9403) D.J. Magic Mike	38	9
46	HISPANIC CAUSING PANIC (Virgin 91377)		
47	THE REAL THING (Mercury/Polygram 838 366) Angela Winbush		
48	A DAY IN THE LIFE (Atlantic 82100) Kwame & A New Begining		
49 50	AS NASTY AS THEY WANNA BE (Luke Skyywalker 107)(P) 2 Live Crew INTELLIGENT HOODLUM (A&M 5311) Intelligent Hoodlum		
51	RETURN (Owest/Warner Bros. 26161) The Winans		
52	TRADEWINDS (MCA 6386)		
53	3 (Epic 46012) Stanley Clarke/George Duke	44	5
54	ROLLIN' WITH NUMBER ONE (Nasty Mix 7018) Kid Sensation	46	
55		DE	ВИТ
56	RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS GREATEST HITS (Verve 823662)	50	4
58	KICKIN' AFROLISTICS (Rai 46802) The Afro's		BUT
59	THE DOGS (JR 2003)		
60	SHORT DOGS IN THE HOUSE (Jive/RCA 1353) Too Short		BUT
61	G4 (Gucci/Hot 3327)	70	3
62	AFFECTION (Arista 8554)(P)		
63	DO YOU REMEMBER LOVE (Arista 8543)	52	
64 65	TELL THE WORLD MY NAME (Atlantic 82108)	51 58	
66	ESCAPE FROM HAVANA (Capitol 91295)		
67	CIVILIZED ROGUE (Arista 8617)		BUT
68	ATTITUDE (Atlantic 82035)	63	
69	TENDER LOVER (Solar/Epic FZ45288)(P)	64	
70	LOVE GODDESS (Startrak/Ichiban 4021)Lonnie Liston Smith	60	
71	BACK ON THE BLOCK (Owest/Warner Bros. 26020)(P) Quincy Jones		
72	TIC-TAC-TOE (Atlantic 82116)		
73 74	LIVING LIKE HUSTLERS (Ruthless 46041) Above The Law MCHEL'LE (Ruthless 91282)(G) Michel'le	65	
75	IT AIN'T WHERE YA FROM, IT'S WHERE YA AT (Geffen 24289)	33	٠,
		71	10

# TOP R&B SINGLES

September 29, 1990



#1 Single: Pebbles



High Debut: Al B. Sure



To Watch: M.C. Hammer #51

Total Weeks ▼ Last Week ▼

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1. GIVING YOU THE BENEFIT (MCA 79079) Pebbles	. 4	7	64	PRAY (Capitol 44609)	70 0	
2 CRAZY (Motown 2053)		11		ART OF LOVE (Warner Bros./Reprise 4-19802) Michael Franks		
3 EVERYBODY EVERYBODY (RCA 2628)		13		YOU CAN GET ME ANYTIME (Epic ZSK 73487) Something Special		
4 THEIVES IN THE TEMPLE (Paisley Park/Warner Bros. 19751) Prince				I GOT THE FEELING (Motown 2062) Today		
5 CLOSE TO YOU (Charisma 4-98951)				I LOVE YOU (Reprise 4-19716)		
6 FARE WEATHER FRIEND (Motown 7917) Johnny Gil				BANNED IN THE USA (Luke/Atlantic 4-98915) Luke Featuring 2 Live Crew		
7 HEAVEN KNOWS (Virgin 4-91382) Lalah Hathaway				BAD HABIT (Select 5004)		
8 MERRY GO ROUND (Elektra 464937) Keith Swea				CANT STOP (Virgin 96470)		
9 LIES (Atlantic) En Vogue		13		CAN WE TRY AGAIN (Jive/RCA 1395)		1
10 SAVE YOUR LOVE (Capitol 79179)			-0	VISION OF LOVE (Columbia 38-73348) Mariah Carey		
IT IF I COULD ONLY HAVE THAT DAY BACK (Elektra 64947-4) Howard Hewet				HARLEM BLUES (Columbia 38T-73564)		ı
12 I'LL BE GOOD (EMI 92248)		14		COME HOME TO ME (Atlantic 4-87855)		ı
13 TOUCH ME UP (MCA 79056)				HALF (Ral/Columbia 38T-73463) No Face		ı
14-I DON'T GO FOR THAT (Warner Bros. 0-21594) Quincy Jones		_	_	MISSUNDERSTANDING (Warner Bros. 4423)		
15 SO YOU LIKE WHAT YOU SEE (Atlantic 4-87864)				SECOND CHANCE (RCA 2639)		
16 A FRIEND (Quest/Warner Bros. 4-19775)		11		DO ME (MCA L3318381)		1
17 FEELS GOOD (Wing/Polydor 877 437-1) Tony! Toni! Tone				JERK OUT (Paisley Park/Reprise 19750)		
18 YOUR RIGHT ABOUT THAT (Arista 2053) Kiara				KNOCKIN' BOOTS (Epic 34T-73450) Candy Man		
19 ERE'S LOOKING AT YOU (Epic ESK73494) Teena Mar				DANCE WITH ME (Columbia 38T-73425) The Black Flames		
20 RHYTHEM OF LIFE (Polygram 875 018-4) Oleta Adams			_	OUR LOVE WILL LAST (Reprise 19706) Barbara Weathers		
21 THAT'S MY ATTITUDE (Atlantic 4-87853)				WEAK AT THE KNEES (Arista 2034)		l
22 THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME (Arista 2049) Lisa Stansfield				THE MASTERPLAN (FFRR/Polydor 869016-4) Dianne Brown & Barrie K. Sharpe		
23 INNOCENT (Capitol V-15598)			-	PEOPLE (Virgin 4-98928)		
24 LOVE TAKES TIME (Columbia 38T-73455) Mariah Carey				ICE ICE BABY (SBK 07335)		
25 I THOUGHT IT WAS ME (MCA 12-53899) Bell Biv DeVoc				SHE'S MINE (Motown MOTS7925)		
26 SLOW MOTION (Motown 2064)				LOVE YOU UP (Epic 75307)		
27 DO YOU REALLY WANT MY LOVE (Capitol 44532) Melba Moore				MY HEART YOUR HEART (Capitol 79339)		
28 HEAL OUR LAND (Jive/RCA 1376-4) Johnathan Butle				NEW JACK THANG (Geffen 4-19678) Silk Tymes Leather		ĺ
29 TREAT THEM LIKE THEY WANT TO BE TREATED (Uptown/MCA 53822)		-		I'D RATHER GO BLIND (Arista 2055) Sydney Youngblood		l
	. 12	9		GLAD TO BE ALIVE (Elektra 66629-0) Teddy Pendergrass And Lisa Fisher		ľ
30 U CAN'T TOUCH THIS (Capitol 44552) M.C. Hamme				NOW'S THE B TURN (4th & B'Way/Island 440-509-4) Laquan		ľ
31 IN SUMMER I FALL (Atlantic 4-87874) Family Stand				MY GIRL (Capitol V-15587)		l
32 SOMEONE TO LOVE (MCA 24058)				CALL ME D-NICE (Jive/RCA 1351)		
33 BLACK CAT (A&M 1477)				TRY ME (Warner Bros. 4344) Jasmine Guy		ľ
34 OOOPS UP (Arista 2060)				WE LIKE IT (Capitol 44591) Oaktown 3-5-7		ŀ
35 I LOVE THE WAY YOU LOVE ME (WTG/Epic 31-73431) Nayobo				FEEL IT (Columbia 38T-73403) The Afros		ı
36 GO OUTSIDE IN THE RAIN (Motown 2029)				I AIN'T LYING (Wing/Polygram 877-535-4)		
37 CIGARETTE IN THE RAIN (Warner Bros. 4-19735) Randy Crawford				OWNLEE EUE (Atlantic 096494) Kwame & A New Begining		
38 THE BOOMIN' SYSTEM (Def Jam/Columbia 38T-73457) L.L. Cool				PRIVATE PARTY (MCA 53879)		
39 CLOSE QUARTERS (Mercury 878 198-4)				LISTEN UP (Quest/Reprise 4-19576) Listen Up		
40 ARE YOU REALLY REAL (Tommy Boy/Reprise 19781) Force M.D.'				WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME GANG(Warner Bros. 19819) West Coast Rap All Stars		
41 STOP RUNNING AWAY (A&M 1514) Brenda Russel				LOVE AND EMOTION (RCA 2645) Stevie B		
42 LIVIN' IN THE NIGHT (EMI 50286) Caren Wheele				GIRL DANZ WITH ME (Orpheus 4JM-72299) Z Looke		
43 MORE TO LOVE (EMI 50323) Dianne Reeves				ALL THE WAY (Solar/Epic 35T-74516)		
44 SOME ONE LIKE YOU (MCA 53775)				COME ON LETS DO THIS (Atlantic 4-87871) Rude Boys		
45 I JUST CAN'T HANDLE IT (Jive/RCA 1398)				8 DAYS A WEEK (MCA 24062) James "J.T." Tayler		-
46 SOUL SISTER (Warner Bros. 4366)				WANNA BE THAT MAN (Columbia 44-73396)		
47 SOUL INSPIRATION (Elektra 4-64935) Anita Bake				Earth, Wind & Fire Faet. M.C. Hammer	83 7	
48 I NEED YOUR LOVE (Motown 2027)				TALK TO ME (Elektra 64964) Anita Baker		1
49 ROCK THIS FUNKY JOINT (Profile 7302) Poor Rightous Teachers			99	MY KINDA GIRL (Solar/Epic 35-74515)	65 16	
50 COME BACK TO ME (A&M 1475)			100	ONE MORE CHANCE (CBS/Columbia 44-73420) Perfect Gentlemen	66 11	

# RAP/DANCE

#### BY ERNEST HARDY

WITH CHUCK D. AND RICK RUBIN singing their praises, the Geto Boys have found a new home at WEA, who will now distribute not only their product but, at press time, probably that of all their labelmates on Rick Rubin's Def American label. I know I'm happy now..

DNA INTERNATIONAL RECORDS has just released a couple of 12" singles

worthy of note. The best of the two is a smoldering house concoction, "Get Up and Move," by Sir Louie N Prime that should fare well in clubs that don't merely take cues from top 40 radio. The second is a two-artist release, with T-Wiz doing "The Nerd" and "Revenge of the Nerds" on side A, and Rob Well





doing some impressive T-Wiz House-work on "The Hip House" on side B...

Sir Louie N' Prime

RAPPER BROTHER-07, whose debut single, "It's My World," is already stirring waves abroad, has just released the single in America in hopes of generating similar response. The New Jerseyite is co-owner (along with his brother/manager Zaki Abdul) of Def Boy Records, and says his message is on the smooth tip, yet maintains a slammin' edge, complete with messages of unity, self-awareness and African-American pride. "I stay on the positive tip because that's the way I am and want my people to be," says Brother-07. "After all, it's their Brother-07 world, too" ...





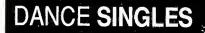
Doug E. Fresh

DOUG E. FRESH recently completed his new album, Innovation: What Was, What Is, What Will Be, recorded in Manhattan's On Broadway studio. Fresh will also be on the big screen in early 1991 in Lighting the Way (working title: Let's Get Busy), currently filming in and around New York...

LA DOLCE VITA, on Warlock Records, have taken the Frankie Lymon classic, "Why Do Fools Fall in Love," stripped it down to its title (sung over and over) and given it a rap on the *down* side of love. Though it sounds a little dated in terms of production and effects, the female vocals are great, giving the whole endeavor a walloping punch...

TWO NEW INDEPENDENT RAP RELEASES from Sam Records are highly recommended. The Brothers From Another Planet disc, "Wishing on a Star," is a tale of trying to make it in the inner city, with the title of the Rose Royce classic sung (not sampled) in the background. Better than a lot of the major label stuff I get in. Next up is Music Merchant Records' T.C. Riley (as "Paco") with "They Stole My Car," which plays on Latino and urban stereotypes, using both English and Spanish to humorous effect...

BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, shooting should be underway for pilots of Bust a Move, an alternative dance show aimed at the U.K. and U.S. markets. The shows will be shot at the trendy, pretentious and off-the-mark-attempt-at-hip Mayan club in L.A.; and at Subterrania in London. The London version will include remotes from Camden Locke and the Soul Il Soul clothing outlet...



