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#### **COVER STORY** Wayne Newton

With his new Curb single, "I Know So," just released and already receiving critical acclaim and significant airplay, Wayne Newton could find himself on top of the charts once again. Although it has been nearly 20 years since he hit number one with the pop classic, "Daddy Don't You Walk So Fast," Newton has never been out of the public eye.

Over the years, Newton has amassed a huge following with his legendary shows in Las Vegas (where he performs half the year to sellout crowds) and around the world, wowing audiences with not only his vocal flair and engaging personality, but also his proficiency on almost every instrument in the orchestra.

Added to Newton's astounding success on stage are his numerous appearances in films and television, which make him one of the most all-around, versatile entertainers today. Plus, this "master-of-all-trades" is also producing (he co-produced the single) and writing songs for his upcoming album.

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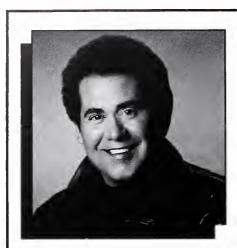
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#### TICKERTAPE

NO MODEL ARMY: EMI Records and New Model Army have agreed to an immediate release from the band's existing contract, which called for two further albums. "We didn't want 'em to go," says EMI. "We must now look to the future," says NMA

**OY VEY, IS IT GRAMMY TIME ALREADY?:** Not quite, but close (hey, February 25th's just around the corner). What do we know? We know that Whoopi Goldberg is going to host, that's what we know. And we know that NARAS has dropped its restriction on its Hall of Fame category. Used to be, Hall of Fame records had to come from the pre-Grammy period (before 1958), but now, even Milli Vanilli's eligible (ok, not really, but you get the idea).

LA LA LA LA LA ZOMBA: BMG and the Zomba Group have inked a new deal that gives BMG 25% interest in Zomba's music publishing business and renews BMG's commitment to the Jive and Silvertone labels. Everybody's happy



MCA Records recording artist Stephanie Mills recently visited Hale House in New York to announce a donation of part of the proceeds from her new Christmas album to the charity home for Harlem's disadvantaged children, many of whom were born suffering from drug addiction and/or infection with the AIDS virus. Pictured here are Mother Hale (I) and Stephanie with three of Hale House's children.

## YEAR END SPECIAL

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□ Top Artists of 1991

- □ Top Records of 1991
- □ Top Labels of 1991

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Williams







Thomas-Frye



PolyGram Holding Inc. has named Al Cataro, presi-dent and CEO of A&M, executive vice president, putting him in charge of monitoring the development of Mercury Records. He will retain his A&M duties. And PolyGram has named Michael Kuhn president of its Filmed Entertain-



ment unit; he will remain a senior vice president of the Poly-Gram group, but will relocate from London to Los Angeles in 1992. ■ EMI Records Group North America, newly realigned, has made a slew of new appointments, moving SBK and Chyrsalis titles under the new company's umbrella. Theresa M. Santisi is executive, vice president/general manager; Daniel Glass is executive vice president, general manager; Ken Baumstein is senior vice president, marketing; Michael Leon is senior vice president, international; Adam Ritholz is senior vice president, business affairs/A&R administration; and Fred Davis is senior vice president, A&R. Sony Music Entertainment has appointed Vijay Rao to the newly created post of vice president, strategic planning; he has been assistant controller, financial planning and analysis since 1988. Michael Nolan, former director, reports and consolidation, takes the assistant controller, financial planning and analysis slot. Alan Phillips has been appointed vice president, sound technology marketing, Sony Software UK/Europe, a newly created position. A ing, Sony Software UK/Europe, a newly created position. A nine-year company vet, he had been director, international marketing and artistic development at Sony Music in London. And **Roger Metting** has been appointed to the newly created position of vice president, special markets, Sony Music Distribution; he was previously Southeast branch manager. ■ BMI has promoted Phil Graham to vice president, European writer/publisher relations. He takes the London job after seven years as director of the same department in the U.S. ■ Virgin **Records** has announced the promotions of three key people on its staff Mark Williams has been promoted to vice president of its staff. Mark Williams has been promoted to vice president of A&R from director of A&R. Debra Kara is now vice president, production/manufacturing. She was director of produc-tion/manufacturing. Lydia Sarno has been upped to vice president of video production from director of video produc-tion. All three are based in Los Angeles. **■** Martha Thomas-Frye has been promoted to the position of vice president, promotion, Black music at MCA Records. She was previously co-national field promotion director, Black music and has been with MCA for 13 years. II Jeff Allen has been named vice president, finance, at Capitol Nashville. Since December, 1989, Allen has been the label's director of finance, initially based in Los Angeles, where he supervised the separation of Nashville repertoire from pop and R&B. When Capitol Nashville was established as a separate entity. Allen moved to Tennessee, continuing to direct the company's financial operations. He was formerly director, Banking & Insurance, for Capitol EMI-Music.

■ Caroline Taub has been promoted to the newly created position of international promotion manager for The Auditu-Group. She joined the company's international department in March, 1989 and was made special project coordinator a year later. **Capitol Records** has announced several appointments. osition of international promotion manager for The Atlantic Lionel Ridenour has been named to the post of West Coast promotions manager, L.A. branch. For the past two years, he served as co-director of national street promotions, L.A. street office. In addition, Malik Lovy has been appointed manager, street marketing & promotion, West Coast and Money Moses holds the same post on the East Coast Levy joins the label from Quality Records where he was director of urban promotions. Previously, Moses served as director, national radio promotions for Kick-It Marketing. **Dyana Kass** has been appointed to the position of national metal promotion manager at Hol-Iywood Records. She was previously the West Coast product manager for In-Effect/Combat Records. **■ Capitol-EMI Music** has named **Jonathan Bender** director, financial planning. He joins the company from RKO Warner Video where he served as senior vice president of corporate development since 1988. 🔳 NARAS has announced two new appointments as part of their ongoing expansion. Yolanda McFarlane has been named office as property manager. Stephen R. DeKeater joins NARAS in the newly created position of management informations sys-

tems director. He has held management positions in the information systems field with Marathon Office Supply, Inc. and the Bercor Corporation. 

Michael Schweiger has been named to the newly created position of director of the dance club department at Pyramid Entertainment Group. Previously, he owned MLS Entertainment, an entertainment management company, for five years. **I** Siddons & Associates personal managers has announced the promotion of **Barbara Rose** to the position of associate manager. Also upped is **Debbie Meister** from office manager to vice president of operations. In addition to staff

promotions, Richard Linnell has become associated with the firm in representation of Narada artist, David Lanz. **II Alan Weiner** has been hired as chief executive officer of Silo Music/Alcazar Records of Waterbury, Vermont, Most recently he served as president/chief operating officer of Rectrack (USA), Inc.





#1 SINGLE: Boyz II Men

HIGH DEBUT: Bryan Adams #64



TO WATCH: Prince #32

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1 IT'S SO HARD TO SAY GOODBYE TO YESTERDAY (Motown 2136)		
Boyz II Me		
2 BLACK OR WHITE (Epic 74100) Michael Jackson		-
3 ALL 4 LOVE (Giant)		-
4 CAN'T LET GO (Columbia 74088)		-
5 SET ADRIFT ON MEMORY BLISS (Island 6690) PM Dawn		
6 KEEP COMING BACK (Capitol 79957) Richard Man		-
7 NO SON OF MINE (Atlantic 4277) Genesic		•
8 BLOWING KISSES IN THE WIND (Captive/Virgin4245) Paula Abdu		
9 STREET OF DREAMS (Charisma 063) Nia Peeple:		11
10 BROKEN ARROW (Warner Bros. 19274) Rod Stewart	11	10
11 WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN (Columbia 74020) Michael Bolton	10	
12 LIVE FOR LOVING YOU (Epic 34T-73962) Gloria Estefan	14	11
13 THAT'S WHAT LOVE IS FOR (A&M 7233) Amy Grant	12	13
14 WILDSIDE (Interscope/East West 98673) Marky Mark & The Funky Bunch	16	8
15 SPENDING MY TIME (EMI 04802)	17	9
16 TOP OF THE WORLD (Warner Bros. 19151)	15	12
17 SET THE NIGHT TO MUSIC (Atlantic 4164) . Roberta Flack & Maxi Priest	13	12
18 MYSTERIOUS WAYS (Island 422-866 189-2) U2	21	5
19 CREAM (Paisley Park/Warner Bros. 19175) Prince And The N.P.G.	19	13
20 FINALLY (A&M 1586)	24	6
21 I WONDER WHY (Arista 2331) Curtis Stigers	18	16
22 HOME SWEET HOME (Elektra 64818) Motley Crue	26	8
23 CHANGE (Arista 2362) Lisa Stansfield	30	7
24         DON'T CRY (Geffen 4232)         Guns N' Roses           25         DON'T LET THE SUN GO DOWN ON ME (Columbia 74086)	23	14
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26 SHOT OF POISON (RCA 62096) Lita Ford	28	9 9
27 CAN'T STOP THIS THING WE STARTED (A&M 1576-4) . Bryan Adams	20 22	-
28 ROMANTIC (Warner Bros. 19319)	27	19 19
29 GET A LEG UP (Mercury 867 890) John Mellencamp	20	12
30 SAVE UP ALL YOUR TEARS (Geffen 19105)	33	10
31 I'VE GOT A LOT TO LEARN ABOUT LOVE (Interscope/East West 98726)	00	10
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32 DIAMONDS & PEARLS (Paisley Park/Warner Bros. 19083)		Ũ
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33 EMOTIONS (Columbia 73977) Mariah Carey	29	17
34 THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT YOU (Warner Bros. 4-19088) Karyn White	42	4
35 LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX (Next Plateau 333)	34	14
36 SMELLS LIKE TEEN SPIRIT (DGC 21673) Nirvana	50	4
37 I CAN'T MAKE YOU LOVE ME (Capitol 44729) Bonnie Raitt	41	7
36 LOVE ME ALL UP (RCA 62116) Stacy Earl	46	5
39 REAL REAL REAL (SBK 7364) Jesus Jones	32	18
40 SEND ME AN ANGEL (Mercury 868 956-4) Scorpions	43	7
41 ALL SHE WROTE (Epic 46186)	44	6
42 IN MY DREAMS (Hollywood 64832-4)	49	7
43 HEARTS DON'T THINK (THEY FEEL)(EastWest 98652) Natural Selection	54	4
44 HOLE HEARTED (A&M 1564) Extreme	36	20

45 THE ONE AND ONLY (Chrysalis 23730) .... Chesney Hawkes 31 20 46 2 LEGIT 2 QUIT (Capitol 79005) ..... Hammer 51 8 48 WITH YOU (Epic 34-73713) ..... 39 13 49 DON'T WANT TO BE A FOOL (Epic 34-73879) .... Luther Vandross 45 21

50 TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT (Qwest/Warner Bros. 4-19131)			
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51 LIES (EMI 56224) EMF	40	14	
52 ENTER SANDMAN (Elektra 4-64857) Metallica	47	15	
53 DO ANYTHING (East West 3948) Natural Selection	52	12	
54 ANGEL BABY (Quality 15171) Angelica	58	8	
55 CONVICTIONS OF THE HEART (Columbia 74029) Kenny Loggins	48	10	
56 SOMETHING GOT ME STARTED (East West 4168) Simply Red	38	14	
57 GOOD VIBRATIONS (Interscope/East West 4-98764)			
	53	22	
58 RUSH (Columbia 44-73844) Big Audio Dynamite II	56	13	
59 I LOVE YOUR SMILE (Motown 2093-4) Shanice	83	3	
60 ADDAMS GROOVE (Capitol 44794)	79	2	
61 I'LL GET BY (Columbia 74019) Eddie Money	71	3	
62 O.P.P. (Tommy Boy 988) Naughty By Nature	59	9	
63 TRUE COMPANION (Atlantic 4-87583) Marc Cohn		10	
64 THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER TONIGHT (A&M 7315)	•••		
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65 JUST A TOUCH OF LOVE (Columbia 38-74033) C&C Music Factory	65	6	
66 TO BE WITH YOU (Atlantic 4-87580) Mr. Big	78	2	
57 HOUSECALL (Epic 34-73928) Shabba Ranks (Featuring Maxl Priest)	70	5	
68 RING MY BELL (Jive 42023) D.J. JazzyJeff & The Fresh Prince	61	11	
69 HEY DONNA (Impact/MCA 54208) Rythm Syndicate	63	16	
70 INTO THE GREAT WIDE OPEN (MCA 54131) Tom Petty	68	6	
71 SOMEWHERE, SOMEBODY (A&M 1557) Aaron Neville	81	3	
72 ALL I NEED IS YOU (Zoo 14018) Blue Train	60	12	
73 RUNNING BACK TO YOU(Wing/Mercury 867 518-4) Vanessa Williams	62	19	
74 MARTIKA'S KITCHEN (Columbia 74094) Martika	76	4	
75 TO BLIND TO SEE IT (Atco 4-96255)	82	3	
76 EVERY ROAD LEADS BACK TO YOU (Atlantic 87572) Bette Midler	80	4	
77 LIVE AND LET DIE (Geffen 19114)	DEE		
78 I'M TOO SEXY (Charisma 92107) Right Said Fred	DEE		
79 KEEP IT COMIN' (Elektra 4-64812) Keith Sweat	DEE		
80 ANOTHER RAINY NIGHT (WITHOUT YOU) (EMI 4823) . Queensryche	73	5	
81 MY HEART BELONGS TO YOU (SBK 07363) Russ Irwin		15	
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# **MUSIC REVIEWS**

**ALBUMS** 

PHIL MANZANERA: Southern Cross (Agenda 72167

Most of us will remember Phil Manzanera as the guitar player

By Randy Clark and Bryan DeVaney

# SINGLES

ROBERTA FLACK: "You Make Me Feel Brand New" (Atlantic PRCD 4321-2)

(Atlantic PRCD 4321-2) Roberta's warm vocals lend a fresh touch to this classic Stylistics tune with help from producer Arif Mardin. The tastefully up-dated arrangement by Dave Le Bolt and Mardin is almost totally brand new with the exception of the dobro-intro (we're glad they kept that). This two-edit, promo CD is from the album *Set The Night To Music*, the title cut single (duet with Maxi Priest) which is still riding high on the pop chart. This release should do well, and lend a hand to the album also.





#### VAN HALEN: "Right Now" (Warner Bros. PRO-CD 5030)

5030) With "Top Of The World" still climbing the Top 20 and getting massive play on MTV, here is the next single from the For Unlawful Carnal Knowledge album. This very busy group is cur-rently on tour and recently performed a free concert in the streets of Dallas for over 50,000 fans (another estimated 30,000 had to be turned away when local police barricaded the area). This single, as well as the album, is produced by Andy Johns, Ted Templeman and Van Halen. Don't you wonder how David Lee Roth feels. "Right Now"? Roth feels, "Right Now"?

#### RIGHT SAID FRED: "I'm Too Sexy" (Charisma

Here is a fun, tongue-in-cheek dance tune that should get lots of Here is a fun, tongue-in-check dance tune that should get lots of club play. This group of guys from the U.K. have put together a clever, dance/club put-down of what could only be the whole fashion-model, "poser" attitude that's so much in vogue. This CD single contains seven (count 'em) mixes of the song with various lengths. Right Said Fred is Fred and Richard Fairbrass and Rob Manzoli, and they thank Jimi Hendrix for his inspira-tion although it's had to find any musical influence on the out tion, although it's hard to find any musical influences on the cut, produced by Tommy D.





RAW FUSION: Rockin' To The PM (Hollywood Basic HB-64824-4)

Digital Underground members Money B and DJ Fuze have Digital Underground members Money B and DJ Fuze have really impressed a large majority of the rap industry on their effort together as Raw Fusion. If their debut single, "Throw Your Hands In The Air," wasn't enough for you, check out "Rockin' To The PM." This single sounds more like the material you would find on Digital Underground's *Sex Packets* album, but it has some original flavor added. "Rockin' To The PM" (PM meaning Piano Man) is a hype track cooked up with some hype piano backin' tha' bass and Money B's smooth lyrical style.

