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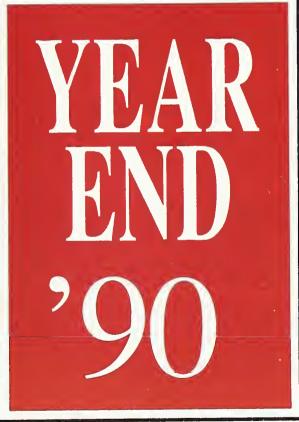
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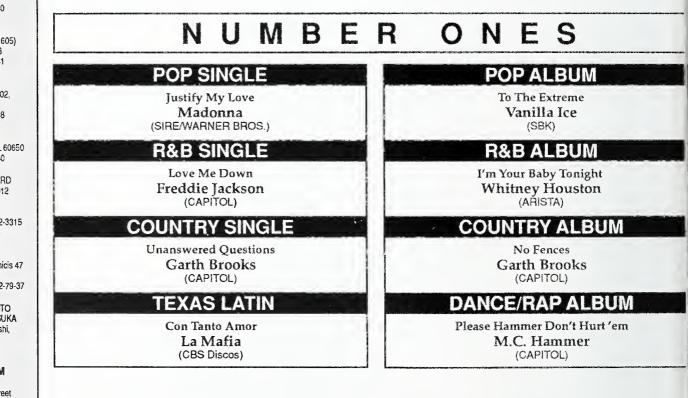
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TICKERTAPE

Atlantic Nashville Ups Blackburn

RICK BLACKBURN HAS BEEN

PROMOTED to the position of vice president of operations and general mangager for Atlantic Nashville. The announcement was made by Atlantic co-chairman/cochief executive officer Doug Morris. In his new capacity, Blackburn will oversee Atlantic Nashville's A&R, promotion, sales & marketing, artist development and publicity. Before this promotion, Blackburn was vice president of operations, Atlantic Nashville-a position he held since July 1989.

Prior to joining Atlantic, Blackburn was senior vice president/general manager for CBS Records Nashville. Blackburn joined CBS in 1976 as vice president of marketing, and in 1978, was promoted to vice president/general manager-a posi-

tion he held for four years. During his years with CBS, he signed Roseanne Cash, Ricky Skaggs and Sweethearts Of The Rodeo to name a few. Blackburn also held positions at A&M and Mercury.

WHEN I WAS 75, IT WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR: We imagine that Mr. Sinatrarolling around the world like he was a youngster-will probably have that to say about 1990. Not everybody will be so jubilant about the year passed, however, and none less so, perhaps, than Walter Yetnikoff, whose road to unemployment was paved by a little book called *Hit Men*. CBS is the company, of course, although next week it'll be called Sony Music and Mr. Yetnikoff's deeds there—good, bad or indifferent—will begin to fade from memory. And Sony Music, under chairman Michael P. Shulhof, will begin to put its house in order.

It was a very good year for guys like David Geffen, whose sale of his label to MCA, followed by MCA's sale to Matsushita, made him a zillionaire. The Matsushita deal was the biggest such transaction in entertainment history, involving a movie studio, a record label, plenty of real estates, all sorts of things. Some worried about the continued de-Americanization of the music business, others said, "Hey, we made our bed, we lie in it." The beds are increasingly in Japan and Europe. As for MCA Records, chairman Al Teller, a survivor of a war with Mr. Yetnikoff, seemed to have things well in hand.

Irving Azoff had himself a good year, finally readying the launch of his own label, and the folks at Terry Ellis' new Imago, similarly poised, are probably a happy clan too. Atlantic set up a new division, East West America, and PolyGram created the PolyGram Label Group, to market its product alongside its '89 acquisitions: A&M and Island. But nobody's happier than the wallet-fat folks at SBK who are "Ice, Ice Baby"-ing all the way to the bank. Whatever you or yours thinks of Vanilla Ice and Wilson Philips and pizza-eating turtles, SBK had itself a very good year indeed.

Vanilla Ice represents the continued pop-ifying of rap, but nobody, save maybe a music critic of two, seems to be complaining. Ice is the faster-seller, but M.C. Hammer—rapper, dancer, corporate pitchman—has got the figures: Sales of *Please Hammer, Don't Hurt 'Em* were at seven-million and counting last time anybody checked. As to the aging rock and rollers of yesteryear, Paul McCartney's return to his Beatles songs was the biggest concert draw, while Paul Simon, chiming in with his first release since the multi-Grammy-winning Graceland four years ago, and the Traveling Wilburys chalked up some fast album sales. Bonnie Raitt, of course, trundled off an armful of Grammys this year, and nobody seemed more surprised than she. And we'd be remiss if we didn't mention Harry Connick, Jr. and Deee-Lite, who've brought sighs of

earlier eras to our troubled young decade. There are happy rappers in Florida, too, as 2 Live Crew rode the nation's to-censor-or-not-to-censor frenzy to the top of the charts. It was a year when people couldn't even figure out what censorship was or wasn't. Sinead O'-Connor, for example, was a Saturday Night Live no-show because of her objections to comic Andrew Dice Clay's infantile, misogynous humor, but rigorously defended Luther Campbell's similar bent. And then MTV pulled the plug on Madonna's video, and everybody was scratching their heads again. Putting record retailers and rappers on trial for words is censorship. Forcing Madonna to cut her video would be censorshop. Not giving tax money to controversial artists is not censorship. It is reprehensible, but it's not censorship. Anyway, albums ended up with stickers, and Tipper Gore said she was happy. If she's happy, we're happy.

Also fighting the law this year was independent promoter Joe Isgro. He won.

EXECUTIVES ON THE MOVE

CASH BOX DECEMBER 29, 1990

Michael P. Schulhof has been named chairman of Sony Music Entertainment (formerly CBS Records, Inc.), while retaining his position as vice chairman, Sony USA. Masaakl Morita assumes the title of executive vice chairman and chief operating officer, Sony USA. ■ Lawrence H. Katz has been promoted to vice president/general manager, operations, West Coast for both SBK Records and EMI Music Publish-Ing. He will oversee all of EMI Music Publishing's business and administrative operations on the West Coast and will oversee all West Coast activities at SBK. Katz was previously vice president, business affairs for SBK. **Private Music** has named Julio Proietto vice president, finance & business administration. A CPA, he comes to the label from Warner Bros. Television.
Bruce Shindler, formerly national promotion manager for RCA/Nashville, has joined the staff of PolyGram as director of national country promotion. Shindler, a native of East Meadow, Long Island, formerly worked promotion for Elektra/Asylum, Lifesong and Mainstreet Records before join-ing the staff of MTM Music Group in 1984 as director of national promotion. He assumed his position at RCA in 1988. KevIn Herring has been promoted from PolyGram midwest regional promotion manager to the newly-created position of manager of national country promotion for PolyGram. Herring, who is from the Detroit area, served as music director for WWWW in Detroit from 1980 until 1987, when he joined the company. BMG International has made three new appointments. Allan Fried has been named director, A&R, making him responsible for the handling of all international artists recording in the U.S. He comes to the labels from EMI Music Publishing, where he was New York creative director. Steve Pedo has been promoted to director, finance and administration. He was most recently manager, finance and administration, for the



Shindler

Latin and Asia/Pacific regions, a post now assumed by Jeff LeSueur.
Mute Records has named Adam Kaplan director, marketing and sales. Kaplan comes to the label, which recently signed a licensing and distribution agreement with Elektra, from Virgin Records, where he was a marketing coordinator. Records has promoted Julie Borchard to the position of director, international artist development. Borchard reports directly to Tom Corson, vice president, international artist development for Capitol.

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TOP 100 SINGLES

December 29, 1990



#1 Single: Madonna



High Debut: Tony! Toni! Toné #54

Total Weeks ▼ Last Week ▼



To Watch: Whitney Houston #39

Total Weeks ▼ Last Week ▼

1 JUSTIFY MY LOVE (Sire/Warner Bros. 19485)	2	7
2 BECAUSE I LOVE YOU (L.M.R./RCA 2724-4-RS) Stevie B	1	13
3 IMPULSIVE (SBK 4JM-07337) Wilson Philips	4	12
4 TOM'S DINER (A&M 15297)	5	13
5 HIGH ENOUGH (Warner Bros. 19570) Damn Yankees	8	15
6 LOVE WILL NEVER DO (WITHOUT YOU) (A&M 15387) Janet Jackson	9	6
7 SENSITIVITY (MCA 53932) Ralph Tresvant	10	8
8 FROM A DISTANCE (Atlantic 87820) Bette Midler	3	13
9 I'M YOUR BABY TONIGHT (Arista 2108) Whitney Houston	6	11
10 THE FIRST TIME (Columbia 38-73502) Surface	14	8
11 HANG IN LONG ENOUGH (Atlantic 4-87800) Phil Collins	13	8
12 MIRACLE (Mercury/Polygram 878392-7) Jon Bon Jovi	12	12
13 AFTER THE RAIN (DGC 19667) Nelson	15	9
14 MILES AWAY (Atlantic 4-87820) Winger	17	12
15 I'M NOT IN LOVE (Epic 34T-73636) Will To Power	21	7
16 PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC (SBK 4JM-07339) Vanilla Ice	29	4
17 GONNA MAKE YOU SWEAT (Columbia 38-73604)		
	24	6
18 FREEDOM 90' (Columbia 38T-73559) George Michael	7	10
19 JUST ANOTHER DREAM (Polydor 877 962-4) Cathy Dennis	22	9
20 THE WAY YOU DO THE THINGS YOU DO (Virgin 4-98978)	11	14
21 ONE & ONLY MAN (Virgin 98892)	16	g
22 DO THE BART MAN (Geffen A-4179)	27	4
23 FOR YOU (MCA 53935)	26	10
24 GROOVE IS IN THE HEART (Elektra 4-64934) Deee-Lite	19	15
25 LOVE TAKES TIME (Columbia 38T-73455) Mariah Carey	18	16
26 SOMETHING TO BELIEVE IN (Enigma/Capitol 44617)	20	13
27 WIGGLE IT (Charisma/Cutting CR237)	25	13
28 ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE (Atlantic 87793) Debble Gibson	31	7
29 DISAPPEAR (Atlantic 4-87784)	36	6
30 GENTLE (Island 422-989482) Dino	37	8
31 YOU'RE AMAZING (EMI 4JM-50338)	34	7
32 ON THE WAY UP (Chrysalis 23497)Elisa Fiorillo	32	14
33 I'LL GIVE ALL MY LOVE TO YOU (Elektra 4-64915)	32 35	14
	30	17
34 FEELS GOOD (Wing/Polydor 877 436-4)	30 28	16
36 DOES SHE LOVE THAT MAN (A&M 75021-7437-4) Breathe Feat,/David Glasper	20 40	10
37 STRANDED (Capitol NR44621)		
	23 42	15
39 WICKED GAMES (Reprise 4-19704) Cris Issac 39 ALL THE MAN THAT I NEED (Arista 2156) Whitney Houston		2
	50	
40 YOU GOTTA LOVE SOMEONE (MCA 53953)Eiton John	45	6
41 I SAW RED (Columbia 73597) Warrant	52	•
42 SHELTER ME (Polygram 878 700-7)	48	4
43 NO MATTER WHAT (Columbia 38T-73603) .George Lamond Feat/Brenda Starr	46	5
44 THE GHETTO (Jive/RCA 1414)	44	•
45 WHERE DOES MY HEART BEAT NOW (Epic 34-73536) Cellon Dion	57	-
46 THE SHOOP SHOOP SONG (IT'S IN HIS KISS) (Geffen 4-19659) Cher	51	
47 AROUND THE WAY GIRL (Def Jam/Columbia 38-73610)L. Cool J	47	4
48 WORLD IN MY EYES (Sire/Warner Bros. 21735) Depeche Mode	49	6
49 IF YOU NEEDED SOMEBODY (Atco 98914)Bad Company	54	8
50 LOVE MAKES THINGS HAPPEN (MCA 53973) Pebbles	56	5
51 KNOCKIN' BOOTS (Epic 34-73450) ⁶ Candyman	65	17

Madonna	2	7	52 FAIRWEATHER FRIEND (Motown 2049) Johnny Gill 3		
Stevie B	1	13	53 HEAT OF THE MOMENT (Virgin 4-96553) After 7 5	8 5	
. Wilson Phillips	4	12	54 IT NEVER RAINS(IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA) (Wing/Polydor 879 068-4)		
at/Suzanne Vega	5	13			
. Damn Yankees	8	15	55 NEW YORK MINUTE (Geffen 4-19660) Don Henley 4		
Janet Jackson	9	6	56 MONEY TALKS (Atco 3661-2) AC/DC 6		
. Ralph Tresvant	10	8	57 CANDY (Virgin 4-98900) lggy Pop With Kate Pierson 6	0 5	
Bette Midler	3	13	58 ROUND AND ROUND (Paisley Park/Warner Bros. 4-19748) Tevin Campbell 6		
Whitney Houston	6	11	59 HOUSE FULL OF REASON (Reprise 4-19530) Jude Cole 5		1
Surface	14	8	60 THIS IS PONDEROUS (Atlantic 3695-2)		
Phil Collins	13	8	61 I DON'T KNOW ANYBODY ELSE (RCA 2751) Black Box 6		
Jon Bon Jovi	12	12	62 I WANNA GET WITH U (MCA 53928)Guy 5	57	
	15	9	63 GO FOR IT(HEART AND FIRE) (Bust It/Capitol 44667)		
Winger	17	12			ł
Will To Power	21	7	64 HERE COMES THE HAMMER (Capitol 79445) M.C. Hammer 6		
Vanilla Ice	29	4	65 CLOSE TO ME (Elektra G4911-4) The Cure 7	12	
			66 DON'T HOLD BACK YOUR LOVE (Arista 2157) Hall & Oates D	EBUT	
reedom Williams	24	6	67 GIVE IT TO ME GOOD (Mechanic/MCA 53863) Trixter 7	0 3	
. George Michael	7	10	68 SHOW ME THE WAY (A&M 1536) Styx 7	53	
Cathy Dennis	22	9	69 JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER (Charisma 4-9883)	2 3	
UB40	11	14	70, USE IT UP AND WEAR IT OUT (Charisma 4-98870)	4 2	
. Steve Winwood	16	9	71 DEEPER SHADE OF SOUL (Arista 2026) Urban Dance Squad 8	3 2	
The Simpsons	27	4	72 GET HERE (Fontana/Mercury 878 476-4)	8 3	
The Outfield	26	10	73 SIGNS (Geffen 4-19653) Tesla 7	62	
Deec-Lite	19	15	74 THE SWALK (Geffen 4-19698) 74 THE SWALK (Geffen 4-19698) 74	3 4	
Mariah Carey	18	16	75 ICE ICE BABY (SBK 4JM-07335) Vanilla ice 3	3 17	
Poison	20	13	76 I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU (SBK 4JM07340) Guys Next Door D	EBUT	
2 In A Room	25	13	77 REMEMBER MY NAME (RCA 2736) House Of Lords 8	0 3	
. Debble Gibson	31	7	78 OBVIOUS CHILD (Warner Bros. 19549) Paul Simon 8	1 3	
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Robert Palmer	34	7		6 3	
Elisa Fiorillo	32	14		7 2	
Keith Sweat		5	83 THIS HOUSE (Capitol 44652) 9	0 2	
Tony! Toni! Tone		17		4 20	
Allas		16	85 CAROLINE (I.R.S. 67029) Concrete Bionde D	EBUT	
at./David Glasper		8	86 MY LOVE IS A FIRE (Capitol 44634)		
Heart		15	87 B.B.D.(I THOUGHT IT WAS ME) (MCA 53897)Bell Biv DeVoe 4		
Cris Issac		5	BB PICK UP THE PACE (Delicious/island 6644-2) Young M.C. D		
Whitney Houston		2	89 HARD TO HANDLE (Def American 4-19668)		
Etton John		6	90 POWER OF LOVE (Elektra 64912-4) Deee-Lite 9		
Warrant		6	91 PRAY (Capitol 44609)		
Cinderella		4	92 CRASH (HAVE SOME FUN) (Tommy Boy/Warner Bros. 4-19537)		
eat./Brenda Starr		5		94	
Too Short		6	93 SO CLOSE (Arista)		
Cellon Dion		4	94 I DON'T HAVE THE HEART (Warner Bros. 4-19911)		
) Cher		7	95 THINK (Reprise/Tommy Boy 7-19591)		
L.L. Cool J	47	4	96 HIPPY CHICK (Atco 4-96908)		
. Depeche Mode		6	97 CAN'T STOP (Virgin 4-98961) After 7 8		
Bad Company		8	98 AND SO IT GOES (Columbia 387-73602)		
Pebbles	56	5	99 JOEY (I.R.S. 73014)		
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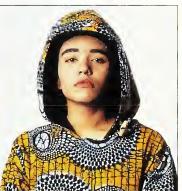
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- AEROSMITH PUMP GEFFEN 8.
- 9 SINEAD O'CONNER - I DO NOT WANT WHAT I HAVEN'T GOT - CHRYSALIS
- 10. DEPECHE MODE VIOLATER SIRE / WARNER BROS. 11. MARIAH CAREY MARIAH CAREY COLUMBIA
- 12. SOUNDTRACK PRETTY WOMAN EMI
- 13. B 52'S COSMIC THING SIRE/REPRISE 14. NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK STEP BY STEP COLUMBIA
- 15. QUINCYJONES BACK ON THE BLOCK QWEST/WARNER BROS. 16. MILLI VANILLI GIRL YOU KNOW ITS TRUE ARISTA
- 17. HEART BRIGADE CAPITOL
- 18. LINDA RONDSTANT CRY LIKE A RAINSTORM HOWL LIKE THE WIND ELEKTRA

- BILLY JOEL STORM FRONT COLUMBIA
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 BONNIE RAITT NICK OF TIME CAPITOL
 TOM PETTY FULL MOON FEVER MCA
 MADONNA I'M BREATHLESS SIRE/WARNER BROS.
- 23. JOHNNY GILL JOHNNY GILL MOTOWN
- 24. FAITH NO MORE THE REAL THING SLASH/REPRISE
- 25. POISON FLESH AND BLOOD ENIGMA/CAPITOL

- 26. ANITA BAKER COMPOSITIONS ELEKTRA
- 27. KEITH SWEAT I'LL GIVE ALL MY LOVE TO YOU ELEKTRA
- 28. JON BON JOVI BLAZE OF GLORY (YOUNG GUNS II SOUNDTRACK) MER CURY/POLYGRAM
- 29. TECHNOTRONIC TECHNOTRONIC THE ALBUM SBK 30. BABYFACE TENDER LOVER SOLAR/EPIC
- 31. BOBBY BROWN DANCE YA KNOW IT MCA
- 32. ALANNAH MYLES ALANNAH MYLES ATLANTIC
- 33. MOTLEY CRUE DR. FEELGOOD ELEKTRA
- 34. SLAUGHTER STICK IT TO YA CHRYSALIS
- 35. LISA STANSFIELD AFFECTION ARISTA 36. BILLY IDOL CHARMED LIFE CHRYSALIS 37. PUBLIC ENEMY FEAR OF A BLACK PLANET DEF JAM/COLUMBIA
- 38. GEORGE MICHAEL LISTEN WITHOUT PREDJUDICE VOL.1 COLUMBIA
- 39. KENNY G KENNY G LIVE ARISTA
- 40. YOUNG M.C. STONE COLD RHYMIN' DELICIOUS/ISLAND
- 41. PRINCE GRAFFITI BRIDGE PAISLEY PARK/WARNER BROS.
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 43. DON HENLEY THE END OF THE INNOCENCE GEFFEN
 44. NELSON AFTER THE RAIN GEFFEN
 45. SOUL II SOUL KEEP ON MOVIN' VIRGIN
 46. STEVE VAI PASSION AND WARFAIR RELATIVITY
 47. SOUNIRACK GHOST MCA
 48. PAULA ABDUL SHUT UP AND DANCE VIRGIN

- 49. NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK HANGIN' TOUGH COLUMBIA
- 50. AC/DC THE RAZERS EDGE ATCO

TOP MALE ARTISTS 1. M.C. HAMMER - CAPITOL 2. PHIL COLLINS - ATLANTIC 3. MICHAEL BOLTON - COLUMBIA 4. QUINCY JONES - QWEST/WARNER BROS. 5. BILLY JOEL - COLUMBIA TOP NEW MALE ARTISTS 1. JOHNNY GILL - MOTOWN 2. BABYFACE - SOLAR/EPIC 3. YOUNG M.C. - DELICIOUS/ISLAND 4. VANILLA ICE - SBK 5. ICE CUBE - PRIORITY TOP A/C MALE 1. PHIL COLLINS - ATLANTIC 2. MICHAEL BOLTON - COLUMBIA 3. QUINCY JONES - QWEST/WARNER BROS. 4. BILLY JOEL - COLUMBIA 5. TOM PETTY - MCA TOP R&B MALES 1. M.C. HAMMER - CAPTTOL 2. QUINCY JONES - QWEST/WARNER BROS. 3. JOHNNY GILL - MOTOWN 4. KEITH SWEAT - ELEKTRA 5. BABYFACE - SOLAR/EPIC TOPALTERNATIVE GROUPS 1. DEPECHE MODE - SIRE/WARNER BROS. 2. B-52'S - REPRISE 3. FAITH NO MORE - SLASH/REPRISE 4. JANE'S ADDICTION - WARNER BROS. 5. THE SUNDAYS - GEFFEN TOP COUNTRY ARTISTS 1. CLINT BLACK - RCA 2. RANDY TRAVIS - WARNER BROS. 3. GEORGE STRAIT - MCA **TOP GROUPS** 1. BELL BIV DEVOE - MCA 2. WILSON PHILLIPS - SBK 3. NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK - COLUMBIA 4. AEROSMITH - GEFFEN 5. DEPECHE MODE - SIRE/WARNER BROS

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TOP R&B GROUPS 1. BELL BIV DEVOE - MCA 2. MILLI VANILLI - ARISTA 3. SOUL II SOUL - VIRGIN 4. TECHNOTRONIC - SBK 5. PUBLIC ENEMY - DEF JAM/COLUMBIA TOP FEMALE GROUPS 1. WILSON PHILLIPS - SBK

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TOP A/C GROUPS 1. WILSON PHILLIPS - SBK 2. HEART - CAPITOL 3. SOUL II SOUL - VIRGIN 4. INXS - ATLANTIC 5. FLEETWOOD MAC - WARNER BROS. TOP HEAVY METAL GROUPS 1. AEROSMITH - GEFFEN 2. FAITH NO MORE - SLASH/REPRISE 3. POISON - ENIGMA/CAPITOL 4. MOTLEY CRUE - ELEKTRA 5. SLAUGHTER - CHRYALIS

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TOP A/C FEMALE ARTISTS 1. MARIAH CAREY - COLUMBIA 2. LINA RONSTANT - ELEKTRA 3. BONNIE RAITT - CAPITOL 4. ANITA BAKER - ELEKTRA 5. ALANNAH MYLES - ATLANTIC

TOP R&B FEMALES 1. PAULA ABDUL - VIRGIN 2. JANET JACKSON - A&M 3. MARIAH CAREY - COLUMBIA 4. ANITA BAKER - ELEKTRA 5. LISA STANSFIELD - ARISTA

TOP SOUNDTRACKS 1. PRETTY WOMAN - EMI 2. GHOST - MCA 3. TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES - SBK 4. TWIN PEAKS - WARNER BROS. 5. DAYS OF THUNDER - GEFFEN



 $A \cdot W \cdot A \cdot R \cdot D \cdot S \cdot$ **TOP 50 POP SINGLES**



27. JANE CHILD - DON'T WANT TO FALL IN LOVE - WARNER BROS.

JANE CHILD - DON'T WANT TO FALL IN 10 VEL WARKEN WARKEN.
 GLEN MEDEIROS/BOBBY BROWN - SHE AIN'T WORTH IT - MCA
 NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK - STEP BY STEP - COLUMBIA
 M.C. HAMMER - HAVE YOU SEEN HER - CAPITOL
 SNAP - THE POWER - ARISTA

40. JANET JACKSON - BLACK CAT - A&M 41. AFTER 7 - READY OR NOT - VIRGIN 42. TOMMY PAGE - I'LL BE YOUR EVERYTHING - SIRE/WARNER BROS.