Sept. 22, 1990 The square bullet indicates strong upward chart movement To- Last Wee	tal Week k ▼	(S ▼
THEVES IN THE TEMPI E 12 1 1 2 144 2 2 2 2 2 2 2		
1 THIEVES IN THE TEMPLE (Paisley Park/Warner Bros. 0-21598) Prince		5
2 DIRTY CASH(MONEY TALKS) (Mercury 875803Tihe Adventures Of Stevie V		9
3 JERK OUT (Paisley Park/Reprise 0-21701) The Time	2	7
4 EVERYBODY EVERYBODY (RCA 2628-1-RD)	3	7
5 FEELS GOOD (Wing/Polydor 877 437-1)	8	5
6 DO ME (MCA 24037) Bell Biv DeVoe	4	7
7 I LOVE THE WAY YOU LOVE ME (WTG/Epic 41-7340) Nayobi	10	5
8 THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME (Arista 2049) Lisa Stansfield	15	3
8 LOOK INTO MY EYES (Columbia 0-73509) George Lamond	30	3
CRAZY (Motown 4730)	18	5
WIGGLE IT (Cutting CR 237)	17	3
12 STRAWBERRY FIELDS FOREVER (Atlantic 0-86156) Candy Flip	6	7
THE BOOMIN' SYSTEM (Def Jam/Columbia 44-73458) L.L. Cool J	27	3
14 LIES (Atlantic 0-86168)	7	7
15 GIVING YOU THE BENEFIT (MCA 24075)	DEB	3UT
16 OOOPS UP/BELIEVE THE HYPE (Arista AD-2071) Snap	32	3
17 LET'S GET BUSY (Geffen 0-21609) Clubland Featuring Quartz	DEB	BUT
18 TIC-TAC-TOE (Atlantic 0-86183)	9	9
19 I WON'T GIVE UP ON YOU (Tommy Boy TB 954)	23	3
20 CLOSE TO YOU (Charisma 0-96463) Maxi Priest	DEB	
21 STOP (Warner Bros. 0-21559) Janes Addiction	24	3
22 STAR (Sire/Reprise 0-21558)	12	9
23 KNOCKIN' BOOTS (Epic 49-73437) Candyman	DEB	
24 HANKY PANKY (Sire/Warner Bros. 0-21577) Madonna	13	7
25 WORLD IN MOTION (Qwest/Warner Bros. 0-21582) New Order	11	9
26 POLICY OF TRUTH (Sire/Warner Bros. 0-21534) Depeche Mode	14	15
27 COME BACK TO ME (A8M 75021 7939-1) Janet Jackson	16	5
28 THE LOVER WHO ROCKS YOU(ALL NIGHT) (Reprise/Warner Bros. 0-21524)	10	,
	21	15
29 MAKE YOU SWEAT (Elektra 0-66683)		15
30 A DREAMS A DREAM (Virgin 0.96469) Soul II Soul		11
31 THE POWER (Arista AD1-2014)		21
32 WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME GANG (Warner Bros. 0-21549)		
	25	15
22 LOANT FACE THE FACE	DEB	
34 JUBILATION (Epic 49 73357) Anything Box	26	
DE LOS LOS DADY	DEBI	
36 DOOWUTCHYALIKE (Tommy Boy TB-955) Digital Underground	28	9
37 LA RAZA (Virgin 0-96498) Kid Frost		11
TO LIVE TO VOLUE LOVE	DEBU	
39 SHE AIN'T WORTHIT (MCA 24030)	DLU.	٠.
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Brothers From Another Planet

# COCINANDO

#### BY TONY SABOURNIN

THE PENIS DOWN. ALL THE T'S HAVE BEEN CROSSED, AND ALL THE I'S DOTTED. Now the super-group Menudo is officially part of the Sonotone label in the United States, and of Sonográfica in Venezuela. This, by itself, merits a headline. But a retrospective analysis marks this as the crowning achievement of an extraordinary label resurgence, commensurate in effects and repercussions to the corporate and moral victory attained by Sonotone's general manager Oscar Llord.

Those of us friendly with Llord wondered about his sanity when he assumed his current position in June, 1989. I mean, yes, Sonotone still had its balladists and Wilfrido Vargas. But it was a potato hotter than the Persian Gulf. After all, we had seen Llord go from coordinating the productions of disco divas such as Celi Bee at APA Records, through a distinguished period in sales and promotion for TH Records, to the assistant A&R marketing director for Latin America job at EMI Music, and opening Capitol/EMI-Latin's U.S. operations, which he ran for three years, developing solid acts like Daniela Romo, Pandora, Max Torres and Yuri.



Group Menudo and Oscar Llord, GM, Sonotone Music Corp.

During the last 15 months, Llord had Sonotone sign distribution agreements with Bronco Records (which brought Sonotone the veritable salsa talents of Bobby Valentín and Willie Rosario, along with the immense potential of José Medina) and Trébol Records, featuring mainstays Anthony Ríos—one of the Western Hemisphere's most gifted singer/composers and its #1 bon vivant—and merenguera Belkis Concepción, the original Chica del Can. Tack on the direct inkings of jazz act Pedro Guzmán and Jíbaro Jazz, pop belle (and Super Sábado co-host) Dagmar Rivera and former Valentín singer Rafú Warner. Add the long-term leases that Rudy La Scala's "El Cariño Es Como Una Flor," Carlos Mata's "Déjame Intentar" and Rosario's "Anuncio Clasificado" have taken in the charts during the past few months, and confirmed plans of licensing deals with various Mexican labels, and we have the rest of the picture that Menudo complements.

According to Llord, the Spanish-language TV network Telemundo is preparing a major promotional campaign to support the new Menudo release, including the show *Menudomanía*, along with various TV specials and campaigns. Intelligently, to cash in on the New Kids on the Block fad that Menudo invented, they will be recording an all-English production to be released in early 1991.

"The artistic community is really taking notice of Sonotone now," Llord said, appraising understatedly a period he describes as his "most challenging career experience to date." Sonotone's sales are up 40%, the best bottom line since its creation in 1985, he said, not including future releases by Vargas, Venezuelan *cantautor* Yordano, and the aforementioned Menudo. Yet Llord is quick to credit the support of Gabriel Rakower, Sonográfica's executive vice president for music operations, for making possible the restructuring of the label, and his staff and the talent roster for their contributions to this progress, factors he describes as "the secret[s] to success."

Llord even downplays the quiet envy expressed by other labels that lack the soap-opera vehicles Sonotone has—an extremely valuable asset in such a competitive environment, one that depends largely on the whims of radio PDs to impact upon the market.

# LOS ANGELES LATIN LPs

Seg	otember 29, 1990 The square bullet indicates strong upward chart movement.
1	BANDIDO(CBS Discos)
2	LO NUEVO Y LO MEJOR(TH/Rodven)LOS TEMERARIOS
3	CON EL MARIACHI VARGAS(CBS Discos) J.L. RODRIGUEZ
4	MI BUENA SUERTE(Fonovisa) LOS TIGRES DEL NORTE
5	15 EXITOS EN ESPAÑOL(Globo) NICOLA DE BARI
6	DEDICADO AL AMOR(TH/Rodven)
7	VEINTE AÑOS(WEA Latina) LUIS MIGUEL
8	QUIEN COMO TU(CBS Discos) ANA GABRIEL
9	A TODO GALOPE(Fonovisa)
10	CON BANDA(Musart) ANTONIO AGUILAR
11	ESCAPE FROM HAVANA(Capitol) MELLOW MAN ACE
12	CUANDO YO AMO(Sonotone)RUDY LA SCALA
13	LAS CLASICAS DE JOSE ALFREDO(CBS) V. FERNANDEZ
14	NO TE OLVIDARE(Capitol/EMI-Latin)
15	AGUITA DE MELON(Gil)
16	MI ACORDEON Y YO(Freddie Records)
17	16 CORRIDOS DE EXITOS(CEL) JUAN VALENTIN
18	LOS PRINCIPES DE LA SALSA(CBS Discos) L. ENRIQUE
19	UN GOLPE MAS(Fonovisa)
20	QUIERO AMANECER CON ALGUIEN(Capitol/EMI) D. ROMO

"Although it's a definite added plus for Sonotone to be able to offer our acts the opportunity to have a song performed on a *novela*, this is not, however, a sales guarantee," Llord said, adding one of the many metaphors in his verbal reservoir: "If the music is not in the groove, it's not going to move, with or without soap."

However, no other Oscar Llord metaphor makes more sense than the Teddy Roosevelt-inspired conclusive quote, one that also offers a friendly justification to a column that's been overdue for more than three months:

"The trick, I guess, is to speak softly and carry a big stick. Just don't tell them where you keep the stick."

GOING ONCE, GCING TWICE: Keep in mind that for an album to be considered for the upcoming Grammy nominations, it must be released after October 1, 1989, but before September 30, 1990. Therefore, if, as you read this, you are sitting on qualifiable entries, please call the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARAS) toll-free at 1-800-423-2017, and send a copy in any format to NARAS, 303 N. Glenoaks Blvd., Suite 140M, Burbank, CA 91502-9990; attention Aida Scorza.

WHILE WE'RE ON THE TOPIC, LET'S CLARIFY THE FOLLOWING: In a recent column on Tito Puente, I wrote that Puente sat in on the NARAS annual screening meeting to make sure his latin jazz albums were placed "outside of the jazz category." For the record, it must be stated that not one single NARAS voting or screening committee member has the power to *place* any product in any given category, except than the one merited by the music therein.

The issue with Puente—as with other latin jazz artists such as Poncho Sánchez and Mongo Santamaría—is that the music they make is hard to classify, since the artistic pendulum sometimes swings decidedly toward Latin, and other times toward jazz.

(Of course, the easiest solution would be to have a Latin jazz category. But, as of this writing, the NARAS committee that approves new categories hasn't decided to give *latinos jazzeros* their own niche.)

Within this void, the context of the aforementioned Puente article meant to convey that the reason he sat in on the annual screening committee in New York was for him to have the opportunity to argue his case vigorously (as he's done) that his production be placed in the latin tropical category, because: a.) of his credentials; and b.) if placed in the jazz category, it forces Puente to compete against better-known jazz musicians.

The final determination as to the category in which a latin release is eventually placed is determined by the screening committee that meets in Los Angeles, of which yours truly is a member.

# **TOP 200 ALBUMS**

September 29, 1990

(G) = GOLD (RIAA) Certified) (P) = PLATINUM (RIAA) Certified)



Last Week ▼	•	
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1 PLEASE HAMMER DON'T HURT 'EM (Capitol 92857)M.C. HAMMER	1	29
2 BLAZE OF GLORY (Mercury/Polygram 846473) JON BON JOVI	2	7
3 GRAFFITI BRIDGE (Paisley Park/Warner Bros. 27493) PRINCE	4	4
4 MARIAH CAREY (Columbia 45202) MARIAH CAREY	3	15
5 WILSON PHILLIPS (SBK 93745) WILSON PHILLIPS	5	24
6 POISON (MCA 6387)	6	25
7 STEP BY STEP (Columbia C45129) NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK	8	15
8 COMPOSITIONS (Elektra 60922)	9	11
9 FLESH AND BLOOD (Enigma/Capitol 91813) POISON	7	10
10 AFTER THE RAIN (DGC/Geffen 24290) NELSON	10	10
11 RITUAL DE LO HABITUAL (Warner Bros. 25993) JANES ADDICTION	11	4
12 TIMES UP (Epic 46202) LIVING COLOUR	50	3
13 THE REAL THING (Slash/Reprise 25878/Warner Bros.)WEA FAITH NO MORE	12	31
PERSISTANCE OF TIME (Island 846480) ANTHRAX	20	4
15 STICK IT TO YA(Chrysalis 21702)CEMA 9.98 SLAUGHTER	16	32
16BUT SERIOUSLY (Atlantic )WEA 8.98(P2)	18	44
17 100 MILES AND RUNNIN' (Ruthless/Priority 7224) N.W.A.	22	5
18 SOUNDTRACK (Varese/MCA 5276)	23	5
19 I'LL GIVE ALL MY LOVE TO YOU (Elektra/Vintertainmaent 60861) KEITH SWEAT	13	15
20 DETONATOR (Atlantic 82127)	25	4
21 EMPIRE (EMI 92806)	33	2
22 IN THE HEART OF THE YOUNG (Atlantic 82103) WINGER	14	8
23 PRETTY WOMAN (EMI 93492) SOUNDTRACK	15	25
24 BANNED IN THE U.S.A. (Luke Skywalker/Atlantic 91424) 2 LIVE CREW	17	8
25 VIOLATER (Sire/Reprise 26081) DEPECHE MODE	19	26
26 EDUTAINMENT (Jive/RCA 1358)BOOGIE DOWN PRODUCTIONS	21	6
27 PANDEMONIOM (Paisley Park/Reprise 27490) THE TIME	24	10
28 I'M BREATHLESS (Sire/Warner Bros. 26209)	26	17
29 JOHNNY GILL (Motown 6283) JOHNNY GILL	27	22
LISTEN WITHOUT PREJUDICE (Columbia 46898) GEORGE MICHAEL	DEE	3UT
31 SOUL PROVIDER (Columbia 45012)CBS(P) MICHAEL BOLTON	28	62
32 PUMP (Geffen GHS 24254)WEA 8.98(P2)	29	53
33 SHAKE YOUR MONEY MAKER (Geffen GHS 24278)		
	32	27
34 AGAINST THE LAW (Capitol 73527) STRYPER	34	4
35 CHARMED LIFE (Capitol 21735)	30	20
36 CANT FIGHT FATE (Arista 8581)BMG 8.98(G)TAYLOR DAYNE	31	46
37 WORLD PARTY (Arista 8563)	35	15
38 RHYTHM NATION 1814 (A&M 3920)BMG 8.98(P3) JANET JACKSON	40	52
THE RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS GREATEST HITS (Verve 823662)		
	44	4
40 CHERRY PIE (Columbia 45487) WARRANT	DEE	3UT
NO FENCES (Capitol 93866) GARTH BROOKS	155	2
42 HOLY WATER (Atlantic 91371)BAD COMPANY	36	14
43 RISING FROM THE ASHES (Warner Bros. 24301) DON DOKKEN	69	3
THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PARTY OF	130	2
45 SOUNDTRACK (MCA 8039) PUMP UP THE VOLUME	67	3
46 BORN TO SING (Atlantic C82084)	42	23
47 BRIGADE (Capitol 91820)	37	24
48 WE ARE IN LOVE (Columbia 46146) HARRY CONNICK JR.	38	10
49 LEGAL (Profile 1297)	93	7