#### SLICK RICK: It's A Boy (Def Jam/Columbia CSK-74120)

It's very unfortunate that Slick Rick is unable for certain reasons It's very unfortunate that Shick Rick is unable for certain reasons to go out and promote his album, because it has the potential to go a lot further than it has. Under the circumstances, Ricky has recently released the third single off his yet-to-go-gold album titled *The Ruler's Back.* 'It's A Boy" is another Slick Rick story that gives the rap listener more than just words that fit together, it has a storyline to it, like most of his other material. The only downfall on this cut is the production, but once you get into the lyrics, you won't even notice it.





MC LYTE: Poor Georgie (First Priority Records PRCD 4334-2)

4334-2) MC Lyte's back with the second single taken off her Act Like You Know album. For those still waiting for Lyte to release one of her hardcore songs as a single, this isn't the one. "Poor Georgie" is pretty much on the commercial tip, but has a good sound to it (you'll probably have to listen to it a couple of times to get into it). So hardcore fans, you'll just have to pick up the album to hear the harder side of Lyte.

# POP SINGLES LOOKING AHEAD

#### CASH BOX • DECEMBER 21, 1991

1	BLINDED BY LOVE(Impact) Rythm Syndicate
2.	
	THE RUSH(Epic)
3.	THERE'S NO OTHER WAY(SBK) Blur
4.	LEVON(Polydor)
5.	SHAMELESS(Columbia) Billy Joel
6.	SOME GUYS HAVE ALL THE LUCK(Charisma) Maxi Priest
7.	I WANT YOU(MCA)
8.	HEAVEN'S HIGHEST HILL (Jambco/Mercury) Billy Falcon
9.	DREAMS TO DREAM(MCA) Linda Ronstadt
	GET THE FUNK OUT(A&M) Extreme
11.	DANIEL(Polydor)
12.	THE COMFORT ZONE(Mercury) Vanessa Williams
	LOVE CRAZY(Reprise) Atlantic Starr
14.	NAKED RAIN(RCA)
15.	THE UNFORGIVEN(Elektra)



#### GARTH WEBBER: Get A Grip On The Blues (Blue Rock'It BRCD 112)

**Rock'It BRCD 112)** There is no doubt that Garth Webber is clearly a gifted guitarist. He has played alongside Miles Davis, John Lee Hooker, George Thoroughgood, Boz Scaggs and Kingfish. But as a solo artist, this guy is by no means going to pose a threat to the likes of Eric Clapton. Although he plays extremely well, there is a lack of vital seasoning and soul to the vocals, almost in a (God forbid!) too "white" sense. The songs on this 12-cut CD are of the traditional mold, and the support musicianship is of the highest quality... but what we are forced to say here is Garth Webber is a first-rate sideman, with an album out.

FLOWERED UP: A Life With Brian (London 828 252-2) With the send-up London records hands out with this CD you'd think this band was really something special, and all it really does is make us skeptical about anything else they might send our way. Hey look, if this kind of thing works in England, great. Who knows, there might be an eclectic/punk following to be obtained here in the "colonies," butit's going to have a hard time getting exposure through mainstream press. Maybe some way underground/ alternative newspapers and radio stations would be a bit more receptive. This is our guess of what cock-ney-thrash-rap might sound like (if we wanted to listen to it).





#### RICK JAMES & FRIENDS: Rick James & Friends (Priority Records 4XL-7044)

It's about time that someone released an album that includes the It's about time that someone released an album that includes the music Rick James recorded for himself and also some of his other projects he made hits during the peak of his career. Cuts of his own that you could find on this 10- selection CD are "Super Freak," "You And I," "Ebony Eyes," "Give It To Me Baby," "T," "Bustin' Out" and "Fire & Desire." The Mary Jane Girls have "In My House" and "All Night Long" included. Last, but not least, is Teena Marie with "Square Biz". The only other way to get all of these selections is to go and get each indivdual album.

#### **STEPHANIE MILLS:** Christmas (MCA Records

STEPHANIE MILLS: Christmas (MCA Records MCAD-10427) Around the holidays, you can find Christmas albums recorded by just about every big name in the industry, but what singles this one out is that it actually has quality recordings and you can tell that this wasn't thrown together. For the people who are familiar with Stephanie Mills' extractinary ability to make almost anything she records sound beautiful, this one won't let you down. Thus 10-track CD includes her versions of some widely recognized Christmas songs such as "Silent Night," "White Christmas" and "Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer." The most impressive track would have to be "This Christmas."





**Five STAR:** Shine (Epic EK-48832) Five Star let a lot of their fans down with the last couple of albums they've recorded, but this one is guaranteed to bring them back up to the status they achieved early in their career. You can't help but be amazed while listening to this 10-selection album, the production makes a perfect match for the vocals. The title track is an uptempo, R&B cut that is one of the album's standout tracks. "Come To Me (For Love)," "Love Can't Wait" and "Sentimental" are other strong cuts that should find a place on the charts if released as singles.

#### **DEBUT PICK OF THE WEEK:**

CHAGALL GUEVARA: Chagall Guevara (MCA MCAD-10170)



First of all, this is not the type of music that anyone would think came out of Nashville, Tennesee. But more impressive than that, is the fact that this album by Chagall Guevara must be listened to. It is filled with lyrical images, potent musicianship, poig-nant wit and satirical playful-ness that takes the band far beyond the sterotypical discontent of militant, anarchis-tic punk-wavers. There is a unique, unsettling psycho-logical method to this guitar-oriented, 13-cut CD. Check it out. The album is produced by Matt Wallace and Chagall Guevara.



EAST

COAST

By Lee Jeske



Anybody who doesn't think the Family Stand's new album, Moon in Scorpio (EastWest), is one of the rockingest, dancingest, groovingestalbums of the year is wrong. Here the Stand stands with ASCAP's Wanda LeBron at an ASCAP celebration at the Apollo. That's (from left): V. Jeffrey Smith; LeBron; Peter Lord and Sandra St. Victor.

GO-GO BEFORE YOU WAKE ME UP: There are many godfathers in American culture. Corleone. Gotti. Brown (James). But on the dan-cefloors of Washington, D.C., there is only one: **Chuck Brown**, the undisputed, uncontested, undefeated Godfather of Go-Go. When Chuck Brown & the Soul Searchers aim their percolating go-go beat at your feet, you've got a choice: You can dance till you collapse, or you can get the hell out of the room.

"Go-go is very energetic," rasps Brown by phone from D.C., prior to his second weekend gig at Tramps this fall. "You've got to have stamina in order to stay with it—you've got to have stamina to play it and you've got to have stamina to dance to it."

Stamina, indeed. Brown's sets can go on for hours and he knows not of breaks between tunes. Slipping and sliding from old standards like "Stormy Monday" to LL Cool J's "Around the Way Girl" to "The Woody Woodpecker Theme" to Miles Davis' jazz-funk "Jean-Pierre" to his own "We Need Some Money," what holds it all together is that grinding, grooving, under-your-skin beat, a beat that continues between tunes, as Brown further pumps up the audience with call-and-response chants.

"It's a basic, funky church beat," says Brown, who has been leading dance bands since the '60s. "When I was a kid, they had a little church in every other block and every church had a little band in there-a piano and maybe three guys playing drums: one playing cymbals, one playing a big bass drum with a mallet, and another playing a snare. And then they had this real hype beat, like disco, and this slow beat that you hear now-a sexy beat that the women especially like to move off of."

By the early '70s, Brown was laying those beats under jazz standards and Top 40 tunes and began go-go's trademark of periodically stopping the tunes for chattering percussion breaks. It made D.C. dancers crazy and by 1980 it made Chuck Brown a local legend.

When Brown and company are grooving, when the P-Funk horns are in tow and are loose and nasty (as they have been at the Tramps shows), it seems that there is no type of music that doesn't go whizzing by. Dance music since Chuck Brown has caught on to his anything-goes ethic-you never know what's going to turn up in the samples-but Brown and company do it all live. They sweat.

'I try to stay away from as much sampling as I possibly can," says Brown about borrowing recorded sounds, "because what it does is it defeats the purpose of your natural ability. And there's nothing like raw, downright, live performance on stage. There's nothing like that." **RED LIGHT:** Harry Connick Jr. was playing a thousand-bucks-a-seat

AIDS benefit in New York last week and he couldn't get the crowd to shut up. So after his second tune, he split. Bad form, Harry, really bad form. Harry Connick Jr. is going to sing "The Star Spangled Banner" at the Super Bowl next month. Harry Connick Jr.'s new video is directed by his girlfriend, the mostly-naked Victoria Secret's model, Jill Goodacre. "Where does this end?" I enquired of Jeff Levenson, on the Harry watch like me. "In the White House," said Jeff. "He's already played the White House," said I. "No, as president," said wise Jeff.

DOLL FACE: Should 1 be embarrassed to admit that the Hammer doll that Mattel sent me-an incredible likeness, if you ask me-is sitting on my desk, greeting visitors with a "U Can't Touch This Gaze." Nah, I'm not embarrassed: it's kind of a cool doll. Funny thing, though, recently some toy store had an ad in the Times that listed the Hammer doll at \$19.98 while offering a Vanilla Ice doll (last year's model, we'd guess) for \$4.98. Me, I'll wait for the Harry Connick Jr. doll. It'll probably cost 50 bucks.

#### By Randy Clark

DID YOU MISS ME? Maybe you did and maybe you didn't notice that my column was absent last week. If you did, and missed it, I'm sorry, but I'm back now. If you didn't,

or were just glad that it wasn't there, I'm sorry, but I'm back now. Either way, l apologize ... but the bottom line is, ... WHO CARES? It was a slow week anyway. Too much tryptophan from all that turkey and leftovers consumed over the Thanksgiving holiday put everyone to sleep, and it took a week just to start crawling out of the wreckage. Meanwhile, everybody around here is scurrying about, putting together the big year-end issue, due out next week. Don't miss that ...

SPELLBOUND?... WHY? The idea that Paula Abdul could sell out the 18,759-seat Los Angeles Forum for three nights aroused my curiosity



enough to want to check it out. She had just received, (or was it, purchased?) a star on Hollywood Blvd. the day before, and seemed to be catching the interest of a lot of news and press. Certain things, 1 knew going in. Things like... her record sales, MTV video play, the hits on the radio, the Diet Coke commercials on TV and in movie theaters, not to mention all the hoopla over her lack of any real vocal ability. 1 even already knew that her Spellbound album had just come in under the wire for the Top 10 lps of the year, and that "Rush, Rush" came in as the #3 single, but I still had to see firsthand what it was all

Abdul

about... and see who was buying all those records.

The crowd consisted of all ages and ethnic backgrounds, and I noticed there were a lot of kids, with their parents in tow. Just walking in, I was amazed at all the merchandising,... souvenier programs at 20 bucks a piece (and people buying them), an assortment of T-shirts ranging from 23 to 30 bucks each (and people buying them), hats at 10, posters at eight, and even buttons at five. I overheard one mother scolding her child for crying and whining about not being able to have one of *everything*. Could you imagine that cost?... Forget about the tickets being \$23.50 each (not including parking). There was a certain irony about seeing Paula Abdul headline at the arena where she once worked as a two or three-hundreddollar-a-week cheerleader for the Lakers, before she started choreographing music videos, and now, the amount of revenue generated by her this weekend would exceed \$1.5 million.

The show was fairly elaborate, although it does take a lot to fill up the Forum, her set and lighting seemed more appropriate for a smaller (say 8 to 10,000 seat) venue, but it seems like acoustically, larger venues would hide her vocal shortcomings better. There were some very nice film/video/computer screens that were fun to watch (the cameras working the stage were equipped with anamorphic lenses to thin and lengthen the entertainer). But Paula didn't dance very much, obviously, in a need to save her breath for singing live (can't have any more lip-syncing rumors flying around). There were dancers to cover the dancing department, Paula didn't break a sweat.

l found myself wondering ... if she wasn't who she is now, and she went to an audition, for anything, as dancer or a singer, would she get hired? She doesn't sing well, she's too short and heavy to look good as a dancer. She doesn't write her own songs, or produce them. She might not even play an instrument. I can't touch one thing--she did create a few dance steps for Janet Jackson. But why is Paula Abdul such a big star?... l can't figure it out. The public really is buying into the phenomenon, as long as there is style and substance to be bought. She obviously has a talented team of people working for her, making her videos, writing and producing her songs, designing, packaging and marketing her in a way that is most certainly working, and making BIG bucks.

When Magic Johnson came out on stage to announce that Lakers owner Jerry Buss was retiring her cheerleader outfit to the famed wall alongside the jerseys of basketball greats Elgin Baylor, Jerry West, Wilt Chamberlain, etc., Paula did seem truly amazed, as well she should be. Paula, you're pulling it off ... and getting away with it. What? ... Did I hear correctly? Is America's Sweetheart planning on acting next? Oh boy... Enjoy it while you can. I'm either gonna go blow my brains out ... or see vou next week...





# TOP 40 JAZZ ALBUMS

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1	FOURPLAY (Warner Bros. 26656) FOURPLAY	1	11
2	SHADOWS (GRP 9654) DAVID BENOIT	2	9
3	ON THE TOWN (Manhattan/Capitol 96687) RICHARD ELLIOT	7	11
4	BLUE LIGHT, RED LIGHT (Columbia 48685) HARRY CONNICK JR.	3	11
5	THE GERSHWIN COLLECTION (GRP 2005) DAVE GRUSIN	4	11
6	OFFBEAT OF AVENUES (Columbia 47079) MANHATTAN TRANSFER	5	17
7	CURVES AHEAD (GRP 9651) RIPPINGTONS	6	17
8	POP POP (Geffen 24426) RICKIE LEE JONES	9	6
9	107 IN THE SHADE (Epic 47979) ALEX BUGNON	8	13
10	A LONG STORY (Manhattan/Capitol 95476) ELIANE ELIAS	12	6
	RENNI RIKHLAND (Gra 5057)	DEB	UT
	CARRY ON (GRP 9660) PATTI AUSTIN	22	3
13	BENEATH THE MASK (GRP 9649) CHICK COREA	11	17
14	NOCTURNAL MOODS (Par 2010)	16	6
	WITH MY LOVER BESIDE ME (Columbia 48665) NANCY WILSON	DEB	
16	COLLECTION (GRP 9658) JOE SAMPLE	17	6
17	BACK ON THE CASE (GRP 9648) ACOUSTIC ALCHEMY	13	17
	LIVE AT BIRDLAND WEST (EastWest 82334) GERALD ALBRIGHT	19	3
	OASIS (GRP 9655) ERIC MARIENTHAL	14	13
20	BACK ROADS (Denon/A&M 9042) BOB BERG	DEB	
21	ODDS OR EVEN (Atlantic 82297) MIKE STERN	• •	13
22		24	3
23	OPEN YOUR EYES (Verve Forecast/PolyGram 511 390) SHAKATAK	DEE	
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	PATRICE (Warner Bros. 26659) MARK WHITFIELD	18	
	STOLEN MOMENTS (Blue Note 97159) STANLEY JORDAN	DEE 23	
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28	HEARTS OF FIRE (GRP 9653) NEW YORK VOICES	15	э
	DANCE OF THE PHOENIX (Verve Forecast/PolyGram 128)	21	9
•	WORLD SINFONIA (Tomato/Mesa-Bluemoon 79750) AL DI MEOLA	25	13
	NATURAL SELECTIONS (GRP 9656) DAVE SAMUELS	20	6
31	FLIGHT OF THE COSMIC HIPPO (Warner Bros. 26562)	20	v
	BELA FLECK & THE FLECKTONES	26	23
33		27	29
34	SAX APPEAL (Warlock 2726)	28	19
	STANDING ON FISHES (Sonic Edge 80037) PHIL SHEERAN	32	11
35 36	MIDNIGHT IN SAN JAUN (Warner Bros. 26293) EARL KLUGH	36	37
36	HEALING THE WOUNDS (GRP 9638) CRUSADERS	29	33
37		40	47
38		39	58
	DAVE KOZ (Capitol 91643)		49
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Horn, You Won't Forget Me. Albert Mangelsdorff, Purity. Wynton Marsalis, Levee Low Moan. Dave McKenna, Shadows & Dreams. Sonny Sharrock, Ask the Ages. McCoy Tyner, New York Quartet.