36. B - 52 S - KUAM - KEITNEE 37. MICHAEL BOLTON - HOW AM I SUPPOSE TO LIVE WITHOUT YOU - COLUMBIA 38. BELL BIV DEVOE - DO ME - MCA

32. ROXETTE - DANGEROUS - EMI

36. B - 52'S - ROAM - REPRISE

35. JANET JACKSON - ALRIGHT - A&M

33. POISON - UNSKINNY BOP - ENIGMA/CAPITOL

34. SEDUCTION - TWO TO MAKE IT RIGHT - A&M

39. M.C. HAMMER - U CAN'T TOUCH THIS - CAPITOL

TOP 50 POP SINGLES

- 1. MADONNA VOGUE SIRE 2. NELSON LOVE AND AFFECTION DGC/GEFFEN 2.
- 3. WILSON PHILLIPS HOLD ON SBK
- SINEAD O'CONNOR NOTHING COMPARES 2 U
- 4 5 JON BON JOVI - BLAZE OF GLORY - MERCURY/POLYGRAM
- ROXETTE IT MUST HAVE BEEN LOVE EMI
- GEORGE MICHAEL PRAYING FOR TIME COLUMBIA 7.
- 8
- JANET JACKSON ESCAPADE A&M BELL BIV DEVOE POISON MCA 9.
- 10. EN VOGUE HOLD ON ATLANTIC
- 11. PRINCE THEIVES IN THE TEMPLE PAISLEY PARK/WARNER BROS
- 12. HEART ALL I WANNA DO IS MAKE LOVE TO YOU CAPITOL
- IAAMES INGRAM I DON'T HAVE THE HEART QWEST/WARNER BROS.
 MAXI PRIEST CLOSE TO YOU CHARISMA
 WILSON PHILLIPS RELEASE ME SBK
 MARIAH CAREY VISION OF LOVE COLUMBIA

- 17. BILLY IDOL CRADLE OF LOVE CHRYSALIS
- 18. LUTHER VANDROSS HERE AND NOW EPIC
- 19. PAULA ABDUL OPPOSITES ATTRACT VIRGIN

- SWEET SENSATION IF WISHES CAME TRUE ATCO
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 VANILLA ICE ICE ICE BABY SBK
 PHIL COLLINS SOMETHING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO HEAVEN
 CALLOWAY I WANNA BE RICH SOLAR/EPIC
 LISA STANSFIELD ALL AROUND THE WORLD ARISTA

- 25 ALANNAH MYLES BLACK VELVET ATLANTIC
- 26 JANET JACKSON COME BACK TO ME A&M

43 LINEAR - SENDING ALL MY LOVE - ATLANTIC 44 TAYLOR DAYNE - LOVE WILL LEAD YOU BACK - ARISTA 45. AFTER 7 - CAN'T STOP - VIRGIN 46. PEBBLES - GIVING YOU THE BENEFTT - MCA 47. PHIL COLLINS - DO YOU REMEMBER - ATLANTIC 48 COVER GIRLS - WE CAN'T GO WRONG - CAPITOL 49. JOHNNY GILL - RUB YOU THE RIGHT WAY - MOTOWN 50. MICHAEL BOLTON - HOW CAN WE BE LOVERS - COLUMBIA



TOP MALE ARTISTS 1. PI-IIL COLLINS - ATLANTIC 2. M.C. HAMMER - CAPITOL 3. MICHAEL BOLTON - COLUMBIA 4. JON BON JOVI - MERCURY/POLYGRAM 5. JOHNNY GILL - MOTOWN TOP B/C MALE 1. M.C. HAMMER - CAPTTOL

- IOHNNY GILL MOTOWN
- 3. PRINCE PAISLEY PARK/WARNER BROS
- 4. JAMES INGRAM QWEST/WARNER BROS
- 5. MAXI PRIEST CHARISMA

TOP A/C MALE

- 1. PHIL COLLINS ATLANTIC
- 2. MICHAEL BOLTON COLUMBIA

- JOHNNY GILL MOTOWN
 GEORGE MICHAEL COLUMBIA
 JAMES INGRAM QWEST/WARNER BROS.



TOP NEW MALE 1. JOHNNY GILL - MOTOWN 2. MAXI PRIEST - CHARISMA 3. VANILLA ICE - SBK 4. BABYFACE - EPIC 5. JUDE COLE - REPRISE

POP SINGLES

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1. JANET JACKSON - A&M



TOP NEW FEMALE 1. MARIAH CAREY - COLUMBIA 2. LISA STANSFIELD - ARISTA 3. ALANNAH MYLES - ATLANTIC 4. JANE CHILD - WARNER BROS. 5. MICHEL'LE - RUTHLESS/ATCO TOP GROUP 1. WILSON PHILLIPS - SBK 2. ROXETTE - EMI 3. BELL BIV DEVOE 4 SEDUCTION - A&M 5. AFTER 7 - VIRGIN TOP B/C GROUP 1. BELL BIV DEVOE - MCA 2. SEDUCTION - A&M 3. AFTER 7 - VIRGIN 4. SWEET SENSATION - ATCO 5. EN VOGUE - ATLANTIC TOP A/C GROUP 1. WILSON PHILLIPS - SBK 2. ROXETTE - EMI 3. AFTER 7 - VIRGIN 4. HEART - CAPITOL 5. EN VOGUE TOP AOR GROUPS 1. AEROSMITH - GEFFEN 2. HEART - CAPITOL 3. POISON - ENIGMA/CAPITOL 4. BAD ENGLISH - EPIC 5. MOTLEY CRUE - ELEKTRA TOP HEAVY METAL ARTISTS 1. AEROSMITH - GEFFEN 2. POISON - ENIGMA/CAPITOL 3. MOTLEY CRUE - ELEKTRA 4 FAITH NO MORE - SLASH/REPRISE

5. KISS - POLYGRAM TOP MIXED GROUPS

- 1. ROXETTE EMI
- 2. HEART CAPITOL
- 3. TECHNOTRONIC SBK
- 4 SNAP
- 5. B 52'S
- TOP NEW GROUP
- 1. WILSON PHILLIPS SBK
- 2. BELL BIV DEVOE MCA
- 3. SEDUCTION A&M
- 4. AFTER 7 VIRGIN
- 5. NELSON GEFFEN

POP FEMALE ARTISTS 1. JANET JACKSON - A&M 2. TAYLOR DAYNE - ARRISTA 3. MADONNA - SIRE/WARNER BROS. 4. MARIAH CAREY - COLUMBIA 5. SINEAD O'CONNER - CHRYSALIS TOP B/C FEMALE

2. TAYLOR DAYNE - ARISTA 3. MARIAH CAREY - COLUMBIA 4. LISA STANSFIELD - ARISTA 5. PAULA ABDUL - VIRGIN TOP A/C FEMALE 1. JANET JACKSON - A&M 2. TAYLOR DAYNE - ARISTA 3. MARIAH CAREY - COLUMBIA 4. LISA STANSFIELD - ARISTA 5. GLORIA ESTEFAN - EPIC



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TOP 50 ALBUMS

- 1. M.C. HAMMER PLEASE HAMMER DON'T HURT'EM CAPITOL JANET JACKSON - JANET JACKSON'S RHYTHM NATION 1814 - A&M QUINCY JONES - BACK ON THE BLOCK - QWEST/WARNER BROS. 3 JOHNNY GILL - JOHNNY GILL - MOTOWN BELL BIV DEVOE - POISON - MCA 4
- 5
- BABYFACE TENDERLOVER SOLAR/EPIC EN VOGUE BORN TO SING ATLANTIC 6.
- AFTER 7 AFTER 7 VIRGIN
- 9. REGINA BELLE STAY WINDEN 10. KEITH SWEAT I'LL GIVE ALL MY LOVE TO YOU ELEKTRA 11. LISA STANSFIELD AFFECTION ARISTA 12. TROOP ATTITUDE ATLANTIC

- 13. LUTHER VANDROSS THE BEST OF LUTHER VANDROSS EPIC 14. TONY! TON!! TONE! THE REVIVAL POLYGRAM
- 15. PUBLIC ENEMY FEAR OF A BLACK PLANET DEF JAM/COLUMBIA 16. MIKI HOWARD MIKI HOWARD COLUMBIA 17. 3RD BASE THE CACTUS ALBUM DEF JAM/COLUMBIA 18. MICHEL'LE MICHEL'LE ATLANTIC

- 19. ANITA BAKER COMPOSITIONS ELEKTRA
- 20. HEAVY D & THE BOYZ BIG TYME MCA
- 21. STEPHANIE MILLS HOME MCA 22. DIGITAL UNDERGROUND SEX PACKETS TOMMY BOY
- 23. ICE CUBE AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED PRIORITY 24. QUEEN LATIFAH ALL HAIL THE QUEEN TOMMY BOY 25. MARIAH CAREY MARIAH CAREY COLUMBIA
- 28. SOUL II SOUL KEEP ON MOVIN' VIRGIN 29. MAZE FEAT./FRANKIE BEVERLY SILKY SOUL WARNER BROS. 30. X-CLAN - TO THE EAST BLACKWARDS - ISLAND 31. SNAP - WORLD POWER - ARISTA 32. THE TIME - PANDEMONIUM - PAISLEY PARK/WARNER BROS. 33. ERIC B. & RAKIM - LET THE RHYTHM HIT EM' - MCA 34. THE WINANS - RETURN - QWEST/WARNER BROS. 35. M.C. LYTE - EYES ON THIS - ATLANTIC 36. SYBIL - SYBIL - NEXT PLATEAU 37. KID-N-PLAY - KID-N-PLAY'S FUN HOUSE - MCA 38. ABOVE THE LAW - LIVIN' LIKE HUSTLERS - RUTHLESS/EPIC 39. RANDY CRAWFORD - RICH AND POOR - WARNER BROS. 40. KENNY G - LIVE - ARISTA 41. WHISPERS - MORE OF THE NIGHT - CAPITOL 42. SOUL II SOUL - VOL. II - 1990 - A NEW DECADE - VIRGIN 43. POOR RIGHTEOUS TEACHERS - HOLY INTELECT - PROFILE 44. DIANNE REEVES - NEVER TOO FAR - EMI 45. BIG DADDY KANE - IT'S A BIG DADDY THING - COLD CHILLIN' / REPRISE 46. LUKE FEAT. /2 LIVE CREW - BANNED IN THE U.S.A. - LUKE SKYYWALKER / ATLANTIC

26. HOWARD HEWETT - HOWARD HEWETT - ELEKTRA

27. BOBBY BROWN - DANCE ... YA KNOW IT! - MCA

- 47. YOUNG M.C. STONE COLD RHYMIN' DELICIOUS/ISLAND
- 48. D-NICE CALL ME D-NICE JIVE/RCA 49. WRECKS-N-EFFECT WRECKS-N-EFFECT MOTOWN
- 50. PRINCE GRAFFTIT BRIDGE PAISLEY PARK/WARNER BROS.





1. BELL BIV DEVOE - MCA

2. EN VOGUE - ATLANTIC 3. AFTER 7 - VIRGIN 4. BLACK BOX - RCA 5. SNAP - ARISTA

TOP NEW MALES 1. JOHNNY GILL - MOTOWN 2. BABYFACE - SOLAR/EPIC 3. ICE CUBE - PRIORITY

4. D-NICE - JIVE/RCA

5. MICHAEL COOPER - REPRISE

- TOP MALE ARTISTS 1. M.C. HAMMER - CAPITOL 2. QUINCY JONES - QWEST/WARNER BROS. 3. JOHNNY GILL - MOTOWN 4. BABYFACE - SOLAR/EPIC
- 5. KEITH SWEAT ELEKTRA



TOP FEMALE ARTISTS 1. JANET JACKSON - A&M 2. REGINA BELLE - CCOLUMBIA 3. LISA STANSFIELD - ARISTA 4. MIKI HOWARD - ATLANTIC 5. MICHEL'LE - ATLANTIC TOP GROUPS

1. BELL BIV DEVOE - MCA 2. EN VOGUE - ATLANTIC 3. AFTER 7 - VIRGIN 4. TONY! TONI! TONE! - POLYGRAM 5. TROOP - ATLANTIC



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B/C ALBUMS

TOP NEW FEMALE ARTISTS 1. LISA STANSFIELD - ARISTA 2. MICHEL'LE - ATLANTIC 3. LALAH HATHAWAY - VIRGIN 4. MARIAH CAREY - COLUMBIA 5. OLETA ADAMS - POLYGRAM



TOP FEMALE GROUPS 1. EN VOGUE - ATLANTIC 2. SEDUCTION - A&M 3. GOOD GIRLS - MOTOWN TOP MIXED GROUPS 1. SOUL II SOUL - VIRGIN 2. SNAP - ARISTA 3. BLACK BOX - JIVE/RCA







25. BABYFACE - MY KINDA GIRL - SOLAR/EPIC 26. PRINCE - THIEVES IN THE TEMPLE - PAISLEY PARK/WARNER BROS.

36. JANE CHILD - DON'T WANNA FALL IN LOVE - WARNER BROS.

LISA STANSFIELD - YOU CAN'T DENYIT - ARISTA
 SMOKEY ROBINSON - EVERYTHING YOU TOUCH - MOTOWN
 TROOP - ALL I DO IS THINK OF YOU - ATLANTIC
 DIGITAL UNDERGROUND - THE HUMPTY DANCE - TOMMY BOY
 MIKI HOWARD - UNTIL YOU COME BACK TO ME - ATLANTIC

45. SOUL II SOUL - GET A LIFE - VIRGIN 46. MIKI HOWARD - LOVE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT - ATLANTIC 47. QUINCY JONES - I'LL BE GOOD TO YOU - QWEST/WARNER BROS.

27. ANITA BAKER - TALK TO ME - ELEKTRA 28. HOWARD HEWETT - SHOW ME - ELEKTRA 29. FREDDIE JACKSON - ALL OVER YOU - CAPITOL

34. SNAP - THE POWER - ARISTA

35. WHISPERS - INNOCENT - CAPITOL

42. KLYMAXX - GOOD LOVE - MCA 43. MICHEL'LE - NICETY - ATLANTIC

30. M.C. HAMMER - HAVE YOU SEEN HER - CAPITOL 31. JANET JACKSON - ALRIGHT - A&M 32. THE FAMILY STAND - GHETTO HEAVEN - ATLANTIC 33. BABYFACE - WHIP APPEAL - SOLAR/EPIC

37. LISA STANSFIELD - YOU CAN'T DENY IT - ARISTA

44. CAMEO - I WANT IT NOW - MERCURY/POLYGRAM

48. TYLER COLLINS - GIRLS NIGHT OUT - RCA

49. DIANNE REEVES - NEVER TO FAR - EMI

TOP 50 SINGLES

- 1. M.C. HAMMER U CAN'T TOUCH THIS CAPITOL
- PRINCE SCANDELOUS PAISLEY PARK/WARNER BROS.
- 3. PEBBLES - GIVING YOU THE BENNEFIT - MCA

- KEITH SWEAT MERRY GO ROUND ELEKTRA
 EN VOGUE LIES ATLANTIC
 TONY! TONI! TONE! FEELS GOOD POLYGRAM
- JOHNNY GILL FAIRWEATHER FRIEND MOTOWN
- QUINCY JONES TOMORROW (A BETTER YOU A BETTER ME) QWEST/WARNER BROS.
- 9. LISA STANSFIELD ALL AROUND THE WORLD ARISTA 10. LALAH HATHAWAY HEAVEN KNOWS VIRGIN

- 11. EN VOGUE HOLD ON ATLANTIC 12. MARIAH CAREY VISION OF LOVE COLUMBIA
- 13. BELL BIV DEVOE POISON MCA
- 14. TROOP SPREAD MY WINGS ATLANTIC

- IS. KEITH SWEAT MAKE YOU SWEAT ELEKTRA
 JOHNNY GILL RUB YOU THE RIGHT WAY MOTOWN
 THE TIME JERK OUT PAISLEY PARK/WARNER BROS.
 AFTER 7 READY OR NOT VIRGIN
 TONY! TON!! TONE! THE BLUES POLYGRAM

- 20. JOHNNY GIL MY MY MY MOTOWN
- 21. CRAZY THE BOYS MOTOWN
- 22. TODAY WHY YOU GET FUNKY ON ME MOTOWN
- 23. BELL BIV DEVOE DO ME MCA
- 24. AFTER 7 CAN'T STOP VIRGIN

TOP MALE ARTISTS

- 1. QUINCY JONES QWEST/WARNER BROS.
- 2. JOHNNY GILL MOTOWN
- 3. PRINCE PAISLEY PARK/WARNER BROS.
- 4. M.C. HAMMER CAPITOL 5. KEITH SWEAT ELEKTRA

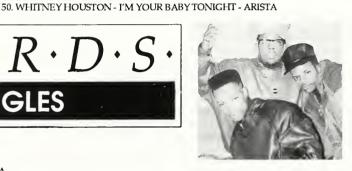
- TOP FEMALE ARTISTS 1. JANET JACKSON - A&M 2. RERGINA BELLE - COLUMBIA
- 3. LISA STANSFIELD ARISTA
- 4. MIKI HOWARD COLUMBIA
- 5. MARIAH CAREY COLUMBIA

TOP GROUPS 1. BELL BIV DEVOE - MCA 2. EN VOGUE - ATLANTIC 3. TRROOP - ATLANTIC 4. TONY! TON!! TONE! - POLYGRAM 5. AFTER 7 - VIRGIN TOP NEW GROUPS 1. BELL BIV DEVOE - MCA 2. EN VOGUE - ATLANTIC 3. AFTER 7 - ATLANTIC 4. BLOCK BOX - JIVE/RCA

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B/C SINGLES

5. ABOVE THE LAW - RUTHLESS



TOP NEW MALE ARTISTS 1. JOHNNY GILL - MOTOWN 2. BABYFACE - SOLAR/EPIC 3. MICHAEL COOPER - REPRISE 4. GLEN JONES - RCA 5. DAVID PEASTON - GEFFEN

TOP NEW FEMALE ARTISTS 1. LISA STANSFIELD - ARISTA 2. MICHEL'LE - ATLANTIC 3. LALAH HATHAWAY - VIRGIN 4. MARIAH CAREY - COLUMBIA 5. TRACI SPENCER - POLYDOR



