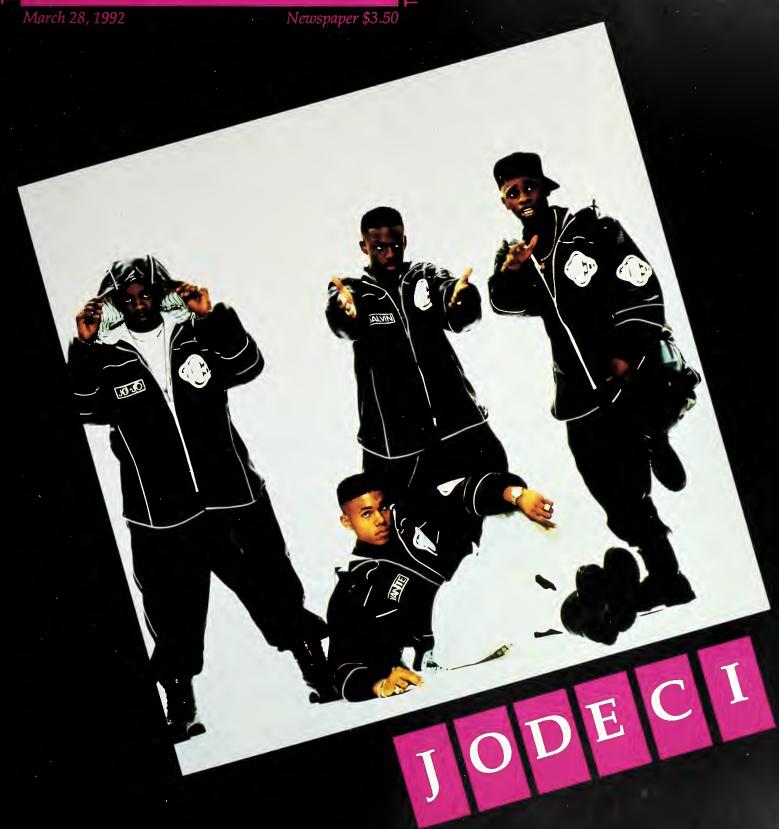
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During last week's NARM convention in New Orleans, Jodeci appeared at Audubon Park, where the group performed to an estimated crowd of . 35,000 zealous fans. Seen at the concert (I-r) are: MCA'a Ernie Singleton; Jodeci's De Vante; K-Ci; Cash Box president and publisher George Albert; JoJo; and Dalvin.

COVER STORY

Jodeci Has "Stay"-ing Power

AS PART OF THE NEW WAVE of young R&B artists doing new jack swing/harmony-oriented romantic ballads, Jodeci is redefining boundaries in modern R&B. The MCA group consists of two sets of brothers: JoJo (20) and K-Ci (21) from Charlotte, North Carolina, and Dalvin (20) and DeVante (21), from Hampton, Virginia. All four have roots participating in gospel choirs. "All singing and music originated in church," says Dalvin. "We just brought what we did in church to R&B music."

Before the release of Forever My Lady, alone and in different combinations, this group was making chart noise appearing on other artists' records. K-Ci has worked alongside Tevin Campbell and Ralph Tresvant, and JoJo can be heard harmonizing on Father MC's debut single "Treat 'Em Like They Want To Be Treated" and throughout Jeff Redd's Quiet Storm album. DeVante received writing/co-production credits on the platinum Al B. Sure! Private Times And The Whole 9 album, and is currently producing labelmate Christopher Williams.

The group's debut album has exceeded platinum, and has yielded two #1 hits, the title track and "Stay." Recently, they have released yet another single, "Come & Talk To Me," and have signed on to Hammer's "Too Legit" World Tour, which begins April 1, in hometown Hampton, with Boyz II Men and Oaktown 3*5*7.

POP SINGLE

Remember The Time Michael Jackson (EPÍC)

R&B SINGLE

Diamonds and Pearls Prince and The N.P.G. (PAISLEY/WARNER)

COUNTRY SINGLE

Is There Life Out There Reba McEntire (MCA)

RAP SINGLE

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R&B ALBUM

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MONEY, HONEY: EMI, which has successfully been reissuing music from its deep catalogues on CD, has decided to improve the royalty payments of artists who recorded for the label's many subsidiaries (including Capitol, Blue Note, Imperial, Aladdin, etc.) in the '40s, '50s and '60s. Artists who recorded for the labels prior to 1970, and who have not recorded for them since then, will receive a royalty of 10% on retail list price for full-priced, domestic and foreign sales. In addition, in cases where still-existing artist royalty debit balances have prevented the payment of royalties, those debit balances will be forgiven.