BOPPING AROUND: Bob Dylan told the L.A. Times' Robert Hilburn that he's purchased the film rights to Buddy Rich's life. Dylan will be the executive producer of the movie, which will be based on Mel Torme's Rich bio. "My objective," said Dylan, "is just to see that it is done properly." Go know... You've got to give the eclectic, high-quality Tomato Records credit: They do keep resurfacing every couple of years. Now Rhino, another eclectic, high-quality label, has got them, which means their dandy 80-title catalogue (blues, country, jazz, minimalism, classic rock and roll, etc.) will be readily available, as will new albums. Yeah!... Need a good Christmas present, but too cheap to shell out for a boxed set? Get The Artistry of Stan Getz: The Best of the Verve Years, Volume I (Verve), two sublime CDs of one of the greatest musicians I've ever had the privilege to hear... Milton Nascimento played a tasty, if short, jazz set at the Blue Note last week. Nascimento's band featured Ron Carter on bass, Hugo Fattoruso on piano, Robertinho Silva on drums and, the night I went, Pat Metheny on guitar. The repertoire ranged from Milton to Jobim to the Beatles (a luminous "Hello Goodbye"). Pat Metheny sounded great, by the way... Also sounding great, and looking great, was the collaboration between Wynton Marsalis, the Garth Fagan dance company and sculptor Martin Puryear at BAM a couple of weeks ago. The piece, "Griot New York," was exquisite: a beautiful, whimsical, fast-moving melding of dance and music, with Wynton, and his fine, fine band, playing beautifully in the pit. Dance and jazz combos are crapshoots, but this one was a winner.



ON JAZZ

The Branford Marsalis Trio was caught at a recent New York soiree, where our crack photographer, Snaps Efstop, caught them between sets.

**PRACTICE:** Carnegie Hall, which is located directly across the street from *Cash Box's* New York office (Andrew Carnegie insisted that he put the hall near our office), has announced that, beginning next season (1992-93), it will mount a four-concert, jazz subscription series, produced by ubiquitous jazz impresario George Wein. The concerts will be based around a new big band, the Carnegie Hall Jazz Band, under the stewardship of trumpeter Jon Faddis. Carnegie is now out raising money from sponsors: They're looking for a quarter of a million bucks.

Look, I hate to play bad cop when it comes to such things, but what's going on here? This Carnegie Hall band will be the third big band in town dedicated to the proposition that if you build it—an ad hoc big band dedicated to jazz repertory or able to play a composer's big band compositions—they (an audience) will come. The American Jazz Orchestra has been fighting a game fight at Cooper Union for the past six years, and this year, as part of Lincoln Center's ballyhooed new jazz program, that venue's once-a-year Classical Jazz Orchestra is now the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra (and will bust out of its home turf with a true-blue tour next year). Nobody seems to be breaking down the doors to catch the AJO, or the first few Lincoln Center shows (none of which have featured the band) and now rumor has it that the 92nd St. Y will soon be hosting Gunther Schuller with yet another spin on the ad hoc jazz big band theme (or maybe Schuller's bringing up the Smithsonian band, yet another such aggregation).

Good cop: I'm all for it. The more jazz the better. The more musicians working, the happier I am. The more concerts that take place in New York, the more I, and my jazz-writing colleagues, have to do. Rah, rah, sisboom-bah.

Bad cop: Is there an audience for all of this? Fact: The only jazz artists who really sell any tickets in concert situations are Ella Fitzgerald, Sonny Rollins, Wynton Marsalis, Mel Torme and Oscar Peterson. Maybe. Fact: There's a recession going on out there. Fact: Even in prosperous times, people aren't going to go to *all* of these shows, they're going to go, hopefully, to *some* of these shows. Hypothesis: The jazz audience, which already has New York's usual bevy of jazz clubs to choose from, is being stretched too thin.

Okay, okay, I'm being a sourpuss. Trust me, I want to be proved wrong. But if I'm not wrong—if, in a year or two or three, I'm writing the obituaries for some of these ambitious new efforts—I'm going to have to hear the most grating thing of all: "Sure, this just proves what we've known all along: jazz doesn't sell." There *can* be too much of a good thing. **WRAP IT UP:** What are the 10 best jazz albums of the year? Damned if I know. But, pawing through the year, I have made a short list of 19 albums that tickled my fancy in a particular way this year. I then made an even shorter list of the 10 albums that are better, for whatever reason, than the other nine albums. Got that?

In alphabetical order by artist (and not including any reissues or previously-unreleased material more than a couple of years old), my Ten Best Jazz Albums of 1991 are: Stan Getz, Serenity (Verve). The Dizzy Gillespie United Nation Orchestra, Live at Royal Festival Hall (Enja). The Charlie Haden Liberation Music Orchestra, Dream Keeper (Blue Note). Milt Hinton, Old Man Time (Chiaroscuro). J.J. Johnson, Quintergy (Antilles). Abbey Lincoln, You Gotta Pay the Band (Verve). Ralph Peterson, Introducing the Fo'tet (Blue Note). Sonny Rollins, Here's to the People (Milestone). John Scofield, Meant to Be (Blue Note). Michael White, Crescent City Serenade (Antilles).

The runners-up: Tommy Flanagan, Beyond the Bluebird. Georgio Gaslini, Ayler's Wings. Charle Haden/Carlos Paredes, Dialogues. Shirley

# DANCE MUSIC

#### By Bryan (B-Style) DeVaney

WHAT'S GOIN' ON: Above The Law will be releasing a new album titled Black Mafia Life at the beginning of the year under Epic... Jungle Bros. will have a new EP in February under Warner Bros... Sir Mix-A-Lot will be

releasing a new album titled *The Boss Is Back* on Reprise in February... Donald D's new lp, *Let The Horns Blow*, will show up in March under the Warner Bros. banner... Justin Warfield has been signed to an album deal with Qwest Records and will be releasing his album upon its completion... Bushwick Bill of the Geto Boys will be releasing his debut solo album in March, the label has yet to be announced... RAL recording artists Nice & Smooth will be in Los Angeles on December 13, to tape *Soul Train...* N.W.A. will be releasing their next single in January. It will be "Appetite For Destruction"... The bigest news comes from the posse over at Luke Records. Believe it or not, all is quiet there—for the moment.

**NEWS FROM THA' GETO:** Willie D., member of the Houston-based Geto Boys, became so disgusted over the idea of David Duke's recent campaign for governor in Louisiana, that he took the initiative of campaigning against him. The Texas rapper called radio stations throughout Duke's home state and recorded anti-Duke spots that ran on the air throughout the state.

Willie Says, "When he was running for governor, I was interested because, in reality, the whole country would be affected by it. I really wanted to get involved. If he wins and becomes governor, he could be president some day. It would really be a catastrophe."

Now that the "former" Klansman has announced that he will be running for president, the Geto Boys are being vocal about the matter, stating, "David Duke can be stopped." Geto Boys member Scarface says, "He's a Klansman. When he ran for governor, the majority of people in Louisiana were black, so he lost. But as far as president, I wouldn't be surprised if he won. My motto this year is 'Duke Eat Dick.' We don't need to have some facelift, nose-job motherf\*cker running for president. He oughta just put his hood back on."

Bushwick Bill of the group succinctly states, "If we, the people, elect someone like David Duke to office, what type of future would we be offering our children? We need to progress, not regress. We need to look forward instead of back. David Duke would destroy everything we, the people, stand for. Duke's supporters want to be civil, but the only rights they care about are their rights. We would have another Civil War. He's the 'Duke of Hazard.' It would be taxation without representation."



Playtime's Over. Pictured hangin' out with Epic Records recording artist Candyman at Epic Records are (I-r): Suave, Candyman's manager; Candyman; Avarie Shevin, media relations, Epic; Bryan DeVaney, Cash Box associate editor and Maurice Warfield, promotions, Epic.



Ed Lover and Dr. Dre are MAAD by association, with W.C. & The M.A.A.D. Circle, that is. During a recent promotional trip to New York, the group stopped by WBLS to visit Ed and Dre on the air. Watch for the new W.C. & The M.A.A.D. Circle single and video "Ain't A Damn Thang Changed" In January. Pictured (I-r) are: D.J. Crazy Toones; Lover; Dre; W.C.; Big Gee and Coolio.

**DON'T FORGET!***Cash Box* Magazine will be having a RAP special January 25, 1992. The deadline for ads will be January 13. For more information contact the Rap Department at (213)464-8241.

# STREET BEAT

# TOP **30** RAP SINGLES

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1	BLUE CHEESE (Wild Pitch/EMI 50377) U.M.C.'S	10	4
2	AIN'T GONNA HURT NOBODY (Select/Elektra 4-66507) Kid N' Play	2	10
3	CHECK THE RHYME (Jive 01241-42010-1) Tribe Called Quest	1	12
4	CAN'T TRUSS IT (Def Jam/Columbia 38-73870) Public Enemy	3	10
5	STEP IN THE ARENA (Chrysalis 2352) Gang Starr	5	7
6	IS IT GOOD TO YA (Uptown/MCA 54200) Heavy D & Boyz	6	9
7	JUST THE TWO OF US (Select/Elektra 4-64844) Chubb Rock	9	6
8	THE PHUNCKY FEEL ONE(Ruffhouse/Columbia3930) Cypress Hill	8	10
9	WHEN IN LOVE (Atlantic 98715) M.C. Lyte	4	11
10	KISS YOU BACK (Tommy Boy 993) Digital Underground	11	5
11	POP THAT COOCHIE (Luke/Atlantic 4-98712) 2 Live Crew	7	10
12	SET ADRIFT ON MEMORY BLISS (Gee Street/Island 866094-4) P.M. Dawn	14	5
13	SHAKIYLA (JRH) (Profile 5344) Poor Righteous Teacher	15	5
14	25 TA LIFE (Jive 42030-4)	18	6
15	1-800-SKY-TALK PIN# 110279 (EPIC 34-74023) Candyman	17	4
16	LIL TRIG (Pendulum/Elektra 4-64844) Hen-Gee & Evil E	16	8
17	BE A FATHER TO YOUR CHILD (America/Mercury 867888-4)		
		19	3
18	MIND PLAYING TRICKS ON ME (Priority 7241) Geto Boys	12	19
19	GLORY (Atlantic 4-98740)	13	10
20	GROOVE WITH IT (Cold Chillin/Reprise 19115-4) Big Daddy Kane	21	3
21	FLAVOR OF THE MONTH (Mercury/Polygram 868317-1) Black Sheep	22	20
22	ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT (Delicious Vinyl 866105-4) Tone Loc	24	3
23	BE TRUE TO YOURSELF (Profile 5343) 2nd II None	27	2
24	I'LL BE THERE FOR YOU (Ear Candy 38007) Jibri Wise One	23	4
25	O.P.P.(Tommy Boy 988) Naughty By Nature	20	23
26	STEADY MOBBIN (Priorty 72474) lce Cube	DEE	3UT
27	THE KING OF ROMANCE (Zoo 14022) Def Dames	DEE	3UT
28	PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST AS A HOOD (Def Jam/Columbia 38-783896)		
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29	TRAPPED (Interscope 96281)	25	10
30	HIP HOP JUNKIE(Def Jam 73784) Nice -N- Smooth	26	20

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3 MOVE ANY MOUNTAIN (PROGEN 91) (Epic 74043) The Shamen 5 7
4 TOO BLIND TO SEE IT (Atco 0-96255)
5 FINALLY (A&M 75021-2385-1) Ce Ce Peniston 2 11
6 JUST A TOUCH OF LOVE (Columbia 44-74032) C&C Music Factory 19 3
7 KISS YOU BACK (Tommy Boy 993) Digital Underground 11 5
8 2 LEGIT 2 QUIT (Capitol V-15791) Hammer 22 3
9 LOVE TO HATE YOU (Sire/Reprise 0-40218) Erasure 17 3
10 LIVE FOR LOVING YOU (Epic 73971) Gloria Estefan 6 9
11 THE COMFORT ZONE (Wing/Mercury 865 073-1) Vanessa Williams DEBUT
12 THE PRESSURE PT. 1 (Perspective/A&M 28968 1202-1) Sounds Of Blackness 4 11
13 IS IT GOOD TO YOU (Uptown/MCA 54201) Heavy D. & The Boyz 14 7
14 EMOTIONS (Columbia 44-74037) Mariah Carey 7 9
<b>15 PEACE (IN THE VALLEY)</b> (Atco 0-96259)
16 JAMES BROWN IS DEAD (Watt/Arista 714) L.A. Style DEBUT
17 SAY IT (MCA 54055) ABC 18 5
18 CREAM (Paisley Park/Warner Bros. 0-40197) Prince & The N.P.G. 29 3
19 EVERYBODY MOVE (Polydor/PLG 867 989-1) Cathy Dennis 28 3
20 MY FAMILY DEPENDS ON ME (Strictly Rhythm 1260) Simone 23 3
21 CAN'T TRUSS IT (Def Jam/Columbia 44-73869) Public Enemy 9 9
22 FEELS LIKE ANOTHER ONE (MCA 54238) Patti LaBelle 12 7
23 AIN'T GONNA HURT NOBODY (Select/Elektra 0-66507) Kid N' Play 16 9
24 HOUSE CALL (Epic 73928) Shabba Ranks 10 13
25 I'LL BE YOUR FRIEND (RCA 62156-1) Robert Owens DEBUT
26 LIES (EMI V-56223) EMF 8 13
27 STREET OF DREAMS (Charisma 0-96269) Nia Peeples DEBUT
28 SPREAD LOVE (Epic 74058) Cut N' Move DEBUT
29 O.P.P. (Tommy Boy 988) Naughty By Nature 24 15
30 TAKE CONTROL OF THE PARTY (Epic 74056) B.G. The Prince Of Rap DEBUT



# **RHYTHM & BLUES**

# TOP **75** R&B ALBUMS

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1	DANGEROUS (Epic 45400) Michael Jackson	1	2
2	DEATH CERTIFICATE (Priority 57155) ke Cube	2	6
3	TOO LEGIT TO GUIT (Capitol 98151) Hammer	3	6
4	DIAMONDS & PEARLS (Paisley Park/Warner Bros. 25379) Prince	4	9
5	COOLEYHIGHHARMONY (Motown 6320)(G) Boyz ii Men	6	30
6	ALWAYS MY LADY (MCA 10198) Jodeci	5	27
7	EMOTIONS (Columbia 47980)	7	11
8	KEEP IT COMIN' (Elektra 61216)		2
	APOCALYPSE 91 THE ENEMY STRIKES BACK (Def Jam/Columbia 47374		
		8	9
10	WE CAN'T BE STOPPED (Rap-A-Lot/Priority 57161) Geto Boys	9	23
11	SPORTS WEEKEND (Luke/Atlantic 91720)	10	9
12	MR. SCARFACE IS BACK (Priority 57167) Scarface	12	8
13	UNFORGETTABLE (Elektra 61049)(P) Natalie Cole	14	26
14	REAL LOVE (Arista 18679) Lisa Stansfield	16	4
15	THE POWER OF LOVE (Epic 46789)(P) Luther Vandross	18	32
16	PRIVATE LINE (East West/Atlantic 91777)	17	8
17	HOUSE PARTY II (MCA 10397) Soundtrack	15	7
18	SONS OF THE P (Tommy Boy 1045) Digital Undergound	13	8
_	T.E.V.I.N. (Owest/Warner Bros. 26291) Tevin Campbell	26	3
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	PUT ME IN YOUR MIX (A&M 5377) Barry White	19	9
	RITUAL OF LOVE (Warner Bros. 26320)	23	13
	AS RAW AS EVER (Epic 47310) Shabba Ranks	22	25
	BURNIN' (MCA 10439)	24	9
	PENICILLIN ON WAX (Columbia 48707)	29	4
26	LOW END THEORY (Jive 1418) Tribe Called Quest	25	11
27	AIN'T NO DOUBT ABOUT IT (Cheetah 9405)		
		33	3
	2ND II NONE (Profile 1416) 2nd li None	28	7
	BLACKS MAJIC (Next Plateau)	30	4
	NAUGHTY BY NATURE (Tommy Boy 1044) Naughty By Nature	35	14
31	PRINCE OF DARKNESS (Cold Chillin'/Reprise 26715) Big Daddy Kane	21	6
32	PEACEFUL JOURNEY (Uptown/MCA 10289) Heavy D. & The Boyz	32	23
33	COOL HAND LOC (Delicious Vinyl 510609)	27	3
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34			6
35	BRIDGING THE GAP (Reprise 26524)	34	-
36	DIFFERENT LIFESTYLES (Capitol 92078) BeBe & CeCe Winans	31	23
37	WBBD-BOOTCITY (REMIX ALBUM) (MCA 10345)(G) Bell Biv DeVoe	38	15
38	A CLOSER LOOK (Solar/Epic 75329) Babyface	39	3
30	FOURPLAY (Warner Bros. 26656) Fourplay	55	3
40	PRIME OF MY LIFE (Philadelphia International/Zoo 11006) Phyllis Hyman	40	22
41	NIGGAZ4LIFE (Priority 57126)(P) N.W.A.	36	28
42	ACT LIKE YOU KNOW (First Priority/Atlantic) MC Lyte	37	12
43	AFFAIRS OF THE HEART (MCA 10355) Jody Watley	DEE	BUT
44	FACE THE NATION (Elektra 61206)	44	11
45	THE COMFORT ZONE (Wing/Mercury 843522) Vanessa Williams	42	16
-	I'LL NEVER FORGET (Malaco Mal 4440) Bobby Jones	49	4
47	CAN YOU STOP THE RAIN (Columbia 46823) Peabo Bryson	45	25
48	MILESTONE (Motown 36331)	53	3
	BITCH BETTA HAVE MY MONEY (Select 21642)	DEE	-
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By Bryan DeVaney



**CASH BOX ARTIST PROFILE:** Forceful/Reprise recording artists Ex-Girfriend have proven themselves to be one of the industry's top female groups, with their distinctive sound and energy-filled music.