TOP 25 RAP ALBUMS

- 1. M.C. HAMMER PLEASE HAMMER DON'T HURT'EM CAPITOL
- 2. 3RD BASS - THE CACTUS ALBUM - DEF JAM/COLUMBIA
- 3. ROB BASE - THE INCREDIBLE BASE - PROFILE
- 4.
- 5.
- ICE CUBE AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED PRIORITY WRECK'S IN EFFECT WRECK'S IN EFFECT MOTOWN PUBLIC ENEMY FEAR OF A BLACK PLANET DEF JAM/COLUMBIA WEST COAST RAP ALL STARS WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME GANG WARNER BROS. 6.
- SNAP WORLD POWER ARISTA
- ERIC B. & RAKIM LET THE RHYTHM HIT'EM MCA
- 10. HEAVY D. & THE BOYZ BIG TYME MCA
- 11. D.J. JAZZY JEFF & THE FRESH PRINCE AND IN THIS CORNER ... JIVE/RCA
- D.J. JAZZI JEFF & THE FRESH PRINCE AND IN THIS CORNER... JIVE
 JUNGLE BROS. DONE BY THE FORCES OF NATURE WARNER BROS.
 LIVE CREW BANNED IN THE USA LUKE SKYWALKER
 YOUNG M.C. STONE COLD RHYMIN' DELICIOUS/ISLAND
 REDHEAD KINGPIN & THE F.B.I. A SHADE OF RED VIRGIN
 SALT-N-PEPA BLACKS MAGIC NEXT PLATEAU
 BIZ MARKIE THE BIZ NEVER SLEEPS WARNER BROS.
 2 LIVE CREW AS NATIVAS THE WANNA BE LUKE SKYMALKER

- 18. 2 LIVE CREW AS NASTY AS THEY WANNA BE LUKE SKYWALKER
- 19. A TRIBE CALLED QUEST PEOPLES INSTICTIVE TRAVELS AND THE PATHS OF
- 20. DIGITAL UNDERGROUND SEX PACKETS TOMMY BOY 21. CHUNKY A LARGE AND IN CHARGE MCA 22. ABOVE THE LAW LIVIN' LIKE HUSTLERS RUTHLESS

- 23. KID N PLAY KID N PLAY'S FUN HOUSE SELECT 24. SIR-MIX-ALOT SEMINAR NASTY MIX
- 25. SPECIAL ED LEGAL PROFILE

- **TOP 25 DANCE SINGLES**
- MICHEL'LE NO MORE LIES ATCO
- D-MOB C'MON AND GET MY LOVE POLYDOR 2
- MADONNA VOGUE SIRE/WARNER BROS. 3.
- SNAP THE POWER ARISTA
- 5. EN VOGUE - HOLD ON - ATLANTIC

- EN VOGDE HOLD ON AILANIIC
 SOUL II SOUL JAZZIE'S GROOVE VIRGIN
 JANET JACKSON ALRIGHT(REMIX) A&M
 INNER CITY WHATCHA' GONNA DO WITH MY LOVE VIRGIN
 STEVIE V DIRTY CASH(MONEY TALKS POLYGRAM
 SYBIL WALK ON BY NEXT PLATEAU
 FRINCE THIEVES IN THE TEMPLE PAISLEY PARK/WARNER BROS.
 THE TEMPLE PAISLEY PARK/WARNER BROS.
- 12. THE TIME JERK OUT PAISLEY PARK/REPRISE
- 13. PAULA ABDUL OPPOSITES ATTRACT VIRGIN
- 14. SOHO HIPPYCHICK ATCO
 15. DEPECHE MODE POLICY OF THE TRUTH SIRE/WARNER BROS.
 16. M.C. HAMMER U CAN'T TOUCH THIS CAPITOL
 17. BLACK BOX EVERYBODY EVERYBODY RCA
- 18. BETTY BOO DOIN' THE DO SIRE/WARNER BROS.
- 19. DEEE-LITE GROOVE IS IN THE HEART ELEKTRA
- 20. DIGITAL UNDERGROUND THE HUMPTY DANCE TOMMY BOY
- 21. DOUG LAZY LET THE RHYTHM ATLANTIC
- 22. BELL BIV DeVOE POISON MCA
- 23. SOUL II SOUL A DREAM'S A DREAM VIRGIN 24. SLAT-N-PEPA EXPRESSION NEXT PLATAEU
- 25. CANDYMAN KNOCKIN' BOOTS EPIC



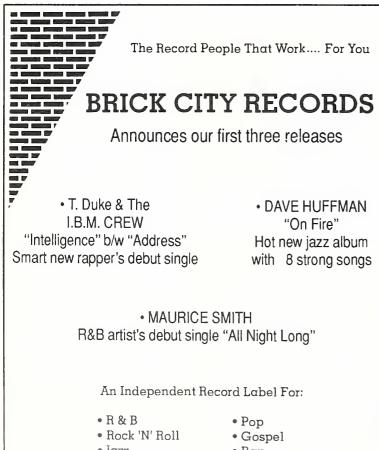
NEW FLACCES THE PALACE: Just when it seemed that The Palace was history, the control Hollywood nightspot recently reopened with a TSOL show thanks to the independent JFK Productions. Key figures in JFK (as in Just For Kicks, not John F. Kennedy) include Mark Jason (who was with The Palace when it went under), Meredith Brunswick (who's been involved with Tattoo, Scarlet Letter and other L.A. clubs) and Leo Fenn. Publicist Ilene Proctor describes The Palace's next event, scheduled for December 29, as an "acid rock show." And on New Year's Eve, JFK is scheduled to present an L.A. Guns show at The Palace.

SKIN TIGHT: While The Ohio Players haven't had a major hit in over a decade, a recent show at Pepper's in the City Of Industry near Los Angeles proves that the soul/funk band still has a powerful live show and deserves to be back on top. Fronted by lead vocalist/guitarist Leroy "Sugarfoot" Bonner, the currently unsigned Players are now a quintet that also includes bassist Darwin (the band's newest member), guitarist Chet Willis, drummer James "Diamond" Williams and keyboardist Ron Nooks. Missing was a horn section—which was a key element of the band during the '60s and '70s—but The Players projected so much soul and passion that it wasn't missed that much. The Players performed some material from their last album on the defunkt Track label, *Back*, but concentrated primarily on such '70s Mercury hits as "Fire," "Skin Tight," "Love Rollercoaster," "Funky Worm," "I Wanna Hear From You" and "Varee Is Love." Hopefully, the Players will soon be signed by a truly supportive label and have another shot at the big time.

—ALEX HENDERSON

EAST COASTING

ROCKS AND GRAVEL: Odd, this Frank Sinatra. He wears a crummy little toupee while on stage, but sheds it when being filmed at home being licked by puppies. I liked that 75th birthday TV show, but it was a little *ungeshtupt*... Need a bit of religion around this Christmastime? Well, deck your CD with *Something*



Got a Hold of Me: A Treasury of Sacred Music and I Hear Music in the Air: A Treasury of Gospel Music, the latest two releases in that fine RCA Heritage series. Although it compounds the confusion between white religious music and black religious music (calling the former "sacred," the latter "gospel") it does it awfully musically. Countrywise on the first one (Bill Monroe, the Carter Family, Uncle Dave Macon, etc.), a cappella jubilee style on the second (the Golden Gate Quartet, the Southern Sons, the Four Gospel Singers, etc.). Hell, it all beats another spin through the "Little Drummer Boy" (ba-rump-a-bump-bump).



GROOVE MERCHANTS: Two of the busiest guys around town this year were James Brown hornmen Fred Wesley (left) and Maceo Parker who, under various different band names, kept the Brown sound alive on East Coast dance floors. Here they do it up at S.O.B.'s, in support of Maceo's Verve album.

Columbia Records is releasing the *Godfather III* soundtrack. The music is one of the best things in this rather mediocre movie ("Turkey Tetrazzini" cracked one wag after a screening), so the album's probably a winner. And if you want to hear **Harry Connick**'s crooning of the "Love Theme" from the movie, you've got to sit through all two hours and 48 minutes: he pipes in about halfway through the closing credits. Better you should buy the album. Better still you should just watch the first two movies over and over and over. Best performance in III: Joe Mantegna. Worst performance: Sophia Coppola. Oddest character: Eli Wallach as Don Altacocker, a longtime family friend. If he's such a longtime friend, how come he never showed up in the first two films. Better you should see *Awakenings* or *Green Card*: small, quiet, low-keyed, old-fashioned movies.

Did I mention how much I enjoyed the first releases on Rounder's new Bullseye Blues imprint. Charles Brown, Champion Jack Dupree (recorded back home in New Orleans, his first trip there since they tore down Storyville) and Luther "Guitar Junior" Johnson at the top of their games, and snazzy newcomer John Mooney (who's been turning heads in the Crescent City for a few years now) playing something somebody called "delta dance music," meaning blues with a bit of a syncopated skip. I'll buy that... And while we're in Rounder's territory, I have to say that I think that Brave Combo's *A Night on Earth* is the goofiest album I've heard all year. Accordion madness, and I love it all, especially the high-speed Italian medley. These guys know their accordion styles (from tango to horas) and they're all here. Hey, Rounder, Rykodisc, one of you guys: How about an accordion compilation? A fat CD with fine representative samples of all of it: forro, zydeco, tango, township jive, klezmer, etc.

Good line from an old Humphrey Bogart movie: Bogie to saloon keeper: "Joe, how's business?" Joe: "It's like show business. There's no business."

Merry Christmas. –**LEE JESKE**

UK BUZZ

BUZZING AROUND: The Happy Mondays threw a party in the Aquarium of London Zoo, swirly with dry ice and speedy with strobe. Kids ordered orange juice, very psychedelic. It celebrated not only the inexorable rise of the Mancunian heroes, but in the person of Shaun Ryder it celebrated the death of the boy bimbo. "I ain't sexy, I just look evil and ugly. But some girls like that, don't the?"

They do indeed, but some girls don't. They prefer '70s footballer, curled Craig McLachlan, who held a sweet little bonfire soiree, with indoor fireworks and kiddies, earlier that evening. One of the prerequisites of a bimbo is someone who believes fame by association will bring lasting fulfillment. Girl bimbos for a short time marry high profile men. Boy bimbos believe if they are famous for acting, say, in a soap opera like *Home and Away*, they are automatically qualified for singing, or, conversely, the very first boy bimbo, Bowie, still believes that because he was famous for singing he could automatically turn out an Oscar-winning performance.

Interesting to note, Whitney Houston has finally shared her secret: She's been going out with Eddie Murphy for years. Funny she chose to tell the world about it the week before her new schmaltzy album was trotted out. —CHRISSY ILEY

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ON JAZZ

BY LEE JESKE

WRAP IT UP: The following is from an article called "Jazz Comes Back!," the cover story of a major news magazine:

"All of a sudden *le jazz* is hot. Pushed into a neutral corner by rock in the '60s, jazz has come out fighting. The signs of rebirth are everywhere, from Chicago's avant-garde and New York's Bohemian lofts to the hundreds of Dixieland lovers in New Orleans...

"Then years ago in New York there were fewer than ten jazz clubs. Today there are 80. Seven years ago in Boston there was just one. Now there are 21. Their number has doubled in Los Angeles in the last three years, and on Chicago's Lincoln Avenue it's reaching the proportions of an epidemic...

"Jazz not only has a past but it has a future again. They talk of it in Los Angeles' The Baked Potato, a meeting ground for visiting and local professionals, who play for each other and delighted audiences. Even in Detroit, eviscerated by inner-city blight, eleven big bands, eight fusion groups and more than twenty small combos are busy re-creating the legendary McKinney's Cotton Pickers and exploring bebop...

"A fresh young audience has defected from rock. They're young—in their late teens or 20s—and they're bored by rock's heavy-handed rhythms and unrelenting volume. "Rock is all resolution without any of life's complexity," says one 24-year-old in Los Angeles. "Jazz is closer to the modern dilemma. I play it late at night to meditate to."

"...But the most telling statistics are in reissues, which are being released by almost every major company. Of the 692 new jazz listings last year in the Schwann catalog, nearly half were reissues—more than ever before. None other than Charlie (Bird) Parker...led all the rest, with eleven albums released.

"Much of the youthful interest in classic jazz is fallout from the detonation of jazz-fusion..."

Sounds familiar, right? The story appeared in the *Newsweek* of August 8, 1977. Herbie Hancock's V.S.O.P. Quintet—five fusion players returning to hard bop—was on the cover.

Okay, what's the point? The point is that 1990 was another year when the return of jazz—*real* jazz, real people improvising over real chord changes—was trumpeted throughout the land: in *Time*, in *The New York Times*, on TV, in feature films, hither, thither and yon.

But jazz never goes away—it hasn't gone away since it was first recorded 75 years ago—it's just that the national media tends to pay a bit more attention to it every so often. The youth of the players today? Not much different from the youth of the players of yesteryear: Pick a major jazz figure and look up how old he was when he made his first record. Right: Many were teenagers, all were in their 20s.

Now, I'm not meaning to sound curmudgeonly about all of this attention, really I'm not. Most of these youthful young players, who have been consolidating around major labels this year, are talented, and some of them are turning into great musicians. Wynton Marsalis, at this point, has finally become a genuinely great musician, about the best trumpeter going if you ask me. I'm a big fan of Harry Connick, Jr.—he's the most purely entertaining musician jazz has produced in ages—but he's in a no-win criticl position. *Some* of the press is so ga-ga over him, that there's a backlash in the jazz press: Hell, he's not *that* good. The truth is, he hasn't created a damn thing. Yet. But he's only 23, and he's loaded—positively groaning—with talent. If he doesn't let the temptations of hype, or the crankiness of the serious press, drag him down.

If there was a trend this year, it was not, as many of us had predicted, that the young hard boppers began to move forward; it was that they began to move further backwards. That's what's coming in '91 folks: An even deeper exploration of jazz history. Wynton—whose ear has been turned by Louis Armstrong and Jelly Roll Morton and Duke Ellington—is leading a trend back towards pre-bop. That, if you ask me, is a good sign. At least things are moving. (But there's one thing missing: composers. Where are this generation's Ellingtons, Monks and Minguses?)

ls there nothing new under the sun? Well, there is, but unfortunately it's crawling back under the carpet. The Jazz Passengers, Henry Threadgill, Steve Lacy, Steve Coleman, Geri Allen, the Lounge Lizards, Bill Frisell, Julius Hemphill...there are many players attempting to take jazz to places it's never been before; sometimes failing, sometimes succeeding, but never sitting still.

CONTEMPORARY JAZZ

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

1	SO MUCH 2 SAY (Reprise 25892) TAKE 6	1	11
2	ASHES TO ASHES (Warner Bros. 26138)JOE SAMPLE	2	7
3	WELCOME TO THE ST. JAMES CLUB (GRP 9618)		
	RIPPINGTONS FEATURING RUSS FREEMAN	3	15
4	IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE FUN (Blue Note/Capitol 9384) LOU RAWLS	4	7
5	MEDICINE MAN (EMI 92048)BOBBY McFERRIN	5	3
6	REFERENCE POINT (GRP 9614) ACOUSTIC ALCHEMY	6	15
7	SOUNDTRACK (Antilles/Island 422 846)THE HOT SPOT	7	5
8	THE JOURNEY (Atlantic 82138) BOBBY LYLE	8	15
9	TENOR SAXOPHONE (Atlantic 82142) NINO TEMPO	9	11
10	COME & GET IT (Enigma 73581) FATTBURGER	10	5
11	NOW YOU SEE IT NOW YOU DON'T (GRP 9622) MICHAEL BRECKER	11	11
12	INNER MOTION (GRP 9621) DAVID BENOIT	12	13
13	FUSEBOX (GRP 9623)	13	3
14	PENSYL SKETCHES #3 (Optimism 3233) KIM PENSYL	14	3
15	MASTER PLAN (GRP 9619)DAVE WECKL	15	13
16	BLUE PACIFIC (Reprise 26183)	16	24
17	THE MEETING (GRP 9620) THE MEETING	17	13
18	THIS IS ME (Justice 0501)	18	7
19	AMAZON SECRETS (Verve Forecast/Polygram 843 602) RICARDO SILVEIRA	19	15
20	ONE FOR ALL (A&M 5329) ART BLAKEY & THE JAZZ MESSENGERS	20	5
21	BELA VISTA (World Pacific/Capitol 93871)	21	11
22	TRUE SPIRIT (PAR 2003)	22	17
23	WITHOUT WORDS (DMP/Telarc 476) THOM ROTELLA	23	9
24	FAST FORWARD (GRP 9608)		
•	SPYRO GYRA FEATURING JAY BECKENSTEIN	24	26
25	FROM ME TO YOU (Headfirst/K-Tel 384)	25	9
26	WHAT'S INSIDE (Enigma 73565) RICHARD ELLIOT	26	17
27	SKETCHBOOK (GRP 9617)JOHN PATITUCCI	27	15
28	IN THE SHADOWS (Denon 6210) BOB BERG	28	15
29	THEM CHANGES (GRP 9613)	29	24
30	COMPOSITIONS (Elektra 60922) ANITA BAKER	30	22
31	COLLECTION (GRP 9611) LARRY CARLTON	31	26
32	GRAND PIANO CANYON (Warner Bros. 26256) BOB JAMES	32	22
33	CORNUCOPIA (Blue Note/Capitol 92356)STANLEY JORDAN	35	36
34	A TOTAL ECLIPSE (A&M 5305)VERNELL BROWN JR.	34	22
35	LOVE IS GONNA GETCHA (GRP 9603)PATTI AUSTIN	35	36
36	TOKYO BLUE (EMI 92248)	36	34
37	LONDON WARSAW NEW YORK (Epic E 45472)BASIA	37	42
38	LIVE AT THE ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL (JMT/Polygram 834 436)		
	JOHN McCLAUGHLIN	38	26
39	3 (Epic 46012) STANLEY CLARKE/GEORGE DUKE	39	22
40	INSIDEOUT (GRP 9601)CHICK COREA	40	40

Major labels and U.S. jazz festivals, however, are paying only scant attention, less every day.

Saxophonist-composer **Roy** Nathanson, leader of the Jazz Passengers, said this recently: "You know, jazz was always edge music, it had some kind of edge. And it doesn't anymore. That's why there's this whole business about 'the resurgence of jazz.' It's not a resurgence of jazz, it's just become a classical form now. I'm not against guys like Wynton Marsalis, but I think that whole attitude is bullshit."

Roy is not wrong, but it doesn't matter: jazz is healthy, the spirit of jazz is healthy, and its abundantly rich heart and soul will win out. I'm an optimist. Things are good.

A lot of jazz musicians died in 1990, including three of the greatest practitioners in the music's history: Sarah Vaughan, Dexter Gordon and Art Blakey. Three people who changed music, simple as that. Creators, artists of the highest sort. People whose influence and inspiration can not be summed up in words. But they're summed up in music every minute of every day of every week.

Happy new year.

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2001: After hearing Saxxy's current single, "Keep Yo Butt At Home," Erick Sermon of EPMD decided to do a remix. The remix will appear on a reissue of the single along with a cover of The Miracles' 1974 hit, "Do It, Baby." Sassy's forthcoming album on 2001 Records is titled *Pretty Enemy...*

■ INDIE REVIEWS

ALBUMS

SHIRLEY SCOTT: Oasis
 (Muse MCD 5388)

Though Shirley Scott has been gigging in and around her native Philadelphia and the Delaware Valley

in recent years, Oasis is the veteran jazz organist's first new album in more than a few years. Clearly, she hasn't lost her chops. "Blues Everywhere," (which boasts a captivating solo by the album's producer, tenor great Houston Person) the Count-conscious "Basie In Mind," the groovin' "Do You Know A Good Thing When You See One" and readings of J.J. Johnson's "Lament" and Nat King Cole's "Nature Boy" are pure Scott-gritty, funky, blues-drenched, accessible soul-jazz. Scott's sidemen on Oasis also include trumpeter Virgil Jones (who's gotten down on his share of Charles Earland dates), Charles Davis (who blows on tenor instead of baritone), bassist Arthur Harper and drummer Mikey Roker.

□ HELLHAMMER: Apocalpytic Raids 1990 A.D. (Noise 4831-2-U) If you can imagine the growling (dare I call it singing?) of death-metal thrashers like Deicide and Cannibal Corpse combined with slower riffs that actually groove and have some sense of melody, you can picture Apocalyptic Raids 1990 A.D.—which consists of bonecrushing metal sides that were recorded in 1984 but previously unreleased in the U.S. Hellhammer, a band that enjoyed a cult following, shouldn't be confused with Hellwitch, Hellbastard or Hellmonster.



BY ALEX HENDERSON

INDIE PROFILE

BEST THE GREAT CITY OF CHICAGO IS

HOME TO INDIES ranging from the blues-oriented Alligator to the underground Wax Trax to the rootsy Flying Fish to the house-oriented D.J. International to quite a few other house-inspired labels. The Windy City has its share of jazz clubs; so it seems appropriate that the new jazz label Best Recordings is based in the Chicago suburb of Elmhurst. But during a recent interview, jazz pianist/label



Ed Vodicka president Ed Vodicka stressed that Best's A&R antennas extend way beyond Lake Michigan.

"Chicago's just a place where we hang our hats," Vodicka asserts. "We operate nationally, but it just happens that our offices are in Chicago. Chicago's a great place to do business—that's why there are a lot of corporate headquarters here. We plan to bring Chicago's talent to the forefront because there's a lot happening here musically, but we really consider our-



Frank Caruso (left) and Mark Colby

selves national. We've got artists from Memphis and New York. We've got L.A. people we're negotiating with. As I say, Chicago just happens to be the place where we answer the phones."