50 LIBERTY	(Capitol 94292)DURAN DURAN	39	4
51 I DO NOT	WANT WHAT I HAVE'NT GOT (Chrysalis 21759) SINEAD O'CONNER	41	26
	GOOD (Elektra 60829)WEA 8.98(P2) MOTLEY CRUE	43	54
	THUNDER (Geffen/DGC 24294) SOUNDTRACK	45	11
	IVAL (Wing/Polygram 841902) TONY, TONI, TONE		
		80	19
55 SOUNDI	RACK (Columbia 46792) MO' BETTER BLUES	60	6
56 THE END	OF INNOCENCE (Geffen 24217)WEA 8.98(P) DON HENLEY	56	64
57 SEX PAC	KET (Tommy Boy 1026) DIGITAL UNDERGROUND	54	25
58 COLLEC	FION (Warner Bros. 26242) BONNIE RAITT	61	10
59 IN STEP	Epic 45024) STEVIE RAY VAUGHN & DOUBLE TROUBLE RE	-EN	TRY
	GLORY (Reprise 26315) NEIL YOUNG & CRAZY HORSE	DEE	
-	CHILD (RCA 2221)	70	7
62 HANGIN'	TOUGH (P) (Columbia FC 40985)CBSNEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK	62	109
63 BOSSAN	OVA (Elektra 60963)	63	5
84 GREATE	ST HITS (RCA 52277) KEITH WHITLEY	71	4
65 BONAFIE	DE (Charisma 91384)	68	8
	ETTING (I.R.S./MCA 82037)	66	16
	AND DANCE (Virgin 91326)		19
	R'S KEEPER (A&M 5312) THE NEVILLE BROTHERS	52	6
69 A NIGHT	ON THE TOWN (RCA 2041) BRUCE HORNSBY	47	13
70 GARTHE	ROOKS (Capitol 90897) GARTH BROOKS	48	20
71 BEST OF	(Polygram 841970) VAN MORRISON	53	19
	WRITING AND ARITHMATIC (Geffen/DGC 24277)		
			10
	THE SUNDAYS	55	18
	UCKOOLAND (MCA 6404) THE LIGHTNING SEEDS	59	21
74 DAMN YA	NKEES (Warner Bros. 26159) DAMN YANKEES	49	27
75 AMERIK	(KA'S MOST WANTED (Priority CDL-4XL-SL57120) ICE CUBE	57	18
76 RUMOR	HAS IT (MCA 10016) REBA McENTIRE	DEE	3UT
	Y AS THEY WANNA BE (Luke Skyywalker XR107) IND 8.98 2 LIVE CREW	78	63
	THE NIGHT (Capitol 92957)	96	6
79 PASSION	AND WARFARE (Relativity 1037)STEVE VAI	51	17
80 SHORT	OGS IN THE HOUSE (Jive 1348) TOO SHORT	DE	3UT
81 AFFECTI	ON (Arista 8554) LISA STANSFIELD	64	29
82 REVITU	P (EMI 92923)	72	7
	(Epic 46013)	58	9
		108	3
	OT THE BLUES (Charisma 4-91369)	85	14
86 CALL ME	D-NICE (Jive/RCA 12021)	65	7
87 NICK OF	TIME (Capitol 91268)CEMA 8.98(P) BONNIE RAITT	87	78
84 CHRONIC	CLES (Mercury/Polygram 838936)RUSH	125	2
	(Virgin 91061)	89	45
	YMAN (Reprise 26074)WEA 8.98(G) ERIC CLAPTON	99	45
		33	73
	N NASHVILLE (Mercury 838 744 1)POL		
		81	41
92 THE WILI	PLACES (Fullmoon/Epic 45059) DAN FOGELBERG	DEE	BUT
93 PORNOG	RAFFITTI (A&M 75021) EXTREME II	77	7
94 LET THE	RHYTHM HIT EM' (MCA 6416) ERIC B. & RAKIM	74	13
	HE RED SKY (Columbia 46794) BOB DYLAN		BUT
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	IME (RCA 9668)BMG 8.98(P)	76	70
	PAY (Arista 8632) JEFF HEALY	73	16
98 FEAR OF	A BLACK PLANET (Def Jam/Columbia 45413) PUBLIC ENEMY	98	23,
99 KNEBWO	RTH THE ALBUM (Polydor 8470424) VARIOUS ARTISTS	75	4
		100	7
	TURNS (Epic 46144) THE ALLMAN BROTHERS BAND	79	10
		82	8
	-TOE (Atlantic 82116)		
	I MOMENTS (A&M 5310)JOHN HIATT	83	13
	Y'S CHILD-ROMANIAN ANGEL APPEAL (Warner Bros. 26280)		
		84	7
	FRONT (Columbia 44366)CBS(P2) BILLY JOEL	86	48
	ER YOUR GIRL (Virgin 90943)WEA 9.98(P6) PAULA ABDUL	91	96
		88	7
	OM ACKNICKULOUS (Arista 8615)THREE TIMES DOPE		
	C CAUSING PANIC (Virgin 91377) KID FROST	94	9
109 CUTS B	OTH WAYS (Epic 45217)CBS(P) GLORIA ESTEFAN	97	62
110 THEN &	NOW (Warner Bros. 24298)	110	5
		115	16
		90	9
112 11111111	STAR TOOL HAME (MONTESCH) THE FITTE THOU GILL		·

167 TEXAS TORNADOS (Reprise 26251) ..... TEXAS TORNADOS

170 COUNTRY CLUB (Warner Bros. 126094) ..... TRAVIS TRITT

BEDTIME STORIES (A&M 5289) ..... DAVID BAERWALD

171	FUNK -O- METAL CARPET RIDE (Atco 91337) ELECTRIC BOYS	154	17
172	PACKED (Sire/Warner Bros. 26219)PRETENDERS	134	17
173	STILETTO (RCA 2090-1-R) LITA FORD	135	17
174	STRAIGHT OUTTA COMPTON (G) (Priority/Ruthless 57102)IND 8.98(P) N.W.A.	138	83
175	MANIC NIRVANA (Atlantic 91336) ROBERT PLANT	147	26
176	HOLY INTELLECT (Profile 1289) POOR RIGHTOUS TEACHERS	149	16
177	BLUE SKY MINING (Columbia 45398) MIDNIGHT OIL	151	28
178	LEAVE THE LIGHT ON (RCA 9594-1-R)BMG 8.98LORRIE MORGAN	162	35
179	A DAY IN THE LIFE (Atlantic 82100)	156	15
180	THE HARD WAY (MCA 6430)STEVE EARLE AND THE DUKES	157	8
181	DOWNTOWN TRAIN/SELECTIONS FROM STORYTELLER (Warner Bros 26158)		
		172	27
182	THE ADVENTURES OF FORD FAIRLANE (Elektra 60952) SOUNDTRACK	158	11
183	NOUVEAU FLAMINGO (Higher Octive 7020) OTTMAR LIEBERT	159	9
184	HERE COMES TROUBLE (In-Effect/Relativity 3012) SCATTER BRAIN	161	15
185	LABOUR OF LOVE II (Virgin 91324)	185	36
186	TATTOOED MILLIONAIRE (Columbia 46139) BRUCE DICKINSON	164	18
187	TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (SBK 91066)SOUNDTRACK	166	23
188	A SENSE OF PLACE (Island 942-795) JOHN MAYALL	188	5
189	NO HOLDIN' BACK (Warner Bros. 25988)WEA 8.98(P) RANDY TRAVIS	167	49
190	CHANGESBOWIE (Rykodisc RALP 0171) DAVID BOWIE	171	25
191	A BIT OF WHAT YOU FANCY (Capitol 93177) . THE LONDON QUIRE BOYS	178	21
192	LOFTY'S ROACH SOUFFLE (Columbia 46223) HARRY CONNICK JR.	179	10
193	TECHNOTRONIC THE ALBUM (SBK 93422)CEMA 8.98(G) . TECHNOTRONIC	183	41
194	NOTHING MATTERS WITHOUT LOVE (Vendetta/A&M SP 5280)BMG 8.98		
		187	
195	PRETTY HATE MACHINE (TVT 2610)IND NINE INCH NAILS	189	33
196	ZIGGY STARDUST (Rhycodisc 10134) DAVID BOWIE	191	14
197	ARMCHAIR THEATRE (Warner Bros. 26184) JEFF LYNNE	193	14
198	HOWARD HEWETT (Elektra 60904) HOWARD HEWETT	192	25
199	GIRL YOU KNOW IT'S TRUE (Arista AL-8592)BMG 8.98(P6) MILLI VANILLI	194	80
200	SLEEPING WITH THE PAST (MCA 6321)MCA 8.98(G) ELTON JOHN	196	55
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Queensryche / 21 Raitt, Bonnie / 58 Raitt, Bonnie / 87 Reo Speedwagon / Righteous Brothers / Romanian Angel Appeal / 104 Rondstant, Linda / 152 Rush / 88 Santana / 160 Scatter Brain / 184 Seduction / 194 Silencers / 199 Slaughter / 15 Snap / 37 Social Distortion / 122 Sonic Youth / 117 Soul II Soul / 111 Soul Asvlum / 155 Special Ed / 49 Stansfield, Lisa / 81 Stevie B. / 126 Stewart, Rod / 181 Strait, George / 113 Stryper / 34 Suicidal Tendencies / Sundays / 72 Sweat, Keith / 19 Sweet F.A. / 165 Sweet Sensation / 129 Take 6 / 145 Technotronic / 193 Texas Tornadoes / 167 Three Times Dope / 107 Time / 27 Tony Toni Tone' / 54 Too Short / 80 Toto / 146 Travis, Randy(new) /