Julia-Ex, Monica-Ex, and Tisha-Ex began singing together six years ago in Harlem under the name of Petite. They recorded an R&B tune that topped the charts named "So Fine," which was dedicated to New Edition. The song's success at radio and the video on BET identified these girls as a happening new group destined to reach the top. But for these students, high school was their first priority. So they opted to continue their education and vowed to return to the music industry when the time was right.

A couple of years down the line, they were at it again (singing, that is) and contacted Priscilla Chatman and Toni Greene from the public relations firm that had handled Petite's publicity, Pretty Special, Inc. Chatman and Greene agreed to manage the group, but it was Yvette Shure of Black Beat magazine who brought them to the attention of Forceful Enterprises. Shure convinced Bowlegged Lou of Full Force to listen to the group and what he heard was music to his ears. While they were waiting to be signed, they added Stacey-Ex from Brooklyn.

Ex-Girlfriend has already worked with Cheryl "Pepsii" Riley, Samantha Fox, Lisa Lisa and Cult Jam, and they did background vocals for Jasmine Guy's debut single, "Try Me."

Their debut single, "Why Can't You Come Home," has already topped charts nationwide and has publically announced Ex-Girlfriend as a group that will be

around for many years to come. WHAT'S GOIN' ON IN THE R&B WORLD: Warner Bros. will be releasing a compilation that features music from 1970s black movies. The album took two years to pull together. Included are some classic soul cuts like: "Theme From Shaft" by Issac Hayes; "Across 110th St" by Bobby Womack & Peace; "Make A Resolution" by the Impressions; "Are You Man Enough?" by the Four Tops; "Trouble Man" by Marvin Gaye; "Love Doctor" by



Millie Jackson; "I Choose You" and "Theme From Foxy Brown" by Willie Hutch; "Blowin' Your Mind" by O.C. Smith; and "Pusherman" by Curtis Mayfield. Look for its release in early January... For the first time on video is a Nat King Cole collection of great performances by this legend during his television series of the 1950s. There are guest appearances by Ella Fitzgerald, Oscar Peterson Trio, Stan Getz and Nelson Riddle. Included are such classics as "The Christmas Song," "It's Only A Paper Moon," "Ballerina," "I've Grown Accustomed To Her Face" and "Unforgettable."



Quincy Jones (left)formally welcomes Tevin Campbell (center) into the Qwest Records family at a recent party held in celebration of the release of Campbell's debut album, *T.E.V.I.N.* The album, executive produced by Quincy Jones and Benny Medina, includes cuts produced by Jones, Prince, AI B. Surel and Narada Michael Walden (right).



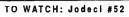
R&B great, Evelyn "Champagne" King is currently in the studio putting the finishing touches on her brand new EMI Records USA debut, Fascination, scheduled for release in January. This release will be King's first album in three years, and the 12th of her career. She has been working with the producer/writer team of Zack Harmon and Christopher Troy, who were recently responsible for the latest single by Karyn White. Pictured (I-r) are: Troy; King; Mitchell Leib, vice president A&R/West Coast, EMI Records USA; and Harmon.





#1 SINGLE: Gerald Levert





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	I LOVE YOUR SMILE (Motown 1581)	7	9
	PUT ME IN YOUR MIX (A&M 75021 7288-2) Barry White	3	14
	AFTER THE DANCE (Warner Bros. 4-19184) Fourplay Featuring El Debarge	5	11
5	I'LL TAKE YOU THERE (Capitol 44749)		
	BeBe & CeCe Winans Featuring Mavis Staples	2	13
6	TELL ME WHAT YOU WANT (Qwest/Warner Bros. 4-19275) Tevin Campbell	12	9
7	LOVE CRAZY (Reprise 26545)	9	11
8	CAN'T TRUSS IT (Def Jam/Columbia 73780) Public Enemy	8	11
9	CAN'T WAIT TO GET YOU HOME (Orpheus/Epic 34-73995) Eric Gable	11	12
10	BLACK OR WHITE (Epic 74100) Michaei Jackson	16	5
11	FEELS LIKE ANOTHER ONE (MCA 54225) Pattie LaBelle	4	13
12	2 LEGIT 2 GUIT (Capitol 79005)	15	9
13	SET ADRIFT ON MEMORY BLISS (Gee Street/Island 6690)		
		13	8
14	GIVING YOU ALL MY LOVE (Elektra 4-6484) Chris Walker	10	11
15	THE COMFORT ZONE (Mercury 865072-4) Vanessa Williams	19	8
16	THE RUSH (Epic 46789) Luther Vandross	18	7
17	LIVING IN CONFUSION (Zoo 14023) Phyllis Hyman	17	12
18	ARE YOU LONELY FOR ME (Atlantic 4-82121) Rude Boys	6	17
	CAN HE DO IT (LIKE THIS, CAN HE DO IT LIKE THAT (MCA 54227)		
		21	9
20	CHANGE (Arista 2362) Lisa Stansfield	23	8
	KISS YOU BACK (Torring Boy 993) Digital Underground	22	10
22	INSATIABLE (Paisley Park/Warner Bros. 5141) Prince & The N.P.G.	24	7
23	CAN'T LET GO (Columbia 74088) Mariah Carey	26	7
24	KEEP IT COMING (Elektra 64812)	27	5
25	ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT (Delicious Vinyl 866-104-4) Tone Loc	32	6
26	I WANT YOU (MCA 54137)	30	6
27	UHH AHH (Motown 2441-4) Boyz II Men	34	6
28	(EVERYBODY) GET UP (Reprise/Warner Bros. 19124) Roger	28	9
29	THESE THREE WORDS (Motown 1007) Stevie Wonder	35	4
30	MAKE TIME FOR LOVE (Owest/Warner Bros. 19101) Keith Washington	36	6
31	THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT YOU (Warner Bros. 5135) Karyn White	38	7
32	IS IT GOOD TO YOU (Uptown/MCA 54200) Heavy D. & the Boyz	14	12
33	EVERLASTING (Epic 74119)	39	5
34	YOU SAID, YOU SAID (Laface/Arista 2-4003) Jermaine Jackson	25	9
35	I BELONG TO YOU (Arista 12369) Whitney Houston	40	7
36	STAY THIS WAY (Delicous Vinyl 6-697) Brand New Heavies	42	9
37	SWEET THANG (Capitol 79923)	43	7
38	CLOSER THAN CLOSE (Columbia 38-73925) Peabo Bryson	20	13
39	TENDER KISSES (Capitol 44680) Tracle Spencer	29	21
40	NEVER IN MY LIFE (Tabu/A&M 28965-4008) Cherrell	41	10
41	EVERYTIME MY HEART BEATS (SBK 07371) Riff	31	9
	YOU CALLED & TOLD ME(FROM "STRICTLY BUSINESS (Uptown/MCA		42)
•	Jeff Redd	48	5
43	SHE'S GOT THE VIBE (Jive 420 225-2) R Kelly/Public Announcement	45	6
44	I'M HOOKED (Bust It/Capitol 44751)	53	8
45	GET READY (Owest/Warner Bros. 4-19091) James Ingram	55	3
46	SHAKIYLA (JHR) (Profile 5344) Poor Righteous Teachers	49	5
47	GROOVE WITH IT (Cold Chillin'/Reprise 4-19155)Big Daddy Kane	54	4
48	THE JONES (Motown 2138-4)	56	7
49	HEART TO HEART (MCA 54249)		
	J.T. Taylor (Duet With Stephanie Mills)	57	4

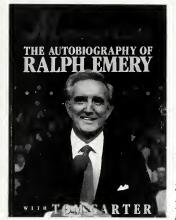
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52 STAY (MCA 332054)	63 3
53 MARY MACK (Solar/Epic 74543) Babyface	58 4
54 FINALLY (A&M 1586)	65 6
55 JUST A TOUCH OF LOVE (Columbia 74033) C&C Music Factory	59 7
56 STEADY MOBBIN (Priority 7247)	62 4
57 DO YA (A&M 75021-72870) Vesta	52 11
58 SHINE (Epic 74111)	61 5
59 WHEN IN LOVE (First Priority 98715) M.C. Lyte	51 16
60 TIME GOES ON (Atlantic 91814) En Vogue	64 5
61 COLOR ME BADD (Giant 19236) Color Me Badd	66 3
62 LOVE IS CALLING YOU (RCA 62163)	67 2
63 JUST THE TWO OF US (Select/Elektra 4-66502) Chubb Rock	68 6
64 DOUBLE GOOD EVERYTHING (Dpro-05414) Smokey Robinson	33 10
65 SO INTENSE (Elektra 64817) Lisa Fischer	70 4
66 WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND (Virgin 4-98666) Lenny Kravitz	69 5
67 MEET ME IN THE MIDDLE (MCA 54219) Gladys Knight	71 4
68 THIS MUST BE LOVE (Mercury 866 204-4) Small Change	72 4
69 LATIFAHS HAD IT UP TO HERE (Tommy Boy 506) Queen Latifah	75 2
70 IT'S GONNA BE ALRIGHT (Tommy Boy 999) Naughty By Nature	DEBUT
71 CHECK THE RHIME (Jive 42011)	46 10
72 WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND (MCA 54311)	83 2
73 NICE -N- SLOW (Virgin 986) Redhead Kingpin	74 5
74 BROKEN PROMISES (Tabu/A&M 1800) S.O.S. Band	78 2
75 BE A FATHER TO YOUR CHILD (Mercury 867888) Ed O.G. & Da Bulldogs	82 3
76 IT'S NOT YOUR MONEY (Bust It/Capitol 44789)	
77 LEAVE THE GUNS AT HOME (RCA 62111-4)	
Al Baker Featuring Al Green	79 6
78 THIS TIME (RCA 62153-4)	86 4
79 DARK AND LOVELY (A&M 75021 7322-2)	76 4
80 THINGS TO DO (Jive 42036) D.J. Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince	90 2
81 WORD TO THE BADD (LaFace/Arista 4011) Jermaine Jackson	DEBUT
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83 WHIP IT TO ME (Ichiban 91-086) Fat Boy	89 3
84 DON'T MAKE ME WAIT (Island 422866284) Will Downing	93 2
85 BE TRUE TO YOURSELF (Profile 1416) 2nd    None	88 3
SOMEBODY LOVES YOU (MCA 2084) Patti LaBeile	DEBUT
87 YOU'RE THE ONE (Reprise 19175) Ex-Girlfriend	77 8
SS POOR GEORGIE (Priority/Atlantic 9863) M.C. Lyte	DEBUT
89 YOU MAKE ME FEEL BRAND NEW (Atlantic 4-87556) Roberta Flack	DEBUT
90 GET A LIFE (Atlantic 4-87582)	DEBUT
91 FOREVER MY LADY (Uptown/MCA 54197) Jodeci	37 18
92 THE PRESSURE PT. 1 (Perspective/A&M 1205) Sounds Of Blackness	73 14
93 RIGHT DOWN TO IT (Arista 7300624002-7) Damien Dame	50 17
94 YOURS TRULY (Motown 2125)	81 8
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# **COUNTRY MUSIC**

#### **BOOK REVIEW**

#### Memories: The Autobiography Of Ralph Emery with Tom Carter



If set to music, *Memories* could possibly be a forthcoming multi-platinum album. However, since Ralph Emery is obviously no singer, songwriter or musician, the sound of music will not be heard throughout these 30 chapters which candidly flaunt the life of Music City's topnotch air personality and "starmaker." To many, the host of The Nashville Network's popular Nashville Now program, is possibly the result of a southernfried, "rags-to-riches" story.

As Memories, written with Tom Carter, begins to unfold, Emery shows no hesitation whatsoever in revealing those "rags"flavored stories. His childhood in a small Tennessee town was often interrupted by his father's obsessive alcoholism. Emery also writes that his boyhood and adoles-

cence was extremely disturbing due to various insecurities regarding his appearance and lack of acceptance. Additionally, the radio/television announcer experienced his own battles with chemical dependency and a struggling marital tragedy.

Despite Emery's tales of the "rags," his broadcast career blossomed into what could now be described as a towering phenomenon, and *Memories* will take readers deep into such growth. Emery's close interactions with Country Music's top names, including the likes of the late Patsy Cline and Jim Reeves, as well as Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings and Johnny Cash are disclosed. Even some pop performers such as Wayne Newton are included. Perhaps Emery's, as well as eventual readers' fondest stories throughout the *Memories* book will be featured in those entire chapters devoted to individual artists such as Dolly Parton, Barbara Mandrell, Cash, Merle Haggard, Tom T. Hall, Jimmy Dean, Ray Stevens and Minnie Pearl. Although the words and stories reminisced in *Memories* perhaps resemble the emotional lyrics of a fine country song, Emery apparently shows no interest in writing in any rhymes or flowery adjectives—it's simply the hot and cold truth and very interesting, as well as musically educational.

As for the multi-platinum success, Memories is already well on its way.

# Sun Records Set To Shine

**NO, ELVIS WON'T BE RECORDING A NEW ALBUM!** However, other newly-signed artists *will* be eventually, as the label plans to develop a new artist portfolio and return to the music recording industry. Sun Records, originally based in Memphis, Tennessee and currently operating in Music City, also plans to develop alternative markets for distribution of its vast library of master recordings, which include early works by Elvis Presley, Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Roy Orbison. The company has identified approximately one million new market outlets in the United States and Canada.

Sun Entertainment Holding Corporation recently announced it has engaged a U.S. investment banking firm to underwrite a secondary common stock public offering of \$5 million to fund such long-range entertainment projects. According to Sidney Singleton of Sun Entertainment, among the new projects such as developing and recording new and already established artists and continuing the distribution of its authentic product, the company furthermore plans to use the funds to merchandise the very first Elvis Presley recordings, which were originally recorded on the Sun Records label. The two songs entitled "My Happiness" and "That's When Your Heartache Begins" were both recorded in 1953.

Sun is the current generation of a series of music industry-related companies founded in 1950 in Memphis by Sam C. Phillips, who was responsible for launching the careers of Presley, Perkins, Cash, Lewis, Orbison and many others.

#### **COUNTRY NEWS BOX**

**TOMMY COUCH, JR.** recently announced the launching of the South's newest independent label, Waldoxy Records, in Jackson, Mississippi. "My goal is to establish an alternative label that produces quality product, but at the same time preserves the integrity of the artist and his or her songs, explains Couch, who previously owned and operated a successful booking agency and artist management firm. Waldoxy's first release, *Mesas And Mandolins*, will be by former Arista recording artists Stealin Horses and will ship in early January. **THERE'S CHRISTMAS IN DIM DAR HALLS!** The holiday season at the Country Music Hall of Fame exhibits a series of special events which centers around a 25-foot traditional tree, ornamented with a unique collection of items contributed by country music's top stars, in the Museum's Walkway of Stars lobby. An exhibit of vintage Christmas cards, once mailed to friends, family or fans of country luminaries, and the giant "Operation Merry Christmas" mail-

box, where fans may deposit holiday greetings to their favorite stars, completes the exhibit. On Wednesday, December 18, Musician of the Year Mark O'-Connor will present a program of traditional Christmas music and songs of the season. Special events are open to all fans with a museum admission ticket. **KILLEN ADDS BOOKING/MGMT. TO EMPIRE**—Music City entrepreneur Buddy Killen recently announced plans to expand his evergrowing empire with the addition of a booking and management arm to Buddy Killen Enterprises. The newly-organized company, to be known as Killen Entertainment Group, has been formed as a partnership between Killen, Joe Meador and Ronnie McDowell. McDowell and newgroup Six Shooter will mark the arm's initial clients.