Best, which was open for business in January 1990, released three jazzpop albums in 1990—all of which are by Chicago-based artists: a big band effort by Vodicka; Frank Caruso & Mike Colby's Mango Tango and a Christmas album by vocal group The Caroling Party. Best's first release in 1991 will be New York-based percussionist Mike Freeman's Street Shuffle. Vodicka notes, "There's five artists at the moment we're ironing out the details with; so I'm not at liberty to mention their names yet. After the first of the year, we should be making an announcement pertaining to our roster. Some of them are new artists: some are established artists."

Some jazz labels lean toward a particular style of jazz. Concord, for example, is known primarily for mainstream acoustic jazz, while ECM is generally associated with cuttingedge fusionists like Carla Bley and Steve Swallow. But Vodicka emphasizes that Best is striving for diversity. A hypothetical: what if Chick Corea and Marcus Roberts were both unsigned and approached Best? Vodicka responds, "We'd be talking to them both in a minute. We don't want to get pigenholed into one type of thing. I don't really believe in typecasting-if it's good, it's good. We don't want to be just a traditional-type label, and we don't want to be just a fusion label."

INDIE NEWS

AVC: In 1991, the CEMA-distributed AVC Entertainment plans to get busy with rap/dance artist Rocca's debut single, "Funk It Up." That dopejam will appear on the 19-year-old Californian's debut album, Got 2 B Funky, as will a remake of Wild Cherry's "Play That Funky Music" ... The next single from Augusta, Georgia soul/pop/rock posse Le Class' debut album, School Of Cool will be "That's What Love Can Do." Also on AVC's agenda for 1991 is the debut album by hardcore L.A. rapper Madrok, who isn't on the gangster tip but comes hard and correct and cold kicks crazy knowledge, boyeeeee...



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RETAIL NEWS

Rappin' With The Retailer

BY JEFF KARP AND SCOTT SALISBURY

Reporting:Helen Timberlake

'Vanilla lce has been huge. Red Hot and Blue is doing really good. Paul Simon and Whitney Houston have been flying out, along with both the Madonna album and video. Bette Midler and the Barry Manilow Christmas album have been real surprises, they're doing great. Both Frank Sinatra boxes are doing remarkably well! They're right up there with the Led Zeppelin box. Guy has been our top R&B seller and Run DMC is also one of our biggest right now. We're starting to see some good movement with Dana Dane and Monie Love. L.L. Cool J and Big Daddy Kane are also doing good. We just got in the new lce Cube and we expect it to do great."

HARMONY HOUSE, Park Forest, Illinois

Reporting:Don Wilson

"Pop wise anywhere from Madonna to Paul Simon. There's alot of rap in our top ten this week. Mariah Carey is doing well also on the pop side. R&B wise Ralph Tresvant is doing really well! Guy is doing great, as well as Al B. Sure and Anita Baker. M.C. Hammer is doing good as always. Candyman and X-Clan aren't doing to bad. For country the new Hank Williams, Jr. is doing pretty good. Out of the box Yanni was ridiculously crazy. l think next week the new Madonna will hit number one. I've sold a lot of Vanilla lce this week so I think it'll stay pretty strong. Jane's Addiction and Johnny Gill will probably move up as well!"

HARMONY HOUSE, Troy, Michigan

Reporting:Sandy Bean

"Well, Madonna is strong for pop. 1 have no doubt that the video coming out will help with her album sales. I think she's a really smart lady! Vanilla Ice is doing extremely well. Bette Midler and Stevie B are also doing good. The Traveling Wilburys are doing good to. The Led Zeppelin box is selling like a new release. Too Short, Poison and the new Van Morrison are doing well. That new Phil Collins live album is doing really well as is the new Whitney. Country wise, Garth Brooks and Clint Black are just neck in neck. Both of their first albums are also in the top ten which is really surprising! Indie wise we're selling alot of Luke Skywalker, N.W.A. & Ice Cube, mostly rap type music is really strong on the indie end.

KSG DISTRIBUTING, Layton, Utah

Reporting:Rick Vander Does

"The hot things for us are Vanilla lce, M.C. Hammer and Bette Midler. AC/DC has just started to really kick in. Paul Simon, Madonna and Poison are also real strong for us. Janet Jackson and the New Kids'Step By Stephave really jumped up again. We're also noticing increases in the Traveling Wilbury's. We're doing some real good stuff with Guy. We're also starting to see Surface making some good moves. In country sales, it's both Garth Brooks albums and both Clint Black albums that are really dominating. We're showing a little bit with Reba McEntire. Michael Martin Murphy's Cowboy Songs is doing real well and the Chet Atkins/Mark Knopfler album is blowing out of here on CD. The New Age titles are doing real well for us. Mannheim Steamroller has three albums in our top ten. Yanni, The Narada Wilderness Collection and Michael Jones are doing great! Other indy stuff that's doing good is Ice Cube, N.W.A., Run DMC and Salt N Pepa."

TOWER RECORDS, Berkeley, California

Reporting:Martha Lopez

"The new Paul Simon is doing amazing business! It's blowing out the door and has picked up Graceland with it. Madonna's Royal Box Set is doing really good. The Robert Johnson box set and the Cure's remix album are both doing fantastic business! The Simpsons caught me off guard, they have been very strong right out of the box. Peter Gabriel was also a strong break out, debuting #3 on our charts. R&B wise, Ralph Tresvant is our hottest album. Paris has also been real strong. The Texas Tornadoes has been a hot country seller for us. Our strongest indy right now is Run DMC.

NATIONAL RECORD MART, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Reporting: Dave Goist

"It's Bartmania here! The Simpsons debuted at #4 on our charts. We've been real impressed with the Led Zeppelin box. We new it was going to be big, but it's turned into a real steamroller! The New Kids remix album is doing well. Yanni has really taken off. We're expecting big things out of the C & C Music Factory. Their single is steadily climbing and should reach our top ten. Our top two are still Vanilla Ice and M.C. Hammer, and they're way out in front! Guy and Ralph Tresvant should stay solid for us for a long time. We're seeing good moves on Candyman, in fact we're having a hard time keeping it in stock. On the country side, it's a Garth Brooks Christmas! The Chet Atkins/Mark Knopfler is starting to pick up. As far as the indys, the new Ice Cube has started off pretty well."



BY ALEX HENDERSON

A HEADBANGIN' 1990: There was a time when rock & roll was, generally speaking, the music of choice among young white Americans. But in recent years, that demographic has become less likely to listen to rock exclusively and is likely to turn its attention to pop, rap, dance music or R&B/pop as well. In 1990, more 17-year-old white youths are likely to check out N.W.A, Bell Biv DeVoe or Lisa Stansfield than a white youth who was 17 in 1977 was likely to pay equal attention to Parliament/Funkadelic and Led Zeppelin. Notice how much more integrated an Ice Cube or Public Enemy show is in 1990 than an L.T.D., O'Jays or New Birth show was in 1977. This doesn't mean that back then, there weren't fanatical soul fans who happened to be white—but it does illustrate that rock isn't as primary as it once was for white American youth.

Here's the interesting thing: in 1990, the rock artists who fared well on the pop charts tended to be metal or hard rock acts—including AC/DC, Warrant, Slaughter, Winger and Poison. Of course, Bruce Springsteen, David Bowie, U2 and John Cougar Mellencamp didn't come out with new albums this year. While metal/hard rock and rock in general may have lost some ground to pop, R&B and rap, headbanging is nonethless alive and well...

The Constitution took a beating when a Nevada couple helped bring Judas Priest to trial, alleging that the band's music encouraged their son's suicide. While the jury ruled in The Priest's favor, it's insane that the case even went to court... Artistically, 1990 was a triumphant year for The Priest, whose Painkiller was a welcome return to sledgehammer metal after some flirting with more commercial hard rock. Headlining a tour with opening acts Testament and Megadeth, The Priest remained one of metal's most engaging live attractions... Similarly, Dio's Lock Up the Wolves was a welcome return to metal form after some excursions in popdom... The gutsy Rick Rubin, president of Def American Recordings, deserves applause for seeking originality and vision instead of signing the many generic Warrant and Poison clones plaguing the Sunset Strip. Slayer's Seasons In The Abyss turned out to be the Def American death-metallers' most successful offering as well as 1990's most captivating metal effort. Def American also fared well artistically with albums by Danzig, Trouble and The Black Crowes ... Next to Seasons, 1990's strongest thrash efforts included Megadeth's Rust In Peace, Anthrax' Persistance Of Time, Testament's Souls Of Black, Death Angel's Act III, Suicidal Tendancies' Lights...Camera...Revolution, Annihilator's Never Neverland, Exodus' Impact Is Imminent, Jane's Addiction's Ritual De Lo Habitual, Flotsam & Jetsam's When The Storm Comes, Scatterbrain's Here Comes Trouble and Xentrix' For Whose Advantage. Numerous other thrash albums were released in 1990, many of which sounded one-dimensional... Jane's Addiction's Perry Ferrell gets the gas face-a straight-up diss for slapping fans in the face by discontinuing a show at Philly's Tower Theatre because of his displeasure with the venue. A melee occurred, resulting in 22 arrests and two injuries. Ferrell said that continuing the show would have been like "faking an orgasm"—an "orgasm" he would have faked were he a true professional and not given to childish, self-serving behavior... Bruce Dickenson took some flack for the title track of his debut solo album, Tattooed Millionaire, which dissed the type of Sunset Strip automatons that are all image and no substance. What's the matter, glamsters? Is the truth painful?..

A highly def and dope trend is the funk-metal movement, which has involved posses ranging from Living Colour to The Red Hot Chili Peppers to 24-7 Spyz to Faith No More. LC's second album, *Time's Up* was inspired by mainstream metal, thrash, punk, funk and rap, while The Electric Boys' *Funk-O-Metal Carpet Ride* blended metal, hard rock, funk and psychedelia. Other noteworthy albums on the funk-metal and funk-rock tips included 24-7 Spyz' *Gumbo Millenium* and Primus' *Frizzle Fry*, Psychefunkapus' *Psychefunkapus* and Heads Up!'s Soul Brother Crisis Intervention...

Kudos to Atlantic for its excellent four-CD Led Zeppelin boxed set... Robert Plant pleasantly surprised us with Manic Nirvana, his most rockin' solo album yet... Mother Love Bone showed a great deal of promise on its first full-length album, Apple. Tragically, lead vocalist Andy Wood wasn't around to see Apple's release-he died of a drug overdose several months before it came out... 1990 was a year in which Ozzy Osbourne, Guns 'N Roses, Aerosmith, Skid Row, Metallica, Van Halen, David Lee Roth, Motley Crue, Faith No More and The Cult didn't release new albums ... 1990 was a year of bands with outrageous names, including Cannibal Corpse, Enema Milkshake, Sarcastic Cadaver, Concrete Fetus, Entombed, Carcass, Hellbastard, Hellmonster, Hellwitch, Braindead, Napalm Death, Death, Corpsegrinder, White Zombie, Naked Raygun, Dayglo Abortions, Coroner, Autopsy, Obituary, Sadistic Intent, Sadus, Athiest, Ignorance, Bloodcum, Erotikill, Godflesh, Android, Heathen, Dark Angel (not to be confused with Death Angel or Morbid Angel), Forced Entry, Methadone Cocktail, Barracuda, Deicide, Rest In Pieces, Snailface, Puppets Of Mankind Gorilla Biscuits and Liquid Jesus... Unsigned bands that showed promise include The Wanted, Steel Prophet, Savage Grace, Sedition, Confessor and Mesheen...

Other noteworthy albums of 1990 included AC/DC's The Razor's Edge, Sweet F.A.'s Stick To Ya Guns, Agony Column's Brave Words & Bloody Knuckles, King Diamond's he Eye, Queensryche's Empire, The Almighty's Blood, Fire & Love, Pigmy Love Circus' self-titled live album, Lita Ford's Stiletto, Vixen's Rev It Up, Doro Pesch's Doro, Chastain's For Those Who Dare, Little Ceasar's Little Ceasar, Iron Maiden's No Prayer For The Dying, Toranaga's God's Gift and Vicious Rumors'.



THE TOP STORY OF THE YEAR was undoubtedly the whole 2 Live Crew controversy. Far bigger and more important than the group itself, their ongoing trials and tribulations brought the issue of free speech and artistic expression to the forefront of the industry and country. The debate still ragges with no real end in sight. Unfortunately, the Crew weren't quite up to handling the can of worms they opened and though their "Banned In the U.S.A." single addressed their situation, it did so clumsily and with little real insight. The rest of the album was basically more of what they're infamous for.

Public Enemy released a new album that, predictably, had some fans (and critics) screaming that they'd lost it, while others saw it as proof positive—if any were still needed—that Chuck D. and Co. are so far ahead of the pack that the nearest competition isn't even on the same plane. Controversial before its release, *Fear of a Black Planet*, didn't soothe anyone's fears, raised as many questions as it answered, and let no one off the hook.

Run-D.M.C. made their comeback album, the aptly titled *Back From Hell*, one that mattered. Though the consensus is that the rap genre has progressed in leaps and bounds since the trio's heyday, there was general agreement that Run-D.M.C. have bounced back from their creative slump. And if they're not breaking new ground, they are reclaiming lost turf.

L.L. Cool J. See above and adjust accordingly.

N.W.A. and "the traitor" (their word, not mine,) Ice Cube, both released their first efforts since the two parted ways, and Cube's controversial *Amerikkka's Most Wanted*, a surprise commercial smash, emerged the victor in an undeclared contest.

Digital Underground brought hardcore '70s-style funk to rap, A Tribe Called Quest went off the jazzy end, and Jungle Brothers were somewhere in between and beyond, and all three were some of the brightest lights in 1990's rap roster. M.C. Hammer. What's left to say?

Vanilla Ice. Ditto.



RAP/DANCE ALBUMS

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	Last Week 🔻			
1	PLEASE DON'T HURT'EM (Capitol 92857)M.C.Hammer	5	39	
2	TASTE OF CHOCOLATE (Cold Chillin/Reprise 26303) Big Daddy Kane	3	7	
3	MAMA SAID KNOCK YOU OUT (Def Jam/Columbia 46888) L.L. Cool J	2	11	
4	SHORT DOGS IN THE HOUSE (Jive/RCA 1348) Too Short	1	13	
5	AIN'T NO SHAME IN THE GAME (Epic 46947) Candyman	4	9	
6	DOWN TO EARTH (Warner Bros. 26358) Monie Love	6	5	
7	BACK FROM HELL (Profile 1401)Run DMC	14	3	
8	THE GETO BOYS (Def American 24306) The Geto Boys	7	7	
9	TO THE EXTREME (SBK 95325) Vanilla Ice	8	9	
10	BANNED IN THE USA (Luke Skywalker/Atlantic 91424) 2 Live Crew	9	21	
11	100 MILES AND FUNNIN' (Ruthless/Priority 7224)	10	17	
12	KILL AT WILL (Priority 7230)	DEE	зUT	
13	LEGAL (Profile 1297) Special Ed	11	19	
14	EDUTAINMENT (Jive/RCA 1358) Boogie Down Productions	12	17	
15	AT YOUR OWN RISK (Capitol 92359) King Tee	13	9	
16	KICK THAT THANG (Original Sound 8890)Uzl\$ Bros	15	7	
17	2 NASTY 4 RADIO (Cold Chiilin'/Reprise 26441)Various Artists	22	3	
18		25	5	
19	AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED (Priority 57210) Ice Cube	18	29	
20	LIVIN' IN A HOE HOUSE (Drive By 4XL15131)	29	7	
21	DANA DANE 4-EVER (Profile 1298)Dana Dane	20	7	
22	LET THE RHYTHM HIT EM' (MCA 6416) Eric B.& Rakim	17	25	
23	A BLITZ OF SALT-N-PEPA (Next Plateau 1025) Salt-N-Pepa	35	3	
	WANTED:DEAD OR ALIVE (Cold Chillin'/Reprise 26165)	40	45	
-	Kool G. Rap & D.J. Polo THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT (Tommy Boy 1030) Output	16 32	15 3	
25 26	STEP TO ME (Tommy Boy/Reprise 25893) Force M.D.'s		3 13	
27	WORLD POWER (Arista 8536) Snap	21	25	
28	FEAR OF A BLACK PLANET (Def Jam/Columbia 45413) Public Enemy		33	
29	LIVIN' LIKE HUSTLERS (Ruthless 4604) Above The Law		27	
30	IT'S A COMPTON THING (Orpheus/EMI 75627) . Compton's Most Wanted		23	
31	AS NASTY AS THEY WANNA BE (Luke Skyywalker XR107) 2 Live Crew		72	
	IT AIN'T WHERE YA FROM, IT'S WHERE YA AT (Geffen 24289)			
		23	25	
33	TO HELL AND BLACK (Capitol 94522)	37	15	
38	LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN (Next Plateau 1027) Various Artists	DE	вит	
35	RIGHTEOUS BUT RUTHLESS (Profile 1299) King Sun	DE	вит	
36	THE SMILE GETS WILD (Bryant 200010) Smiley	28	13	
37	GRITS SANDWICHES FOR BREAKFAST (Jive/RCA 1409)Kid Rock	DEF	вит	
38	HE'S KING OF THE HYPE (Crush/K-Tel 550) 2 Bigg M.C.	DE	вит	
39	DONE BY THE FORCES OF NATURE (Warner Bros. 26072) .Jungle Bros.	38	47	
40	TAKE A LOOK AROUND (Cold Chillin'/Reprise 26179) Master Ace	40	17	

The Beloved made a bit of a splash with their *Happines* album, but nowhere near as big as it should have been. No one else, other than Deee-Lite made the whole "positivity" vibe so attractive and appealing. They deserve a huge audience.

Stevie V. promised much with the impossible seductive dance hit, "Dirty Cash," then delivered admirably on the CD, *The Adventures of Stevie V*. Ditto PolyGram labelmate, Cathy Dennis, who fronted D-Mob for their trip up the charts ("C'mon Get My Love" and "That's the Way of the World") then struck pay dirt with her debut single "Just Another Dream" and the album, *Move To This*.

Milli Vanilli crashed hard and burned fast, though just as quickly there sprang up some bizarre (and bizarrely appealing) defenses of the group(?). It would take an act of God, though, to bring these two back anywhere near their past glory.

CASH BOX DECEMBER 29, 1990

R&B ALBUMS

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

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	I'M YOUR BABY TONIGHT (Arista 8616) Whitney Houston	1 6
2		3 45
3		8 6
4	RALPH TRESVANT (MCA 10116) Ralph Tesvant	94
5	MAMA SAID KNOCK YOU OUT (Def Jam/Columbia 46888) L.L. Cool J	12 12
6	TASTE OF CHOCOLATE (Cold Chillin'/Reprise 26303) Big Daddy Kane	77
7	THE FUTURE (MCA 10115)Guy	10 5
8	SHORT DOGS IN THE HOUSE (Jive/RCA 1353)	2 14
9		48
	ROPE A DOPE STYLE (Atlantic 82164) Levert	13 6
11	TO THE EXTREME (SBK 95325)	11 15
12		14 4 5 24
13	MARIAH CAREY (Columbia 54202)	5 24
15	OPEN INVITATION (Motown 6302)	15 10
16	POISON (MCA 6387)(P)Bell Biv DeVoe	18 38
47	ONLY HUMAN (Arista 8620) Jeffrey Osborne	22 4
18	THE BOYS (Motown 6302)	21 11
19	FATHERS DAY (Uptown/MCA 1006)	24 5
20	3 DEEP (Columbia 46772)Surface	23 6
21	THE REVIVAL (Wing/Polygram 841 902) Tony Toni Tone	16 32
22	THE NEW FORMULA (Motown 6309)	17 11 26 6
24	BE-BE'S KIDS (Wing/Polydor 841 960) Robin Harris	19 9
25	GRAFFITI BRIDGE (Paisley Park/Warner Bros. 27493) Prince	20 17
26	JOHNNY GILL (Motown 6283)	27 35
27	JASMINE GUY (Warner Bros. 26021)Jasmine Guy	28 8
28	IVORY (Epic 45101)	29 10
29	AINT NO SHAME IN THE GAME (Epic 46947) Candyman	32 9
30	LOOK HOW LONG (MCA 10044) Loose Ends	37 3
31	JANET JACKSON'S RHYTHM NATION 1814 (A&M 3920)(P3) Janet Jackson ALWAYS (MCA 10025)	31 64 34 12
33	UK BLAK (EM193497) Caron Wheeler	25 9
34	WORLD CLIQUE (Elektra 60957)	35 11
35	LIVIN' IN A HOE HOUSE (Drive By 4XL15131)	40 7
36	TAKE IT TO THE FLOOR (Capitol 94846) Special Generation	41 5
37	MLIRA (Apollo Theartre/Motown 6297)	30 5
38	COMPOSITIONS (Elektra 60922) Anita Baker	39 24
39	CIRCLE OF ONE (Fontana/Mercury 846 346) Oleta adams	42 18
40	HI-FIVE (Jive/RCA 1328) Hi-Five THE DEVIL MADE ME DO IT (Tommy Boy 1030) Paris	43 5
41 42	A BLITZ OF SALT-N-PEPA (Next Plateau 1025)	51 3 48 3
42	KILL AT WILL (Priority 7230)	40 J 55 2
45	DREAMLAND (RCA 2221)	33 19
45	SO MUCH 2 SAY (Reprise 25892)	38 13
46	AT YOUR OWN RISK (Capitol 92359) King Tee	36 9
47	TREAT EM' RIGHT (Select 9063) Chubb Rock	47 4
48	100 MILES AND RUNNIN' (Ruthless/Priority 7224) N.W.A.	46 16
49	REBEL SOUL (4th & B'Way/Island 444 030)	DEBUT
50	LISTEN WITHOUT PREJUDICE VOL1 (Columbia 46898) George Michael	49 3 DEBUT
51	THE MUSIC AIN'T LOUD ENOUGH (Creative Funk/SOH 7000)D.J. Kool	DEBUT 45 14
52 53	BONAFIDE (Charisma 91384)	45 14
54	EDUTAINMENT (Jive/RCA 1358) Boogie Down Productions	50 17
55	LALAH HATHAWAY (Virgin 91382) Lalah Hathaway	53 17
56	MAKE THE DIFFERENCE (Capitol 92153)	54 8
57	BASIC BLACK (Motown 6307) Basic Black	52 17
58 59	BANNED IN THE USA (Luke Skywalker/Atlantic 91424) 2 Live Crew	56 21 57 8
59 60	BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE (Iciban 1068) Clarence Carter DREAM COME TRUE (Atlantic 82087)	57 8 72 2
61	WORLD POWER (Arista 8536)	60 28
62	BASS IS THE NAME OF THE GAME (Cheetah 9403) D.J. Magic Mike	DEBUT
63	WANTED: DEAD OR ALIVE (Cold Chillin' Reprise 26165) Kool G Rap & D.J. Polo	61 15
64	LEGAL (Profile 1297) Special Ed	58 20
65	BORN TO SING (Atlantic 82084)	62 36
66 67	PANDEMONIOM (Paisley Park/Reprise 27490)	63 22 67 4
68	RELEASE THE PRESSURE (Nasty Mix 70240) Criminal Nation DO YOU STILL REMEMBER LOVE (Arista 8543) Geoff McBride	59 5
69	THE GETO BOYS (Def American 24306)	64 8
70	AFTER 7 (Virgin 91061)(G) After 7	68 65
71	INTELLIGENT HOODLUM (A&M 5311) Intelligent Hoodlum	70 18
72	AMERIKKKA'S MOST WANTED (Priority 57120) lce Cube	69 30
73	RETURN (Qwest/Warner Bros. 26161)	71 33
74	LIVING IN BLACK PARADISE (Atlantic 82130)	65 13 66 19
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RHYTHM & BLUES

DEPENDING ON HOW YOU SEE IT, r&b is either a) dead and hasn't yet realized it or b) going through a painful period of growth and expansion. The answer is probably b. As Freddie Jackson said when I spoke to him earlier this year, r&b is always going to be here, no matter what new trends come up and no matter where technology pushes or pulls it. One thing that is also clear is that, no matter what your taste in r&b, there was someone there to fulfill your needs.