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# TOP 100 SINGLES

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#1 Single: Prince



High Debut: Hali & Oates #70



To Watch: Alias #47

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THIEVES IN THE TEMPLE (Paisley Park/Warner Bros. 19751) Prince		9	51 THE POWER (Arista 2013)(C)(T)	
LOVE AND AFFECTION (DGC 4-19689) Nelson	4	11	52 JOEY (I.R.S. 73014)	
BLAZE OF GLORY (Mercury/Polygram 875896-4) Jon Bon Jovi	2	11	53 THE GIRL I USED TO KNOW (EMI 50287) Brother Beyond	
SOMETHING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO HEAVEN (Atlantic 87885)			STRANDED (Capitol NR44621)	
	5	9	65 I'D RATHER GO BLIND (Arista 2055) Sydny Youngblood	64
CLOSE TO YOU (Charisma 4-98951)	9	13	56 VIOLENCE OF SUMMER (Capitol 79235)	56
PRAYING FOR TIME (Columbia 38-73512)	10	5	57 ACROSS THE RIVER (RCA 2621) Bruce Hornsby	48
RELEASE ME (SBK 4JM-07327) Wilson Phillips	3	14	L.A. WOMAN (Chrysalis 4JM23571)	62
HAVE YOU SEEN HER (Capitol 44573) M.C. Hammer	6	14	58 SECOND CHANCE (RCA 2639)	67
OH GIRL (Columbia 38-73377)	13	11	60 KNOCKIN' BOOTS (Epic 34-73450)	70
CAN'T STOP FALLING IN LOVE (Epic 73444) Cheap Trick			61 I WANNA GET BACK WITH YOU (WTG/Epic 31-7472) Louie Louie	61
MY MY MY (Motown 2033)		8	62 HIGH ENOUGH (Warner Bros. 19570) Damn Yankees	66
HEART OF STONE (Arista 2057) Tayler Dayne		9	63 LYIN' TO MYSELF (Enigma 73554) David Cassidy	
CAN'T STOP (Virgin 4-98961)		9	64 OOOPS UP (Arista 2071)	
ROMEO (Island 780127) Dino		8	65 PRAY (Capitol 44609)	
EVERYBODY EVERYBODY (RCA 2221) Black Box		8	66 DAYS LIKE THESE (Geffen 4141) Asia	
DO ME (MCA 53848) Bell Biv DeVoe			67 UNDENIABLE (Atco 4-98938)	
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I DON'T HAVE THE HEART (Warner Bros. 4-19911) James Ingram		8	JEALOUS (Beggars Banquet/Geffen 4-19688)	
ICE ICE BABY (SBK 4JM-07335)		4	69 EMPTY BEACH (Atco 4-98932) Tricia Leigh Fisher	
BLACK CAT (A&M 1477)Janet Jackson		4	70 SO CLOSE (Arista 2085 )	
UNCHAINED MELODY (Polydor 871882-7) Righteous Brothers		6	71 HIPPY CHICK (Atco 4-98908)	
POLICY OF THE TRUTH (Sire/Warner Bros. 4-19842) Depeche Mode		7	SOUL INSPIRATION (Elektra 4-64935) Anita Baker	
TONIGHT (Columbia 38-73461) New Kids On The Block	11	11	HEART LIKE A WHEEL (A&M 75021-2336-1) Human League	78
DIRTY CASH (MONEY TALKS) (Mercury 875 802-7) The Adventures Of Stevie B	37	10	74 CRADLE OF LOVE (Chrysalis B-23509)(C) Billy Idol	46
GIVING YOU THE BENEFIT (MCA 79079) Pebbles	29	7	75 KING OF WISHFUL THINKING (EMI 50307)(C)(T) Go West	47
THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME (Arista 2049) Lisa Stansfield	31	7	76 WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME GANG (Warner Bros. 4-19819)	
SAY A PRAYER (A&M 1519) Breathe	30	6		49
SUICIDE BLONDE (Atlantic 7-87860)	38	4	GROOVE IS IN THE HEART (Elektra 4-64934) Deee-Lite	89
IF WISHES CAME TRUE (Atco PRCD 3361-2) Sweet Sensation	12	17	THE WAY YOU DO THE THINGS YOU DO (Virgin 4-98978)UB40	DE
UNSKINNY BOP (Enigma/Capitol 79133) Poison	16	13	79 INNOCENT (Capitol 44593)	52
CRAZY (Motown 2053)	44	5	80 I DON'T LOVE YOU ANYMORE (Capitol 44588) The London Quireboys	DE
COME BACK TO ME (A8M 1475)	19	13	81 THE OTHER SIDE (Geffen 4-19927) Aerosmith	
FLY TO THE ANGELS (Chrysalis 23527) Slaughter		6	82 LOOK INTO MY EYES (Columbia 38-73486)	
EPIC (Warner Bros. 19813) Faith No More			83 BANNED IN THE USA (Luke/Atlantic 4-98915) Luke Featuring 2 Live Crew	
LOVE AND EMOTION (RCA 2645) Stevie B.			84 WONT TALK ABOUT IT (Elektra 4-64948) Beats International	
	35	8	65 ON THE WAY UP (Chrysalis 23497) Elisa Fiorillo	
TIME FOR LETTING GO (Reprise 19743) Jude Cole				
TELL ME SOMETHING (MCA 79029) Indecent Obsession		_	86 HOLD ON (Atlantic 7-87984)(C)(T)	
_		9	THINK (Reprise/Tommy Boy 7-19591) Information Society	
GEORGIA ON MY MIND (Columbia 38-73490) Micheal Bolton		6	88 LA RAZA (Virgin 4-98947)	
VISION OF LOVE (Columbia 73348)(C) Mariah Carey		_	89 POSSESION (Epic ECK-73398)	
FEELS GOOD (Wing/Polydor 877 436-4) Tony! Toni! Tone		4	90 HOW BAD DO YOU WANT IT (Geffen 4-19699) Don Henley	
HOW MUCH LOVE (EMI 92923)			91 RUB YOU THE RIGHT WAY (Motown 2045)(C)(T) Johnny Gill	
CAN'T GET ENOUGH (Atlantic 4-87886)			92 ONLY WOMEN BLEED (Columbia 38-73476) Favorite Angel	
JERK OUT (Reprise 19750)			93 I WON'T GIVE UP (Tommy Boy/Warner Bros. 4-19730)	
TIC-TAC-TOE (Atlantic 4-87910)	34	10	94 SHE AIN'T WORTH IT (MCA 53831)(C) Glen Mederios/Bobby Brown	87
LOVE TAKES TIME (Columbia 38T-73455) Mariah Carey			95 GIRLS NIGHT OUT (RCA 9174)(C)(T)	88
LIES (Atlantic 4-87893)	55	5	96 HANKY PANKY (Sire/Warner Bros. 19789)	93
MORE THAN WORDS CAN SAY (EMI 50324) Alias	58	3	97 HOLDING MY HEART (Vendetta/A&M) Bang	94
	36	17	98 MAKE YOU SWEAT (Elektra 7-64961) Keith Sweat	90
COULD THIS BE LOVE (Vendetta/A&M 7502) Seduction	30			
COULD THIS BE LOVE (Vendetta/A&M 7502)			99 I DIDN'T WANT TO NEED YOU (Capitol 79073)	92

# POP REVIEWS

# SINGLES

□ BERNADETTE COOPER: "I Look Good" (MCA 24028)

#### BERNADETTE COOPER



## I LOOK GOOD

While still a member of Klymaxx, Bernadette Cooper made a name for herself as a female Morris Day, cracking wise with tongue-in-cheek arrogance. Everyone who loved her groove-stopping contributions to such hits as "The Men All Pause" and "Meeting in the Ladies Room" will also fall for this single, whose remix titles alone are priceless (like the Slap Me One Time and Say "Yes Lawd, I'm on Cable TV" Mix)

# ☐ STYX: "Love Is the Ritual" (A&M 75021 7428)

AOR radio hasn't changed much since the 1970s, when Styx was at the height of its popularity. So it's a safe bet that "Love Is the Ritual," a rocker from the band's Edge of the Century album, will be well received by AOR programmers. The Dennis DeYoung-produced single may also appeal to CHR programmers.



# ☐ LISTEN UP: "Listen Up" (Qwest/Reprise 4444)

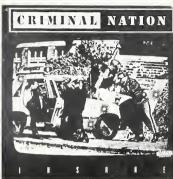
A smorgasbord of performers (Tevin Campbell, Siedah Garrett, Karyn White, Ice-T, Al B. Sure!, the Winans, James Ingram, El DeBarge, Big Dadddy Kane, Melle Mel, Ray Charles) offer a glimpse of what to expect from the cinematic retrospective of Quincy Jones' life and career, Listen Up—The Lives of Quincy Jones.

# □ QUEEN MOTHER RAGE: "Slipping Into Darkness" (Cardi

"Slipping Into Darkness" (Cardiac 3-6004)

Hardcore b-girl Queen Mother Rage kicks crazy knowledge on "Slipping Into Darkness," a slow, groovin', relaxed dopejam reflecting on the state of black America. The song notes that understanding the past is necessary to improve the present.

□ CRIMINAL NATION: "Insane" b/w "Criminal Hit" and "Homicide" (Cold Rock/Nastymix IGU 76995)



Criminal Nation, which has been described as Tacoma, Washington's answer to N.W.A., embraces hardcore gangster-style rap on "Insane," "Criminal Hit" and "Homicide." These songs will appear on the posse's forthcoming debut album.

# □ MAURICE WILLIAMS & THE ZODIAC BAND: "Stay With Me" (Laurie 138)

Maurice Williams, best known for his early 1960s hit "Stay," has a highly commercial pop ballad in "Stay With Me," in which CHR, quiet storm and adult contemporary programmers may be interested.

# **ALBUMS**

☐ INXS: X (Atlantic 82140-4)



Resurfacing after a self-imposed break so the band could rest and pursue other projects (Michael Hutchence's band, Max Q., having the highest profile), INXS is back with their own infectious brand of dance-rock and rock ballads that mainstream audiences embraced with the highly successful *Kick* album, and cult followers embraced long before that. X is full of singles that should fit into almost every

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format and make this a constant presence on radio and charts for months to come.

#### □ RUSH: Chronicles (Mercury/PolyGram 838-936-2)

"Fly by Night," "Bastille Day,"
"Anthem" and "A Farewell to Kings"
are among the '70s AOR hits included
on disc one of this two-CD anthology
spotlighting Canada's premiere
"progressive rock" trio. Disc two
focuses on Rush's '80s work, such as
"The Big Money," "Manhattan Project"
and "Mystic Rhythms."

#### ☐ THE WATER WALK:

(thingamajig) (Nettwerk/I.R.S. X2 13038)



A friend of mine has been building a collection of dreamy, soothing, not-newage, drift-off-into-sweet-slumber type music. She's already got Not Drowning, Waving's Claim and a tape of ocean sounds. I think she'll add (thingamajig) to her list real soon. Recorded by "a boy named Dale [Darlington] who liked to sing a play his guitar" and "a girl named Lynne [Kellman who] liked to play violin," this is a beautiful, spacious record packed with lilting, slightly British pop songs, and lightly salted with cellos, accordions, xylophones and horns. It's a good lazy-Sunday kinda groove for those who like their pop, and like it tasty.

□ KIMBERLY M'CARVER: Breathe the Moonlight (Philo/Rounder PH 1129)



Kimberly M'Carver is a sweet-voiced Texas folkie who mines a rare musical vein, out of which another sweet-voiced Texas folkie, Nanci Griffith, has been pulling gems for the last few years. M'-Carver has a poet's touch for exact details, and spins out songs that are heartwarming without being maudlin, drawing her images from the countrymeaning both the nation and the soil itself-like all great folk singers, past and present. The similarities between M'Carver and Griffith are many, but I'm not complaining. Griffith is one of the finest songwriters in the business today, and one more like her is just cream in the

# □ 100 FLOWERS: 100 Years of Pulchritude (Happy Squid 70751)



# LOOKING AHEAD

LOOKING AHLAD
September 29, 1990 Independent product most likely to reach the Top 100 Pop Singles Chart
1. EVERY HEART NEEDS A HOME (Atlantic)
2. THE GIRL I USED TO KNOW (EMI) Brother Beyond
3. TOM'S DINER (A&M) D.N.A. With Suzanne Vega
4. ON THE WAY UP(Chrysalis) Elisa Forilla
5. SHINING STAR(Enigma)Stryper
6. FROM A DISTANCE (Atlantic)
7. HEAVEN GIVE ME WORDS (Charisma) Propaganda
8. AND SO IT GOES(Columbia)
9. ONION SKIN (Giant/Warner Bros.)
10. CIVIL WAR (Geffen)
11. NAUGHTY NAUGHTY (Epic) Danger Danger
12. TURN ON THE RADIO (Warner Bros.)
13. ALL I DO IS THINK OF YOU (Atlantic)
14. SLOW LOVE (Motown)
15. HEADLINE NEWS (SBK) Everyday People

# POP REVIEWS

A throwback to the "new wave" and punk eras of the late 1970s and early '80s, 100 Years of Pulchritude seems Devo-influenced at times and suggests X at others. Though some may give 100 Flowers the "alternative" label, the bottom line is that the band delivers infectious rock and pop/rock that is frantic, yet groovin'.

☐ TEXAS TORNADOS: Texas Tornados (Reprise 9 26251-2)



In heaven, they don't play harps and sing like the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. No, sir. They play the bajo sexto and dance the Texas polka. But until we all cash in our earthly chips, there's always these guys. Texas Tornados is an all-star band of Tex-Mex vatos (Doug Sahm, Augie Meyers, Flaco Jimenez and Freddie Fender) who, after each had earned South Texas godhead in their respective 30-year careers, decided to get together and have some serious fun. Sahm and Meyers were the two cornerstones of the Sir Douglas Quintet (Dukes of the San Antonio/Mendocino groove); Jimenez is the king of the one-handed accordion; and Freddy ("Wasted Days and Wasted Nights") Fender, is, well, Freddy Fender, maybe the greatest soul singer to come out of Texas, ever. As a band, these guys choogle together like they were born quadruplets. They joyfully rhyme "pesos" with "besos," fire up some old chestnuts like Fender's "A Man Can Cry" and Sahm's "Who Were You Thinking Of," and generally have more fun than anyone should be allowed to have and still wake up the next morning.

□ VARIOUS ARTISTS: If 6 Was 9: A Tribute to Jimi Hendrix (Communion COMM 18)

If 6 Was 9 is the latest in a series from the Atlanta-based Communion label of tribute records to some of rock and roll's best '60s songwiters (including the Byrds, the Kinks, Syd Barrett and the Rolling Stones). Underground alternative demi-gods like Giant Sand, Thin White Rope, the Corn Dollies and the Bevis Frond roam the grooves of this very cosmic disc like the unquiet ghosts of Jimi Hendrix's unfulfilled dreams. The versions here are more homages than reworkings, however, but the love and respect that each band shows for the man is truly overwhelming. If 6 Was 9 even includés some legend-making appearances (all under assumed names) by Camper Van Beethoven, Bob Weir and XTC (who, under the name "David Dreams," clock in a stone-perfect re-creation of "Third Stone From the Sun," with Andy Partridge miming Hendrix's lines on acoustic guitar), which prove that, even 20 years after his death, the world has yet to surpass Hendrix's instrumental and songwriting genius.

# ☐ OBITUARY: Cause of Death (RC Roadrunner 9370)

In the past, Obituary's lead vocalist John Tardy growled a great deal without singing any lyrics. Cause of Death is a progression for the thrashmetal possein that Tardy is now singing actual lyrics. "Chopped in Half," "Body Bag" and "Circles of the Tyrants" are among Cause of Death's ill death-metal offerings.

☐ QUEENSRYCHE: *Empire* (EMI 7-92806-2)



Empire, the long-awaited follow-up to Queensryche's Operation: Mindcrime album of 1988, is conceptual, thematic heavy metal that's melodically and harmonically inventive, but great to bang

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your head to, as well. *Empire* was produced by Peter Collins, who makes the album well produced but not overproduced.