New group Great Plains recently stopped by the Cash Box/Nashville offices to entertain the staff with an acoustic performance featuring cuts from their self-titled, debut album. Close quarters did not inhibit the powerful vocals coming from this four-member band who managed to take their act up and down Music Row for a sneak preview of the album. Pictured (I-r), front row are: Kimmy Wix, Cash Box Nashville editor; Cory Cheshire, editorial assistant; Teresa Chance, country chart coordinator; and Jim Sharp, vice president. Back row (I-r): Russ Pahl, Michael Young, Denny Dadmun-Bixby and Jack Sundrud of Great Plains and Cliff Gerkin, Cash Box country chart director.

**Collin Raye** HE WILL DEFINITELY BE MORE THAN "A SWEET MEMORY"—As his debut album continues to offer chart-busting singles, Collin Raye is learning that less is sometimes better. All I Can Be, Raye's Epic



debut release, flaunts the stylistic subtleties which make his ballads tender and his voice unforgettable. This week his album reaches #19 on the *Cash Box* Top 75 Country Album Chart and his current single, "Love, Me," is barrelling to *the* top of the Country Singles Chart, assuming the #9 position this week, as phones keep ringing the radio stations for this tear-jerking ballad.

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The Arkansas native began singing with his mother and later joined his brother as part of a country-rock band touring throughout Oregon and the casinos and resorts of Reno, Nevada. Raye and his brother would eventually pursue

different musical paths, leading Raye to sign a contract with Epic Records.

While Raye did not begin a singing career as a solo performer, he laughs that his debut project is not exactly a solo effort. "They call this a solo album," he muses, "but it's really the combined efforts of a lot of talented people. I'd look around the studio, and I couldn't believe how many great people were there. It was really a dream."

Creating this grand illusion orchestrated by producers Jerry Fuller and John Hobbs were musicians including Desert Rose Band's Herb Pedersen and Jay Dee Maness, Little Feat's Fred Tackett, steel player Paul Franklin, guitarists Billy Joe Walker, Reggie Young and Steve Gibson, as well as the sweet harmonies of vocal powerhouse Vince Gill, who contributed his vocals to one of the cuts on Raye's album, entitled "All I Can Be."

While the tender ballads "All I Can Be" and "Love, Me" have become characteristic of Raye's style, the album offers uptempo singles as well. Fine tuning his vocals for all types of songs is, according to Raye, the result of learning more about singing. "I think I've become better as I've become smarter about my voice. I still have a lot of power and stamina, but over the years, I've learned it's the subtle things that can make a song come across with more strength."

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Last Week- Total Weeks The square bullet indicates strong upward chart movement

#1 ALBUM: Michael Jackson

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HIGH DEBUT: Jody Watley #94

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MR. LUCKY (Point Blank/Charisma 91724) ..... JOHN LEE HOOKER 100

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27 THE DIRT ROAD (Curb/Capitol 79050)(CD) Sawyer Brown	33	4
28 I'LL STOP LOVING YOU (Columbia 74102)(CD)	32	5
29 DON'T CROSS YOUR HEART (Epic 74062)(CD) Shelby Lynne	31	5
30 AFTER THE LIGHTS GO OUT (Columbia 74104)(CD) . Ricky Van Shelton	34	3
31 SHAMELESS (Capitol 79008)(CD)		9
32 THE WHISKEY AIN'T WORKIN' (Warner Bros 5122)(CD)	, ,	Ű
Travis Tritt/Marty Stuart	47	2
33 SOMEDAY SOON (Capitol 79678)(CD) Suzy Bogguss	19	14
34 THEN AGAIN (RCA 62059)(VL) Alabama	24	12
35 IF I COULD BOTTLE THIS UP (RCA 62106)(VL) Paul Overstreet	40	4
36 TURN THAT RADIO ON (RCA 62104)(VL)	43	3
37 FIGHTING FOR YOU (Capitol 79972)(CD) Pirates Of The Mississippi	30	7
38 LITTLE FOLKS (Epic 74061)(CD) Charlie Daniels	42	6
39 BACK TO THE WELL (Epic 74063)(CD) Tom Wopat	41	3
40 HURT ME BAD (IN A REAL GOOD WAY) (MCA 54178)(CD)		
Patty Loveless	35	16
41 IS IT COLD IN HERE (Epic 74123)(CD) Joe Diffie	64	2
42 MAYBE IT WAS MEMPHIS (Arista 2371)(CD) Pam Tillis	59	2
43 THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU (MCA 54270)(CD)		
Trisha Yearwood	54	2
44 SWEET LITTLE SHOE (Warner Bros 4984)(CD) Dan Seals	45	5
45 A MONTH OF SUNDAYS (Columbia 74103)(CD)	51	2
46 IF YOU WANT TO FIND LOVE (Reprise 5159)(CD) Kenny Rogers	52	2
47 HONKY TONKIN' ROUND (Stop Hunger 1101)(VL) Art Buchanan	49 50	11
48 DADDY DON'T SIGN THE PAPERS (Curb 082)(CD) Six Shooter	50	5
49 I KNOW SO (Curb 085)(CD) Wayne Newton	DEE	
50 SHE LOVED A LOT IN HER TIME (MCA 54272)(CD) George Jones	DEE	
51 I'LL START WITH YOU (Capitol 79974)(CD) Paulette Carlson	υu	2

52       I'D RATHER BE IN LOVE (Stop Hunger 1101)(VL) Dawn Dorminy         53       DEVIL AND YOUR DEEP BLUE EYES (Columbia 74064)(CD)	56	6
Sweethearts Of The Rodeo	55	5
54 WHO DID THEY THINK HE WAS (MCA 54281)(CD) Conway Twitty	DEB	BUT
55 WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN (Curb 79124)(CD) . Ronnie McDowell	DEB	BUT
56 THE BLAME (Warner Br 4944)(CD) Highway 101	37	14
57 JOHN DEERE TRACTOR (Curb\RCA 62038)(VL) The Judds	38	14
58 ROUTE 99 (Stop Hunger 30643)(Vi) Angie Welch	62	4
59         THOSE BLUES (SURE DO COME AROUND) (Soundwaves 348)(VL)           The Stranger	61	7
60 LIKE WE NEVER HAD A BROKEN HEART (MCA 54172)(CD)	36	16
61 LEFTY WAS RIGHT (Air 108)(VL) Johnny Paycheck	69	3
62 WILD NIGHTS (Lynn 8191)(VL) Rick Arnold	65	11
(GIRLS THAT LOOK) A LITTLE LIKE YOU (WTM 7729)(CD) Josiah	66	8
64 IT ONLY HURTS WHEN I CRY (Reprise 5041)(CD) Dwight Yoakam	DEE	-
65 ONLY DADDY THAT'LL WALK THE LINE (Mercury 565)(CD)	0	.01
	44	6
66 I'M TIRED OF BEING KNOWN AS MRS. JONES (Evergreen 1146)(VL)	70	
67 YOU CHANGED A ROLLIN' STONE (Playback 1356)(VL)	70	4
57 FOU CHANGED A ROLLIN STORE (Rayback 1356)(VL)	67	9
68 PAINTED LADY (Noka 103)(VL)	68	9
69 LIKE SMOKE IN THE WIND (Axbar 6069)(VL) Billy D. Hunter	71	5
70 WASTED ON YOU (Fearless 6469)(VL) Crossover	73	8
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71 NO MAN'S LAND (Playback/Laurie 146)(CD) Michelle Bishop	74	7
THIS GOODBYE IS GONNA LAST FOREVER (Sun Set 001)(VL)	75	
	75	6
73 DANCIN' WITH AN ANGEL (Door Knob 373)(VL) Bo Harrison		3
74 MAKIN' MUSIC (Playback/Laurie 144)(CD) Charlie Louvin	76	7
75 HANGIN' OUT (Ryko/Tried & Tr 10219)(CD) Chris Wall	80	3
76 BROTHERLY LOVE (RCA 62037)(VL) Keith Whitley & Earl Thomas Co	39	15
THE SEASONS OF MY LIFE (Tug Boat 1027)(VL) Doc Holiday	79	4
76 TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT YOU (Lost Gold 1022)(CD) Tony Sands	82	3
WE'RE TALKING TEARS (Cowboy Heaven 0001)(CD) Montana Rose	DEB	
30 IF I WERE YOU (Bitter Creek 82791)(VL) Sandy Garwood	DEB	
SI SOMEONE LOCK ME UP (AMI 1957)(VL) Cricket Rhodes	87	3
SP2 SHOULDER TO CRY ON (Stargem 2507)(VL) Jerry Raby	84	3
SS SHE HAD THE NICEST PAIR OF BOOTS (CC Star 101)(VL)		
	85	2
34 WALKIN' AND TALKIN' (Staircase 4001)(CD) Kimberly Summers	86	2
35 THE JUKEBOX HAS BEEN TALKING (Stargern 2506)(VL) . Cousin Glen	88	5
86 NO ORDINARY MEMORY (NSD 0280)(VL) Laura Lee	DEB	
37 ALL I WANT IS YOUR LOVE (Stargern 2512)(VL) Mel McQuain	89	5
88 WHITE HORSES & LITTLE BROWN PONIES (615 1030)(VL)	00	
Hoodoo Fudgearound	90	4
S9 ENDLESS EYES (L'il Bill 115)(VL) Roman Rand	91	2
90 YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOCK (D & T 007)(VL) Mandy Kay	92	2
91 CALL OF THE DOVE (Tug Boat 1025)(VL) John Lockhardt, M.D.	93	4
92 NASHVILLE NOW BOOGIE (Caprice 2398)(VL) Joey Welz	DEB	
93 RUBY RED (Stargem 2508)(VL) Denise Cole	DEB	
94 THE WORST IN ME (Laurel 116)(VL) Jim & Min Harding	DEB	
95 THAT'S THE WAY I FEEL (Curb 079)(CD) Delbert McClinton	58 57	9 17
96 SOMEDAY (Arista 2335)(CD) Alan Jackson	57 72	17
97 WOMEN LIKE YOU (Castle 113)(VL) Doug Cotton		
98 ONE STEP AT A TIME (Killer 144) (VL) Todd Burnes	83	8
99 YOU CAN GO HOME (Curb/MCA 54188)(CD) Desert Rose Band	63	9
100 PLAYIN' IT BY HEART (Ridgewood 2023)(VL) Two For The Money	81	9



# **COUNTRY MUSIC**

RETAIL

RAP

By Teresa Chance & Kimmy Wix

#### Most Active

The Judds-Greatest Hits-(Curb/RCA 8318)--#33

#### **Product Pick**

Kenny Rogers—Back Home Again—(Reprise 26740) (The Product Pick is determined each week by Cash Box's retail account panal.)

#### Hittin' the Street

(January 14, 1992) Joe Diffie—Regular Joe—(Epic 47477)

(January 14, 1992) Emmylou Harris & the Nashville Ramblers—At The Ryman—(Reprise 26664)

(March 6, 1992) Confederate Railroad-Confederate Railroad—(Atlantic 82335)

ALBUM ACTION THIS WEEK—They may be breaking up the act but sales are as hot as ever for The Judds Greatest Hits album. Some of their hit songs including "Why Not Me," "Rockin' With the Rhythm" and "Love Is Alive" highlight this first Judds' collection. Retail accounts such as Wherehouse Entertainment in Torrence CA; RTI One Stop in Omaha, NE; and Round-Up Music in Kent, WA report increased sales for the album moving it 17 slots to #33 this week on the Cash Box Top 75 Country Album Chart.

**PRODÚCT PICK**—The current Reprise release from Kenny Rogers entitled Back Home Again, debuted this week at #50, proving that Rogers is indeed back home on the charts. Retailers are excited about the Rogers project according to accounts such as Scotts One Stop in Indianapolis, IN and Tower Records in West Sacramento, CA. The current single release, "If You Want To Find Love," was co-written by Rogers and rises to #46 on the Cash Box Top 100 Country Singles Chart. GONE GOLD & PAST PLATINUM—After six albums, Randy

Travis is still making a strong showing with his latest album entitled *High Lonesome*. With sales exceeding 500,000 units, the R.I.A.A. has certified the album gold. At #15 on this week's *Cash Box* Top 75 Country Album Chart, *High Lonesome* contains the recent #1 single, "Together Forever" and his current release "Better Class of Losers."

It's All About To Change, the second smash album from CMA Horizon Award winner, Travis Tritt has been certified platinum by the R.I.A.A., signifying sales in excess of one million units. Number 1 singles off the album include "Here's A Quarter (Call Someone Who Cares)" and "Anymore" as well as the current Travis Tritt/Marty Stuart duet "The Whiskey Ain't Workin'."

(Cash Box Magazine would love to publish information and photographs regarding any retail news, promotions or events. Please contact Teresa Chance or Kimmy Wix at 615-329-2898.)



SEASON'S GREETINGS!—Reba McEntire recently taped a 90-minute holiday program entitled *Reba McEntire's Christmas Card*, which will air Tuesday Dec. 24 at 9:00 PM on TNN. The event features music provided by the U.S. Army Orchestra and performances by The Christ Church Choir and W.O. Smith School Select Singers. The finale brought performers from earlier in the show back on the stage for a medley of traditional Christmas classics. Pictured during the classing numbers (Lr) are: Trisba Yearwood classics. Pictured during the closing numbers (I-r) are: Trisha Yearwood, McEntire, Carman and Vince Gill.

# TOP 75 COUNTRY ALBUMS

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Last Week . Total Weeks .