ON THE TUBE: That big April 20 London AIDS benefit, in tribute to Queen frontman Freddie Mercury, will be broadcast stateside as a two-hour Fox condensation on April 20, and in a larger four-hour swatch on MTV on April 25. Currently set to join Queen at the show are Elton John, Guns N' Roses, Metallica, George Michael and David Bowie.

ON THE HORIZON: Blue Horizon Records, one of Britain's first indie specialty labels, which showcased both English and American blues, has been reactivated as a subsidiary of Sire Records. The revitalized label will be inaugurated with the release of Pictures And Paintings, a new album from the legendary Charlie Rich, scheduled for shipment in early spring. Blue Horizon was formed in 1967 by Mike and Richard Vernon and deactivated in the early '70s

GOING, GOING...: Sandy Bradley's 12th annual musical instrument auction—an affair that last year saw 1,200 instruments change hands—takes place in the Seattle Center, May 25 & 26 and 31. An offshoot of the Northwest Folklife Festival, you can consign your own instruments for auction by calling (206) 548-9622 or (206) 292-1031.

HOW ABOUT LOOKING IN THE GRAVE?: You've found Waldo. You've even found all the little Dan Quayles. Well, how do you feel about searching for that peanut-butter-and-banana-sandwich eating hunk-a-hunk of burning love? In Search of the King, which sets you on a hunt through richly illustrated panoramas of Graceland, Las Vegas and other spots where the King came and (perhaps) went, has been published by Perigee Books (\$8.95).

OTHER THINGS TO CLOG YOUR BRAIN: ABC Radio will broadcast a Steve Wariner concert live from New York's Lone Star Roadhouse, April 1... And those irrepressible Nelson twins, Gunnar and Matthew, will be taking part in the Toyota Pro/Celebrity auto race in Long Beach, CA on April 11. Vrrrrroooooooommmmm!!!!!!!



MCA/Nashville president Bruce Hinton and recording artist Jimmy Buffett recently announced the creation of Margaritaville Records, a new label named after Buffett's 1977 Top 10 hit. The label Is based in Nashville. Shown at the signing (I-r) are: Hinton; Buffett; Tony Brown, executive vice president/head of A&R, MCA/Nashville; and Bob Mercer, vice president, Margaritaville.





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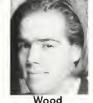












David Bither has been promoted to senior vice president /general manager at Elektra Entertainment. Most recently,



Bither was vice president, marketing and creative services and before that vice president, international. He came to Warner Communica-

tions Inc. in 1981 before joining Elektra in 1987. ■ MCA Music Publishing announces the promotion of John Brands to the position of senior vice president of MCA Music Publishing International. For the past two years, he has served as vice president of that division. Michael J. Pollack has been appointed vice president, senior counsel, Sony Music Entertainment. He was vice president, general counsel at Arista from 1980-91. ■ PolyGram Group Distribution has upped Curt Eddy to vice president of field marketing; he has been with the label since 1978. Andrew Rauhauser has been promoted to director, technical services. And Skip Smith has been promoted to director, sales administration. Meanwhile, PolyGram Holding, Inc. has named Heather Irving vice president, organizational development and training. And Mercury Records has made Alyssa Levy manager, national alternative sales. ■ Vida Ali has been promoted to the post of coordinator, media and artist relations, Capitol Records. She will be responsible for domestic publicity functions and will be based in the company's Hollywood offices. ■ Geffen Records has appointed Luke Wood to the position of media & artist relations manager and will handle national publicity campaigns for artists on both the Geffen and DGC labels. He will be based in New York. ■ EMI Records Group North America has made a slew of appointments in its rap music division: Lindsey Williams is director; Walter Dawkins is manager, publicity; Harry Fobbs is manager, promotion; and Derrick Thompson is manager, sales. At Quality Records, Ramona Spottsville has been named to the newly created position of national public relations. And Barry Friedman has been appointed art director.

John Robson has been named director, programming/music, Lou Robinson, director, promotion/A&R, Deborah Hawes, manager/music, and Max Gousse, programming analyst, for The Jukebox Network. ■ BMG Video has named Jane Palmese director of marketing for its U.S. video operation; she joins the label from A*Vision. ■ Warner/Chappell Music has named Allan Tepper creative manager/special projects.

Marco Bignotti has been named president, Warner Music France, effective April 1. He will continue to operate as president of both Warner Music Italy and Warner Music

Greece. **Example 19** Kenneth B. Anderson, attorney, has joined the New York office of international law firm of Loeb and Loeb as partner, in the entertainment group, specializing in music industry mat-

TOP 100 POP SINGLES



#1 SINGLE: Michael Jackson



HIGH DEBUT: Prince #74



TO WATCH: Jody Watley #41

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More Motown Vs. MCA

By M.R. Martinez

MOTOWN RECORDS COMPANY L.P. and MCA, Inc. recently exchanged haymakers in the latest round of legal manuevering in which Motown has identified damages of \$60 million in an amended complaint and MCA is seeking \$75 million in damages in its updated cross-complaint.