On the more traditional side, Regina Belle, Brenda Russell, Oleta Adams, Whitney Houston, Dianne Reeves, Anita Baker, Mariah Carey, Freddie Jackson, the Gap Band, and more, offered CDs that went down smoothly and where either brilliant voices or sharp lyrics (occasionally but all too rarely, both) took center stage.

On the other hand, **Bell Bive Devoe** personified the new school. Their hip hop inflected r&b was used to cradle attitude, lyrics that could drive a feminist insane, and voices that were technically very weak, but brimming with style and assurance.

Johnny Gill and Ralph Tresvant, two more members of New Edition spreading their wings, also released albums heavy on the production and the attitude, and while Tresvant's is a solid package, Gill's is less than the young man is actually capable of. One of the few young talents with the potential to fill the void left by greats like Otis Redding, Gill's recorded output this year was a matter of a major talent selling itself short for consumer palatability. But such is the game.

Freddie Jackson put on his dancing shoes this year, but didn't forget that fans want him to spin out those silky ballads. He hit the top of the charts with a slightly amended formula.



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High Debut: Dana Dane #67

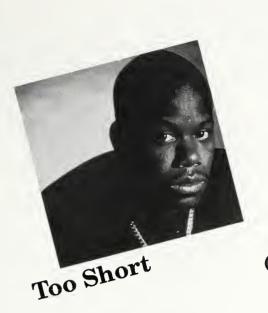


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8 SENSITIVITY (MCA 53933) Raiph Tresvant	9	7
9 LOVE WILL NEVER DO (A&M 75021 74471)	9 19	8
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11 FIRST TIME (Columbia 73502)	-	11
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14 I WANNA GET WITH YOU (MCA 53925)Guy	4	11
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25 BABY DON'T CRY (Virgin 4-98896)Lalah Hathaway	25	8
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33 SOMEBODY'S CRYING (Reprise 4-19539) Force M.D.'s	36	7
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35 WHEN YOU CRY (Warner Bros. 4-19566) The Winans	35	9
36 I DON'T KNOW ANYBODY ELSE (RCA 2735) Black Box	27	6
37 THIS HOUSE (Capitol 4JM-44652) Traci Spencer	39	5
	45	4
39 GO FOR IT (Capitol 44667) Joey B. Ellis	44	4
	47	6
41 I JUST CAN'T HANDLE IT (Jive/RCA 1398)	22	16
42 U.K. BLACK (EMI 4693) Caron Wheeler	51	4
43 ALL SEASONS (Atlantic 87772) Levert	67	2
44 KEEP OUR LOVE ALIVE (Motown 1990) Stevie Wonder	33	10
	41	10
46 ROUND AND ROUND (Paisley Park/Warner Bros. 4-19748) Tevin Campbell	24	13
	58	4
48 BLACK PARADISE (Atlantic 82130)	61	3
49 WHATS IT ALL ABOUT (Profile 7315) Run DMC	32	5
50 CAUSE I CAN DO IT RIGHT (Cold Chillin/Reprise 4-19554)Blg Daddy Kane	46	8

51 MY HEART YOUR HEART (Capitol 79339) Whispers	30	14
52 JUST A LITTLE BIT (Charisma 96403)Maxi Priest	52	4
53 MAKE IT EASY ON ME (Next Plateau 50129) Sybil	53	5
54 CAN'T TELL YOU WHY (Elektra 8270-2) Howard Hewett	76	2
55 TRUE LOVE (Columbia 73538) The Chimes	65	7
56 POOR ELAINE (Virgin 4-98895) Klpper Jones	56	9
57 MELODY COOL (Paisley Park/Warner Bros. 4-19778) Mavis Staples	77	2
68 DO THE BARTMAN (Geffen 4-19665)	74	3
59 MY MY MY (Atlantic 4-87792) Gerald Albright	59	5
	60	3
61 NO SWEETER LOVE (Arista 2087)Geoff McBride	62	12
62 I SURRENDER (SBK 19725) Love & Laughter	82	5
63 GROOVE IS IN THE HEART (Elektra 4-64934) Deee-Lite	38	8
64 TRY ME (Warner Bros. 4344) Jasmine Guy	55	14
65 THE REAL THING (RCA 3105) Marion Meadows	80	2
66 LET ME SHOW YOU (Alpha Int'l 70712) Lorenzo Smith	68	3
67 LITTLE BIT DANA TONIGHT (Profile 7314) Dana Dane	DEB	UT
68 MELT IN YOUR MOUTH (Epic 49T-73639) Candy Man	87	2
60 LOVE YOU TO THE LIMIT (MCA 53960) Mac Band	90	2
70 MY ONLY WOMAN (Virgin 4-98921)	70	13
71 SLOW MOTION (Motown 2064) Gerald Alston	48	17
72 PLAY THAT FUNKY MUSIC (SBK 05364) Vanilla lce	DEB	UT
73 MONEY B'S THEME (West Pack/Bryan Records 1050) D.J. Money B	81	2
74 SPEAK TO ME (Reprise 4-19512) Michael Franks	DEB	UT
75 ROPE A DOPE STYLE (Atlantic 4-87828) Levert	49	13
78 HERE COMES THE HAMMER (Capitol 79445)M.C. Hammer	DEB	JUT
77 BODY (MCA 53930)Body	79	3
78 KEEP YOUR BUTT AT HOME (2001 Records 9001-12) Saxxy	DEB	UT
78 KICKIN' AFROLISTTICS (Def Jam/Columbia 38T-73591) The Afros	DEB	UT
80 MARY HAD A LITTLE BOY (Arista 2142)	DEB	JUT
81 MISSUNDERSTANDING (Warner Bros. 4423) AI B. Sure	54	14
82 I THOUGHT IT WAS ME (MCA 12-53899) Bell Blv DeVoe	71	17
83 CRUISE CONTROL (EMI 50334)	64	10
84 SOMEDAY (Columbia 73561) Mariah Carey	DEB	UT
85 DO YOU CARE (Select FMS62370) Whistle	DEB	JUT
86 I GOT THE FEELING (Motown 2062) Today	78	15
87 NOTHING BUT A PARTY (Motown 2054) Basic Black	57	13
88 FRIENDZ (A&M 7502115304) Wooten Bros.	73	11
89 KNOCKIN' BOOTS (Epic 34T-73450) Candy Man	63	15
90 INSANITY (Motown 4750)	DEB	UT
91 LOVE TAKES TIME (Columbia 38T-73455) Mariah Carey	66	16
92 POWER GENERATION (Paisley Park/Warner Bros. 4515) Prince	69	10
93 SING ME A LOVE SONG (Jive/RCA 14017) Johnathan Butler	72	8
94 ICE ICE BABY (SBK 07335) Vanilla Ice	75	14
95 PRISONER OF LOVE (SBK 07336) Terry Steele	92	12
96 LISTEN UP (Quest/Reprise 4-19576) Listen Up	99	14
97 SOUL INSPIRATION (Elektra 4-64935) Anita Baker		15
98 JUST BE MY LADY (Warlock 7087) Kim Waters Feat./Issac Hayes	85	9
99 DON'T TURN YOUR BACK ON ME (RCA 2718) Grady Harrell	88	11
100 OR LOOSE ME (Alpha Int'l 4JM-70711) Sunni		7



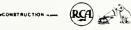
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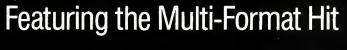


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112	STILL G: harisma 4-91369) GARY MOORE	121	27
113	HERE NOT STATE HELD (Elektra 8623) ALAN JACKSON	115	39
114	THE REPRISE CON ECTION (Reprise 26340) FRANK SINATRA	148	2
115	ONLY 附稿段 (Arista 18620)JEFFREY OSBOURNE		3
116	TIMES U문 (Epic 46202) LIVING COLOUR		16
117	RUMOR HAS IT (MCA 10016) REBA MCENTIRE	119	14
118	HAVE YOU SEEN ME LATLEY (Arista 8650)CARLEY SIMON	88	11
	LOVEGOD (Big Life/Mercury 842 985) THE SOUP DRAGONS	105	10
119	DREAM CHILD (RCA 2221) BLACK BOX	106	20
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121	100 MILES AND RUNNIN' (Ruthless/Priority 7224) N.W.A.		
122	WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME (MCA 42321) VINCE GILL	126	22
123	A BLITZ OF SALT-N-PEPA (Next Plateau 1025)	127	3
124	FATHERS DAY (Uptown/MCA 1006)	129	3
125	LOOK HOW LONG (MCA 10044) LOOSE ENDS	133	3
126	KILLIN' TIME (RCA 9668)BMG 8.98(P) CLINT BLACK	138	83
127	IF THERE WAS A WAY (Reprise 26344)DWIGHT YOAKAM	128	6
128	VISION THING (Elektra 61017) SISTERS OF MERCY	132	3
129	FAITH HOPE LOVE BY KING'S X (Mega Force/Atlantic 82145) KING'S X	163	7
130	ROPE A DOPE STYLE (Atlantic 82164) LEVERT	100	4
131	HEAVEN OR LAS VEGAS (Capitol 93669) CACTEUA TWINS	134	13
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	176	MORE OF THE NIGHT (Capitol 92957) THE WHISPERS	174	19	
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	187	HINDU LOVE GODS (Giant/Reprise 24406) HINDU LOVE GODS	173	7	
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	190	ALL SHOOK DOWN (Sire/Reprise 26298) THE REPLACEMENTS	176	12	
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COCINANDO

BY TONY SABOURNIN

YEAR-END MEMORIES CHOKE ME UP SO LET'S SKIP OVER THEM. Still, 1990 has been a banner financial year; thus 1991 merits some speculative label forecasts, with the following caveats: 1.) This is the first of two parts. Wait to read both parts, as the message is in the overall content, rather than in a given sentence or paragraph. 2.) The list below is not in any type of order. Everyone knows who is #1. Draw your own conclusions as to the remaining positions.

Recent confidential research of key area distributors places **CBS** Discos as the market leader, with estimated sales of \$5 million this December alone. Although no one at the label will certify this number with a seal, anyone will gladly confirm that each quarter this year has been a record-setting one. The sales horses have unquestionably been there all year long: Kaoma, Ana Gabriel, Gloria Estefan, Azúcar Moreno, Luis Enrique (with *Mi Mundo* and the Eddie Santiago compilation), La Mafia and Gilberto Santarrosa.

In 1991 1 expect Sony Discos to take fuller advantage of its parent label's distribution system to make deeper inroads into Anglo chains, a channel closer to mall-buyers than *barrio* aficionados. This strategy causes one to deduce various trends. One is that, to match Hispanics' assimilation into suburbia, the label will make an effort—in those cases where the artist's linguistic fluidity makes it pleasant and possible—to bi-lingualize as many productions as possible in 1991. The downside? Hispanic distributors, who until now have virtually had the Anglo chains all to themselves, will be *muy* pee-ed off at the enormous loss of income. Still, because of the artistic and promotional magnitude of Sony (gee I'm really getting used to the change), they'll be forced to buy its products anyway.

We won't even entertain further thoughts on the monopolizing results of the alliance with Ralph Mercado's RMM Records and his almighty venue control in New York, since it's almost an accepted fact. Sony Discos' pressure in the Tejano market will probably be even stronger in 1991. Business instincts tell me that by the time these lines are read, CBS/Sony Discos would have flooded the onda circuit with the choicest *Personal Best* compilations from Cara Records' roster, a move that could bring Capitol/EMI-Latin's potential market losses to the neighborhood of *medio* million, thus far.

Don't be surprised either if, sensitive to the feedback received from its recent release avalanche, Sony Discos redoubles its promotional staff in key markets, with staffers specifically assigned to certain artists, to the extent of creating a separate and complementary infrastructure. Don't expect the label to be A&R-shy either. They are planning to get bigger by leaps and bounds. We know of at least three contract discussions with tropical stars (two on Discos, one on International) waiting for the new year's outbreak to set signatures onto contracts. *Ay, Mamá*!

The core of Fonovisa's control of the Western areas—Los Bukis, Los Tigres del Norte and Bronco—by themselves sell more than many other labels' entire annual rosters. Wisely guided by Guillermo Santizo, l' tré grisé of all eminence grisés, the company has widely augmented its financial base via a quiet diversification program in the booking and publishing areas, continuously sustained by its relation with Mexican media giant Fonovisa and the revolving migration pattern between Mexico and California and Texas.

However, this demographic and corporate adherence, according to the general consensus, has prevented the label's growth in the Northeast and Puerto Rico, in spite of its above-average presence in Miami and larger commitment to the continuously dwindling *rock en español* trend. Since Fonovisa has obviously been successful with this formula for the longest time, and has shown no interest in improving it, the safe bet here is on status quo for 1991. But since the fall of the Berlin Wall nothing's safe.

WEA Latina, on the other hand, is the prototype for efficient Japanese-style management, for never have so few sold so many units so soon. They are very precise, very deliberate, and simply don't make mistakes. A few artists, promoted consistently and persistently. This strategy brought about solid ripples, profitable productions, like Chantelle and Suzy González' debut releases which, more important for the label's future, left a good taste on the distributors' lips.

Then of course, there's Luis Miguel, with arguably the most arrogantly talented young lips in the business, who can sing "Mary Had a Little Lamb" in Swahili and make it both interesting and saleable. My personal hope is that L.M. has been a good boy in 1990 so Santa brings him what he desperately needs: a good manager that a.) keeps him close, warm and tender with the U.S. Spanish media, with whom he had negative encounters throughout his recent tour; and b.) kicks his ass in the We(a)stern direction toward English bilingual pop, so the kid can perhaps become labelmate Madonna's next video bedding partner. If this happens, I'll bet my condo Luis M. will be the one to finally vaporize The Immaculate One's halo.

Look for WEA Latina to strike a symbiotic marketing deal with an onda tejana entity, to lay the marketing mattress for recent signings Patsy Torres and Inocencia, and to continue its involvement in the tropical market, without discounting the strong possibility that they could dip into their U.S.-leading corporate pockets for the correct (and I repeat myself, *correct*) artist acquisition. It probably wouldn't hurt if they made a little noise about themselves too. They've earned it.

Thoughts on Sonotone and M.P.I.; TH/Rodven and Capitol/EMI-Latin; and Karen, Kubaney and Combo will be reserved for my return from Christmas vacation in our Jan. 19 issue.

Till Then, Live Happily, Safely and Prosperously!

TEXAS LATIN LPs

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

1	CON TANTO AMOR (CBS Discos) LA MAFIA
2	PARA NUESTRA GENTE (Capitol/EMI-Latin)
3	MEXICO VOZ Y SENTIMIENTO (CBS) VARIOUS ARTISTS
4	BANDIDO (CBS Discos) AZUCAR MORENO
5	CUANDO YO AMO (Sonotone) RUDY LA SCALA
6	QUIEN COMO TU (CBS Discos)
7	DOS (Capitol/EMI Latin) MYRIAM HERNANDEZ
8	ENTER THE FUTURE (CBS Discos) LA MAFIA
9	MI ACORDEON Y YO (Freddy) RAMON AYALA
10	LO NUEVO Y LO MEJOR (TH/Rodven) LOS TEMERARIOS
11	OUT OF CONTROL (CBS Discos) GRUPO LA FIEBRE
12	VEN CONMIGO (Capitol/EMI-Latin) SELENA Y LOS DINOS
13	GOOD BOYS WEAR WHITE (Freddie) GRUPO LA SOMBRA
14	PERSONAL BEST (CBS Discos) LA MAFIA
15	NUEVOS CAMINOS (Capitol/EMI-Latin) ROBERTO PULIDO
16	ON THE RISE (CBS Discos) GRUPO LA FIEBRE
17	VEINTE A~ÑOS (WEA Latina) LUIS MIGUEL
18	TU AMIGO (Fonovisa) BRONCO
19	NO TE OLVIDARE (Capitol-EMI/Latin) MAZZ
20	JUST FOR YOU (CBS Discos) RAM HERRERA
Sou	rce: Gato Associates Research







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DUNTRY MUSIC

1990: Breaking In, Going To The Top & Making Headlines

AS 1990 CONCLUDES ITS COURSE, our thoughts begin to reflect on the many changes, events and headlining announcements which have occurred throughout the year. Once again, Country Music has witnessed another year of "breaking the record" when it comes to breaking an artist, and 1990's flood of new talent, including countless hat-acts, some future country queens and several country new-wavers, perhaps sparks the meatiest news of the year. Although many of the new-onthe-scene faces have been paying their dues for quite a while, it was the year 1990 that saw them soar. A vast number of new artists broke onto the chart, reaching as high as the top 50 slot, while others managed to rocket all the way to the top

The 1990 New Face line-up, all of whom have garnered Top-50 status, includes such artists as Doug Stone, Mark Collie, Mac McAnally, Prairie Oyster, Alan Jackson, Michelle Wright, Joe Barnhill, Trader Price, Scott McQuaig, Kelly Willis, Tim Mensey, Matraca Berg, Shelby Lynne, Carlene Carter, Lee Roy Parnell, Tim Ryan, Mark Chesnutt, Mc-Bride & The Ride, Pirates Of The Mississippi, Mike Reid, Aaron Tippin, Pam Tillis, Ray Kennedy, Joe Diffie, Clinton Gregory, John Andrew Park, Rob Crosby and Kevin Welch, just to mention a few. And the list goes on as we prepare to roll into 1991.