(G) = Gold (RIAA) Certified (P) = Platinum (RIAA) Certified





TO WATCH: The Judds #33

	ROPIN' THE WIND (Capitol 96330)		1 13
	FOR MY BROKEN HEART (MCA 54223)		29 328
	POCKET FULL OF GOLD (MCA 10140)		3 <u>2</u> 0 4 39
5	NO FENCES (Capitol 93866)(P4)	Garth Brooks	5 65
6	TRISHA YEARWOOD (MCA 10297) DON'T ROCK THE JUKEBOX (Arista 8681)(G)		723 30
8	BACKROADS (Columbia 46855)(G)	Ricky Van Shelton	8 29
	GARTH BROOKS (Capitol 90897)(P2)	. Garth Brooks 11	120
10	PUT YOURSELF IN MY SHOES (RCA 2372)(P) GREATEST HITS VOLUME TWO (Curb/RCA 61018)		0 56 9 12
	HIGH LONESOME (Warner Bros. 26661)		
	EAGLE WHEN SHE FLIES (Columbia 46882)(G)		
14 15	TRIBUTE (RCA 3024)	Roy Rogers 1 Tanya Tucker 1	
16	DIAMOND RIO (Arista 8673)	Diamond Rio 1	
17			7 58
18	GREATEST HITS II (RCA 61040)	Alabarna 2	38
19	ALL I CAN BE (Epic 47468)	Collin Raye 2	7 15
	<b>SOMETHING IN RED</b> (RCA 3021)		2 35 9 13
22	CHILL OF AN EARLY FALL (MCA 10204)(G)		
	AND ALONG CAME JONES (MCA 10398)	George Jones 2	
24 25	I THOUGHT IT WAS YOU (Epic 47357)		4 17 0 83
26	RUMOR HAS IT (MCA 10016)(P)		0 64
27	KILLIN' TIME (RCA 9668)(P2)		
28 29	TOO COLD AT HOME (MCA 10032)(G)		8 59 7 90
30	I AM READY (Arista 18691)		3 6
31	BRAND NEW MAN (Arista 07822)		5 17
32 33	COUNTRY CLUB (Warner Bros 26094)(P)	Travis Intt 4	0 87
34	ACES (Capitol 95847)	. Suzy Bogguss 3	4 10
35	THE PATSY CLINE COLLECTION (MCA 10421)	Patsy Cline 3	2 6
36 37	THE BEST OF RESTLESS HEART (RCA 61041) IF THERE WAS A WAY (Reprise 26344)(G)		67 556
38	BUICK (Curb/Capitol 94260)	. Sawyer Brown 2	9 38
39 40	TIME PASSES BY (Mercury 846975)		937 69
41	WALK THE PLANK (Capitol 95798) Pirates O BILLY DEAN (Capitol/SBK 96728)	Billy Dean 4	59
42	ELECTRIC BARNYARD (Mercury 848054)(G) Kentu	cky HeadHunters 3	
43 44	PAST THE POINT OF RESCUE (Curb 77450)         ZONE OF OUR OWN (Reprise 26683)		4 17 2 12
45	MILESTONES-GREATEST HITS (Warner Bros. 26630)		3 20
46	<b>12 GREATEST HITS</b> (MCA 12)(P2)		8 84
47 48	LOVE GOES ON (Capitol 97711)	Paulette Carison 4	7 2
49	STICKS AND STONES (Atlantic 82326)	. Tracy Lawrence 4	92
50 51	BACK HOME AGAIN (Reprise 26740)		EBUT
52	HIGH AND DRY (MCA 10330)		6 15
53	TEMPTED (MCA 10106)	Marty Stuart 5	3 46
54 55	THE NEW NASHVILLE CATS (Warner Bros. 26509) LOVE CAN BUILD A BRIDGE (Curb/RCA 2070)(G)		1 33 4 63
	I'VE GOT THAT OLD FEELING (Rounder 0275)	. Alison Krauss 5	5 40
57	KENNY ROGERS 20 GREAT YEARS (Reprise 26711) .	Kenny Rogers 5	2 3
58 59	DON'T GO NEAR THE WATER (Mercury 510161) HEROES (RCA 2459)	Sammy Kersnaw 5 wl Overstreet BF-F	72 NTRY
60	TRUE LOVE (Curb/MCA 10407)	Desert Rose Band 5	99
61	BETH NIELSEN CHAPMAN (Warner Bros. 26172) . Beth		6 7
62 63	KENTUCKY BLUEBIRD (RCA 3156)         GREAT PLAINS (Columbia 48651)	Keith Whitley 5	
64	PASS IT ON DOWN (RCA 2108)(G)	Alabama 6	3 76
65	A THOUSAND WINDING ROADS (Epic 46047)	Joe Diffie 6	4 59
67	GET RHYTHM (Atlantic 82176)	Davis Daniel RE-E	6 21 NTRY
68	CHASIN' THE SUN (MCA 10307)	Lionel Cartwright 6	5 16
	PICKIN' ON NASHVILLE (Mercury 838744)(P) Kentuc DON'T THROW ME IN THE BRIARPATCH (Epic 48611		9105 92
70 71	BING BANG BOOM (Warner Bros. 26588)	Highway 101 5	8 25
72	MY FATHER'S SON (Epic 47389)	Ricky Skaggs 7	2 13
73 74	BEST OF (RCA 3118)		4 6 0 33
75	GREATEST HITS (RCA 2277)		8 67
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# GOUNTRY MUSIC

COUNTRY

RADIO

#### By Cory Cheshire and Kimmy Wix

**HIGH DEBUTS** 1. WAYNE NEWTON-"I Know So"-(Curb)---#49 2. GEORGE JONES-"She Loved A Lot In Her Time"-(MCA)-#50 3. CONWAY TWITTY—"Who Did They Think He Was"---(MCA)--#54

#### MOST ACTIVE

1. JOE DIFFIE—"Is It Cold In Here"—(Epic)#41

 PAM TILLIS—'Maybe It Was Memphis''—(Arista)#42
 TRAVIS TRITT/MARTY STUART—'The Whiskey Ain't Workin'''—(Warner Bros.)#32

#### **HOT PHONES**

1. COLLIN RAYE—"Love, Me"—(Epic)—#9 2. GARTH BROOKS—"Shameless"—(Capitol)—#31 3. VINCE GILL—"Look At Us"—(MCA)—#1

POWERFUL ON THE PLAYLIST-"Is It Cold In Here" unleashes another Joe Diffie powerhouse giving his Regular Joe album a significant headstart before its slated release in early 1992. At #41 on the Cash Box Top 100 Country Singles Chart, the single jumps 23 notches to be this week's Most Active single. Stations showing significant action for the single include KFGO in Fargo, ND; KQLX in Lisbon, ND; and WOW in Omaha, NE.

The latest single from Pam Tillis proves to be a sure thing according to reports from radio stations such as KHOZ-FM in Harrison, AR; WBRM in Marion, NC; and WSLC in Roanoke, VA. "Maybe It Was Memphis" edges Tillis closer to the top as it moves 17 to #42 on the Cash Box Top 100 Country Singles Chart.

So much for the whiskey; the Travis Tritt/Marty Stuart partnership is doing just fine. The duo's single, "The Whiskey Ain't Workin" debuted at #47 last week and with a gain of 15, advances to #32 on the Cash Box Top 100 Country Singles Chart. Reports from stations such as KVOX-FM in Moorhead, MN; KYKZ-FM in Lake Charles, LA; and WKCG-FM in Augusta, ME show strong movement for this "No-Hats" project.

**INSIDE RADIO**—Country Radio Broadcasters, Inc. have announced the long-form speakers for their 1992 Country Radio Seminar to be held at the Opryland Hotel and Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee, March 4-7, 1992. "Taking into consideration the various disciplines and professions of our attendees, we set out to get the speakers we felt best represented our industry," said Erica Farber, Board member for the CRB. Guest speakers will include, Oren Harari, Dan O'Day and Dr. Perry Buffington. Harari is a speaker and senior consultant with the Tom Peters Group and has worked with management teams in the U.S. and abroad. A former award-winning, major market air personality, O'Day now publishes his own comedy service and is author of the book, Personality Radio. Dr. Perry W. Buffington is a practicing psychologist, writer and lecturer working as the psychological consultant for a major radio consulting agency.



TAKING A STATION BREAK—During the recent promotional tour for his new Reprise release *Back Home Again*, Kenny Rogers and friends meet the crew at WGNA radio in Rennseler, New York. Pictured (I-r) are: Jim Ed Norman, president, Warner/Reprise Records, Nashville; Rogers; Fred Harton, program director, WGNA; Bill Mayne, national promotion director, Warner/Reprise Records, Nashville; and kneeling, Richie Phillips, air personality, WGNA.

(Cash Box would love to publish information regarding events happening at or around your station. Please send us any press release, photographs, etc. for use in upcoming issues. We'd love to hear from you!)

#### **NEW SINGLE RELEASES**

#### OUT OF THE BOX PATTY LOVELESS: "Jealous Bone" (MCA 54271) Producers: Emory Gordy, Jr./Tony Brown Writers: Rick Giles/Steve Bogard

Patty Loveless flaunts a touch of confidence in this sultry-edged number that's sure to take her to the top. "Jealous Bone," with its almost seductive flowing melody rides a fast-paced wave when it comes to the tempo category, and reveals a rather sassy-flavored performance from Loveless, who belts out these lyrics with a sense of aiming force and gripping vocal control.



#### **FEATURE PICKS**

#### **GREAT PLAINS:** "Faster Gun" (Columbia 74137) **Producers: Brent Maher/Don Potter** Writers: J. Sundrud/G. Burr

Unleashing the second release from its self-titled debut project, Great Plains is already catching the ears of several radio music directors, and with this futuristic-western-tinged cut, the count continues. "Faster Gun," with its mysterious instrumentation and deep-beaten rhythm pattern, pours out an excellent vocal harmony package and a lyrical hook that's sure to snag a multitude of devoted followers.

#### **TIM RYAN:** "I Will Love You Anyhow" (Epic 74124) **Producers: Paul Worley/Ed Seay/Anthony Martin** Writers: R. Foster/B. Lloyd

With the explosion of new artists currently hitting the country scene and towering the charts with debut singles; why why why is this powerful vocalist not receiving his "just" recognition? Tim Ryan punches these lyrics in his latest single like a bullet through a hay bale. "I Will Love You Anyhow" displays Ryan's abilities to sing with deep helpings of emotion that will cater to every country listener out there. "I Will Love You Anyhow" sparks from Ryan's Seasons Of The Heart LP.

#### DAVIS DANIEL: "Fighting Fire With Fire" (Mercury 597) **Producer: Ron Haffkine**

#### Writers: Michael White/Conley R. White

Marking the third single from his debut disc, country newcomer Davis Daniel unleashes his title cut, and his approach proves to be quite appropriate as his vocal spill flaunts a rather fiery emphasis. "Fighting Fire With Fire," a traditional-flavored song about fighting for the one ya love, unwinds a laggish tempo with Daniel's enriched southern vocals gripping every word.

#### PRAIRIE OYSTER: "One Precious Love" (RCA 62108) Producers: Richard Bennett/Josh Leo Writer: Joan Besen

It's no secret that most thought this new group's career had peaked when they were nominated for an unexpected '91 ACM award. Surprise! Surprise! Prairie Oyster is back in action and prepared to dish out a big helping of what country radio has only tasted. The first spoonful comes from the Everybody Knows package, and without a doubt, the bite is one heck of a flavory one. "One Precious Love," pumping with a '50s rock-n-roll-tinged energy, shows off Prairie Oyster's unique blend of rustic vocal harmony and should give the playlists a challenge they won't regret.

#### **GARY MORRIS:** "One Fall Is All It Takes" (Capitol 79968) **Producer: Gary Morris**

#### Writers: Gary Burr/Gary Morris

This voice has certainly proved itself throughout several facets across the board of music. Gary Morris' Full Moon, Empty Heart project continues to reveal this highly recognized voice as he releases this breezy-tinged ballad about love ready to happen.

#### CHRIS LeDOUX: "Workin' Man's Dollar" (Capitol 79922) **Producer: Jimmy Bowen** Writer: Chris LeDoux

LeDoux is perhaps the last of the true western songstylists, but his devotion to the famous cowboy era gives this musical vogue a brand new life, as he creates and delivers his own niche of cowboy-country. "Workin' Man's Dollar," LeDoux's latest spark from his Western Underground package, unrolls a meangingful glimpse of what's really important in life-those importances we often take for granted. Radio should, however, take this one for a long ride up the playlists. "Workin' Man's Dollar" just could catch on big if the audience *really* listens.



# **COUNTRY MUSIC**

INDIE

INSIGHT

#### COUNTRY CHART CHATTER-Who

would have known that this unique character with the country-as-country-can-get vocals would eventually experience the thrill of national chart success? Regardless, Art Buchanan continues to hold the top-slot seat on this week's Top 100 Country Singles

on this week's Top 100 Country Singles Chart with his "Honky Tonkin' Round" single. From last week's #49 position, Buchannon two-steps up the chart to #47. Hot on Art's heels is "doll-face" Dawn Dorminy with her newest

Hot on Art's heels is "doll-face" Dawn Dorminy with her newest release entitled "I'd Rather Be In Love," which moves up four this week to #52.

Other Indies in significant action on the chart this week include Angie Welch with "Route 99," The Stranger with "Those Blues" and Johnny Paycheck's "Lefty Was Right." Debuting this week are Montanna Rose, Sandy Garwood, Laura Lee and Joey Welz. SIGNINGS & SUCH—The Orlando, Florida-based Pinecastle

**SIGNINGS & SUCH**—The Orlando, Florida-based Pinecastle Records recently announced the signing of the Bass Mountain Boys to its roster. The Burlington, North Carolina group expects to release its debut single in the late spring of 1992.

Nashville-based D & T Records has inked a recording agreement with The Whitson Sisters from Bristol, Tennessee. The sister trio only recently released its first single entitled "I've Got The Bull By The Horns." ARTISTS IN ACTION—Her recent chart success and first-time na-

**ARTISTS IN ACTION**—Her recent chart success and first-time national exposure is obviously paying off. In addition to her debut single on the Playback/Laurie Records label reaching a #43 position, Michele Bishop also opened a show date for Ricky Van Shelton, at the South Florida State Fair in West Palm Beach just last week.



Singer/songwriter Johnny Paycheck recently donated his 1979 electric guitar, custom built by Luthier Michael Tobias, to the archives of the Country Music Hall of Fame. Pictured are Bill ivey, Country Music Foundation executive director and Paycheck.

#### INDIE FEATURE PICKS

#### BLACK TIE: "I'm Sure Of You" (Bench BRCD-02) Producer: Reggie Fisher Writers: B. Swan/A. Rich

This unusual blend of harmony has certainly become no stranger to the country playlists. Black Tie's ability to quilt lyrics with a breezy and raspy vocal appeal has caught on quick, garnering them wide acclaim in both the country and pop markets. The group's latest single endeavor from the *R.S.V.P.* album delivers another toast of vocal excellence along with a cut that's seasoned with a catch y '60s lining and lyrics of inspiration. For an additional treat, there's a cut #2. Try this version of "Away In A Manger" on for size."

# JEANNIE BURKMAN: "Reckless" (NSD IP-4-#2) Producer: Kevin Short Writer: Jeannie Burkman

#### Writer: Jeannie Burkman

Give this Buffalo, New York native a flag to wave for being an excellent representative for those few "quality" independent artists out there! Jeannie Burkman, whose first taste of music was classical piano, makes her radio debut with this delightfully ear-catching number about a love-em-and-leave-em heart. "Reckless" whips out a winning, commercial melody and showcases both Burkman's clever penmanship and piercing vocals.

#### KEVIN PEARCE: "Over" (Evergreen EV-1140) Producer: Johnny Morris Writers: Jerry Foster/Bill Rice

Talk about moanin' the blues! Evergreen recording artist Kevin Pearce adds a heaping dose of personal insight to this ballad with the "let's-find-our-lostlove" theme. Great traditional instrumentation and Pearce's sturdy vocals create a just-right ingredient for this seasoned country tune.

HANK SASAKI: "Can't Stop The Music" (Playback P-1360)
 LORETTA ELLIS: "Likely Story" (Evergreen EV-1141)

# **COUNTRY UP & COMING**

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1	HE'LL NEVER BE YOU(Starcut) Jamie Harper
2	THE WORLD (ACCORDING TO YOU AND ME)(Stargern) Eddie Thompson
3	STAY THE LADY YOU ARE(Killer) Frank Cannon
4	TRAIL OF TEARS(GBS) Kim Frazee
5	ONE MORE REPOSSESSION(Player) Bobby Luster
6	I'VE GOT TO PULL MYSELF TOGETHER(Colt) Dick Morris
7	PILLOW TALK(Killer) Scott Penneli
8	BIG TIME IN LOVE(Soundwaves) Sandra Brown
9	IF SHE LEAVES MY HEART(Harmony Street)
10	LET ME DOWN EASY(Resistor)
11	STETSON WITH LIPS(Small Town) Pepie
12	UNCHAIN MY HEART(Bold One) Dew Watson
13	HEARTWRECK(Saddlestone)
14	NEEDING YOU AGAIN(K-Ark) David Houston
15	THREE LITTLE WORDS(Door Knob) Hope Cooper



EDSPEL MUSIC

# The Emergence Of The Choir In Gospel Music

By Tim A. Smith

CHOIR: AN ORGANIZED COMPANY OF SINGERS especially in a church service. (Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary.)

Since the late '60s, with the emergence of "Oh Happy Day" by the Edwin Hawkins Singers (formerly the Northern California Youth Choir), the choir has been making its presence felt in the idiom of gospel music. The choir's popularity was further enhanced through the number of churches grouped in urban neighborhoods housing choirs. There's nothing like traveling through the 'hood' on a given Sunday morning, hearing the hand clapping, feet stomping and tambourines banging to the sounds of the choir singing a heartfelt hymn or a rousing jubilee.

This popularity can be taken even further by just glancing at the various industry gospel music charts. BeBe & CeCe Winans or Take 6 may be certified gold, but choirs practically dominate the chart positions.

Because of the choirs' contribution to the growing popularity and recognition of gospel music, following are some brief sketches of a few of the industry's choral aggregations who have: (1) aided in turning the tide of popularity towards the choir; (2) are currently riding the crest of popularity; and (3) have been recognized as future innovators in the development of choral music.