In a March 12 filing in Los Angeles Superior Court, Motown claimed that MCA subsidiaries MCA Records, Inc. and UNI Distribution Corp. destroyed evidence relevant to the original complaint, withholding monies due Motown from the sale of its product under the old distribution agreement and has been dumping remaining Motown product at its warehouses into retail stores at below market prices.

MCA, in its amended cross-complaint, alleges when Motown and its majority partner, Boston Ventures transferred distribution to PolyGram Group Distribution, Inc. it resulted in a loss of sales and caused unnecessary harm to Motown artists and further seeks the re-assignment of the recording contracts of artists Johnny Gill, The Boys and Diana Ross back to MCA. The company still owns 18% of Motown.

Motown claims that MCA has "systematically" destroyed evidence relating to its failure to promote Motown product at pop radio, which was cited as a cause of action in the original suit, which was filed last May. Motown also contends in the suit that even though they released successful records by Boyz II Men, Stevie Wonder and Another Bad Creation, "MCA continued to give preference to its own releases."

The updated Motown suit says that while MCA conceded at the time of the original filing that it overcharged Motown by more than \$2.1 million for compact disc manufacturing, the actual amount of overcharge is more.

The new filing says that MCA withheld \$25 million in payments to Motown for records sold to MCA and payments and licenses for the right to use Motown recordings in films and commercials. The amended suit further claims that MCA has been "dumping" Motown product at below market prices and that dealers have been buying Motown titles at the lower prices.

Motown attorney Steven A. Marenberg, of the L.A.-based firm Irell & Manella, says Motown "conservatively estimates that its damages exceed \$60 million plus unspecified punitive damages."

In a renewed countersuit, MCA claims that it was Motown that has destroyed records pertaining to MCA's pop promotion efforts on behalf of Motown artists.

The amended cross-complaint further claims that when Motown entered its distribution deal with PolyGram last September, Motown accepted a below market international deal from PolyGram in an effort to obtain a desired domestic pact.

MCA is asking the court to transfer back to the company the recording contracts of artists given to Motown when the company was purchased from Motown founder Berry Gordy in 1989.

The suit alleges that Motown and Boston Ventures have conspired to deprive MCA of its partnership and contract rights.

MUSIC REVIEWS

SINGLES

PRINCE AND THE N.P.G.: "Money Don't Matter 2
Night" (Paisley Park/Warner Bros. CD-5298)
The chart-topper himself, yeah Prince, is back with yet another single taken off his Diamonds & Pearls album. This particular cut branches off into another direction for the mega-star. The single is real mellow and more laid-back compared to most of his previous material. This cut should attract R&B, adult contemporary, pop and easy listening radio stations with ease. Mark down



CARLY SIMON: "Love Of My Life" (Qwest/Reprise

Ms. Simon teams up once again with writer-turned-director Nora Ephron. Carly's hit several years ago, "Coming Around Again," from *Heartburn*, a film which Ephron wrote, paved the way for a Simon comeback. This lilting, happy tune is from Ephron's directorial debut, *This Is My Life*, starring Julie Kavner. Produced by Ms. Simon and Frank Filipetti, the single's success, in all likelihood, hinges on the film's box office performance

MARC COHN: "Ghost Train" (Atlantic 4505) Fresh from his stunning victory at the Grammys for Best New Artist, Cohn releases the fifth (yes, fifth!) single from his remarkable debut lp, which is nearly a year old. This cut has a sort of James Taylor feel to it and grabs the listener with its hauntingly melodic hook. This "Train" should pull into many stations along the way, picking up a lot of new passengers for Cohn's ride to the top. Produced by Cohn and Ben Wisch.





TORI AMOS: "Silent All These Years" (Atlantic 4454-2) The initial single from this singer-songwriter's critically acclaimed album, Little Earthquakes, has already been a smash in England. It will be interesting to see if listeners on these shores will be as sophisticated and make this sensitive, poignant song a winner on her "home turf" as well. Like labelmate Cohn, Ms. Amos could be grabbing a Best New Artist Grammy this time next year. Produced by Davitt Sigerson.

RIO: "Rhythm & Romance" (Westside Beat Records WS B357)

Rio is an up-and-coming, crossover R&B/Dance artist that should have a bright career ahead of her. Her debut single, "Rhythm & Romance," is a catchy dance tune that features various hip-hop samples giving the song different "flavaz" to keep the energy there. This single should appeal to the club scene as well as mainstream radio. For more information on this product, contact Jerome Mas at (213)822-7929 Ext. 808.