□ JEAN REDPATH: Leaving the Land (Philo/Rounder PH 1131)

EAN REDPATH - LEAVING THE LAND COLLECTION OF CORES SCOTTER AND RELITAN

Jean Redpath sings folk songs in a very traditional sense—on Leaving the Land, she researches and revitalizes Scottish and Western folk songs with the love and care of an archivist, and sings them in the golden voice of a homeward angel. This is an album spilling over with the aching laments of a wandering balladeer, swept along by remembered images and soaring melodies, as if sung by exiled bards a long way from their families and their land, and dreaming of home. It's a special word, "home," and

one that Redpath and a fine backing band of guitar, fiddle, cello and dobro players bring to life with the immediacy of a half-forgotten scent or photo that triggers a rush of sweet, powerful memories of a place and time so far away.

#### □ BLACK UHURU: Now Dub (Mesa 79022)

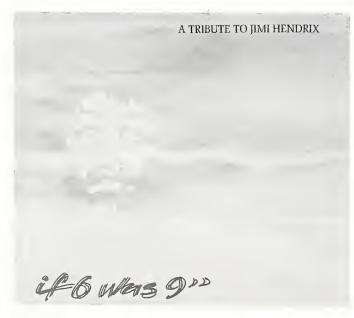
In true Black Uhuru tradition, the reggae posse—which has returned to its original lineup of Don Carlos, Duckie Simpson and Garth Dennis—delivers an instrumental dub version of its recent *Now* album. DJs and toasters should take notice, mon.

# □ WEST PACK: A West Pack Production (Bryan Records BR-0100)

Rapper DXF and DJ Money B. (Bryan Devaney, the group's producer) form the core of Los Angeles outfit West Pack (their sound is fleshed out by backing vocalists), whose sound mixes pop smoothness with street attitude. The West Pack manage to be commercial without sounding as though they've "sold-out," an important distinction and one that should ensure the group a solid hip-hop base even as they "cross over." The quality of the rapping and production are especially impressive when you consider that the young duo pulled it all off themselves. Definitely worth looking into. Call (213) 634-3376 for more information.



YOU CAN CALL ME AL: MCA recording artist Bobby Brown, whose *Don't Be Cruel* solo album has sold over 6,000,000 copies, reunited recently with his fellow New Edition bandmates at the 7th Annual MTV Awards, held September 6 at the Universal Amphitheatre in Los Angeles. Afterwards, a party was held to celebrate the New Edition reunion. Brown (right) is pictured with Al Teller, chairman, MCA Music Entertainment Group.





THIS IS KNOWN AS "DRAWING A CROWD": Also at the New Edition celebration, a whole gaggle of stars turned out in honor of the group's reunion. Pictured are (I to r): (rear) Johnny Gill, Ralph Tresvant, actress Kim Basinger, L.A. Lakers superstar Magic Johnson, Bobby Brown, Ronnie DeVoe, Detroit Pistons hotshot Isiah Thomas, and (front, hunched down) Ricky Bell and Michael Bivins.

# COUNTRY MUSIC

# Nashville Mayor Dedicates Gift From Sister City



CMA executive director Jo Walker-Meador and Nashville mayor Bill Boner (photo: Gary Layda)

AFTER ADDING THE LAST SHOVELFULS OF TOPSOIL to a lodgepole pine tree that was planted in Music Row Park recently, the Country Music Association's executive director Jo Walker-Meador and Nashville mayor Bill Boner paused briefly to ad-

mire the plaque commemorating the twinning of Nashville, Tennessee and Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Reflecting on the similarities of the sister cities, mayor Boner stated, "We share a love and respect for country music. In fact, Edmonton is the country music capital of Canada, and Nashville is, of course, the country music capital of the world. It is for this reason I invited Jo Walker-Meador to join me in this dedication."

Both Boner and Walker-Meador traveled recently to Canada—Boner to officially consummate and celebrate the twinning of the two cities during one of their major festivals, "Klondike Days"; Meador to attend a meeting of the Canadian Country Music Association.

The tree was a gift from Nashville's sister city and was accompanied by a plaque that reads: "Presented by Mayor Jan Reimer, City Council and the people of Edmonton to Mayor Bill Boner, City Council and the people of Nashville to commemorate our twinning and to symbolize our hope for a relationship of continual growth." Edmonton is Nashville's first sister city.

# Crook and Chase Salutes the Armed Forces



Lorianne Crook and Charlie Chase

# CROOK AND CHASE CO-HOSTS LORIANNE CROOK AND CHARLIE

CHASE recently departed from their usual questionings of country music's brightest stars. Instead, they gathered messages from those same famous artists, to honor the U.S. armed forces in Saudi Arabia.

Crook and Chase produced a special episode that aired as a half-hour salute to those U.S. troops serving in the Persian Gulf. The program featured messages to the troops from Waylon Jennings, Sawyer Brown, Eddie Rabbitt, Rodney Crowell, Reba McEntire, the Kentucky HeadHunters, and others.

The special on-set guest was Garth Brooks, who has a special tie to the Middle East situation. His manager, Bob Doyle, is in the military reserves, and was sent to Saudi Arabia. Doyle, who co-manages Brooks with Pam Lewis, has returned to the States on leave and

appeared with Brooks on the program. Brooks performed a song that will be released as his next single, called "Unanswered Prayers."

Twenty-five wives and children of troops from Pope Airforce Base in Fayettteville, North Carolina were in the studio audience. Following the show, they were given the opportunity to tape a message to their loved ones, to be tagged on the end of the program. The tape of the special *Crook and Chase* episode and the messages will be forwarded to the air units in the Middle East and then on to *all* of the troops in the area through the Armed Forces Television Network.

Representatives of Jim Owens Productions say, at this time, plans are for other company productions, including *Celebrities Offstage* and *Funny Busi*ness, to be tagged on to the VHS cassettes for our armed forces' enjoyment.

# Barbara Mandrell Recipient of Tribute Evening Award

COUNTRY MUSIC ENTER-TAINER BARBARA MANDRELL will be honored at this year's gala event, the Annual Tribute Evening, which benefits the Arthritis Foundation.

This year's program, entitled "Something Special: A Tribute Evening for Barbara Mandrell," will honor Mandrell for her outstanding humanitarian and community contributions, her leadership and her continuing efforts to improve the quality of life for many Tennessee citizens.

The event will take place at Loews Vanderbilt Plaza Hotel on October 2, and will feature a reception/auction, dinner, special program and dance. Ralph Emery will serve as master of ceremonies and welcome luminaries of the entertainment, business, medical and sports communities as they tribute Mandrell for her contributions to Middle-East Tennessee.

The Tribute Evening was created in 1989 and was first presented to C. David Stringfield, president of Baptist Health Care Systems. Mandrell served as honorary chairperson of the "StarStudded Tribute to C. David Stringfield," attended by over 600 people and raising \$68,000 for the Middle-East Tennessee chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.



All proceeds from this festive evening will go to continue research, programs and services provided by the Arthritis Foundation. The Middle-Tennessee Chapter serves a 74-county area and the over 422,000 people in this area stricken with arthritis. Arthritis, our nation's #I crippler, affects over 37 million Americans and touches the lives of one in three families in the United States.

# Leadership Music Selects New Members

THIRTY-THREE NEW PAR-TICIPANTS HAVE BEEN SELECTED in Leadership Music, a program designed to assist entertainment business leaders in their roles as industry decision-makers, and to further communication and understanding between the leaders.

The program year, planned by alumni from the first year of Leadership Music, includes an orientation meeting, an opening retreat, five monthly meeting days (which run from early morning to evening), followed by a closing retreat. The program days this year will focus on talent, songwriting/publishing, studio, record company and media.

In the two initial years of Leadership Music, the board of directors has served as the selection committee and has been chaired by Jim Ed Norman, president, Nashville division, Warner Brothers/Reprise Records.

The new members include Allen Butler, Arista Records; Harrianne Condra, CBS Music Publishing/Tree International; Charlie Cook, McVay Media; Robert Cudd, Monterey Artists Inc.; Moses Dillard, Thumbpick Music,

Inc./Moses Dillard Productions; Helen Farmer, CMA; Jerry Flowers, Opryland Music Group; Beckie Foster, Honey Farm Music/Warner-Tamerlane Music; Celia Froehlig, EMI Music Publishing; Steve Gibson, musician; Katie Gillon, MCA Records; Amy Grant, artist; Pat Halper, Hayes Street Music; Janis Ian, songwriter/artist; Gene Kennedy, Gene Kennedy Enterprises, Inc; Nelson Larkin, Atlantic Records; Kyle Lehning, Morningstar Music Productions; Ken Levitan, Vector Management; Merlin Littlefield, ASCAP; Eddie Mascolo, PolyGram Records; Jim May, Studio Productions; Michael McCall, Nashville Banner; Roger Murrah, Murrah Music/Collins Music; Brian O'Neill, the Nashville Network; Rick Pepin, RCA Records; Eddie Reeves, Warner Brothers Records; Ed Seay, Artistic Endeavors, Inc.; Evelyn Shriver, Evelyn Shriver Public Relations; Mike Vaden, Williams, Crosslin, Sparks & Vaden; Brian Williams, Third National Bank; Jody Williams, BMI; Tim Wipperman, Warner/Chappell Music; and Jim Zumwalt, Zumwalt, Almon & Hayes Law

# COUNTRY **SINGLES**

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#1 Single: George Strait

High Debut: Highway 101 #47 To Watch: Travis/Jones #30

#1 Indie: Storm Seymour #45

	Total Week ▼ Last Week ▼	eks ▼			Total Weeks Last Week ▼		
	DRINKING CHAMPAGNE (MCA 79070)	2	7	51	LEAVIN' (MRC MRC 5180)	55	6
ı	2 FRIENDS IN LOW PLACES (Capitol 79239) Garth Brooks	4	6		IF THEY AIN'T GOT A FIDDLE (SCI MJK-1981) Benny Dean		q
	3 PRECIOUS THING (MCA 79051) Steve Wariner	_	10		HOLDIN' A GOOD HAND (Capitol 79106) Lee Greenwood		12
	4 BORN TO BE BLUE (Curb/RCA 2597)	5	7		FEEL LIKE I'M FALLIN' (Evergreen EV 1118)		6
	5 YOU LIE (MCA 79071)	10	6		THE ONE YOU'VE LEFT BEHIND (Harmony Street HSR-6901)		5
	6 TOO COLD AT HOME (MCA 79054) Mark Chesnutt	6	8	-	ZYDECO LADY (Capital 79191)		- 1
	7 JUKEBOX IN MY MIND (RCA 2643) Alabama	1	9		LOUISVILLE (Curb 76835) Jann Browne		2
	8 FOURTEEN MINUTES OLD (Epic 34 73525) Doug Stone	7			HARDIN COUNTY LINE (MCA 79078) Mark Collie		2
	9 I MEANT EVERY WORD HE SAID (Columbia 38 73413) Ricky Van Shelton		12		LOOKING OUT FOR NUMBER ONE (WTM 7726) Josiah		4
	10 FOOL SUCH AS I (RCA 2641) Baillie And The Boys		9		HOW 'BOUT US (Atlantic 3430) Girls Next Door		2
	11 LONELY OUT TONITE (Capitol 79183) Eddie Rabbitt		9		MISSISSIPPI'S BURNIN' TONIGHT (Evergreen EV-1125) Sammy Sadler		3
	12 TIL A TEAR BECOMES A ROSE (RCA 2619) . Keith Whitley & Lorrie Morgan				RIDING FOR THE FALL (American Cowboy 25002) Chris LeDoux		2
	13 THIS AIN'Y MY FIRST RODEO (Columbia 38 73491) Vern Gosdin		5		PERFECT COMBINATION (KillerK-129)		6
	14 MY PAST IS PRESENT (Columbia 38 73423) Rodney Crowell				IN BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HEARTACHE (Happy Man HM-823) . Holly Ronick		3
	15 WHEN SOMEBODY LOVES YOU (RCA 2663) Restless Heart		5		ARE WE STILL IN LOVE OR AREN'T WE (Cannon CA 1119) Freddy Waters		5
	16 NOTHING'S NEWS (RCA 2596)				CAN I COME BACK TO YOU (Door Knob DK90-351) Perry LaPointe		4
	17 MY HEART IS SET ON YOU (MCA 79046) Lionel Cartwright		9	-	•	_	3
	18   FELL IN LOVE (Reprise 7-19915)				HEART BEYOND REPAIR (Sovereign 001-WW) Wing To Wing HIT & RUN (Comstock COM 1980)		4
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	20 HONKY TONK BLUES (Capitol 79090) Pirates Of The Mississippi			100			4
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					LET ME BE THE ONE (Overton Lee OLR-143) Touch Of Country		_
	22 DON'T GO OUT (Capitol 79149)		14 6		LIVIN' FOR THE WEEKEND (Door Knob DK90-352) Doyle Nelson		4
	23 YOU REALLY HAD ME GOING (Warner Bros.7-19756)		4				3
			_		MY EYES ARE RED (Solid Gold SG-1177) Michelle Lynn		6
	25 HE WAS ON TO SOMETHING (Epic 34 73496) Ricky Skaggs		5 15		MORE THAN ONCE IN A WHILE (CSA CSA-192) Johnny Anthony		3
	26 WANTED (Arista AS-2032)		_		STONEWASHED JEANS (Table Rock TRR 1003) Lezlee Ann		2
l	27 FEED THIS FIRE (Capitol 79189)		6		DREAMIN' THAT DREAM AGAIN (Door Knob DK90 354) Andi And The Browns		2
	28 WHEN IT RAINS IT POURS (Curb 8161) Merle Haggard		7 5		WHEN I'M OVER YOU (Evergreen EV 1123) Michelle Cole		-
l	POWE (Epic 34 73447) Joe Diffie	30	3		SEVENTH & BROADWAY (Stop Hunger SHR-1101) Ethan Allen King I'VE GOT IT ALL TOGETHER SOMEWHERE (Harmony Street HSR-6902)	DEB	.01
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	32 THE BATTLE HYMN OF LOVE (Mercury 268) Kathy Mattea & Tim O'Brien		-		UNDER HER WING (Tug Boat TG 1010) Wayne Douglas		2
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	36 I'M GONNA BE SOMEBODY (Warner Bros 7-19797)				NEVER ENDING SONG OF LOVE (Capitol 79256) Crystal Gayle		
	38 YOU MADE LIFE GOOD AGAIN (MCA 79075) Nitty Gritty Dirt Band				WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME (MCA 79011) Vince Gill		
	39 LET'S CALL IT A DAY TODAY (Epic 34 73427)		7		A FEW MORE REDNECKS (Epic 34 73426) The Charlie Daniels Band		
	40 THE THINGS YOU LEFT UNDONE (RCA 2644) Matraca Berg				HE TALKS TO ME (RCA 2508) Lorrie Morgan		
	41 CRAZY IN LOVE (MCA 79067) Conway Twitty		3		WHAT IT DOES TO ME (Columbia 38 73475) Sweethearts Of The Rodeo		4
	42 COWBOY LOGIC (Warner Bros. 7-19724) Michael Martin Murphey		3		HAPPY FOR YOUR SAKE (Evergreen EV-1124)		7
	43 YOUR LOVE (Stop Hunger SHR-1102)Linda Carol Forrest		8		THE RICHEST MAN ON EARTH (RCA 2505) Paul Overstreet		
1	44 MOONSHADOW ROAD (Capitol 79269) T. Graham Brown		3				
	45 SHE'S MY ROCK AROUND THE CLOCK (F & L FL-559) Storm Seymour			94	KEEPIN' ME UP NIGHTS (Arista AS-2045) Asleep At The Wheel		9
	45 BACK IN MY YOUNGER DAYS (RCA 2677) Don Williams				A LITTLE GIRL NEEDS A DADDY (Stop Hunger SHR-1102) Sweeter Than Honey		6
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# COUNTRY MUSIC