BATTLE FOR THE GOLD: Just as many new voices have been revealed. so have many new albums been released, and the past year has certainly experienced a battle for the top sales slot. Although many artists, including those new ones, who have taken home the gold and even platinum for garnering commanding retail figures, a grand total of only nine have succeeded in holding the number one position of Cash Box's Top 75 LP Chart. Those #1 top sellers include Clint Black, Reba Mc-Entire, the Kentucky HeadHunters, Randy Travis, Ricky Van Shelton, Hank Williams Jr., George Strait, Vince Gill and Garth Brooks

REMEMBER WHEN...The Country Radio Seminar 21 provided us with a Road Map For The 90's. RCA Records announced its expansion plans, which included (NEMO), the Nashville Entertainment & Music Operations organization. The Nashville Network purchased Country Music Television (CMT). The Highwaymen, which consists of Waylon, Willie, Johnny & Kris, kicked off their highly-acclaimed 90 Tour. Lawrence Productions opened its doors to Nashville and introduced DPI Records and two publishing companies. 16th Avenue Records announced plans to immediately close its doors. TNN produced and aired the All-Star Salute To Country Music, which honored the the vast accomplishments of Ralph Emery. Alabama was presented with the first Radio Seminar Humanitarian Award. Inside Country Music, the first video magazine devoted exclusively to country music, was released. George Strait took home the Entertainer of the Year honors from both the 25th Annual Academy Of Country Music Awards and the 1990 Country Music Assn. Awards. Ricky Van Shelton garnered the Entertainer of the Year Award from the TNN/Music City News Awards. Minnie Pearl celebrated 50 years with the Grand Ole Opry. Conway Twitty celebrated 25 years in country music. The Country Music Assn.'s 19th International Country Music Fan Fair registered more than 24,000 people. CBS Records/Nashville revealed plans to expand and operate under a dual-label promotion and A&R structure. Capitol Records unloaded an enormous number of artists from its roster. Patty Loveless announced her secret-kept marriage to producer Emory Gordy Jr. after being married for almost two years. Naomi Judd announced her retirement plans due to an illness, while Wynona Judd announced her plans to go solo. Paulette Carson of Highway 101 also confirmed that she too would soon take on a solo career. The J.D. Hinton Band won the Marlboro Music National Talent Roundup. Tennessee Ernie Ford was inducted into the Country Music Hall Of Fame. The Nashville music industry banned together to boost the morale of the American soldiers in the Middle East through Operation Desert Song. Country On The Court was the result of a starstudded line-up of country artists teaming together to play basketball for charity. Various country greats joined voices to create some phenomenal vocal-event singles, including Vince Gill & Reba McEntire, Kenny Rogers & Holly Dunn, Southern Pacific & Carlene Carter, the Forester Sisters & the Bellamy Brothers, Tanya Tucker & T. Graham Brown, Keith Whitley & Lorrie Morgan, Kathy Mattea & Tim O'Brien, Chet Atkins & Mark Knopfler, Kenny Rogers & Dolly Parton, and Randy Travis & George Jones. Former MCA artists The Bellamy Brothers signed an agreement with Atlantic Records. Black Tie's "Learning The Game" release rocketed up the country charts and has thus far been tagged the highest charted independent single of the year. The Statler Brothers signed an agreement with TNN to host a new variety series. 30,000 Japanese country music fans gathered for the 2nd annual "Country Gold" concert festival in Kumamoto, Japan. Remember?

CASH BOX DECEMBER 29, 1990



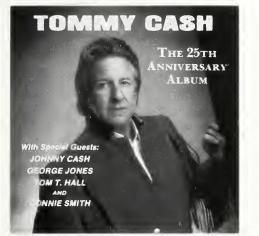
1990 #1 COUNTRY SINGLES

*	THAT JUST ABOUT DOES IT (Columbia)Vern Gosdin
*	NOBODY'S HOME (RCA)Clint Black
÷	MY ARMS STAY OPEN ALL NIGHT (Capitol)
*	SOUTHERN STAR (RCA) Alabama
*	FAST MOVIN' TRAIN (RCA) Restless Heart
•	HEARTBREAK HURRICANE (Reprise) Ricky Scaggs
•	ON SECOND THOUGHT (Capitol) Eddie Rabbitt
*	NO MATTER HOW HIGH (MCA)Oak Ridge Boys
•	CHAINS (MCA) Patty Loveless
•	SEEN' MY FATHER AND ME (RCA) Paul Overstreet
*	HARD ROCK BOTTOM (Warner Bros.)
•	HERE IN THE REAL WORLD (Arista)
•	LOVE ON ARRIVAL (Capitol) Dan Seals
•	WALKIN', TALKIN', CRYIN', BARELY BEATIN BROKEN HEART (Warner Bros.) Highway 101
	HELP ME HOLD ON (Warner Bros.)
*	WALKIN' AWAY (RCA)Clint Black
	I'M OVER YOU (RCA) Keith Whitley
	THE DOMINO THEORY (MCA) Steve Wariner
	I'VE CRIED MY LAST TEAR (Columbia) Ricky Van Shelton
	PASS IT ON DOWN (RCA) Alabama
	LOVE WITHOUT END, AMEN (MCA) George Strait
	WALK ON (MCA) Reba McEntire
	THE DANCE (Capitol) Garth Brooks
	ON DOWN THE LINE (MCA) Patty Loveless
	WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME (MCA) Vince Gill
	HE WALKED ON WATER (Warner Bros.) Randy Travis
*	GOOD TIMES (Capitol) Dan Seals
•	I'M GONNA BE A SOMEBODY (Warner Bros.)
•	NEXT TO YOU, NEXT TO ME (Columbia)
•	NOTHINGS NEWS (RCA)
	FOURTEEN MINUTES OLD (Epic)
	DRINKING CHAMPAGNE (MCA)
	WANTED (Arista)
	FRIENDS IN LOW PLACES (Capitol) Garth Brooks
	YOU LIE (MCA)
	TOO COLD AT HOME (MCA)
	A FEW OLE COUNTRY BOYS (Warner Bros.)
	YOU REALLY HAD ME GOING (Warner Bros.)
	THIS AINT MY FIRST RODEO (Columbia)
	CRAZY IN LOVE (MCA)
	THE NIGHT'S TOO LONG (MCA)
	COME NEXT MONDAY (RCA)
	PUT YOURSELF IN MY SHOES (RCA)Clint Black
	I'VE COME TO EXPECT IT FROM YOU (MCA)
	UNANSWERED PRAYERS (Capitol) Garth Brooks
	UNAUSTICED FRATERS (Capito)



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#1 Single: Garth Brooks



High Debut: Restless Heart #45 To Watch: Mark Chesnutt #15 #1 Indie: Black Tie #22

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UNANSWERED PRAYERS(Capitol 79381)	s /	47
2 FOREVER'S AS FAR AS I'LL GO (RCA 2706) Alabam		56
3 LIFE'S LITTLE UPS AND DOWNS (Columbia 73587) Ricky Van Shelto		39
4 I'VE COME TO EXPECT IT FROM YOU (MCA 53969) George Stra		1 8
5 NOW THAT WE'RE ALONE (Columbia 73569)		7 10
6 TURN IT ON, TURN IT UP, TURN ME LOOSE (Reprise 19543) Dwight Yoaka		5 10
7 PUT YOURSELF IN MY SHOES (RCA 2678)		28
8 RUMOR HAS IT (MCA 53970)		2 5
9 THESE LIPS DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY GOODBYE (EPIC 73570) Doug Ston		1 6
10 GHOST IN THIS HOUSE (Columbia 73520) Shenandoa		3 13
11 DADDY'S COME AROUND (RCA 2707) Paul Overstree		5 5
12 THERE FOR AWHILE (MCA 53936)		57
13 IT WON'T BE ME (Capitol 79338) Tanya Tucke		3 10
A FEW GOOD THINGS REMAIN (Mercury 301) Kathy Matte		7
15 BROTHER JUKEBOX (MCA 53965) Mark Chesnu	t 25	54
16 CHASIN' THAT NEON RAINBOW (Arista 2095) Alan Jackso	n (9 11
17 NEVER KNEW LONELY (MCA 53892) Vince Gi	1 10) 13
18 WE'VE GOT IT MADE (Capitol 79343)Lee Greenwoo	1 22	2 9
19 LOVE CAN BUILD A BRIDGE (CURB/RCA 2708) The Judd	s 30) 3
20 YOU'VE GOT TO STAND FOR SOMETHING (RCA 2664) Aaron Tippi		3 9
21 SAY IT'S NOT TRUE (MCA 53955) Lionel Cartwright	t 24	5
22 LEARNING THE GAME (Bench 2-7)Black Ti	26	5 7
23 COULDN'T LOVE HAVE PICKED A BETTER PLACE TO DIE (SOR 422)		
	/ 28	3 7
24 BACK IN MY YOUNGER DAYS (RCA 2677) Don William	s 11	15
25 SOUL AND INSPIRATION (RCA 2665)	s 31	4
26 COME ON BACK (Reprise 19564)Carlene Carte	r 13	9
27 COME NEXT MONDAY (RCA 2667) K.T. Osli	n 17	/ 13
28 ROLLIN' HOME (Capitol 79368)Pirates Of The Mississipp	i 32	2 6
29 SOMEONE ELSE'S TROUBLE NOW (Warner Bros. 19593) Highway 10	20) 14
30 CAN'T HAVE NOTHIN' (RCA 2635) Foster And Lloy	i 34	6
31 WALK ON FAITH (Columbia 73623) Mike Rei		4
32 PUT SOME DRIVE IN YOUR COUNTRY (Warner Bros. 19715) Travis Tri		11
33 WHAT A WAY TO GO (Atlantic 87960) Ray Kenned		12
34 YOU WIN AGAIN (Columbia 73567) Mary-Chapin Carpente		10
35 ROCK 'N' ROLL ANGEL (Mercury 878214)		12
36 THE NIGHT'S TOO LONG (MCA 53859) Patty Loveles		14
37 IT IS RAINING AT YOUR HOUSE (Columbia 73632) Vern Gosdi		2
38 CRAZY IN LOVE (MCA 79067) Conway Twitt		16
39 BABY DON'T DANCE (Soundwaves 4841) Larry Dalton Ban		5
40 THINGS ARE TOUGH ALL OVER (Epic 73521) Shelby Lynn		
41 WILL LOVE BRING HER AROUND (Arista 2081) Rob Crosb		
42 AMERICAN BOY (Capitol 79398) Eddie Rabbit		
43 IF YOU WANT ME TO (Epic 73637) Joe Diffi		
44 BORDERTOWN (Capitol 79320) Dan Seal		
45 LONG LOST FRIEND (RCA 2709) Restless Hear		BUT
45 VERONICA (Curb/Capitol 79352)John Andrew Park		_
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48 THOUGHTS ON THE FLAG (Playback/Laurie 4501)		
49 DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO (Arista 2129) Pam Tilli 50 DOCHOUSE (16TU August 2017)		
50 DOGHOUSE (16TH Avenue 70447)John Conle	55	3

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51	LITTLE THINGS (MCA 53975)	DFI	вит
	WHEN LOVE COMES CALLIN' (Curb/Capitol 79231)	41	12
	BREAKIN' ALL THE WAY (Epic 73578)	59	4
54	SO CLOSE (Original Sound 4599) Ron And Karen	57	6
55	HEARTACHE IN HIGH HEEL SHOES (Tail Texan 62) Billy Walker		6
56	BLUEBIRD (Capitol 79542) Anne Murray		BUT
	COWBOY RAP (Platinum Edge 28490)Jimmy Collins	60	6
	MY WAY OR THE HIGHWAY (Concorde IntERNATIONAL 501) Debra Dudley		5
	TAKE THE KEY TO MY HEART (Sundial 180) Emerald Eyes		5
	LITTLE THINGS (Bluemoon 1002)		3
_	UNCHAINED MELODY (Curb 035)	71	2
	IT WASN'T YOU, IT WASN'T ME (Mercury 878256)		
		DE	зит
63	WHY BABY WHY (Orbit 5900) Da-Kota	70	6
	IF IT WASN'T FOR LOVE (Round Robin 1890)Arne Benoni	66	6
65	CHANGE OF HEART (Door Knob 358) Sandy Eliwanger	61	7
66	TOO SOON AFTER TOO LATE (Harmony Street 6903) Dawn Anita	68	5
	WITH HIS HAND IN MINE (Cricket 27906) Cricket Rhodes	69	3
and the second second	IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN (Interstate 4019) Eddie Lee Carr	74	4
69	THE LORD OF BIRMINGHAM (Badger 2009) B. T. Kern	72	6
	I STILL LOVE YOU (Fraternity 3561) Tera Lynn	73	5
	EYES AS BIG AS TEXAS (OL 146) Glenda Sue Foster	76	4
	I'LL ALWAYS HAVE YOUR MEMORY (Silver Stirrup 350) Walter Plant	79	2
	I'M READY FOR JUST ONE MORE BROKEN (Sibley 90001) Grace Miller	78	4
	FACE TO FACE (Rolling Thunder 777)	75	5
75	DON'T TELL MY HEART (Harmony Street 6905)	80	4
76	IT AIN'T THAT FAR BACK TO KENTUCKY (Door Knob 90573)		
		83	3
77	HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS(Killer131) James Fransen	77	6
78	IN MY DREAMS & IN MY MIND(Buck Creek28371)George Roberson	81	4
79	I KNOW A LITTLE(VCA101)	82	3
80	IT'S AFTER MIDNIGHT(Lost Gold1011)	DEE	3UT
81	COMING HOME(Destiny002) Erick Backlund	DEE	BUT
82	I'M GONNA STOP DREAMING(Ridgewood3016)	84	2
83	YOU MUST BE THINKING OF SOMEBODY (Playback 1348) Cheryl K. Warner	86	2
84	MAJOR MELT DOWN(SOA0030)Ginger	DEE	3UT
85	YET(Arista2075)	42	17
86	THIS AIN'T MY FIRST RODEO(Columbia73491) Vem Gosdin	43	18
87	HEADIN' FOR ARMAGEDDON(Caprice2370)	90	2
88	AIN'T NECESSARILY SO (Columbia 73518) Willie Nelson	44	13
89	TEXASVILLE (GBS 811)	DEE	3UT
90	SLOW HEALING HEART (Columbia 73498)Dolly Parton	47	5
91	WHOLE LOTTA LOVE ON THE LINE (16th Ave. 8588) Charley Pride	49	6
92	GAME CALLED LOVE (Soundwaves 4840) Jim Martin	51	9
93	COUNTRY ROCK AND ROLL (WTM 7727) Josiah	54	5
94	THE PLACE WHERE WE LOVE (615 1028) Billy J. Smith	62	7
95	MOONSHADOW ROAD (Capitol 79269)	67	16
96	YOU REALLY HAD ME GOING (Warner Bros. 19756)	85	19
97	WOMEN IN CHAINS (Barn Burner 3135)	87	7
98	FEED THIS FIRE (Capitol 79189)Anne Murray	88	19
99	WHAT WE REALLY WANT (Columbia 73517)	89	13
100	THE KING OF COLUMBUS AVENUE (Stop Hunger 1102) Scott Carter	91	9

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#1 ALBUM:

Garth Brooks

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TO WATCH: K.T. Oslin #6

1	NO FENCES (Capitol 93866) Garth Brooks	1	16
	PUT YOURSELF IN MY SHOES (RCA 2372) Clint Black	2	• 7
	RUMOR HAS IT (MCA 10016) Reba McEntire HEROES & FRIENDS (Warner Bros. 26310) Randy Travis	3	15
	WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME (MCA 42321)	4 5	13 34
Contractor	LOVE IN A SMALL TOWN (RCA 2365)	8	6
7	LIVIN' IT UP (MCA 6415)	7	30
9	PICKIN' ON NASHVILLE (Mercury 838744) Kentucky HeadHunters	9 6	7 56
	HERE IN THE REAL WORLD (Arista 8623) Alan Jackson	11	41
11	KILLIN' TIME (RCA 9668) Clint Black TOO COLD AT HOME (MCA 10032) Mark Chesnutt	12	83
12	A COLLECTION OF HITS (Mercury 842330)	13 10	10 17
14	GARTH BROOKS (Capitol 90897) Garth Brooks	18	71
	RICKY VAN SHELTON III (Columbia45250) Ricky Van Shelton	15	46
16 17	LOVE CAN BUILD A BRIDGE (RCA/Curb 2070)	14 16	14 9
18	GREATEST HITS (RCA 2277) Keith Whitley	17	18
19 20	PASS IT ON (RCA 2108)	19 21	28 28
21	INTERIORS (Columbia 46079) Rosanne Cash	20	8
22	COUNTRY CLUB (Warner Bros 26094) Travis Tritt	22	38
	NECK AND NECK (Columbia 45307) Chet Atkins/Mark Knopfler SHOOTING STRAIGHT IN THE DARK (Columbia 46077) Mary-Chapin Carpenter	24 23	8 9
	A THOUSAND WINDING ROADS (Epic 46047) Joe Diffie	26	11
26	TEXAS TORNADOS (Reprise 26251)	27	19
27 28	I FELL IN LOVE (Reprise 26139) Carlene Carler DOUG STONE (Epic 45303) Doug Stone	25 28	16 35
29	CRAZY IN LOVE (MCA 10027) Conway Twitty	30	12
30	COWBOY SONGS (Warner Bros. 26308) Michael Martin Murphey	31	16
31 32	BORN FOR TROUBLE (Columbia 45492) Willie Nelson 10 YEARS OF GREATEST HITS (Columbia 45409) Vem Gosdin	29 32	9 18
33	NO HOLDIN' BACK (Warner Bros 25988)	35	61
34	LEAVE THE LIGHT ON (RCA 9594) Lorrie Morgan	33	72
35 36	BRAND NEW DANCE (Warner Bros. 26309) Emmylou Harris ABSOLUTE TORCH AND TWANG (Warner Bros/Sire 25877) K.D. Lang	36 39	9 45
37	LOVE IS STRANGE (Reprise 26289)	34	13
38	THE EAGLE (Epic 46104) Waylon Jennings	38	22
39 40	12 GREATEST HITS (MCA 12) Patsy Cline GREATEST HITS (Curb/RCA 8318) The Judds	37 41	35 34
41	ON DOWN THE LINE (MCA 6401) Patty Loveless	40	30
42 43	GREATEST HITS (Capitol 94259)	42 43	13 9
44	TOUGH ALL OVER (Epic 46066)	45	20
45	ALWAYS AND FOREVER (Warner Bros. 25568) Randy Travis	44	34
46 47	HILLBILLY ROCK (MCA 42312) Marty Stuart HEART FULL OF LOVE (Warner Bros. 26173) Heart Full OF LOVE (Warner Bros. 26173)	46 47	34 28
48	GREATEST HITS (Warner Bros. 26253)	48	13
49	SIMPLE MAN (Epic 45316)	50	56
50 51	THE LIGHTS OF HOME (RCA 2114) Baillie & The Boys PIRATES OF THE MISSISSIPPI (Capitol 94389) Pirates Of The Mississippi	52 57	27 19
52	LIVE AT LIBERTY LUNCH (MCA 10095) Joe Ely	53	7
53	TRUE LOVE (RCA 2407)	49	7
54 55	HIGHWAYMAN 2 (Columbia 45240) Waylon, Willie, Johnny & Kris OUT OF THE SHADOWS (Atlantic 82104) Billy Joe Royal	54 56	42 24
56	GREATEST HITS, VOL II (MCA 42035) George Strait	58	20
57 58	GEORGE STRAIT'S GREATEST HITS (MCA5567) George Strait BLUE JUNGLE (Curb 77313) Merle Haggard	55 51	12 24
59	LONE WOLF (Warner Bros/Curb 26090)Hank Williams Jr.	59	44
	THIS WOMEN (RCA 8369) K.T. Oslin	60	11
51 62	YOU WILL (Capitol 94102) Anne Murray YOU OUGHTA BE HERE WITH ME (Epic 46028)	68 63	16 16
63	WILLOW IN THE WIND (Mercury 836950)	61	84
64	STORMS OF LIFE (Warner Bros. 25435) Randy Travis	62 64	6
65 66	LYLE LOVETT & HIS LARGE BAND (MCA/Curb42263) Lyle Lovett WHITE LIMOZEEN (Columbia 44384)	64 67	31 77
67	MUSIC, MEMORIES AND YOU (Mercury 842518) The Statler Brothers	66	20
68 69	GREATEST HITS III (Warner Bros/Curb 25834) Hank Williams Jr. FAST MOVIN' TRAIN (RCA 9961) Restless Heart	65 70	95 46
70	HEART OVER MIND (Epic 46238)	74	5
71	KEYS TO THE HIGHWAY (Columbia 45242)	72	56
72 73	TIM RYAN (Epic 45270) Tim Ryan GREATEST HITS (RCA 7170) Alabama	73 75	10 34
74	WHAT A WAY TO GO (Atlantic 82109) Ray Kennedy	71	3
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TOP 50 ALBUMS

- 1. CLINT BLACK KILLIN' TIME RCA
- KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS PICKIN' ON NASHVILLE MERCURY 2.
- GEORGE STRAIT LIVIN' IT UP MCA 3. 4. GARTH BROOKS - GARTH BROOKS - CAPTTOL

- GARTH BROOKS GARTH BROOKS CHITOL
 REBA MCENTIRE REBA LIVEI MCA
 ALABAMA PASS IT ON DOWN RCA
 KEITH WHITLEY I WONDER IF YOU THINK OF ME RCA
 RANDY TRAVIS NO HOLDIN' BACK WARNER BROS.
- HANK WILLIAMS JR. LONE WOLF WARNER BROS.
 KATHY MATTEA A COLLECTION OF HITS MERCURY
- 11. VINCE GILL WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME MCA
- H. VINCE GILL- WHEN I CALL FOON WARD- MCA
 RANDY TRAVIS HEROS & FRIENDS WARNER BROS.
 WILLE NELSON A HORSE CALLED MUSIC COLUMBIA
 ALABAMA SOUTHERN STAR RCA
 GEORGE STRAIT BEYOND THE BLUE NEON MCA
 ALAN JACKSON HERE IN THE REAL WORLD ARISTA
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- 17. TRAVIS TRITT COUNTRY CLUB WARNER BROS.
- 18. KEITH WHITLEY GREATEST HITS RCA
- REITH WHITLEY GREATEST HITS KCA
 REBA MCENTIRE RUMOR HAS IT MCA
 WAYLON, WILLIE, JOHINNY & CHRIS HIGHWAYMAN 2 COLUMBIA
 CLINT BLACK PUT YOURSELF IN MY SHOES RCA
 DOLLY PARTON WHITE LIMOZEEN COLUMBIA
 THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND SIMPLE MAN EPIC
 SAWYER BROWN THE BOYS ARE BACK CURB/CAPITOL

- 25. ALABAMA PASS IT ON RCA

26. HANK WILLIAMS JR. - AMERICA (THE WAY I SEE IT) - WARNER BROS. 27. THE JUDDS - LOVE CAN BUILD A BRIDGE - CURB/RCA 28. RESTLESS HEART - FAST MOVIN' TRAIN - RCA 29. PATTY LOVELESS - HONKY TONK ANGEL - MCA 30. k.d. LANG - ABSOLUTE TORCH AND TWANG - WARNER BROS. 31. KATHY MATTEA - A COLLECTION OF HITS - MERCURY 32. SHENANDOAH - EXTRA MILE - EPIC 33. CARLENE CARTER - I FELL IN LOVE - REPRISE 34. MARK CHESNUTT - TO COLD AT HOME - MCA 35. K.T. OSLIN - LOVE IN A SMALL TOWN - RCA 36. DAN SEALS - LOVE ON ARRIVAL - CAPITOL 37. VERN GOSDIN - ALONE - COLUMBIA 38. DOUG STONE - DOUG STONE - EPIC 39. LORRIE MORGAN - LEAVE THE LIGHT ON - RCA 40. DWIGHT YOAKAM - JUST LOOKIN' FOR A HIT - REPRISE 41. KATHY MATTEA - WILLOW IN THE WIND - MERCURY 42. WAYLON JENNINGS - THE EAGLE - EPIC WATLONEY CROWELL - KEYS TO THE HICHWAY - COLUMBIA
 RODNEY CROWELL - KEYS TO THE HICHWAY - COLUMBIA
 PAUL OVERSTS - ON DOWN THE LINE - MCA
 SHENANDOAH - THE ROAD NOT TAKEN - COLUMBIA
 PAUL OVERSTREET - SOWIN' LOVE - RCA
 DWIGHT YOAKAM - IF THERE WAS A WAY - REPRISE 48. TANYA TUCKER - TENNESSEE WOMAN - CAPITOL 49. MARTY STUART - HILLBILLY ROCK - MCA 50. EDDIE RABBITT - JERSEY BOY - CAPITOL



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TOP FEMALE ARTISTS 1. REBA MCENTIRE - MCA 2. KATHY MATTEA - MERCURY 3. LORRI MORGAN - RCA 4. PATTY LOVELESS - MCA 5. EMMYLOU HARRIS - WARNER BROS.