MARK MONEY: "Melt In Your Mind" (Zoo Entertainment 72445-14029-4)

Mark Money could be classified as a combination of hardcore rap and hip-hop. The tracks on this single have a constant change of samples and breakdowns. The lyrics are pretty basic and fit the music perfectly. Featured on this "maxi cassette single" are four different mixes of "Melt In Your Mind." Produced and mixed by E and David Williams, this cut should mainly attract college radio programmers.

POP SINGLES LOOKING AHEAD

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| | HAVEN'T GOT A CLUE(Chameleon/Electra) |
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| | LOW SELF OPINION(Imago) Rollins Band |
| 3. | WHAT YOU GIVE(Geffen) |
| 4. | WHEN I'M GONE(Impact) |
| 5. | SILENT ALL THESE YEARS(Atalantic) Tori Amos |
| 6. | MURDER TONIGHT IN TRAILER PARK(RCA) Cowboy Junkies |
| 7. | SHE'S MAD(Luaka Bop/Sire) David Byrne |
| 8. | PERFECT PLACE(London) Voice of the Beehive |
| | PLEASE DON'T GO(Mowtown) Boyz II Men |
| 10. | SOMETIMES IT'S ONLY LOVE(Epic) Luther Vandross |
| 11. | HEAVY FUEL(Warner Brothers) Dire Straits |
| 12. | BABY GOT BACK (Def American/Rhyme Cartel) Sir Mix-A-Lot |
| 13. | NO NOSE JOB(Tommy Boy) Digital Underground |
| | HOT & BOTHERED (Reprise) |
| 15. | MOUTH FOR WAR(Atco) Pantera |

ALBUMS

MICHELLE SHOCKED: Arkansas Traveler (Mercury

Michelle Shocked's new effort, Arkansas Traveler, in her words, "completes a trilogy that started with Short Sharp Shocked and continued on through Captain Swing." Joinling her on what are mostly fiddle tunes to which she put lyrics are folks like Doc Watson, Taj Mahal, Gatemouth Brown, Levon Helm and Garth Hudson to name a few. Produced by Shocked, our favorites are "Come A Long Way" and "Secret To A Long Life."



■ UNRULY CHILD: Unruly Child (Interscope 92101-2) This self-titled album features a group comprised of rockers from several other bands including King Kobra, World Trade and Hurricane. The result is a guitar-edged, hard rock debut that should garner much AOR play. "On The Rise," a Van Halenesque jolter, opens the lp and should be the first single. Other standouts are the melodic "To Be Your Everything" and "When Love Is Gone." Produced by Beau Hill (Winger/Warrant/Ratt).

CAMEO: Emotional Violence (Reprise 26734-2) Larry Blackmon, along with the rest of Cameo, has returned after being away from the public eye for a couple years. One thing that has definitely not changed about the group is that you can tell their material from just about anyone else's material. The overall sound of the album is basically the same as their previous material, but you can find a couple of new sounds being employed as well. If you're into Cameo's previous stuff, you'll like this one.





KCM: Funky/Smooth (Virgin Records America, Inc.

The sound KCM has achieved is R&B with a strong hip-hop influence that is displayed throughout their 11-selection, debut album. On certain cuts, you will find the group mixing rap with singing and on other cuts, you'll just hear straight R&B with some samples roaming around the background. "That Love Thang," "Brown Eyed Girl," "It's All About Loving You" and "Do You?" are a few of the songs that have radio potential.



ZIMBABWE LEGIT: Zimbabwe Legit (Hollywood Basic HB-61284-2)

Ever since they've signed with Hollywood Basic, there thas been quite a buzz going around the industry about this talented duo. Well, finally you have a chance to hear what the buzz was all about. Lyrically, the group delivers some out-of-the-ordinary rhymes that are straight on time giving them a distinctive sound, and the musical tracks are pretty slammin'. "Doin' Damage In My Native Language" stands out on this EP release.





THE DISPOSABLE HEROES OF HIPHOPRISY: Hypocrisy Is The Greatest Luxury (4th & B'Way 162-444-043-2)

One thing's for sure, this has to be one of the most original one rung s for sure, this has to be one of the most original and distinctive rap groups in the music industry. The Disposable Heroes Of Hiphoprisy's production makes the record stand out, but when you start listening to the lyrics, you'll see what put them in another class. The lyrics put together on this 13-selection CD address many issues ranging from the negative influence of TV on children to recession. Interesting album.



MELISSA ETHERIDGE: Never Enough (Island 314-512-120-2)



After two-and-a-half years since Brave And Crazy, which earned her three Grammy nominations, a more mature Melissa has returned with her third album, Never Enough. She is also currently on the promo tip, and managed to give a surprise appearance at NARM in New Orpearance at NARM in New Orleans last week. Produced by Ms. Etheridge and bassist Kevin McCormick, the 10-cut lp kicks off with the current single, "Ain't It Heavy," and is full of good rock 'n' roll as well as the funky, danceable "2001," and the very poignant "The Letting Go" which features Melissa alone, activities." which features Melissa alone, accompanying herself on piano.