# **Country Column**

BY KAY KNIGHT



John Jorgenson, Herb Pederson and Chris Hillman

#### OCTOBER LOOMS BIG FOR CHRIS

HILLMAN: October is a big month for country-rocker Chris Hillman. Hillman's acclaimed Desert Rose Band is nominated for Top Vocal Group of the Year by the Country Music Association, which will announce its winners in Nashville on October 8. As a co-founding member of the Byrds, Hillman will also find out in October if the legendary rock group will be among this year's inductees to the Rock 'N' Roll Hall of Fame.

Since the release of their self-titled debut album in 1987, the Desert Rose Band has notched five #1 country singles and has been twice named Touring Group of the Year by the Academy of Country Music. The Desert Rose Band has also garnered several nominations from the Grammy Awards, Country Music Association, and the Academy of Country Music. This is the group's second CMA nomination for Top Vocal Group of the Year.

NEWCOMER NEAL MCCOY is readying for the release of his debut single, "If I Built You a Fire," scheduled to ship early in October. Booked and managed by the Dallas-based Chardon Inc., McCoy is already familiar to many country fans due to the extensive exposure he has received by opening for such notables as Charley Pride, Janie Frickie and Ronnie Milsap. In between his recent concert appearances he has

been putting the finishing touches on his debut album, produced by Nelson Larkin



Ronnie Milsap

#### COUNTRY-POP SUPERSTAR RON-

NIE MILSAP, the 1977 winner of the Country Music Association's Entertainer of the Year Award, enjoys the record-making process, but recently told host Chris Charles on The Weekly Country Countdown why he prefers the stage. "I will always love the performance part as a live performer better because there's no second takes," Milsap explains. "If you make a mistake, you know you gotta live with it. You make a mistake in the studio, you run the tape back and fix it. The audiences don't care how many standing ovations you had last night. It's a new night everytime you go on stage."

Milsap has been a consistent hitmaker with 35 #1s, beginning with "Pure Love" in 1974 and running up to his most recent, "Stranger Things Have Happened." With country/pop hits like "(There's) No Getting Over Me" and "It Was Almost Like a Song," Milsap has stretched his musical boundaries.



THE FANS HAVE BEEN TURNING OUT in full force to see Jann Browne perform across the country. One highlight of her tour was a knock-out show in Alexandria, Virginia, where Browne played to a celebrity-filled audience at Zed's. Among her many fans who showed up backstage after the performance to ham it up with Browne were (clockwise from top) John Jorgenson, Mike Borchetta, Bill Bryson, Mary Chapin Carpenter and Jay Dee Maness.

# **COUNTRY ALBUMS**

Sept.29, 1990 The square bullet indicates strong upward chart movement.

Total Weeks ▼

#1 ALBUM; Clint Black





TO WATCH: Reba McEntire #25

1	KILLIN'TIME (RCA 9668)	1	70
2	LIVIN' IT UP (MCA 6415)	3	17
3	WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME (MCA 42321) Vince Gill	5	21
4	PICKIN' ON NASHVILLE (Mercury 838744) Kentucky Headhunters	4	43
5	GARTH BROOKS (Capitol 90897)	2	58
6 7	HERE IN THE REAL WORLD (Arista 8623) Alan Jackson	6	28
8	GREATEST HITS (RCA 2277) Keith Whitley RICKY VAN SHELTON III (Columbia 45250) Ricky Van Shelton	11	5 33
9	THE EAGLE (Epic 46104)	8	9
10	PASS IT ON (RCA 2108)	7	15
11	COUNTRY CLUB (Warner Bros. 26094)	10	25
12	NO FENCES (Capitol 93866) Garth Brooks	31	2
13	NO HOLDIN' BACK (Warner Bros. 25988) Randy Travis	12	48
14	LEAVE THE LIGHT ON (RCA 9594) Lorrie Morgan	14	59
15 16	EXTRA MILE (Columbia 45490)	13 17	15
17	DOUG STONE (Epíc 45303)	15	22
18	ON DOWN THE LINE (MCA 6401) Patty Loveless	16	17
19	HILLBILLY ROCK (MCA 42312)	18	21
20	, ,	22	6
21	LONE WOLF (Warner Bros./Curb 26090)	20	31
40.00	I FELL IN LOVE (Reprise 26139)	36	3
23 24	DUET (Reprise 25791)	19 21	6 43
25	RUMOR HAS IT (MCA 10016) Reba McEntire	62	43
26	TOUGH ALL OVER (Epic 46066) Shelby Lynne	30	7
27	BLUE JUNGLE (Curb 77313) Merle Haggard	27	11
28	PIRATES OF THE MISSISSIPPI (Capitol 94389) Pirates Of The Mississippi	28	6
29	FAST MOVIN' TRAIN (RCA 9961) Restless Heart	26	33
30		33	5
31	ABSOLUTE TORCH AND TWANG (Warner Bros./Sire 25877) k.d.lang HIGHWAYMAN 2 (Columbia 45240) Waylon, Willie, Johnny & Kris	32	32
32 33	TENNESSEE WOMAN (Capitol 91821) Tanya Tucker	29 23	29 20
34	OUT OF THE SHADOWS (Atlantic 7-82104) Billy Joe Royal	25	11
35	SOWIN' LOVE (RCA 9717)	35	32
36	WILLOW IN THE WIND (Mercury 836950) Kathy Mattea	24	71
37	12 GREATEST HITS (MCA 12) Patsy Cline	34	22
38	LYLE LOVETT & HIS LARGE BAND (MCA/Curb 42263) Lyle Lovett	39	21
39	YOU OUGHTA BE HERE WITH ME (Epic 46028)	56	3
40 41	THE REST OF THE DREAM (MCA 6407) Nitty Gritty Dirt Band GREATEST HITS (Curb/RCA 8318)	40 41	9 21
42	ALWAYS AND FOREVER (Warner Bros. 25568) Randy Travis	46	21
43	KEYS TO THE HIGHWAY (Columbia 45242)	42	43
44	STATE OF THE HEART (Columbia 44228) Mary-Chapin Carpenter	37	41
45	MUSIC, MEMORIES AND YOU (Mercury 842518) The Statler Brothers	38	7
46	I WATCHED IT ON THE RADIO (MCA 42336) Lionel Cartwright	43	16
47	PAGES OF LIFE (MCA/Curb 9479) Desert Rose Band	51	34
48 49	TELL ME WHY (Curb 77251)	49 50	65
50	COWBOY SONGS (Warner Bros. 26308) Michael Martin Murphey	55	3
51	GREATEST HITS, VOL II (MCA 42035) George Strait	52	7
52	GREATEST HITS III (Warner Bros./Curb 25834) Hank Williams Jr.	53	82
53	LOVE ON ARRIVAL (Capitol 91782)	47	22
54	YOU WILL (Capitol 94102)	58	3
55	THE LIGHTS OF HOME (RCA 2114) Baillie & The Boys	48	14
56 57	THE BOYS ARE BACK (Curb/Capitol 92358) Sawyer Brown BUMPER TO BUMPER (Capitol 91780) T. Graham Brown	45 44	41 16
5 <i>1</i>	KEEPIN' ME UP NIGHTS (Arista 8550) Asleep At The Wheel	59	9
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60	WILD EYED DREAM (Columbia 40602) Ricky Van Shelton	61	7
61	I WONDER DO YOU THINK OF ME (RCA 9889) Keith Whitley	57	55
62	THE HARD WAY (MCA 6430) Steve Earle	60	9
63	HEART FULL OF LOVE (Warner Bros 26173) Holly Dunn	64	15
64	GREATEST HITS (RCA 7170)	63	21 50
65 <b>66</b>	REBA LIVE (MCA 8034) Reba McEntire ALONE (Columbia 45104)	66 68	22
67	HARDIN COUNTY LINE (MCA 42333)	54	13
68	WELL TRAVELLED LOVE (MCA 6390) Kelly Willis	69	11
69	KEVIN WELCH (Reprise 26171) Kevin Welch	70	7
70	LACY J (Capitol 93912) Lacy J. Dalton	65	19
71	LAREDO (MCA 42335)	71	22
72	THE ROAD NOT TAKEN (Columbia 44468) Shenandoah	67	75 2
73 74	GREATEST HITS II (Warner Bros. 26305)	73 74	17
75	LOVING PROOF (Columbia 44221) Ricky Van Shelton	72	17
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# INDIE INSIGHT



Mac Wiseman

#### VETERAN COUNTRY AND BLUEGRASS PERFORMER MAC

WISEMAN has been elected president of the Reunion of Professional Entertainers (R.O.P.E.), a non-profit organization founded in 1983. He succeeds founder and president Gordon Terry, who now becomes president emeritus. Others elected include Grant Turner, executive vice president; Charlie Dick, vice president (and chairman of the board); Kitty Wilson, secretary; and Doc Holliday, treasurer.

Wiseman, who has been a R.O.P.E. board member for several years, says the reason he got involved with the organization was its very worthy cause of establishing a retirement center for entertainers. As a first step, he will strive to establish committees in charge of finances or fund-raising, and in charge of building membership. "We've got some strong people in our administration and membership," Wiseman says, "and I'd like to put some of that brain power to work. I feel that will help add a lot of credibility to the association."

ALSO HAPPENING AT R.O.P.E.: Charlie Louvin, Hank Thompson, Kitty Wells, Sheb Wooley and Faron Young are competing for the annual Golden R.O.P.E. Artist Award, to be presented October 7 at the Opryland Hotel

Besides the artist award, there are three other categories voted on: Songwriter, Musician and Non-Performer. The Master Achievement and Ernest Tubb Humanitarian awards will also be presented at the annual awards show

Composers vying for top honors are Zeke Clements, Tommy Collins, Danny Dill, Charlie & Ira Louvin (the Louvin Brothers), and Justin Tubb. Nominees for the instrumentalist award are Billy Byrd, Buddy Emmons, Don Helms, Dale Potter and Gordon Terry. Nominated in the non-performer category are Owen Bradley, Charlie Lamb, Buddy Lee, Don Pierce and Mary Clare Rhodes. The program is open to the public. Tickets may be ordered by sending a cashiers check or money order made payable to R.O.P.E., P.O. Box 500, Nashville, TN 37202.



Alison Krauss

## THIS YOUNG ARTIST IS

HAPPENIN'... What more fitting way to celebrate her 18th birthday than to release her second solo album and be nominated for a Grammy award in the newly created Bluegrass Music category? In the years since recording her first solo album for Rounder Records at the age of 14 (and being featured in People magazine as a child phenomenon and debuting at the Newport Folk Festival all in the same year), now-19-year-old Alison Krauss has finished high school and has been developing into more and more of her own person, both musically and personally, traveling many miles with her band, Union Station. With her crystalclear voice, instrumental prowess and honest and unaffected stage charisma, this gal is definitely one to watch.