TOP NEW FEMALE ARTISTS 1. CARLENE CARTER - WARNER BROS. SHELBY LYNNE - EPIC
 JANN BROWNE - CURB 4. MATRACA BERG - RCA 5. KELLY WILLIS - MCA



TOP GROUPS ALABAMA - RCA SHENANDOAH - COLUMBIA 2. 3. JUDDS - RCA **RESTLESS HEART - RCA** 4.

SAWYER BROWN - CAPITOL



TOP NEW GROUPS 1. KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS - MERCURY 2. TEXAS TORNADO - REPRISE 3. PIRATES OF MISSISSIPPI - CAPITOL

- **TOP MALE ARTISTS**
- 1. GARTH BROOKS CAPITOL
- 2. RANDY TRAVIS WARNER BROS.
- 3. GEORGE STRAIT MCA
- HANK WILLIAMS JR. WARNER BROS.
- 5. CLIINT BLACK RCA



TOP NEW MALE ARTISTS ALAN JACKSON - ARISTA
 TRAVIS TRITT - WARNER BROS.
 DOUG STONE - EPIC MARTY STUART - MCA 5. MARK CHESNUIT - MCA

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TOP 50 COUNTRY SINGLES ALABAMA - PASS IT ON DOWN - RCA SHENANDOAH - NEXT TO YOU - COLUMBIA THE JUDDS - BORN TO BE BLUE - RCA 2 3 ALABAMA - HIGH COTTON - RCA 4 GEORGE STRAIT - LOVE WITHOUT END, AMEN - MCA 5 GARTH BROOKS - IF TOMORROW NEVER COMES - CAPITOL CLINT BLACK - KILLIN' TIME - RCA REBAMCENTIRE - YOU LIE - MCA
 PATTY LOVELESS - CHAINS - MCA
 VINCE GILL - WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME - MCA 11. CLINT BLACK - NOBODYS HOME - RCA 12. PATTY LOVELESS - CHAINS - MCA 13. RANDY TRAVIS - HARD ROCK BOTTOM - WARNER BROS. HANDY THAVIS - HAND ROCK BOTTOM - WARNER BROS.
 TANYA TUCKER - MY ARMS STAY OPEN ALL NIGHT - CAPITOL
 GEORGE STRAIT - DRINKING CHAMPACNE - MCA
 MARK CHESNUTT - TOO COLD AT HOME - MCA
 TRAVIS TRITT - I'M GONNA BE SOMEBODY - WARNER BROS. 18. SHENANDOAH - NEXT TO YOU, NEXT TO ME - COLUMBIA 19. PAUL OVERSTREET - THE RICHEST MAN ON EARTH - RCA 20. VERN GOSDIN - THAT JUST ABOUT DOES IT - COLUMBIA 21. ALABAMA - SOUTHER STAR - RCA 22. RESTLESS HEART - FAST MOVIN' TRAIN - RCA 23. EDDIE RABBITT - ON SECOND THOUGHT - CAPITOL 24. THE OAK RIDGE BOYS - NO MATTER HOW HIGH - MCA 25. PAUL OVERSTREET - SEEIN' MY FATHER - RCA

TOP MALE ARTISTS

- 1. GEORGE STRAIT MCA
- GARTH BROOKS CAPITOL
 ALAN JACKSON ARISTA
 RICKY VAN SHELTON COLUMBIA
- 5. CLINT BLACK RCA
- TOP NEW MALE ARTISTS
- 1. MARK CHESNUIT MCA
- JOE DIFFIE EPIC
- MARTY STUART MCA 3
- 4. TRAVIS TRITT WARNER BROS.
- 5. MARK COLLIE MCA
- TOP FEMALE ARTISTS
- 1. REBA MCENTIRE MCA
- KATHY MATTEA MERCURY 2.
- HOLLY DUNN WARNER BROS. PATTY LOVELESS - MCA 4.
- 5. K.T. OSLIN RCA



MUSIC PUBLISHER

- 1. TREE/CROSSKEYS
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COMPOSER

- 1. MIKE REID
- 2. CLINT BLACK 3. HAYDEN NICHOLS
- ALAN JACKSON
 VERN GOSDEN
- COMPOSER/PERFORMER
- CLINT BLACK
- STEVE WARINER
- PAUL OVERSTREET 3.
- ALAN JACKSON 4
- 5. SKIP EWING
- SINGLES LABEL
- 1. MCA
- 2. RCA
- 3. WARNER BROS.
- 4. MERCURY
- COLUMBIA 5.
- ALBUM LABEL
- 1. MCA
- 3. WARNER BROS.
- 4. MERCURY

2. RCA

5. COLUMBIA

26. ALAN JACKSON - HERE IN THE REAL WORLD - ARISTA 27. DAN SEALS - LOVE ON ARRIVAL - CAPITOL 28. ALABAMA - JUKEBOX IN MYMIND - RCA 29. REBA MENTIRE - YOU LIE - MCA 30. VINCE GILL - WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME - MCA 31. K.T. OSLIN - COME NEXT MONDAY - RCA 32. ALAN JACKSON - WANTED - ARISTA 33. CLINT BLACK - PUT YOURSELF IN MY SHOES - RCA 34. VINCE GILL - NEVER KNEW LONLEY - MCA St. VINCE GILL - NEVER NEW BONDET - MCA
 PATTY LOVELESS - THE NIGHT'S TO LONG - MCA
 CONWAY TWITTY - CRAZY IN LOVE - MCA
 THE JUDDS - BORN TO BE BLUE - CURB/RCA
 VERN GOSDIN - THIS AIN'T MY FIRST RODEO - COLUMBIA
 DOUG STONE - FOURTEEN MINUTES OLD - EPIC 40. HOLLY DUNN - YOU REALLY HAD ME GOING - WARNER BROS. 41. RANDY TRAVIS/GEORGE JONES - A FEW GOOD OLE BOYS - WARNER BROS. 42. DAN SEALS - GOOD TIMES - CAPITOL 43. HIGHWAY 101 - WALKIN', TALKIN', BEATIN' BROKEN HEART - WARNER BROS. 44. LIONEL CARTWRIGHT - I WATCHED ALL ON MY RADIO - MCA 45. SHENANDOAH - GHOST IN THIS HOUSE - MCA 46. ALAN JACKSON - CHASING THAT NEON RAINBOW - ARISTA 47. EXILE - YET - ARISTA 48. JOE DIFFIE - HOME - EPIC 49. STEVE WARINER - PRECIOUS THINGS - MCA 50. MARTY STUART - WESTERN GIRLS - MCA

TOP NEW FEMALE ARTISTS

- 1. MARY-CHAPIN CARPENTER COLUMBIA
- 2. CARLENE CARTER WARNER BROS.
- 3. MATRACA BERG RCA
- 4. SHELBY LYNNE EPIC
- 5. JANN BROWNE CURB

TOP GROUP

- 1. ALABAMA-RCA
- 2. SHÉNANDOAH COLUMBIA
- 3. OAK RIDGE BOYS MCA 4. RESTLESS HEART - RCA
- 5. EXILE ARISTA

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TOP NEW GROUP

- 1. KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS MERCURY
- 2. PIRATES OF THE MISSISSIPPI CAPITOL
- 3. WILD ROSE MCA

TOP DUET

- 1. THE JUDDS RCA
- 2. VINCE GILL AND REBA MCENTIRE MCA
- 3. TANYA TUCKER AND T. GRAHAM BROWN CAPITOL
- TOP NEW DUET
- VINCE GILL AND REBA MCENTIRE MCA
 KATHY MATTEA AND TIM O'BRIEN MERCURY
- 3. ANNE MURRAY AND KENNY ROGERS REPRISE





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- 3. AUDREY HUNYCUTT T&M
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- 5. SANDY ELLWANGER DOOR KNOB

TOP GROUP

- 1. ANDI & THE BROWNS DOOR KNOB
- 2. TOUCH OF COUNTRY OL
- 3. LARRY DALTON BAND SOUNDWAVE
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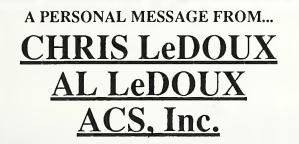
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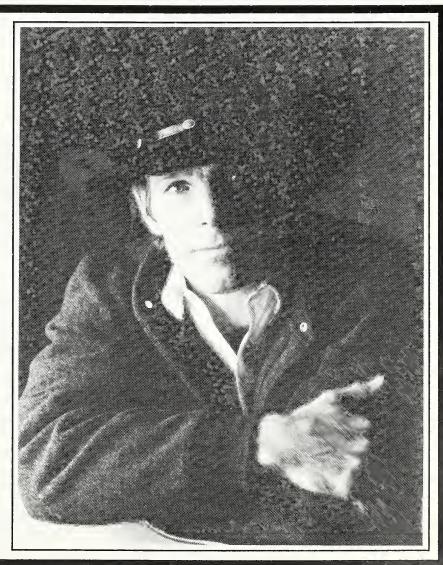
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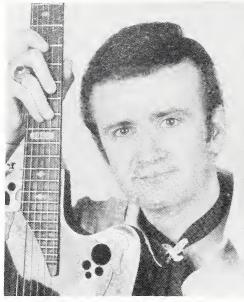
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Most Added Singles

(Singles receiving the most new adds this week)

- 1. RESTLESS HEART--- "Long Lost Friend"--- RCA
- 2. EXILE-"There You Go"-Arista
- 3. MARTY STUART---"Little Things"---MCA

Most Active Singles

- (Singles receiving the most reports this week)
- 1. GARTH BROOKS-"Unanswered Prayers"-Capitol
- 2. ALABAMA—"Forever's As Far As I'll Go"—RCA
- 3. DOUG STONE—"These Lips Don't Know How To Say Goodbye"—Epic

)Most Conversions

- (Singles converting from an add to a number)
- 1. VERN GOSDIN--- "Is It Raining At Your House"--- Columbia
- 2. JOHN ANDREW PARKS--- "Veronica"-Curb/Capitol
- 3. JOE DIFFIE—"If You Want Me To"—Epic

Hot Phones

(Singles receiving the most requests)

- 1. GARTH BROOKS---"Unanswered Prayers"---Capitol
- 2. ALABAMA—"Forever's As Far As I'll Go"—RCA
- 3. RICKY VAN SHELTON---"Life's Little Ups And Downs"-RCA

Hot Cuts

- 1. CLINT BLACK-"Muddy Water" Put Yourself In My Shoes-RCA
- 2. MARTY STUART-"Me And Billy The Kid" Hilbilly Rock-MCA
- 3. SUZY BOGGUSS—"Fear Of Flying" Moment Of Truth—Capitol

J.D.'s Corner



Freddy Fender, Doug Sahm, Augle Meyers and Flaco Jimenez are all enjoying a second debut as the Texas Tornados. The group appeared along with Alan Jackson and Larry Gatiln & The Gatlin Brothers at KIKK Radio's 9th Annual Free Fall Concert on October 13th in Houston's Hermann Park. Houston Park Police estimated that 28,000 KIKKers came out to enjoy the Tornado's "conjunto" music. Pictured from (I-r) are: Augie Meyers, KIKK's Joe Ladd, Freddy Fender, Flaco Jimenez and Doug Sahm.

THUMBS UP TO THESE CASH BOX STATIONS AND DJS FOR THEIR CONSISTENCY IN REPORTING: George Kelly, WOZI, Presque Isle, Maine;

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

INDIE INSIGHT



During the recent International Assn. of Fair Managers Convention held in Las Vegas, Nevada, country great Mickey Gilley took a moment to greet and pose with recording artists Jody Miller and Robin Brooks, who are currently performing at the Desert Inn throughout the month of December. Pictured from (I-r) are: Al Embry, agent; Gilley; Miller; Brooks; and Nashville talent agent Billy Deaton.

■ INDIE SINGLE REVIEW

C RONNIE RUSSELL: "Since I Lost You" (Killer K-134AA)

Producer: Tommy Dee

Writers: J.L. Crabb/S. McElwain

As Russell's gravely tenor vocals latch on to the emotions of a heartbroken soul, the remainder of the ~~ "Since I Lost You" single takes control—causing the listener to compare his own personal heartaches to those which are revealed in such lyrics of melancholy. Although "Since I Lost You" ultimately produces a bleak reflection of love, elements of hope and inspiration also shine through as Russell delivers a commanding performance built with ernest talent, heart-hooking vocals and complete sincerity. A sensual melody and keen production also join hand-in-hand to provide a sure audience pleaser.

REDNECK THE BAND: "Caring Less And Less About More And More"
(Zamgonz ZLG-1017)

□ GARY PAUL O'CONNELL: "Lone Star Goodbye" (Pristine PR-6790-1) □ FRANK LOWE: "Trash Man" (Hilton HR-1032-A)

UFRANK LOWE: "Irash Man" (Hilton HR-1032-A)

□ SONNY PERRY: "Ever Since You Left (You've Been Gone" (Sundial SR-186)

D BOB LITREAL: "Hot Pursuit" (Fraternity F-3562-A)

DAVID CHAMBERLAIN: "I Finally Made It" (Country International 228-A)
 SHANNONN McCONNELL: "Too Much Too Soon" (Lost Gold LG-1016A)
 JAY HOLLEY: "Between The Lines" (Cover CV-111290-A)

UP AND COMING

Dec. 29, 1990 Independent product most likely to reach the Top 100 Country Chart

	1	CHICO, CALIFORNIA (AMC)
	2	TRASH MAN (Hilton) Frank Lowe
1	3	ONE KISS AT A TIME (Phono)
	4	A MESSAGE TO UNCLE SAM (Sundial) Marty Cleghorn
	5	ANYTIME(Hangin' Gold)Lisa Rich
	6	I WASHED MY HANDS IN MUDDY WATER (AMI) Bobby Rich
	7	TAKE A LITTLE TIME (Player)
	8	THANKS BUT NO THANKS (Player) Danny Roy
	9	SINCE I LOST YOU (Killer) Ronnie Russell
	10	OUTLAW COUNTRY BAND (NCT)Cyndiey Jeann
	11	ON THE PHONE AGAIN (Soundwaves) Dr. Elmo
	12	BETWEEN THE LINES (Cover) Jay Holley
	13	JUST YOU AND ME MOM (Door Knob)
	14	THE LOTTERY MILLIONAIRE (K-Ark)Buck Trent
	15	CARELESS MOON (Stargern) S.H.U.C.K.S.
	16	MARY JANE (Gallery II) David Vincent
	17	HOW ARE THINGS IN PARADISE (Sundial)
	18	WAVE DADDY BYE BYE (NCP) Larry Butler
	19	LOOKING FOR ME (Holton)
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■ SINGLE RELEASES

OUT OF THE BOX

D MATRACA BERG: "I Got It Bad" (RCA 2710-7-RAA)

Producers: Wendy Waldman/Josh Leo

Writers: Matraca Berg/Jim Photoglo

When opening a 12-dozen carton of eggs and one of the eggs is brown, which egg would perhaps receive the most attention? Exactly! Berg is simply one of those few artists whose writing, vocals and genuine personality are totally different, and such qualities, in addition to some top-notch singles, have brought her into the country scene by storm. "I Got It Bad" sparks one of the most unusual cuts from Berg's Lying To The Moon LP. The lyrics are quite simple-revealing how love can often get the best of us, but as they ride along Berg's haunting vocals and this cut's fun-n-lazy tempo, "I Got It Bad" comes off sounding like one in a million. Production that sparkles and slick instrumentation on this number line up perfectly with Berg's free-spirited delivery-turning "I Got It Bad" into one good egg.

FEATURE PICKS

□ HANK WILLIAMS, JR.: "I Mean I Love You" (Warner Bros./Curb CD4606) Producers: Barry Beckett/Hank Williams, Jr./Jim Ed Norman

Writer: Hank Williams, Jr.

This former Entertainer of the Year continues to entertain and it's cuts like this which earn him such praise. "I Mean I Love You," which comes from Hank's Lone Wolf project, whips out some mushy lyrics, fancy piano work and a firecracker voice, joined together to create a great two-stepper.

BAILLIE & THE BOYS: "Treat Me Like A Stranger" (RCA 2720-7-RAA)

Producer: Kyle Lehning

Writers: Michael Bonagura/Peter McCann

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ACOUSTIC ASCAP—Signed and unsigned songwriters and bands were introduced to the music industry and convention goers recently at this year's CMJ (College Music Journal) convention when ASCAP presented an Acoustic Showcase at New York City's Bitter End. Featured at the show and among those pictured (I-r) are: Dan Zanes of RCA recording act The Del Fuegos; singer/songwriter Jamie Rubin; ASCAP's Debbie Rose; Windham Hill recording artist John Gorka; singer/songwriter Melissa Ferrick; ASCAP's Lisa Schmidt; and Geffen artist Willi Jones.



Following their recent sold-out show at The Ritz in New York City, members of MCA/Mechanic group, Trixter, celebrated backstage with members of their MCA fan club. Pictured above (I-r/top row) are: Mark Scott, Pete Loran, P.J. Farley and Steve Brown of Trixter. (L-r/bottom row) are: Ken Makow, Shark Management; Susan Henderson, director of creative services, MCA Music Publishing; Joel Weinshenker, Shark Management; and Steve Sinclair, Mechanic/MCA.



Recording artist David Benoit recently agreed to a worldwide co-publishing deal with Warner/Chappell Music. Pictured backstage following a Benoit concert (I-r) are: Shopan Entesari, Warner/Chappell co-director of Film & TV music; Benoit; Arlo Chan, WCM legal & business affairs; and Brad Rosenberger, WCM co-director film & TV music.



DOIN' IT THE HARD WAY: Country/rock singer Steve Earle recently headlined The Roxy in Hollywood, concentrating on his current album for MCA Records, *The Hard Way*. Pictured backstage after the show are (I-r) are: Teresa Ensenat, vice president, A&R, MCA Records; AI Teller, chairman, MCA Music Entertainment Group; Earle; and Jeff Jones, vice president, marketing, East Coast, MCA Records.



Recording group Deee-Lite has signed on with Virgin Music. Pictured in New York (I-r) are: Deee-Lite's "Lady Miss Kier;" Super D.J. DiMitri; attorney Ina Meibach; Virgin's David Steel; Deee-Lite's Jungle D.J. Towa Towa; and attorney Barry Reiss.

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CDs continued their upward surge, and DATs remained primarly the stuff of Christmas future. Boxed sets were increasingly pressed up, as labels realized by the cartonload that consumers would willingly shell out big bucks for fancy, seemingly definitive collections of their fave raves. Bo Diddley, the Bee Gees, Led Zeppelin, Jelly Roll Morton, Robert Johnson (the success story of the year in the reissue department), Elton John, Eric Clapton (boxed set II), the Byrds, Roy Orbison, Sidney Bechet, Frank Sinatra...the list seemed endless, the stacks of boxes reaching to the ceiling.

Not reaching to the ceiling, but quickly overstuffing landfills, were CD longboxes. What to do? How to package the CD so that stores could safely and attractively display them but buyers didn't have a hunk of cardboard to dispose of as soon as they got home? Ban the Box became a crusade, with artists like Peter Gabriel and Raffi nixing the cardboard for their releases. A&M says that the new Sting album, due next month, will try out a piece of cardboard that actually folds down into its own container. It's a noble cause and the tip of an ages old battle: the needs of the retailers vs. the needs of the manufacturers. Stay tuned.