INDUSTRY BUZZ

By Lee Jeske

EAST COAST



They look right. They sound right (kind of Led Zeppelinish). They're from the right state (New Jersey). They're Wipatraction. Yes, Wipatraction. And they play lots of joints in New Jersey—just where you can find out by calling their hotline at (201) 228-7366.

ROLL 'EM: The New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival is tough to nail down: it's too massive, too expansive, too damned wonderful for words. A few years ago, Ken Ehrlich filmed a documentary on the festival; a documentary that, titled The Best of the Fest, is for sale at the festival with a quote from this magazine on it. The quote is about the festival-Ehrlich's videotape stinks. He blew it, he didn't catch the special something that makes the New Orleans Jazz Fest such a delight. Simply put, he made the extraordinary ordinary.

Last year, Island Visual Arts hunkered down at the Festival and taped and taped and taped and taped. I mean, these folks did some serious taping. Well, the first fruit of that labor is on the streets—a 90-minute, \$19.95 home video called Let the Good Times Roll. Bingo, they got it! It's not just that they have good musical performances in there—which they do—but they give you a sense of the festival, that unique aura that is as much about the smell of frying soft-shell crabs or the sight of people doing the Cajun two-step in the mud as it is about the Neville

Brothers singing "Brother John."

The documentary serves as a little sampler of the festival, and it includes just the right amount of history—producers Quint Davis and George Wein talking about the history of the Fest; old footage ranging from an impromptu hymn from Mahalia Jackson and a brass band to an 11-year-old Harry Connick Jr. leading a traditional group; musicians like Danny Barker and Wynton Marsalis chatting about the unique blend of cultures that is New Orleans—mixed in with the performances, from locals like the Dirty Dozen Brass Band and Aaron Neville with the Zion Harmonizers to Los Lobos performing in the rain and B.B. King performing in a garish tux at an evening show.

Few of the performances are complete, which is kind of a drag, but here's the kicker: On deck from Island Visual Arts are seven more hours from the '91 festival. Seven more hours! One each of jazz (Michael White, the ReBirth Brass Band, Ellis Marsalis...), gospel (the Five Blind Boys of Alabama, the Zion Harmonizers, the Gospel Soul Children...), "world beat" (Ruben Blades, Milton Nascimento, Aster Aweke...), Cajun and zydeco (Beausoleil, Rockin' Dopsie, Bois Sec Ardoin...), "roots n' rock" (the Radiators, the Nevilles, the Meters...), blues (Earl King, Irma Thomas, Allen Toussaint...), and a Wynton Marsalis-led tribute to Louis

That's the way to capture the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival—release eight hours of it! Now if they packaged the tapes with a copy of Paul Prudhomme's first cookbook, you'd be getting a little closer to the truth. One doesn't go to the Jazz Fest just to hear music or eat, one goes there to gorge on a good time. Eight hours at least begins to scratch that gorgeous surface.

By Randy Clark



Super record seller Garth Brooks was the highlight of the NARM Convention at the Awards Banquet held last Monday night

GOOD GOD, Y'ALL: ... New Orleans... NARM... Oysters and jewel boxes, crawfish and digital compact cassettes, creole and mini discs, gumbo and display cases, the French Quarter and product demonstrations... I'd say it's all jambalaya... but what a place to try and sort it all out. Who knows if even half of the more than 2,500 attendees would have even shown up in these recessionary times if it weren't for the city in which it was held, but it was more than seafood that was in need of digestion this year.

The air at the annual convention was of store owner, and no doubt, future consumer frustration upon learning that later this year, once again, we will be hit by a new format war which will make the one between VHS and Beta look like child's play. Hardware manufacturers (that just so happen to now own major labels) will be pushing new machinery on an unwitting public that may have only recently decided to finally buy a CD player. German-owned Phillips, the giant electricalappliance manufacturer (that owns the massive PolyGram labels and its distribution), is

pushing digital compact cassette players, and prerecorded tapes offering compact discquality sound with a new text feature, allowing artists to display song titles, album titles and even lyrics (the feature is not transerable when recording to normal tape) on a machine that will play all your old standard cassettes.

Sony Products Division has new players that operate a dramatically smaller CD in a hard-shell case that looks sort of like a 3.5 hard disk, only smaller. This format not only contains the same text feature, (using laser and optical readers, not available on standard CD) but also boasts shock resistance, random access and recordability... and we all know what labels Sony now owns and distributes. So what we have is major music product from the same companies that also want to sell you a new machine to play it on. Sound familiar? ...Consumer apathy?... Nightmare's of 8-track?...ĎAT? All this combined with concerns over regular CD packaging and retail displays. And what does any of this have to do with the artists and their music? Well...