# **UP AND COMING**

September 29, 1990 Independent product most likely to reach the Top 100 Country Chart 4. MW WITHOUT YOU (Door Knob) . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Debbie Rich 5. MOTHER'S OTHER MAN (Mosrite) ...... Mark Mosley 6. THERE'S A PHONE ON EVERY CORNER (Starway) ........Suzi Beatty 8. MISSIN' MISSISSIPPI (Lil' Bill) ......Ronnie Klein 9. WE'RE NOT MARRIED TO EACH OTHER (United Country) . . . . . . Karen Howard 10. TWICE AS MUCH LOVE (Wild Cat) . . . . . . . . . . . . Richard & Gary 12. FOOL THAT I AM (CDS) ..... Ty Green 14. JENNY (Grand Three) ..... Dale Conners 16. FOOL OF A HEART (Vision) . . . . . . . . . . . . Live-N-Kickin' 17. NOTHING CAN STOP MY LOVING YOU (Country International) 18. THINKING OF ME THAT WAY (Sing Me) ...... Judy O'Quinn 19. BETTER OFF BLUE (Worth) ..... Janet David 

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## ■ INDIE SINGLE RELEASES

#### INDIE FEATURE PICKS

☐ KENNY DALE: "I'm Getting Better at Forgetting" (Axbar AX-6065-A)

Producers: Joe Scates/Axe Handle

Writers: Kenny Dale/J. James

With a traditional country flavor—including pickin' that's personal, and some hearty piano strokes—"I'm Getting Better at Forgetting" is definitely worth getting on the air. This mid-tempo blues tune reveals just how long forever can be, especially when forever actually means nevermore. Dale sends out these sad lyrics with fully controlled vocals, which slightly resemble those of Ricky Van Shelton.

- ☐ AUDREY HUNEYCUT: "Tonight Your Yellow Rose Is Blue" (T&M TM-101A)
- ☐ LEON WOMACK: "Honky-Tonk Sunshine Band" (Playme PM-715-A)
- □ ERICK BACKLUND: "She's Number One" (Destiny DRI-001-A)
- ☐ JIMMIE ROGERS: "Two Worlds Apart" (Essen Jay EJ-0001)
- ☐ GARY DALE PARKER: "Start a Little Fire Tonight" (615 89-S-1019)



ELWOOD SMOOCH KISSES UP: Dollywood's country comedian, Elwood Smooch, kissed up to his boss after being reprimanded that she was not one of the dolls for sale in the Dollhouse at Dollywood, Billy Baker, otherwise known as Elwood Smooch, performs nightly at Dollywood in the main music auditorium. This one-time clown for the Ringling Brothers circus, Billy Baker can also be seen in other character roles throughout Nashville and the state of Tennessee. He recently taped environmental spots to run through the end of the year as the character "O.L.," encouraging people to take care of Mother Earth.

#### **Most Added Singles**

(Singles receiving the most new adds this week)

- 1. HIGHWAY 101—"Someone Else's Trouble Now"—Warner Brothers
- 2. PATTY LOVELESS—"The Night's Too Long"—MCA
- 3. EDDY RAVEN—"Zydeco Lady"—Capitol

#### Most Active Singles

(Singles receiving the most reports this week)

- 1. GARTH BROOKS—"Friends in Low Places"—Capitol
- 2. GEORGE STRAIT—"Drinking Champagne"—MCA
- 3. THE JUDDS—"Born to Be Blue"—Curb/RCA

#### Most Conversions

(Singles converting from an add or extra to a number)

- RANDY TRAVIS/GEORGE JONES—"A Few Ole Country Boys"—Warner Brothers
- 2. DON WILLIAMS—"Back in My Younger Days"—RCA
- 3. MARTY STUART—"Western Girls"—MCA

#### **Hot Phones**

(Singles receiving the most requests)

- 1. GARTH BROOKS—"Friends in Low Places"—Capitol
- 2. MARK CHESNUTT—"Too Cold at Home"—MCA
- 3. GEORGE STRAIT—"Drinking Champagne"—MCA

# J.D.'s Corner

#### CASH BOX CHART DIRECTOR JOHN

**DECKER** recently made his way onto Music Row during a party celebrating Travis Tritt's latest #1 single, "I'm Gonna Be Somebody." During the festivities, Decker took time out to present Tritt with a commemorative plaque depicting Tritt's song at the #1 slot on the *Cash Box* Top 100 Country Singles chart.

#### CMA BROADCAST WINNERS NAMED:

The 1990 winners of the CMA Broadcast Awards have been announced by the Country Music Association. Any full-time country music station, general manager, program director, music director or broadcast personality was eligible to enter. Entrants were judged by an anonymous panel of experts in the broadcasting field. The broadcast personalities will be recognized on the CMA Awards Show on October 8 on CBS-TV, and the awards will be presented at CMA's annual membership meeting in Nashville on October 9.

The winners are:

Broadcast Personality of the Year: Large Market—team of Steve Harmon & Scott

Evans, KPLX, Dallas, Texas; Medium Market—Cliff Dumas, CHAM, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada; Small Market—Bobby Cook, WKYQ, Paducah, Kentucky.

Station of the Year: Large Market—WPOC, Baltimore, Maryland; Medium Market—KASE, Austin, Texas; Small Market—KHAK, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

General Manager of the Year: Large Market—Dan Halyburton, KPLX, Dallas, Texas; Medium Market—Jerdan Bullard, WZZK, Birmingham, Alabama; Small Market—Mary Quass, KHAK, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Program Director of the Year: Large Market—Bobby Kraig, KPLX, Dallas, Texas; Medium Market—Mike Carta, WIVK, Knoxville, Tennessee; Small Market—Tim Closson, KHAK, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Music Director of the Year: Large Market—Mac Daniels, KPLX, Dallas, Texas; Medium Market—Bob Sterling, WZZK, Birmingham, Alabama; Small Market—Jeff Winfield, KHAK, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

THUMBS UP TO THESE CASH BOX STATIONS AND DJS FOR THEIR CON-SISTENCY IN REPORTING: Barbara Justice, WNRG, Grundy, Virginia; Bill Chapman WSFT, Thomaston, Georgia; Nicky Scott, WSTT, Thomasville, Georgia; Dennis Jackson, WVAR, Richwood, West Virginia; Paul Davis, WXCE, Amery, Wisconsin.

(Cash Box would love to publish information about events happening at your station. Please send us any press releases, pictures, etc. for use in upcoming issues.)



Warner Brothers recording artist Travis Tritt and Cash Box chart director John Decker. (photo:

## ■ CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### COMING UP

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC CELEBRITY

**GOLF CLASSIC** will be played on Burbank's De Bell Golf Course on Monday, October 15, 1990. The Academy's current reigning Group of the Year, Restless Heart, will be the tournament's hosts.

Proceeds will again go to the T.J. Martell Foundation for Cancer, Aids and Leukemia research for children, and its West Coast division, Neil Bogart Memorial Laboratory, which have received over \$130,000 from this annual event.

The entry fee will be \$250 per person for the "Texas-style scrambles" format tournament, which will have a "shotgun" start at noon. Each team will consist of a celebrity, plus four paying players. Special hotel rates will be available to participants at the host hotel, the Burbank Holiday Inn.

For more information, contact the Academy of Country Music office at (213) 462-2351.

#### **BACK IN TIME**

SEPTEMBER 23—Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys' first recording session (1935)

SEPTEMBER 24—"Almost Persuaded," by David Houston, sees its sixth consecutive week at the #1 spot on the country charts (1966)

SEPTEMBER 25—"Flowers on the Wall," by the Statler Brothers, enters the charts (1965)

SEPTEMBER 26—Happy Birthday to Lynn Anderson (1947) and to David Frizzell (1941)

SEPTEMBER 27—A Southern mail train crashed in 1903, inspiring "The Wreck of the Old 97"  $\,$ 

SEPTEMBER 28—The first commercial recording session in Nashville takes place with the Victor recording of the Binkley Brothers' Dixie Clodhoppers (1928)

SEPTEMBER 29—Happy Birthday to Gene Autry (1907) and to Jerry Lee Lewis (1935)

#### ■ COUNTRY HOT CUTS

- 1. DOUG STONE: "We Always Agree on Love" Doug Stone (Epic)
- PIRATES OF THE MISSISSIPPI: "I Take My Comfort in You" Pirates of the Mississippi (Capitol)
- 3. TRAVIS TRITT: "Son of the New South" Country Club (Warner Brothers)
- 4. GEORGE STRAIT: "Lonesome Rodeo Cowboy" Livin' It Up (MCA)
- 5. PATTY LOVELESS: "Overtime" On Down the Line (MCA)

#### ■ TOP 10 SINGLES—10 YEARS AGO

- 1. DOLLY PARTON: "Old Flames Can't Hold a Candle to You" (RCA)
- 2. T.G. SHEPPARD: "Do You Wanna Go to Heaven" (Warner Brothers/Curb)
- 3. JOHNNY LEE: "Lookin' for Love" (Elektra)
- 4. THE OAK RIDGE BOYS: "Heart of Mine" (MCA)
- 5. THE STATLER BROTHERS: "Charlotte's Web" (Mercury)
- 6. RAZZY BAILEY: "Loving up a Storm" (RCA)
- 7. WILLIE NELSON & RAY PRICE: "Faded Love" (Columbia)
- 8. WAYLON JENNINGS: "Theme from the Dukes of Hazzard" (RCA)
- 9. MAC DAVIS: "Let's Keep It That Way" (Casablanca)
- 10. DON WILLIAMS: "I Believe in You" (MCA)



THEY WROTE THE SONGS... The last time these four songwriters got together, they co-wrote "When Karen Comes Around," later recorded by the Oak Ridge Boys and Mason Dixon. This reunion found them at the Third Coast in Nashville celebrating their current hits. Shown are (I to r): Robert Ellis Orrall, co-writer of the #1 song, "Next to You, Next to Me," by Shenandoah; Bobby Fischer, co-writer of Reba McEntire's new hit, "You Lie"; and co-writers Earl Bud Lee and Dewayne Blackwell, of the hit song "Friends in Low Places," by Garth Brooks.

# COUNTRY MUSIC

## ■ SINGLE RELEASES

#### **OUT OF THE BOX**

☐ TRAVIS TRITT: "Put Some Drive in Your Country" (Warner Brothers 7-19715)

Producer: Gregg Brown

Writer: Travis Tritt

He's country when country is *the* coolest. After having pumped out two #1 singles from his debut album, *Country Club*, Tritt delivers his fourth single release—and it's a sizzler. Beating to the pulse of Southern rock and roll, with a guitar and harmonica explosion, "Put Some Drive in Your Country" puts fire in the listener's veins, and should ultimately put a hot spot on radio playlists everywhere. Tritt's gutsy vocals are gutsier than ever on this tune, and although comparisons between artists are quite unnecessary, Tritt's performance resembles one of a new-blooded Hank Williams Jr.

#### FEATURE PICKS

□ MCBRIDE & THE RIDE: "Felicia" (MCA 79074)

Producers: Tony Brown/Steve Fischell

Writers: Terry McBride/Bill Carter/Ruth Ellsworth

When three individuals, each having a separate badge of musical success, join together, the result is phenomenal. That's the case with one of country music's newest and most promising bands to hit the airwaves—McBride & the Ride. With the second release form their *Burnin' up the Road* LP, this threesome delivers a combo package that includes traditional-hearted vocals, instrumentation that shouts out "rockin'-country-roll" and an Austin City flavor. "Felicia" represents the final product, complete with hooking lyrics, a unique melody and adventurous harmony.

# ☐ THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS: "Rock-N-Roll Angel" (Mercury 878-214-7)

Producers: The Kentucky HeadHunters

Writer: Richard O. Young

Everybody's doing a brand new dance now...come on baby, do the Latin cha-cha Southern style with a '50s twist? But with the Kentucky HeadHunters? Only this top-selling country album group can get away with such a bizarre comparison when it comes to describing their music—and especially with this single. "Rock-N-Roll Angel" holds on to the Heads' usual vocal charisma, which is always unusual, and flaunts a much lighter side of these country rockin' kings. Let's just be up front—clear a high slot, radio. This debonair ditty is one of a kind.

□ SHELBY LYNNE: "Things Are Tough All Over" (Epic 34 73521)

Producer: Bob Montgomery

Writers: Lisa Silver/Trey Bruce

Bluesy ballads seem to be Lynne's specialty these days, and her latest release is no exception. "Things Are Tough All Over" sparks a pretty melody and brings out the bluest of the blues, as Lynne's chilling-edged vocals and sincerity shoot through this cut like a spear aimed toward all breaking hearts.

#### □ LEE ROY PARNELL: "Family Tree" (Arista AS-2093)

Producers: Barry Beckett/Tim DuBois

Writers: Dave Durocher/Jeannie Smith

It's taking some time for listeners to actually grip onto this guy's voice and music, but let's face it—Parnell is pumping out a class-A performance. "Family Tree" tells an "I've gone rebel" story, and Parnell tells it with bursting energy, grinding vocals and music that ultimately kicks.