**REV. MILTON BRUNSON & THE THOMPSON COMMUNITY SINGERS** 



Brunson and the Tommies' can be credited with putting the capital "C" back into the word Choir. In 1982, Brunson and Word Records began what has become a long association, which helped in reshaping the sound of choir music with the use of a horn section and the blending of traditional and contemporary rhythms and vocal arrange-ments. One of Brunson's and the 'Tommies' greatest compli-ments may be the number of choirs across the country attempting to duplicate their classic sound.

Rev. Milton Brunson & The Thompson Community Singers

#### WALTER HAWKINS AND THE LOVE CENTER CHOIR

Hawkins followed behind his talented brother Edwin's footsteps until 1975. Through the help of friend Andrae Crouch, Walter signed with Light Records and thus the beginning of Walter Hawkins and his successful series of *Love Alive* recordings featuring his own Love Center Choir. After a brief hiatus and some uneventful recordings, Hawkins and choir re-emerged with one of his biggest hits, Love Alive IV, which featured the song that swept the country, "Thank You."

#### **REV. JOHN P. KEE AND THE NEW LIFE COMMUNITY CHOIR**



This choir has gone from one, of whom many said would never amount to anything, to one of chart-topping quality. Currently, John P. Kee, the mercurial leader of this popular aggregation, is one of gospel music's hottest commodities. He captured six Excellence Awards at the GMWA awards ceremonies held this past August in Salt Lake City, Utah. Continue to watch them as they climb to new heights in gospel music.

John P. Kee & The New Life Community Choir.

#### THE MISSISSIPPI MASS CHOIR

This choir took the industry by storm with their self-titled debut album. Their emergence was extremely surprising, especially in an area of the country generally recognized for quartet music. After hogging the No. #1 spot on numerous charts for weeks and months on end, as well as garnering a number of awards, they recently released their second album on Malaco Records, titled Give God The Glory. 1992 will find them touring Japan.

#### **RICKEY DILLARD AND THE NEW GENERATION CHORALE**

One of Milton Brunson's Chicago disciples, Dillard and New Generation exuberate high energy from their beginning notes to their last. They've been in the company of Patti LaBelle, appearing on the PBS gospel music special that she hosted, along with receiving three Stellar Award nominations this year for Best New Artist; Choir Of The Year-Contemporary; and Album of The Year-Contemporary, for their debut release on the MSSG label, titled *The* Promise.

#### O'LANDA DRAPER AND THE ASSOCIATES

Known as one of Memphis, Tennessee's top choirs, Draper and the Associates made an auspicious debut with their Word Records release titled, *Do It Again*. From there, they went on to appear on Shirley Caesar's *Hold My Mule* video, handling the background vocal chores on to appear of sturiey caesar's routing intervices, naturing the ackground vocal choices on her popular I Remember Mama album, along with releasing their sophomore project for Word titled, Above And Beyond. This is another of the new breed of choirs which cleverly and effectively blend traditional and contemporary musical styles. The choir will always play an important role in the continued development of gospel

music. Always remember as long as there are churches, there will always be choirs.

By Gregory S. Cooper, Steve Giuffrida & Tim A. Smith

ON THE JUKEBOX: BeBe & CeCe Winans' latest video, in support of the single, "I'll Take You There," is on cable's Jukebox Network's call-in video request list.

If that's not exciting, the duo's "Addictive Love" video is being used as part of a television commercial advertising Detroit, Michigan-based jazz radio station, WJZZ

**BENSON RECORDING ARTIST COMMISSIONED** recently shook California while on a tour promoted by Tisway Productions, which is owned and operated by Sacramento Kings basketball player Wayman Tisdale. While in Los Ángeles, Commissioned's performance at the Marla Gibbs Crossroads Theater attracted several prestigious personalities including Spud Webb of the Sacramento Kings and musicians from the Janet Jackson Tour.

**REUNION RECORDS** has announced that it will release the "Reunion Top 10" cassette on February 19, 1992. The cassette features special remixes and new edits of hit songs by Michael W. Smith, Kathy Troccoli, Rich Mullins, Kim Hill, Rick Cua, Sparks, Wes King, Mike-E and label newcomers Hoi Polloi and Michael James. Customers at participating outlets will receive the limited-edition cassette free with the purchase of specially-selected classic or best-selling Reunion cassettes or CDs. The promotional cassette also includes a coupon for \$2 off the price of any new Reunion artist's product. BLIND PIG SIGNS FIRST GOSPEL ARTIST: San Francisco,

California-based blues label, Blind Pig Records, has signed its first gospel group, the Gospel Hummingbirds of Oakland, California. Well respected by both the gospel and secular music circles, the Gospel Hummingbirds recently laid vocal tracks on the cuts "He Don't Know" by Huey Lewis & The News and "We Got To Work Together" by the Fabulous Thunderbirds. They've also performed on shows with some of the biggest names in the gospel, blues, and rock fields, including the Mighty Clouds of Joy, the Five Blind Boys of Alabama, Johnny Taylor, John Lee Hooker, Etta James, Tracy Nelson, Charles Brown and the Persuasions. The group has released two previous albums to the gospel marketplace, Route 66 To Heaven and Signs Of Revelations on W&E Records. The Gospel Hummingbirds have recently finished up their debut project for Blind Pig, scheduled for a January 1992 release. Label owner Edward Chmelewski is exuberant over the signing. "If anybody can bring the excitement and emotion of gospel music into the mainstream, it's the Gospel Hummingbirds," says Chmelewski. "This

album will turn on a lot of blues and rock fans to gospel music." ERIC BRICE AND WILLIAM GREEN GIVE STELLAR PER-FORMANCES: Eric Brice (lead guitarist) and musical conductor William Green (keyboardist) recently gave stellar performances as band members of r&b, pop vocalist Peabo Bryson who toured with and opened nightly for the diva herself, Patti LaBelle. Brice and Green, who tour with Bryson regularly, both have roots as gospel musicians and credits that include tours with the Institutional Radio Choir, Thomas Whitfield, The Clark Sisters, The Winans, Stephanie Mills and Jennifer Holliday just to name a few.

SPARROW RECORDS PUTS CHRISTMAS ALBUM ON HOLD: Due to packaging problems, the Sparrow Records release, Gospel Family Christmas, has put been on hold until the 1992 Christmas season, according to Vicki Mack Lataillade, director of gospel music artist development for the label.

NEWS FROM MELENDO/SING GOSPEL RECORDS: The Jackson, Mississippi-based label, headed by former Williams Brothers member, Leonard Williams, recently announced the signing of Dr. Thomas L. Walker to a recording contract. Walker is known for the hit, "One Day At A Time." His debut album on the label will be titled Don't Tell Me God Can't Fix It. The label also announced the addition of Darren Buckley to its promotion department. Buckley will provide staff support in distribution and information services.



Grammy Award-winning Petra keyboardist Johnny Lawry has been touring the country demonstrating E-MU Systems keyboards. Pictured at a recent demonstration at Nashville's Music Man (I-r) are: Bruce Wismer, E-MU Southeastern district sales manager; Lawry; and Larry Padgett, Music Man owner.





# Songs of Praise

#### JANET PASCHAL: Simple Trust (Word)

■ JANET PASCHAL: Simple Trust (Word) The lyrics on Simple Trust are as rich as the vocals flanked by powerful waves of pop and orchestration. Paschal's whispering vocals flow into outbursts of pop, as revealed in "If It's Alright With You," and ebb back into soulful ballads poignantly sung with tender praise as in "Written In Red" and her current single, "One Rock." The deepest soulful plunges reflect a comparison to Anita Baker, but the instrumentation flaunted throughout Simula Trust remains anchored on more of a pon-enhanced Simple Trust remains anchored on more of a pop-enhanced medium. The lyrics showcased in Simple Trust are obviously original, soul-searched offerings with weaves of some classic hymns such as "The Doxology" and "Nothing But The Blood."





#### VICKIE WINANS: The Lady (MCA)

VICKIE WINANS: The Lady (MCA) Winans makes her MCA debut one to remember. A variety of producers, songwriters and musical styles helps to make this a pleasing mix. Michael J. Powell, Percy Bady, Bernard Wright, Marvin Winans, son Skeeter Winans, and Winans herself, mixes the uptempo style of new jack with beautiful ballads, showcas-ing Winans' power-packed vocals. Of special note are two dar-ling ballads which would easily qualify for any quiet storm format; "The Way That You Love Me" and "The Right Place." Winansshows her ability to jam with the best on cuts like "Don't Throw Your Life Away," "I'm Yours," "Homefree" and "Dance With Me."

#### BABBIE MASON: A World Of Difference (Word)

Mason's music has always garnered a wide-ranging audience, from inspirational to lovers of black gospel music. This album shouldn't disappoint her current fans, while at the same time helping to attract new ones. Album producer Cheryl Rogers, who lists such names as Earth, Wind, & Fire, Mark Lowry, and Trace Balin on her resume, solicits the assistance of some of the studio musicians along with the and result hearn one hot album studio musicians along with the end result being one hot album. Of special note; the NAACP has selected the album's title cut as the theme song for one of the organization's promotional campaigns





■ MICHAEL PEACE: Threat To Society (Star Song) This is a radical change from Peace's Reunion Records releases. Peace incorporates shades of funk, r&b and jazz to go with a more straightforward, hard-edged sound. Peace's commentary styled raps on this release are a throw back to the popular socio-commentary style popularized during the '70s by Gil Scott-Heron. This album should be the vehicle that assists in resurfacing Peace's name in the growing Christian rap marketplace that he helped to initiate. marketplace that he helped to initiate.



Pictured celebrating the Zion Choir's debut release entitled, Jesus Is Everything, in her parents home church, is director Chrissy Cymbala joined by Rev. Jim and Carol Cymbala of The Brooklyn Tabernacle and iMPACT publicist Carmen D'Arcy. Jesus Is Everything features the voices of 100 Bible College students with a passion and love for the Lord, Pictured (I-r) are: Carol Cymbala, Chrissy Cymbala, Carmen D'Arcy, and Rev. Jim Cymbala.

# **Music For The Yuletide Season**

THERE'S NOTHING BETTER TO GO WITH THE CHRISTMAS SEASON than the joyous sounds of holiday music. Cash Box has taken the time to compile a list of some of the current and past Christmas releases on the gospel side. Happy holidays and good listening and programming to you all!

Take 6, He Is Christmas, Warner Alliance; Various Artists, The Essence Of Christmas, Benson/A&M; Various Artists, Jesus, The Best Gift Of All, Benson; Ben Tankard, An Instrumental Christmas, Tribute; Various Artists, Yo! Ho!, Yo! Forefront; Various Artists, A Christmas Message, Lection; Various Artists, Our Christmas, Word/Reunion; Luther Barnes and the Red Budd Choir, It's Christmas Time Again, AIR; Rev. Russell Fox, Sr. with the Hour of Power Singers & Friends, Go Tell It On The Mountain, MOB/HOP; Vanessa Bell Armstrong, The Truth About Christmas, Jive; Al Green, White Christmas, Word; Thomas Whitfield & Company, At The Name Of Jesus, SOG; Shirley Caesar, Christmasing, Word; Danniebelle Hall, He Is Light, Light; Brentwood Jazz Quartet, Brentwood Christmas Jazz, Brentwood Jazz; Various Artists, Khool Yule, Arcade; Various Artists, Gospel At Christmastime, Malaco; Various Artists, Christmas, Sparrow.

-Tim A. Smith

# TOP BLACK GOSPEL ALBUMS

	CASH BOX • DECEMBER 21, 1991		
1	I'LL NEVER FORGET (Malaco Mal 4440) Bobby Jones	1	25
	WASH ME (Tyscot 1401) New life Comm. /John P. Kee	2	29
3	SAINTS IN PRAISE (Sparrow 1240) The West Angeles Cogic.	4	29
4	HIGHLY RECOMENDED (Word 9112) Helen Baylor	3	29
5	AN INVITATION AIR (Atlantic L10170)		
	Luther Barnes & The Red Budd Gospel Choir	6	9
6	MAGNIFY HIM (Malaco 8011)	5	23
7	LOVE ALIVE IV (Malaco 6007)	7	29
8	HE'S PREPARING ME (Air 10162) . Rev. E. Davis / Wilmington Mass Choir	9	29
9	REV. JAMES CLEVELAND/L.A. GOSPEL MESSENGERS (Savoy/Malaco	710	3)
		8	13
10	HE LIVES (Saboy 14807)	10	20
11	PHENOMENON (Bellmark 71806) Rance Allen	12	29
1 <b>2</b>	I'LL LET NOTHING SEPERATE (Savoy 7 101) Dallas Ft. Mass. Choir	11	29
13	LIVES (Sparrow 1246)	13	29
14	JUST ME THIS TIME (Tyscot 401311) John P. Kee	15	29
15	PRAY FOR ME (Word 9202) Mighty Clouds Of Joy	14	29
16	THE EVOLUTION OF GOSPEL(Perspective/A&M 28968 1000 4)		
		16	26
17	RIGHT NOW IF YOU BELIEVE (Light 5730) Chicago Mass. Choir	18	29
18	LIVE (Malaco 4450) Dorothy Norwood/No. Ca. G.M.W.A.Mass Choir	17	21
19	WAIT ON THE LORD (Bellmark 71800) Lamora Parks Young Adult	20	29
20	THROUGH THE STORM (Tribute/Spectra 790113) Yolanda Adams	19	13
21	LIVE & BLESSED (I Am 08300) . Walt Whitman/Soul Children Of Chicago	21	8
22	WALKING IN THE LIGHT (Tribute 31004) Lynette Hawkins Stephens	22	30
23	NUMBER 7 (Benson C02808) Commissioned	i 2	4_5
24	UNCOMMON LOVE (Benson C02781) Heirloom	25	7
25	DIFFERENT LIFESTYLES (Capitol 92078) Be Be & Ce Ce Winans	23	23
26	STATE OF MIND (BENSON 2553) Commissioned	26	28
27	MUSIC 2 GO (Word 901669529X) Various Artists	28	7
28	FAMILY AFFAIR (Malaco 4442)	27	29
29	THIS IS YOUR NIGHT (Black Berry 2203) Williams Brothers	30	30
30	HOLD BACK THE NIGHT (SOG 178) Rev. Charles Nicks	31	29
31	REV. JAMES MOORE LIVE WITH MISSISSIPPI MASS CHOIR (Malace	600	)6)
		29	29
32	REMEMBER MAMA (Word 8447) Shirley Ceasar	32	29
33	I'LL TELL THE WORLD (Salvoy/Malco 1480) Myrna Summers	34	13
34	I AM PERSUADED (Benson 2727)	33	19
35	THANK YOU MAMA FOR (Malaco 4445) The Jackson Southernaires	35	29
36	OPEN OUR EYES (Rejoice 9111)	37	29
37	YAFC WORK SHOP 89 (SOG 193) Young Artists For Christ	36	29
38	SEE THE WORLD (Savoy 14799) New York Restoration	40	2
39	HIGHER HOPE (Malaco 6005) Florida Mass. Choir	38	29
40	HIGHER (Light 72031)Beau Williams	39	29



# Bobby Jones Top **10** Videos

CHON DUA - DEGENIDEN ZI, 1991
1 MISSISSIPPI MASS CHOIR How Good God's Been (Malaco)
2 SOUNDS OF BLACKNESS Optimistic (A&M)
3 BEBE & CECE WINANS Addictive Love (Capitol)
4 FLORIDA MASS CHOIR
5 TAKE 6 Where Do The Children Play (Warner)
6 DARYL COLEY I Can't Tell It (Sparrow)
7 TRAMAINE & WALTER HAWKINS The Potter's House (Sparrow)
8 REV. R.L. WHITE/MT. EPHRAIM CHOIR Move Mountain
9 AL GREEN Leave The Guns At Home (RCA)
10 MISSISSIPPI MASS CHOIR God Gets The Glory (Malaco)



Carman recently took a break during the auditions for his "Satan, Bite The Dust" video for a quick snapshot. Over 50 people auditioned for a role in the upcoming video, which will be featured in the Addicted To Jesus video package. Over 2,000 people came to the event which was held at the Family Bookstore in Vista Ridge Mall in Lewisville, Tx.