The long weekend's entertainment featured outstanding performances from various new artists, but spotlighted the Neville Brothers at The Big Easy's Tipitina's and Little Village at the French Quarter's Storyville club. But most outstanding by far was the muchanticipated live performance by retail's new sweetheart, the 18million-album selling Garth Brooks, who charmed the conventioneers and proved (to any that had doubts) that he is as solid as good talent comes.

Big letdowns of the almost non-stop events and parties were any of the meals provided by the hotel (in a city known for its food), capped off by having to endure a long-winded, preawards dinner Curtis Stigers performance while waiting for Chicken ala Marriott. Thank God for the oysters at Acme. Now it's time for some much needed sleep... next week...



By Chrissy Iley

MICK'S PLACE: Local patriotism didn't seem to figure too much with the return of Mick Hucknall to his hometown of Manchester. He might maintain a house down the road in Old Trafford, but Mick seemed to elicit the laconic nonchalance reserved for the successful in this town. If he has done well, no one was keen on showing it.

Curiously, at Simply Red's concert here, keyboard player Fritz McIntyre, whose megaphone vocals on the delightful "Wonderland" curiously contrasted with the treacly recorded version, got the most enthusiastic response, maybe because he is seen as the underdog.

Mick did his little bit to pat himself and his fellows on the back with a "We're not doing too bad—top of the league and top of the charts" remark; there were muffled cheers.

The former railway station that is the G-Mex Centre is the least-suited indoor arena for concerts I have ever seen. It comes one notch up from a muddy field with the wind blowing in the wrong direction.

The subtleties of the *Stars* album, which includes some subtler than usual meanderings through a familiar brew of drive-time jazz, R&B and the odd splatter of reggae, was in danger of getting lost in the converted terminus, but the decision to split the show in two proved not as dreadful as threatened. The first half was to be mellow, the second dancey.

Mellow Mick wore a rather unfashionably mid-'80s-syle, padded-shoulder, double-breasted white suit, while his famous thatch was in a ponytail. Lush, blue-velvety drapes parted to reveal the scene.

NEWS FROM JAPAN

TOTAL REVENUES REPORTED BY SONY MUSIC ENTER- TAINMENT for the first six months of the fiscal year (April-Sept.) were \$352 million, up 9.1 percent over the comparable months of the previous year. However, after taxes were accounted for, net income was reported to be \$33 million, down 1.2 percent from the above mentioned term. Toshio Ozawa, president of the company, disclosed that Sony Music Entertainment stock has been listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange since Nov. 22, 1991. He said "the purpose of listing the stock was to help raise funds, and to acquire able human resources and artists according to the growing credibility of the company."

THE RECORD INDUSTRIES ASSN. OF JAPAN (RIAJ) will be celebrating its 50th anniversary with the publishing of *The History Of RIAJ—50 Years* in September 1992. According to those parties involved, this will not only be a formal record of the RIAJ, but will also address the history of the music industries and culture in Japan.

KEITH BRUCE, vice president of Warner Music International, will resign his post as of Dec. 31, 1991, according to company ceo/chairman Ramon Lopez. At the same time, Lopez also announced that Stephen Shrimpton will become vice president and chief of the Asia/Pacific division of WMI. And, beginning Jan. 1, 1992, Latin America division chief, Andre Midani will report to Lopez.

THE JAPAN ASSN. OF RIGHTS OF AUTHORS, COM- POSERS AND PUBLISHERS (JASRAC) recently celebrated its 52nd anniversary with a gala party held at Tokyo-Kaikan hall with 200 guests present from political, official and musical circles.

AmRep: Grunge Leader

INDIE MUSIC

By John Carmen

LIKE BANDS, indie record labels thrive on street buzzes. Beginning with Sun Records back in 1954, being a magnet for the hippest talent is a way to increase one's profile. In the '60s, the majors more or less dominated every end of the industry. But as the do-it-yourself ethic resurfaced around 1976 with the punk and disco movements, so did premier indies begin to exist.

In the '80s, this trend reached full bloom with rock independents like SST and Homestead in the U.S., and Rough Trade and 4AD in the U.K. The most recent beneficiary of this hipster buzz has been Seattle's Sub Pop.

But nothing lasts forever, and in 1992, the new kid on the garage/grunge rock block, the name on every college kid's lips seems to be Minneapolis-based Amphetamine Reptile. The former home of brand new Interscope signees Helmet, AmRep (as they call themselves) is stealing Sub Pop's thunder.