- ☐ THE FORESTER SISTERS: "Old Enough to Know" (Warner Brothers 7-19766)
- □ EDDIE RABBITT: "American Boy" (Capitol 79398)
- □ DELBERT MCCLINTON: "Who's Foolin' Who" (Curb NR-76839)
- ☐ WILD ROSE: "Everything He Touches" (Capitol 79192)
- ☐ CANYON: "Dam These Tears" (16th Avenue)
- ☐ GARY MORRIS: "Workin' Man Blues" (Capitol 79317)

### ALBUM RELEASE

□ MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY: Cowboy Songs (Warner Brothers 26308-2)

Talk about "down Memory Lane"... Anyone who ever watched Roy Rogers, Gene Autry and the others in those cowboy movies or TV programs way back when

- MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY►

will know a lot of these tunes by heart. Murphey entertains us with classics like "Tumbling Tumbleweeds," "The Old Chisholm Trail," "Home on the Range," "Red River Valley" and "Happy Trails." Also included are some great new songs, some co-written by Murphey himself and some by others—songs that depict the artist's love and respect for the cowboy, like "Let the Cowboy Dance," "Cowboy Logic" and "Where Do Cowboys Go When They Die/Reincarnation." There are 21 songs on this project, all stellarly produced by Steve Gibson and Murphy, and all sure to please any cowboy lover.

# CHRISTIAN COLUMN

BY KIMMY WIX

THE HAPPY GOODMAN FAMILY HAS A REUNION: For the first time in 10 years, the original quartet of Howard, Vestal, Rusty and Sam Goodman has recorded a new project. The Reunion contains 12 songs, nine of which are brand new for this record. The remaining three are new versions of past Goodman songs. For 60 years the name Goodman has been synonymous with gospel music. In the early days, traveling across the country as a mom, dad and kids group, they never dreamed they would become the legendary quartet known as the Happy Goodman Family. In the 1950s and '60s, they often brought their sound to the same stage as Hank Williams, Sr. and other top country acts. Over the years, the Happy Goodman Family has sold several million records, achieved numerous Grammy and Dove awards, appeared on network prime-time television and hosted their own nationally syndicated weekly television program. Today the original quartet members each have their own minstries as well as a solid group commitment to The Reunion. Rick Goodman (son of Howard and Vestal) produced the project and was able to reunite many of the same Nashville session players used on the 1970s Happy Goodman Family albums.

PETRA IS BEYOND BELIEF: Petra is currently on tour in support of their 13th album, Beyond Belief, which is being heralded as one of Christian music's most significant releases in recent years. The album is currently one of the top-selling recordings in Christian music. The album and tour continue Petra's move back to a harder-edged rock sound, featuring Bob Hartman's guitars and the lead vocals of former Head East lead singer, John Schlitt. Their Beyond Belief tour will feature songs from the new album as well as many standard Petra favorites from 18 years of their history.

TRAMAINE HAWKINS PREVIEWS "PRAISE THE NAME OF JESUS" NATIONWIDE ON THE ARSENIO HALL SHOW: The cut, "Praise the Name of Jesus" sparks from Hawkins' current Tramaine Hawkins Live! project. This marked her first appearance on the nationally syndicated late-night show. The new album is her first solo live release and includes the talents of Edwin and Walter Hawkins, Carlos Santana, Jimmy McGriff, Stanley Turrentine and others.

HOLY SOLDIER KICKS OFF FALL TOUR: Holy Soldier has kicked off their national fall tour with four West Coast dates, including San Francisco's the Stone and Hollywood's Palace. The tour will continue through the Southwest, Midwest and East Coast. Holy Soldier's line-up for the tour includes a new vocalist, Eric Wayne.

#### NEW HAVEN RECORDS ANNOUNCES NEW BLACK GOSPEL

**DIVISION:** The two-year-old company is excited to announce the creation of their black gospel division with what they call an album of the '90s. The album was recorded live to benefit the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). With every record sold, a donation will be made to the UNCF. The concert recording is the result of the first annual Black Gospel Explosion held at Nashville's Starwood Amphitheatre. New Haven Records was originated by veteran gospel executive Ken Harding. Prior to founding New Haven, Harding started Word Records' black gospel division, Rejoice Records, and signed such greats as Shirley Caesar, the Clark Sisters and Al Green.



White Heart was recently captured while rockin' in the studio, working on their first Star Song project, *Powerhouse*, scheduled for an early December release. The project is being produced by Bill Dresher, who's know for his production work with the Bangles and Rick Springfield. Pictured are (I to r): (back row) Mark Nemer, drummer; Brian Wooten, guitar; Malcolm Greenwood, manager; Mark Gershmel, keyboards and vocals; and (front row) Anthony Sallee, bass guitar; Rick Florian, lead vocals; Billy Smiley, guitar and vocals; and Dresher, producer.

# AROUND THE ROUTE

BY CAMILLE COMPASIO

WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THE NEW exhibit the AMOA Jukebox Promotion Committee will be hosting at this year's Expo. It is currently in design and construction, and promises to be an exciting addition to the "jukebox alley" layout. From what we hear, the booth will feature photos of past "jukebox legend" award winners, a TV monitor and all sorts of special decorations. Visiting celebs will have access to it for autographing sessions or as a stop-off point during their show appearances... Fred Newton, our ever-cooperative man in the know at AMÔA, notes that the association is gearing up for National Jukebox Month (this coming November) and passed along some tips for ops, such as: encourage your one-stops to stock the records in each of the two packages; and purchase the NJB promo records from your onestops. One-stops, on the other hand, are advised to contact AMOA's record label liaison Sam Atchley at (817) 267-4915 for any info regarding the promotion...

IT'S A BOY! Taito America's marketing manager Natalie Kulig and her hubby, Gene, became the proud parents of their first child, a baby named Zachary Alexander, who came into this world on September 1, 1990. As for vital statistics: he weighed in at 7 lbs., 9 oz., has brown hair and brown eyes, and is positively adorable! Our congratulations to the new mom and dad...

#### HERE'S A TRIVIA QUESTION FOR

YOU: In what year was there *not* an AMOA (or MOA) convention? My only clue is that it was sometime during the '50s. If you have the answer, give me a call at (708) 863-7440 (my curiosity is killing me!)...

DATELINE -- CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, home of Brady Distributing Co. Here's the picture, as we got it from marketing veepee Jim Frye: Business is good, with "certain product lines." Videos are experiencing the "lowest earnings they've had in a number of years." SNK's NEO-GEO, however, has been a "very good seller" at Brady-earnings on the initial titles have been "excellent." According to op feedback in the Brady territory, the top three best-earner categories are: phonographs (with emphasis on the CD machines), pool tables and pinballs, in that order. "Customers tell us that flipper earnings are consistent with what they have been over the past few years," said Frye, and that's not bad. "We're hoping to see some exciting new products at AMOA Expo that will pick things up a little bit." Amen...

OOPS: Our good friend Jerry Gordon is, of course, senior veepee, sales at Rowe International, but somehow his name was missing from the Rowe listing in the September 1 Cash Box Directory. People in the trade noticed it—just ask my telephone! Unfortunately, these things do happen

when you're dealing with all of the listings and reference material involved in the publication of a directory. So sorry, Jer...

AWARDS SHOW: Last issue we reported that the Everly Brothers would be performing at the AMOA Expo '90 Awards Show and also collecting their "jukebox legend" award. We have since learned, from AMOA's record label liaison Sam Atchley, that Kenny Rogers will also be making an appearance to accept his JB legend award; and that country star Travis Tritt (who has been making it big on the charts) will be among the performers on the bill. Peter (Herman's Hermits) Noone will not only emcee the show but will perform some of his vintage hits from the past. Atchley told us that a number of artists have been contacting him to express their interest in performing at the awards show, so you can bet this will be a biggie event. Keep tuned...

FORMER WILLIAMS EXEC MARTY GLAZMAN has joined Kaneko of Japan, which has designed and developed over 41 different games that have been licensed. Glazman's new position is president of Kaneko U.S.A. Ltd., and he is now in the process of setting up offices and staff in the Chicago area. Much good luck to you, Marty...

RSI UPDATE: Record Source International (which supplies jukebox ops with vinyl singles in quantity) has really "started to jell" over the past several weeks. Their subscriber list is growing and there's been a decided acceleration in op inquiries, phone calls and letters. "Our subscribers are encouraging us to keep doing what we're doing," said RSI prexy Dock Ringo, "because they are satisfied with the service RSI has to offer and the time saved in their programming efforts." Ringo emphasized that the company is trying to do "more than just ship records," as evidenced by the RSI popularity chart, which is an invaluable programming guide for ops, and the various other extras that go along with a subscription. Each package is shipped totally intact and location-ready, complete with identification (pop, country, R&B, etc.) and color codes to make it as convenient as possible for ops and route personnel. "We fully intend to become a service that operators cannot do without," Ringo added. Who knows-this concept, with some variations, might ultimately be tailored for games as well...

GOING STRONG: Data East Pinball's Back to the Future is obviously fulfilling all expectations. What a run they're having with this piece. It's still strong, still in demand, and will remain in production through September. Then, watch for Simpsons, the pin that has been bringing in fabulous earnings on test and is scheduled for delivery in the not-too-distant future...

A REMINDER: If you are interested

in attending the next meeting of the Half Century Club International, which will be held (during AMOA Expo '90) on October 26 in the Williams suite at the Marriott Hotel in New Orleans, be sure to immediately contact HCCI prexy Steve Kordek at (312) 267-2240 (or write to Williams Electronics Games, Inc., 3401 N. California Ave., Chicago, IL 60618, to Kordek's attention) and make your arrangements. This club is for people with 50 years or more in the industry. If you've racked up at least 40 years, you qualify for associate membership. Having attended previous meetings, I can tell you the ranks are growing, so it will make Steve Kordek's job a little easier if you let him know up front so that he can get an accurate count..

HANGIN' IN THERE: I touched base with executive veepee Joe Pankus at Seeburg Corp., who re-iterated that the company is going through refinancing right now. A couple of

firms have indicated "more than a mild interest" in investing. With the infusion of new money Seeburg should be in a position to resume full production capacities. "We have a strong name, we have a strong product," as Pankus pointed out, "and it's nice to know that we have loyal and patient friends in the industry who will be waiting out this difficult period with us." And yes, Seeburg will be hosting an exhibit at AMOA Expo '90...

IN THE MÂIL: I received word about a new single by Bobby Yates on the Rave Records label, which is reportedly enjoying some good regional exposure on jukeboxes. Sides are "Have You Ever Really Listened (To One of Hank Williams' Songs)" and "I'll Be a Bachelor Till I Die." For inforegarding the availability of jukebox promo copies and other specifics, ops can contact VMY Productions, P.O. Box 1824, Punta Gorda, FL 33950; or phone (813) 637-0232...

## **AMOA-IFPA Board Meets**

CHICAGO-The AMOA-International Flipper Pinball Association (IFPA) held a board of directors meeting in the Chicago offices of Williams Electronics Games/Midway Manufacturing Company on Wednesday, August 29, 1990, during which time a number of IFPA programs and planned activities were discussed. The association is now incorporated and functioning autonomously under sponsorship of the AMOA, Premier Technology, Data East Pinball, Inc., Williams Electronics Games and Midway Manufacturing Company.

IFPA president Sharon Harris opened the session with a review of her recent trip to Milwaukee, where she met with acting executive director Joe Conway to discuss the future plans and goals of the newly formed organization.

Conway gave an update on the "overwhelmingly positive" response that has resulted from the initial AMOA-IFPA mailing that went out to thousands of operators, inviting them to request information about charter membership.

The charge for the first year's membership in IFPA is \$200. It includes the charter and a complete start-up kit for establishing flipper pinball league and tournament play, both in street and arcade locations. Other educational materials will also be provided. President Harris, by the way, presented the board with the first check in payment of the first charter membership for Stan Harris & Co., Inc. of Philadelphia.

Roger Sharpe (Williams Electronics Games), who is chairman of the marketing subcommittee, gave a brief report on the extensive media interest generated by the 60th anniversary of

the flipper pinball. Most recently, *Life* magazine featured a six-page story in its September issue. Sharpe indicated that other projects spotlighting the game are on the planning board.

IFPA has developed a media kit for distribution to the mass media. As with the 100th anniversary of the jukebox, AMOA-IFPA will offer decorative flipper pinball pins for purchase.

Frank Gumma, Jr. (American Vending Sales) chairs the education subcommittee, and is currently working with a group of operators to develop a "how to" manual that will instruct both new and experienced operators on how to properly set up and maintain the new, highly sophisticated flipper equipment. This project will be completed within the next few months.

The first annual International Flipper Pinball World Championship Tournament will be held at the Chicago O'Hare Hilton during the period of Friday, March 1, 1991 through Sunday, March 3, 1991. Tournament director is Steve Epstein, who recommended a tentative schedule of events and activities, designed to promote an exciting, challenging competition. Additional information regarding this project will be made available at the upcoming AMOA convention in New Orleans, at which AMOA-IFPA will occupy booth space and will be disbursing preliminary

AMOA-IFPA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the worldwide promotion of pinball through media exposure and league/tournament play. Further information may be obtained by contacting acting executive director Joe Conway at (414) 263-0233.

## ■ INDUSTRY CALENDAR 1990

October 11-13: NAMA (National Automatic Merchandising Association); Orange Convention Center; Orlando, FL; 1990 annual national convention

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