#### New Releases...

1. THE BEST OF 10 YEARS VOLUME 1 (Benson 2840)—Larnelle Harris

2. MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE (Fixit Records 8225)— Rite Choice

3. LAST TRAIN (Myrrh 7916936384)—Holy Soldier

4. ONE IN THE SPIRIT (Star Song)—The Ladies In Gospel

- 5. RAISE UP A NATION (Word)—Inez Andrews
- 6. HEAVEN CALLING (Pakaderm 7012511265)—Halo

7. PERFECT PEACE (Integrity 11)—Instrumental

 KHOOL YULE (Arcade 8786)—Khool And Friends
 A LITTLE BROKEN BREAD (Maranatha Music 8776)—Billy Batstone

10. HOLIDAY (Star Song 8151)-Bash

## O'Landa Draper And The Associates

By Tim A. Smith



O'Landa Draper And The Associates

THE IDIOM OF CHORAL MUSIC has always played an important role in gospel music. From the church choir loft on Sunday morning to the concert stages across the country and beyond, the blending of the soprano, alto and tenor voices have both soothed as well as excited many a heart and soul.

Today, choral music has graduated from the basic threepart harmonies and organ/drum accompaniment of its early years, incorporating many different and unique vocal styles and arrangements, while at the same time, infusing the use of electronic wizardry, giving the finished product that '90s flair.

Assisting in this transition, through their own unique style and abilities are Word Records artist O'Landa Draper And The Associates. This group of 60 selected voices from all over the city of Memphis, Tennessee, have recently released their second album for Word, titled Above And Beyond.

Above And Beyond meshes a number of musical styles together, with the final results ending in an album that is both artistically satisfying and spiritually enriching.



"The album features a be-bop styled song featuring a young rapper, which forms an interesting contrast to the traditional classic, 'It Is Well With My Soul,'" says Draper. "It's a beautiful song with a message that we believe in wholeheartedly. The song conveys that we, as Christians, should be working together. There is no such thing as a 'Black heaven or a White heaven.' We've got to join together to defeat the devil."

Labeled by their record company as the "choir for the nineties," Draper and the Associates, which includes a 10-piece band featuring organ, piano, keyboards, two lead guitars, bass, drums and a fourpiece horn section, have performed with such notables as the Winans, Shirley Caesar, the Florida Mass Choir, Nicholas, the Williams Brothers, Timothy Wright and Myrna Summers.

Draper's mission for himself and his talented aggregation is conclusive. "My goals include never giving up on the dreams," says Draper. "I want to bring depth to Gospel music. I want to bring Jesus back to the music and scorners back to gospel. I want to help young people get off drugs, to take action against the Devil and to win souls for the Lord. I want people to get the message to be encouraged, believe God for everything and to take the Scripture for what it says."

Encompassing a sense of ministerial integrity and direction, along with an artistically driven air of innovation, O'Landa Draper and the Associates definitely live up to the tag given to them as the "choir for the nineties."



Reunion Music Group recently signed First Call member Marty McCall to an extensive songwriting agreement. Pictured with McCall (I-r) are: Reunion president Terry Hemmings, A&R manager Richard Headen and McCall (seated). (Photo by: Beth Gwinn).

# **COIN MACHINE**

#### By Camille Compasio

**ELSEWHERE IN THIS SECTION** you will read about the gallant effort made by **AAMA** reps who testified, at the recent Oregon Lottery Commission hearing, in

support of Oregon ops and their state organization (OAMOA). Their intent, naturally, was to convince the Commission to allow local ops to participate in the video lottery, rather than implement it solely as a state-run system. Cash Box has since learned that the Commission ruled otherwise and decided not to include operators. This is unfortunate, needless to say, in that it could influence other states; so the operator community and the respective state associations really have their work cut out for them... While video lottery legislation was not passed in Illinois during the recently concluded Fall session (Cash Box, Nov. 23, 1991), a Senate resolution calling for further study and evaluation was approved, which means the issue is not closed and there is still hope. The Illinois Coin Machine Operators Assn., its members and lobbyists have been talking with legislators and garnering support. Arachnid (Rockford, IL), Premier Technology (Bensenville, IL) and Williams Electronics (Chicago) have conducted plant tours for legislators, to exemplify the economic growth that can come with video lottery, since each of these firms manufacture the games. The city of Chicago is also considering video lottery. A resolution to permit video poker in taverns and slot machines in airports was introduced in the City Council. This proposal as well as the possibility of riverboat gambling on Lake Michigan are receiving a lot of coverage in Chicago newspapers. Even the conservative Chicago Tribune supports the idea of regulated gaming. ICMOA sent us a few excerpts from the Trib... as follows ... "Gambling, like it or not, is as American as baseball ... It makes little sense for the state to sell lottery tickets in a liquor store, and then arrest the bar owner next door for paying off on video poker .....

**OOPS!** December is two weeks gone and I neglected to note that as of the first of the month parallels became legal to operate. This is another weighty issue to consider as we close the door on '91. Will it help? Will it hurt? That remains to be seen.

SAD NEWS. "C.B." BRADY, founder of Brady Distg. (Charlotte, NC) and one of the true pioneers in the distributor community, died in late November at the age of 81. While he organized Brady Distg. in 1944, his tenure in the business goes back to about 1931. Under his direction, and subsequently that of his son, Jon, who serves as president at Brady, the distributorship has expanded its branch network and emerged as one of the most prominent in the industry. Mr. Brady's death came as the result of complications from a fall. Cash Box extends sincere condolences to Jon Brady and the entire Brady family ... This company, and the coin-op trade, was also saddened by the untimely death of William "Bill" Arden, sales manager at the Brady branch in Miami, who succumbed to cancer at the age of 37. A trust fund to benefit Bill's wife and children has been established by Albert Miniaci and Brady Distg. It is called the William Arden Trust Fund and, at this point in time, \$1,400 in cash has been raised, in addition to which Williams has donated two Terminator 2 games and SNK Corp. of America a NEO-GEO complete with software, to help raise additional funds. Anyone interested in participating may direct their donations to the William Arden Trust, Brady Distg. Co., 1541 N.W. 165th St., Miami, FL 33169. If you need further info call Brady Distg. at 704-357-6284.

**CHANGES. JIM CHAPMAN**, who recently departed Sega, has joined SNK Corp. of America in the position of sales manager-midwest and east coast. Jim is based in Chicago and can be reached at 708-893-6773. Good luck in your new post, Jim!

**CHICAGO**—*Cash Box* learned at presstime that negotiations between Abbott Products and Seeburg have been finalized, with Abbott securing rights (trademarks, logos, etc.) to the Seeburg name. A new company, Seeburg International, has been created by Abbott and it goes into operation on December 16, with Thomas Hacker as president and Jack Kapala as general manager. Further details to follow.

# 1991–An Overview

#### By Doc English

**1991—BOOK IT.** How do you characterize the past year in the coin business? What's the lead story? Music, redemption, video, pinball? It was a kaleidoscopic year. Depending which way you turned it, it looked differently. Some operators expanding; some deflating. High lights and no lights. Bright spots and dark. You couldn't paint the year a single shade.

Maybe music was the big story. Compact disc phonographs continued their relentless growth. The music makers attacked the market aggressively. Rock-Ola gave away phonographs and accessories; Rowe offered finance programs; Pioneer penetrated the fast food chains; NSM gave rebates. Music renewed its claim to be the backbone of the street route, and the prospects for '92 are pink.

Were video and pinball at center stage? Was it the year of the super-hero? Both successfully capitalized on comic book, cartoon and movie good guys. We went from *Turtles* to *Terminator*; from *Simpsons* to *Spiderman*; from *Captain America* to *Batman*; all on *Gilligan's Island*!

Video, however, despite a year of quality games, still sags and slumps. And the song remains the same. Ask someone to summarize video in four words or less, and they may answer, "Shoot, punch, kick, jump." 1991 opened with the hope of new technology, an advance to a new level of game design, more creativity and soaring imagination, but at the end of '91, *Street Fighter II*—chop sockey supreme, not the holographic *Time Traveler*, is the year's number one video. No one is bashing *Street Fighter II*, *Captain America, Wrestlefest*, or their brethren, no one is flying in the face of cashbox collections, but is this where our future lies. And what is the life span of the chop sockey contingent, and do they bring in new players and a bigger bottom line for the location or just suck the other games dry?

Some may assert that it was the year of the wide body, the big sit-down—*Road Riot Deluxe, Steel Talons, Double Axle, Starblade, Race Drivin' Panorama, Mad Dog McCree* (although not a sit-down, still a wide body). Can you have too much of a good thing? They all made exceptional money, but can an operator afford them all, and if he can, does he have room enough? Budgets and space are finite. Pinball continued its strong run in '91. Arcade operators who had soured on

Pinball continued its strong run in '91. Arcade operators who had soured on pins, souped up their locations with *Terminator 2*, *Funhouse*, *The Simpsons* and *Batman*. Street operators, feeling abandoned by video makers, continued to place pins in their adult locations. The used pin market has not been this sound since the introduction of videos.

Some proclaim redemption as top dog this year. It expanded quietly, no hats and horns, no clarion calls. Many operators, glum over video and searching for a broader customer base, waded into redemption. The number seems to increase each year. Those operating redemption praise it for a longevity and steadiness lacking in video. The drawback? The initial outlay to convert your operation, but to sound a redundant chord—diversify.

Darts and pool chalked up another stellar year, rock steady. An ironic note, while video struggles to get beyond 25 cents per play, most pool ranges from 50 cents to \$1.00 with the upper register growing more prevalent. Couple that with the relatively economical cost of a table and a dart as well, and the geriatric life span of both, it is hard to surpass the return on investment.

In 1991, the same old problems continued to fester—the high price of equipment, operators short of funds and the marketplace long on equipment, a dwindling player base and how to bring 'em back alive, video games geared primarily to arcades and not the street.

The year ended on a note of readjustment—a spate of factory closeouts, the promise of legal parallel boards, the potential of video lottery. Are these solutions, band-aids, the pot of gold, pie in the sky? Hey, who said this would be easy?

#### Top Dart Tourney Interest Mounting

**CHICAGO**—From No. Tonawanda, New York to Niagara Falls; from Buffalo to Lackawana to Amhert; a full schedule of *Top Dart* tournaments will be in progress during the month of December. On November 30, a \$10,000 "Dream League" competition was held in Rochester, with champions being treated to a trip to Las Vegas. This past September, players in central New York were invited to a formal steel darts showing and presentation. The list goes on and the venue for league and tournament play is expanding into such areas as Boston, California, Ohio and Chicago, which is a very popular dart city.

This past July, T.O.P. Distributing Co., Inc. of Rochester, New York was appointed exclusive North American distributor for *Top Dart*, a coin-operated, electronic scoring, steel tip dart game produced by Wellow Leisure Products Ltd. of Wilshire, England. A new division, Top Dart Systems, was established to market the machine, which is noted to be the only one of its kind in the world.

The Top Dart game is a wall-mounted unit that features a regulation bristle board. The machine can be played by up to four players and has a combination of 14 different games including the popular cricket. Among the unique features offered is the nine different skill levels of play whereby a single player can play against the game. The board can be easily rotated to maintain even wear and all of the electronic components carry a full, one-year warranty. Other options include a dollar bill validator, stand and modern link-up from location to location.

As stated by Top Dart Systems, Inc. executive vice president Joc Gilbert, this game has been gaining momentum worldwide and has penetrated new markets in the U.S.

Further information regarding the machine and the tournament program may be obtained by contacting Top Dart Systems, Inc., 739 Linden Ave., Rochester, New York 14625 or phoning 716-586-1100.





#### AAMA Testifies At Oregon Lottery Commission Hearing

CHICAGO—AAMA representatives, including association president Bill Rickett (Dynamo), Ray Galante (Music-Vend/Dunis Distg.), Sal Mirando (Premier-Video Lottery/Gaming Div.) and Bob Fay, AAMA's executive vice president testified at the November 14 Oregon Lottery Commission hearing (Portland), on behalf of the Oregon Amusement & Music Operators Association.

AAMA recently made a significant contribution to OAMOA in support of the efforts of area operators to get the Oregon Lottery Commission to approve the implementation of video lottery using local operators, rather than a state-run system with a sole source equipment supplier. AAMA believes this is a crucial decision that could set a national precedent for other states.

During the hearings, AAMA representatives told the Commission that the coin-op industry is made up of decent, reputable businessmen who would support a safe, secure, accountable lottery system.

In his testimony, Bill Rickett emphatically stated that "Dynamo Corporation and AAMA urge the Oregon State Lottery to include coin machine operators and distributors in the placement of video lottery terminals in their local communities. They will provide the same stability and security for the lottery as they have for the coin machine industry for many years."

When Bob Fay addressed the Commission he said, "The manufacturers, distributors, parts suppliers and operators of coin-operated amusement equipment and video lottery terminals are honorable, hard-working businessmen. I would urge you to accept them as partners in your lottery system."

OAMOA's president Rick Geraghty (Geraghty Amusement & Vending Machines-Brookings, Oregon) attended the hearings and praised the AAMA members for their extremely valuable testimony. "On behalf of OAMOA, we are deeply grateful to AAMA for the funds that were donated and for the testimonies given at the hearings," he said. "AAMA's contribution came at a time when it was most needed, and it has helped us do a necessary job."

Bob Fay felt the AAMA representatives did an excellent job in presenting the industry's message before the Commission. "If individuals on the Oregon Lottery Commission and in the Governor's office are open-minded, operators will be included in Oregon's video lottery program," he commented.



AAMA president Bill Rickett, president of Dynamo Corporation, testifies before the Oregon Lottery Commission.



Ray Galante, president of Music-Vend/Dunis Distributing, and Michael Damtew, vice president of Dunis Distributing, Portland, testify at the hearings.



AAMA executive vice president Bob Fay, addresses the Commission at the Oregon State Lottery hearings.

#### Taito's Super Sonic Blastman

IT CAN BE INSTALLED AS A VIDEO GAME... or a ticket-dispensing, redemption piece. Taito's *Super Sonic Blastman* has been in the market for around eight months, during which time this game has been generating impressive collection figures throughout the country; averaging \$600 to \$700 per week in many locations and as much as \$1,400 (or more) in redemption centers, according to factory reports.

Super Sonic Blastman is billed as "the first video/punching game to hit the American market." It has the unique combination of the video screen and "hands on" punching pad, with an actual pair of boxing gloves for players to test their strength.

The game consists of five levels of play and each presents a different challenge. It goes from Easy (where you defeat the hoodlum); to two stages of Intermediate; to Advanced (where you save the city from the crablike monster); to Hard (which involves saving the world from a crushing meteorite). The eye-catching cabinet, with its blue, red and white laminated exterior panels, is built for durability and to attract attention on location.

Further information may be obtained through factory distributors or by contacting Taito America Corporation, 390 Holbrook Drive, Wheeling, IL 60090.



Super Sonic Blastman

#### **BullShooter Regionals** Draw Big Numbers

**CHICAGO**—Dart players from 10 states traveled to Memphis, Tennessee to participate in the Arachnid English Mark Darts BullShooter regional tournament (Oct. 25-27), which marked the third stop in the ongoing series. Event was co-sponsored by Game Sales Company, headquartered in Memphis.

Vicki Richards of New Salisbury, Indiana, with partner Brenda Miller of Palmyra, Indiana, took home first place in Women's Doubles; and Richards also won top honors in Mixed Cricket (with partner John Weathers) of Louisville, Kentucky). The Pro Singles competition was won by Darrell Harp of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Next stop was Kalamazoo, Michigan where Wolverine American, Inc. and Ed's Distributing co-sponsored the qualifier, using 32 of Arachnid's new Galaxy English Mark Darts games. The competition was staged at the Wayside Restaurant and Lounge (Nov. 8-10) with LuAnn and Don Osborne of Coldwater, Michigan claiming multiple trophies, including Women's and Men's Doubles. LuAnn also captured first place in Women's Singles; and, with Don, teamed up to score a firstplace victory in Mixed Doubles. BullShooter Tour stops in December

will include Kansas City, Missouri and Columbus, Ohio.

First, second and third place winners in the various regionals receive qualifying certificates to compete in the BullShooter World Finals to be held over Memorial Day weekend in Chicago.



Posing at the *Galaxy* are (i-r) Vicki Richards and Brenda Miller, who won first place in Women's Doubles at the Memphis match.



Arachnid's marketing veepee Sam Zammuto (r) congratulates Memphis winner Barb Hall, who took the Women's Championship title.



The big winners at the Michigan regional were LuAnn and Don Osborne who proudly display two of the many trophies they took home.



Here you see Michigan's Pro Singles champion Chris Stratton, at the *Galaxy*, with his trophy.



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