Formed in 1986 by the leader of local band Halo of Flies, Tom Hazelmayer (Hazelmayer started the label as a vehicle to put out Halo's records. He doesn't play out anymore, and says he has no interest anymore), AmRep has withstood a major crisis, the folding of primary distributor Rough Trade. "When Rough Trade in the U.K. went belly-up, they took the U.S. end down with it," says Hazelmayer. "Rough Trade handled all of our manufacturing and distribution. We really lost more momentum than money, though."

Hazelmayer sees this event as being somewhat misperceived in the indie world. "You'd figure that Caroline and Relativity and the others would be scrambling to get Rough Trade's market share, but instead they panicked and started cutting back. Bad idea. In fact, those labels seem to be getting much more conservative. I can't imagine Caroline putting out Pussy Galore today, if they just came to them. As far as life without Rough Trade goes, I try not to think about the cost of what we lost. Doing it on our own hasn't really been too bad."

Hazelmayer thinks that stagnation has set into the indie world, even as grunge acts like Nirvana and Soundgarden prosper in the majors. "The quality in the acts is really evident," he says. "Can't really put my finger on it, but I'd say since there are so many little genres that are really poorly defined happening now, it prevents kids in record stores from knowing what they'll get on a new and unknown release."

He views the comparisons to Sub Pop as a little off the mark. "They began strictly as a regional thing, and I was always interested in putting out anybody good from anywhere," says Hazelmayer. "AmRep began as a hobby for me, and a way to get my own stuff out. Sub Pop was financed properly from the start. We do deal with similar acts, though, and I would have loved to put out some of their bands like the Melvins."

Hazelmayer's A&R policy is fairly straightforward, too. "Tapes are it for me," he says. "I've seen bands that I liked live, but I really don't go out and mingle in the clubs anymore. It's not my scene at all."

He's got a bit of the good ole major-label skepticism happening, too. "I can't see why so many bands are so eager to make the jump," he wonders, "when so many of them get chewed up and spit out by the majors. I don't know if Helmet signing to Interscope was really that good a move for them. When you think about it, an indie can do so much more for the little acts, because they really believe in them. Majors don't."



TALENT REVIEW

Cleo Laine

By Robert Adels



ROYCE HALL, LOS AN-GELES-While the Beatles and the Stones were re-inventing rock for America, another quieter and less publicized British Invasion was taking place in '60s traditional pop and jazz circles.

In ever-widening circles of concert and recording accomplishments ever since, Cleo Laine has become to Tin Pan Alley and Duke Ellington what Lennon, McCartney and Jagger have become to the Brill Building and Chuck Berry. She continues to be the only songstress ever to receive Grammy nominations in popular, classical and jazz categories. She also continues as one of the most satisfying concert-givers around, as amply demonstrated by her

Royce Hall show.
"Giver" is the operative word at a Cleo Laine concert. An earthy Cleo Laine gives a Bessie Smith blues the sort of English sophistication that's simultaneously worthy of both British royalty and the '20s American Empress who first performed it. An empathetic Laine magically refocuses "I'll Never Smile Again"—first by telling us that Ruth Lowe wrote it after the death of her husband, then by singing it as if she had just lost her own. (Not to worry, Laine's husband, jazzman John Dankworth, is still her life- and concert-partner.)

An appreciative Laine gives her accomplished band members their introductions early in the show, so we can acknowledge their musicianship by name from the beginning. (For the record, the current version of the John Dankworth Band includes Dankworth on sax and clarinet, Larry Dunlap on piano, Ray Loeckle on reeds, sax and flute, Jim Zimmerman on drums and Rich Girard on bass—augmented in L.A. by Dankworth guitar alumnus Larry Koonse).

But most of all, a powerful Laine gives her audience a fouroctave range without so much as one poor excuse for ever using it.

Live versions of five cuts from her recent RCA Victor Jazz album comprised most of the second half of the show, ranging from a suave scat version of Gershwins' "Lady Be Good" (as good and as different from Ella Fitzgerald's) to a simple yet revealing "Won't You Tell Me Why" (which she cowrote with Dankworth).

It was Ms. Laine's 1973 American debut at Carnegie Hall that first brought her the belated attention she's always deserved in this country. So it was more than fitting that almost 20 years later, she would choose as her first encore a song from that first U.S. concert and live album, the moving ballad "Wish You Were Here (I Do Miss You)."

Here in America we may occasionally forget what's timeless about our own musical traditions. That's why we're lucky to have someone like Cleo Laine to remind us.

synchronicity through some radically different phases of the music.