Causes? AIDS led the list, and not a moment too soon. Saving the rainforests and animals were in there too, and fighting censorship, real or imagined, got some worthy backs up. Losses? Sarah Vaughan, Leonard Bernstein, Dexter Gordon, Pearl Bailey, Sammy Davis Jr., Aaron Copland and Art Blakey, to name a few. No great loss? Milli Vanilli. (Although one suspects that the lip-synching issue will continue to haunt us. Some critics,

on their high horse, say, "Hey, it's okay if acts lip-synch, as long as it doesn't hurt the entertainment value of the performance." Others, on perhaps higher horses say, "Lip-synchers?!? Banish the bastards!!!" We say, Why doesn't somebody ask the kids what they think. And as for NARAS' taking the New Artist Grammy from Milli Vanilli: Does that mean the Simpsons won't be eligible for the prize next year?)

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Paul Simon, on the *Rhythm of the Saints*, wrote something to the effect that while the music suffers, the music business thrives. We leave you with that: sufferers, thrivers, samplers, lip-synchers, moguls, staffers and fans. And anybody we somehow neglected.

YEAR END BITS AND PIECES: David Bowie and EMI Records USA have ended their seven-year relationship. "Amicably," we're told... Rick Dees, he of *Rick Dees Weekly Top 40*, and Wally Clark, he who executive produces it, have gotten together to form CD Media, which will sell and market the show after the first of the year, when its deal with Unistar Radio Network runs out... CBS Fox Video will release five titles in a new "Hall of Fame Collection" series, spotlighting artists who are members of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame: Jerry Lee Lewis Live in London, Bob Dylan: Hard to Handle, Simon & Garfunkel: The Concert in Central Park, Paul McCartney's Give My Regards to Broad Street and Mick Jagger in Running Out of Luck. All will list for \$19.98 and will be available on Jan. 17, the day after this year's Hall of Fame induction ceremonies... Whitney Houston will warble the national anthem at the Super Bowl, Jan. 27 in Tampa.

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1990 REVIEW

(Asynopsis of happenings in the coin-op industry as reported in *Cash Box* over the past 12 months).

JANUARY: Paul R. Scribner is appointed national sales manager of the Jukebox Division at Pioneer Laser Entertainment...Data East offers guarantee on solid state flipper coils which eliminates the possibility of flipper coin burnout for at least one year...Arachnid, Inc. became a member of the AMOA/Dart Assn., joining Merit and Valley as the three manufacsponsors of turer AMOA/NDA...Atari releases Four Trax, its deluxe new off-road simulation game; along with its Badlands universal driving kit...Shadow Dancer is the newly intro'd kit from Sega...Eight winners received fully stocked, classic-design jukeboxes from Miller High Life and AMOA as the grand prizes awarded in a radio contest which was held in conjunction with the 100th anniversary celebration of the jukebox ... Among other new products introduced this month were Bally's Tri-Sports which incorporates three video sports games into one cabinet; Williams' Bad Cats pinball machine; Atari's Skull & Crossbones kit; and two new kits from Capcom, namely, Final Fight and Buster Bros.

FEBRUARY: Taito America Corp. settled into its spacious new facilities at 390 Holbrook Drive in Wheeling, IL...Mondial International Corp. organized a new distributing company, Mondial Distributing, Inc., which will take over Mondial International's distribution operations in Springfield, New Jersey, with Anthony P. Yula, Sr., remaining in charge as senior veepee and Anthony J. Yula, as executive veepee...Klaxx, which is based on an abstract puzzle theme, was recently intro'd by Atari...Konami's Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, after providing a much needed shot in the arm in the marketplace, is as strong as ever, and will remain in production for as long as the demand continues...An AMOA Pinball Promotion Committee has been formed to coincide with the celebration, in 1990, of the pinball's 60th anniversary...With regard to the parallel issue (specifically the Red Baron versus Taito case) the Supreme Court has decided not to hear the case, meaning the decision of the 4th Circuit Court, stating that it is legal to buy and sell parallel printed circuit boards, but illegal to "publicly perform" them, still stands...Bob Lentz joins Midway Manufacturing Company as sales

manager for the Bally pinball and Bally/Midway video product lines...AMOA's second annual "Play Your Heart Out" jukebox promo gets underway...Jaleco moves into modern, more spacious new facilities in Northbrook, Illinois...Ameri Corporation, one of the industry's newest manufacturing firms, releases its first product, Ameri-Darts...Ben Rochetti departed his post as veepee of production at Taito America to pursue other interests...Pioneer hosted a series of regional meetings for the purpose of setting up a U.S. distrib network for the marketing of its CD and video jukeboxes...James E. Griffiths is promoted to vice president of international operations at Valley...Among other new products intro'd this month are SNK's Search and Rescue video upright and Williams's Whirlwind pin.

MARCH: A new subscription service called Record Source International has been formed for the purpose of providing jukebox ops with much needed 45 vinyl records...Interest in redemption machines continues mount...ACME '90 gets underway in Chicago's Hyatt Regency...Cleveland Coin announces plans to open a branch in Indianapolis...American Vending Sales has been appointed a distributor of Williams' pin/video products in Illinois...The trade mourns the death of industry patriarch Jack Gordon...What with ACME '90 and all, a number of new pieces made their debut this month, including Bally's Game Show pin, Konami's Aliens video, Data East's Phantom Of The Opera pin, Gottlieb's Silver Slugger pin, SNK's NEO-GEO system, Grand Product's Slick Shot, Taito's Battle Shark, Bally Midway's Trog, Bromley's Little Pro Golfer, FABTEK's Sports March and Raiden kits, Sega's G-Loc, to name a few...Bernie Powers joins Merit as director of marketing ... Total attendance at ACME '90 was 5,257 (up from '89) and, likewise, the number of exhibiting firms as well as the amount of exhibit space reflected significant increases. Event scored good grades in the trade.

APRIL: Atlas Dist. of Chicago is in the process of opening up a branch office in Indianapolis...A jukebox licensing agreement has been reached and the fee structure is: \$275 per year for the first machine; dropping to \$55 each for two to ten machines; and \$48 each for eleven or more machines...*Cadash* and *WGP* were recently intro'd by Taito...**Carson City Mfg.**, known for its unique design in jukeboxes, intro's its latest model called *Juke* Jock, which looks like a huge tennis shoe...Laura Rezek departed her post as marketing manager at Midway to join Bally Gaming in Las Vegas as manager of marketing communications...Mondial's Tony Yula, Sr. is chosen "man of the year" by the Northeast Amusement Industry group of state organizations...Betson intro's new Skee-Toss redemption machine for the kiddie players.

MAY: Joe Dillon departed his post as president of Taito America Corp...Galaxy Force, which portrays a simulated spaceship flight, is released by Sega, along with M.V.P....Seeburg, which has been experiencing some tight cash flow problems, is negotiating with a number of investors in the hope of infusing capital into the company...Williams intro's Smash T.V....Bloxeed is the new conversion kit from Sega...AMOA hosts another highly successful Government Affairs Conference in our nation's capitol; with AAMA co-sponsoring and providing very significant membership back-up...Beautiful Hawaii was the setting for Atari's national distribs meeting where such new products as the Thunder Jaws kit, the Gumball Rallye redemption game and the Hydra video game were unveiled.

JUNE: Trade mourns the death of coinbiz luminary Marvin Roth, who suffered a fatal heart attack at the age of 64...Konami intro's its new Lightning Fighters kit...The Florida Amusement Vending Assn.'s annual state convention in Orlando attracted over 750 attendees and featured a layout of 94 exhibits...Star Tech Journal launched a regional seminar program designed for advancing coin-op technicians ... Rollergames is a new pin released by Williams...C.A. Robinson & Co. scheduled two major product presentations at their Los Angeles San Francisco and facilities...Bally's new Pool Sharks pin hits the market ... AAMA honors Jon Brady (Brady Distg.) with its first President's Award for achievement; and Steve Koenigsberg (State Sales & Service) with its Joe Robbins Awards, likewise, for his numerous contributions and service...AMOA and the performing rights societies agreed to allow jukebox ops an additional two months to comply with the new licensing procedures...Taito-Japan exec Minoru Suzuki is named president of Taito America Corp., succeeding Joe Dillon who recently departed the company...AMOA, in cooperation with its Pinball Promotion Committee, announced plans for the formation of the International Pinball Flipper Assn., which would be patterned after its National Dart Assn...Coinbiz vet Ben Rochetti has formed his own company, Double Play, Inc., which will concentrate on the design, manufacture and sale of coin-op products. JULY: The Illinois Coin Machine Operators Assn. hosted its most productive, most well attended state convention to date (6/15-17), during which a Truth In Amusement Committee was officially established ... Columns is the new one or two player video game from Sega...Taito America intro's three new games at its distribs meeting in Chicago; namely, Top Landing, Thunderfox and American Horseshoes...Premier intro'd its new Vegas pin...lllinois op Ray Shroyer hosts a big pin/dart tournament in Streator, IL...Data East Pinball releases its Back to the Future pin, complete with a fullscale promo back-up...Leland intro's World Soccer Finals...Joe Dillon rejoins Williams as vice president-sales for the Williams/Bally Midway product line...Atari Games Corp. has repurchased its stock from Namco America, Inc...Sega will be introducing its new Moonwalker video game, designed by superstar Michael Jackson (who plays a major role in the entire game theme), at its upcoming distribs gathering in Napa Valley, California.

AUGUST: Sharon Harris is named president of the newly formed International Flipper Pinball Assn....Pigskin 612 A.D. video is released by Midway ... Pioneer Laser Entertainment relocated their offices to Long Beach, California...AMOA's Jukebox Promotion Committee met in Chicago to discuss several planned projects ... Two new pins hit the market, namely, Bally's Radical and Williams' Diner...WMS Industries completed the refurbishing of its entire Chicago factory, where Midway and Williams products are manufactured...Atlas Distg., Inc. has moved its Chicago facilities into a larger, more modern building...Vet operator Hoke G. Seymour of Sarasota, Florida passed away at the age of 84...Betson's Skee-Toss redemption game and Leland's Pig Out video are among new releases hitting the market...More than 75 distribs from around the world were on hand at Warner Communications headquarters in New York to view two new Atari pieces-Race Drivin' and Pit Fighter...Pinball Expo '90 is slated for Nov. 9-10 in Chicago...Bonanza Bros. video is intro'd by Sega.

SEPTEMBER: Sega sets fall delivery date for Michael Jackson's Moonwalker...Air Inferno is released by Taito...Jennifer B. Mullin has been appointed

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marketing assistant for the coinop division at SNK Corp. of America ... Punk Shot is the new 4player dedicated upright (and kit) from Konami ... A new trade show, the National Amusement & Vending Expo (NAVE) is scheduled to debut in Louisville next year...Video gaming in Illinois is the subject of two regional meetings sponsored by the Illinois Coin Machine Operators Association's Truth In Amusement Committee...AMOA-NY campaigns to save cigarette vending machines in New York City where a threatened ban is pending...Premier intro's Gottlieb's Deadly Weapon pin...Coinbiz vet Marty Glazman has joined Kaneko of Japan as president of the newly established Kaneko U.S.A., Ltd. subsidiary...Taito America's marketing chief Natalie Kulig and her husband, Gene, welcome their first child, Zachary Alexander, who was born Sept. 1.

OCTOBER: Rowe unveiled its new LaserStar CD 100A and CD-51 (compact) jukeboxes during its annual distribs meeting in Palm Springs...Robert Stewart has been promoted to director of manufacturing at Atari Games...Williams intro'd its new Riverboat Gambler pin...Adonna Jerman was promoted to executive director at ICMOA, the Illinois state association...Coinbiz vet and former Atlas staffer Mac Brier announced his retirement after 44 years in the business...Among new products scheduled for upcoming release are: Midway's Dr. Dude and His Excellent Ray pin; Leland's Ataxx strategy game and Grand Product's Dyno Bop redemption game ... Coinbiz vet Steve Blattspieler has joined Irem in the newly created position of vice president of sales...SNK's NEO-GEO system has developed into one of the hottest items of the year...AMOA Expo '90 is held in New Orleans, where American Laser Games' Mad Dog McCree and Data East Pinball's Simpsons practically stole the show. Attendance was over 7,000 and the increased exhibit space displayed a full array of equipment.

NOVEMBER: This is the time for post-AMOA Expo distrib showings and they are being held in growing numbers across the country...Eddie Gensburg, one of the industry's pioneer distributors, died at the age of 81...Cisco Heat is the new video driving game from Jaleco...Williams intro'd its Hit The Ice hockey video game...Alvin Gottlieb has formed a new company called A. Gottlieb & Co., which will concentrate on product design...Rock-Ola intro's its new Mirage compact disc jukebox...Mondial Distg. Inc. has acquired Active Amusement Distributors, Inc. of Philadelphia and Pittsburgh...Loewen America is currently marketing the new NSM HyperBeam CD jukebox line, which consists of the Silver Sky, Silver City, Fire Bird and Fire Country models...Brute Force is the new video game from Leland.

DECEMBER: The trade mourns the death of coinbiz vet Ben Rochetti who suffered a fatal heart attack at the age of 57...Valley Recreation's Emil Marcet announced his retirement after 23 years with the company...Jim Chapman, formerly of Taito America, has joined Sega as a regional sales manager ... The Jukebox License Fees have been reduced by \$3 for next year...New York ops score a major victory when the county legislature approves a local law allowing cigarette vending machines in locations where minors are restricted...Just before Congress adjourned, a new court ruling allowing parallels was approved, much to the delight of the nation's operators...The ACME '91 trade convention has been moved from Bally's Hotel to the Sands Expo & Convention Center in Las Vegas...Looking back over the past 12 months, I would prefer to concentrate on the positive factors that emerged rather than the attitude of negativism that seemed to prevail, particularly on the operator and distributor levels. Granted, there is a need for some new ideas and product themes to brighten the market climate and generate enthusiasm among players. But on the other hand you've had such terrific earners as Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Simpsons to at least create a spark; and there were a few interesting pieces that came out of AMOĂ Expo '90. Redemption equipment has been doing much to fill the void for a lot of operators. And how about those marvelous CD jukeboxes and those consistent eareners, the pool table and the dart game. The past 12 months saw a tremendous emphasis on the legalization of video gaming machines. Whether this could be a plus or a minus for the industry remains to be determined. Sure, it would be a dream come true to have nothing but hits out thereand the key word is dream-but we must face reality by doing the best we can with what we have at hand and never for a moment losing hope that better things will come. Happy New Year everyone—and here's to a prosperous 1991!

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Coinbiz '90: That's A Wrap

BY Doc English

OKAY, WHO STOLE 1990? It was here just a minute ago. If you had to paint a portrait of the coin machine business in 1990, what color would you use? Black, gray, perhaps a silver lining? Granted, it was not the best of times, but it was not the worst of times. It certainly was not the age of video.

Video, video, where art thou, video? Reeling from a barrage of curses and criticism, no doubt. The unceasing litany-exorbitant prices, threadbare themes, nothing new under the sun. The same old, same old. Haven't we become redundant on this subject? In '90, we rode the coattails of Turtles, while Atari Pit Fighter and SNK NEO-GEO took up some of the slack in the second half. Race Drivin' was probably the year's best arcade piece. Atari still knows how to make a top notch driver. Capcom's Final Fight and Magic Sword were arguably the two leadomg kits, but kits as a whole were a disappointment. No longer the bargains they once were, operators are reluctant to buy heavily or unless they become closeouts. No new technology appeared to rescue video or raise it to a new plateau. Maybe Mad Dog McCree and F15 Strike Eagle will make 1991 reviews.

While video faltered, pinball surged. The year belonged to Data East-three pinballs, three winners. Phantom of the Opera, Back to the Future and The Simpsons. Williams/Bally will have to try harder and both Fun House and Bugs Bunny...(in January) may be an answer. Premier will have to try even harder to win the operator's acceptance. For those of you who dabble in the refurbished, used pins were even more popular than new. No one can be sure if the renewed interest is primarily a consequence of the lack of interest in video, but it's a thought.

Darts and pool tables! Valley, Dynamo, Arachnid, Merit; names to conjure with in '90. 'Twas a very good year. The market expanded. Pool and darts were not relegated to shot and beer joints, but were now considered chic, upscale. Every large scale entertainment center had to have pool tables. Pool clubs opened where male and female young, upwardly mobile professionals could rub elbows and various other parts. Darts continued to be the darling of league play. Manufacturers, distributors and operators had to pinch themselves to make sure

that these bread and butter, meat and potatoes markets were real and not a dream. As one operator succinctly stated, "Darts and pool? That's the only thing on my route making money." As a postscript, keep your eye on air hockey. The comeback has begun.

Speaking of expanding markets, and we were, redemption took one king size step forward. Not only did people already operating redemption add to their lineup, but more importantly many operators revamped their thinking, their routes, their arcades, and tasted redemption for the first time. Factories that had never produced a redemption game hopped aboard the bandwagon, albeit some fell right off. Standouts were Betson Klondike, Bromley Rock 'N Bowl, Coastal Pop-A-Ball, Partec Bozo's Grand Prize; and still around Skeeball, Boomball and Basketball.

Gray area games, namely poker, captured most of the headlines, and political battles for legalization begun in '90 will spill into '91. Whether passage will help or ultimately hurt the industry is unclear, but it will certainly change its face. Some manufacturers fear that legitimate poker parlors will slice into their sales, that Jacks or Better will shove them into a corner.

Probably the most signifacant development of 1990 was the proliferation of compact disc phonographs. In '89, Rowe had the territory pretty much to itself, but a year later it is just one of many quality machines—Rock-Ola, NSM, Wurlitzer, Seeburg (still hanging in there), and the new kid on the block, Pioneer. Maybe next year Mirage, Fire, Firebird and One More Time will be household names.

For a moment, we are waxing philosophic; much easier than waxing old Chevys. Attention all you doomsayers and gloomsayers, you know what the saddest part of '90 was? Not the plight of video, not the high cost of equipment, not the few dollars less in the collection box. The saddest thing was the friends, relatives and colleagues we have lost. Never seem to know for whom the bell tolls. So if you've got your health and make a decent living, what are you complaining about? Enjoy your life more than somewhat, and have a healthy, happy new year.

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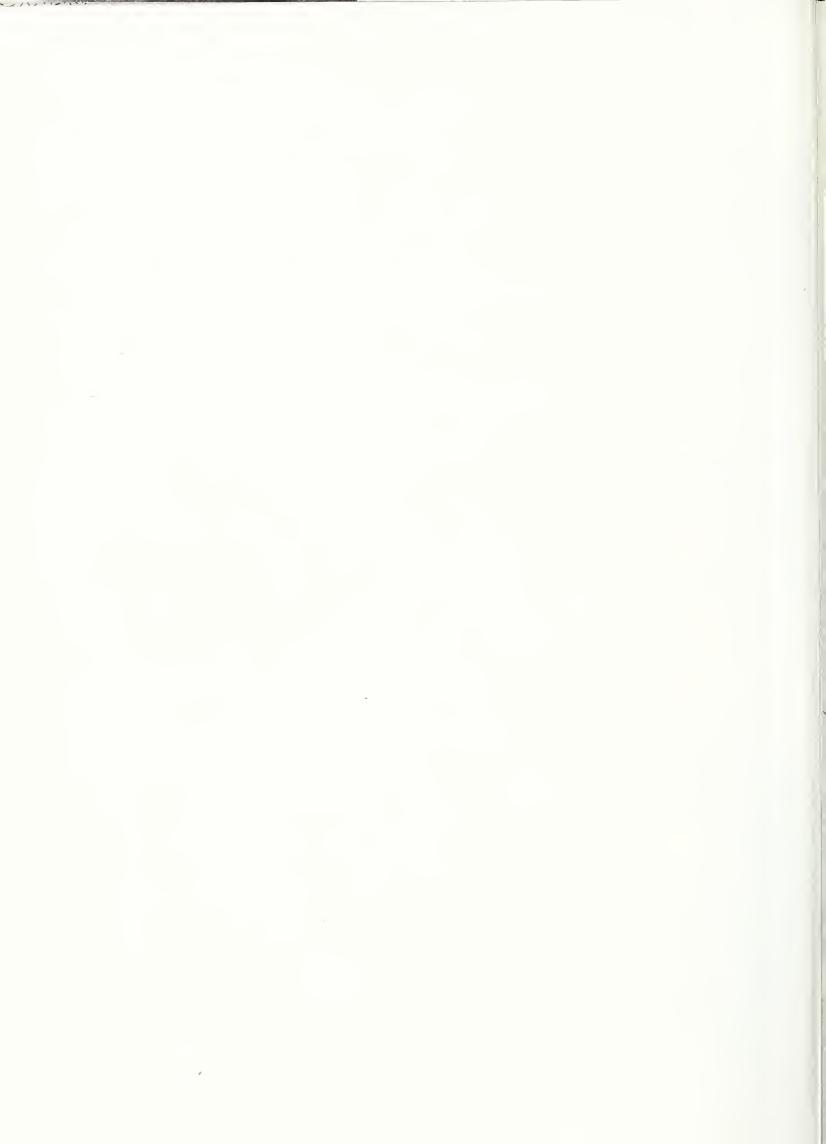
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