McFerrin and Corea worked some genuine improvisational magic on many standards during their set, including a multi-faceted reading of "Autumn Leaves," that included some vivid musical picture-painting by Corea as McFerrin took over the bass line. The improvisational exploration that took shape as "Round Midnight" was another highlight—haunting resonant as McFerrin sang the melody, occasionally dipping down to catch the bass, and light and funny Corea instigated a percussion movement before bringing the song to a sparkling close on the high register of the piano.

Throughout the evening,

Corea proved himself more than able to keep up with McFerrin's relentless energy. The twosome gleefully wheeled two audience recruits around the stage on rolling chairs before stopping to craft their "musical portraits," and cut loose with guest Al Jarreau for an almost frantic "Oral Blues," drawing the first of many standing ovations.

The enthusiasm in the audience was mirrored throughout by McFerrin and Corea, who genuinely seemed to have an excellent time. To punctuate this sense of fun, the duo closed the regular portion of the show with a hilariously dark, melodramatic, opera-style version of the Mickey Mouse Club theme—an appropriate cap to a

whimsical adventure.

TALENT REVIEW

Skid Row/ **Pantera**

By Ray Ballard

IRVINE MEADOWS AM-PHITHEATRE, IRVINE, CA-What a star-studded (not just referring to the stars in a

clear, crisp Orange County evening sky, either) night! This show was packed with surprises from start to finish.

Pantera, hot on the heels of thier chart-climbing second lp release, Vulgar Display Of Power (Atco), got things started with a full-blown slap in the face. They pulverized the audience with such cuts from the new album as, "A New Level," "Walk," "F***ing Hostile" and the first single, "Mouth For War" (destined to be an easy listening favorite... NOT!). The band played with a raged fury and borderline insanity that complements this genre of music. Philip Anselmo (vocals) maintained a vocal sound that of a man being brutally beaten, while multi-contest-winning guitarist, Diamond Darrell, was doing some brutal six-string beating of

Two-thirds of the way through the set came one of several suprises of the show. Rob Halford, lead singer of legendary metal pioneers, Judas Priest, took the stage and jammed with Pantera on two classic Priest cuts, "Grinder" and "Metal Gods," to complete crowd satisfaction. The set finished off with the title track from their previous album, Cowboys From Hell, a song that received strong airplay in this

Pantera is raw energy, unpre-

dictable, and definitely a "Vulgar Display Of Power." Ya gotta love

Being their first headline tour in large venues, Skid Row (Atlantic) knew they had a large pair of shoes to fill. The shoes busted at the seams as Skid Row took over Irvine. Explosions, fireworks, unending pyrotechnics, and yes, best of all, they sounded great! Opening with "Slave To The Grind," from their latest album bearing the same title, it was obvious this band is of arena-headline status. The Skids mixed in songs from both their new album and their debut multi-platinum venture. Sebastian Bach, lead singer and frontman, poured out an inspiring performance of vocal acrobatics, easily seen by the people way in the back courtesy of a large-screen monitor directly above the stage.

The band was tight and flawless as they performed. Audience roar was deafening as they supplied the demand for hits like "18 And Life," "Psycho Love," "Wasted Time" and "Quicksand Jesus." Bringing the set to a close was "Monkey Business" with an extended, "Funky-Monkey"

bluesy intro.

Of course the show wasn't over. The first encore brought another surprise to the already suprised in attendance. Duff Mc-Kagen (bass) and Matt Sorum (drums) from Guns N' Roses joined forces with Skid Row for an version all-star-jam Aerosmith's "Train Kept A Rollin'.'

Two of the Skids' biggest hits were reserved for the second encore. "I Remember You" and the adolescent anthem, 'Youth Gone Wild," closed out this mammoth concert event.

TALENT REVIEW

Bobby McFerrin/ Chick Corea



By Hilarie Grey

THE WILTERN THEATRE, LOS ANGELES—Take the oneman, a cappella vocal orchestra, Bobby McFerrin, add the jazz piano virtuoso, Chick Corea, and the result is the musical equivalent of two little kids run-

ning amok in the park-whimsical and enthusiastic, and incredibly inventive as well. As the name of their newly released Blue Note album suggests, the two literally did Play on the Wiltern stage, making use of toys like mallets (used to pummel the piano) and pie tin-like cymbals as well as their instruments to create a multi-dimensional improvisation show.

It was clear from the outset that McFerrin and Corea were playing for laughs as Corea scampered around the piano, plucking at the strings and using the outside for percussive purposes, and Mc-Ferrin showcased his vocal extremes—from gutteral clicking to bright, upper register horn sounds. The mugging never detracted from the music, though, as the duo worked in perfect

By Lee Jeske



Just shy of his 75th birthday, and a long tour to celebrate it, Dizzy Gillespie wound up in the hospital recently for abdominal surgery. The good news is that he's okay, the bad news is that he's cancelled his next two months of bookings. Get well soon, oh great one.

CRASH CYMBAL: The buzz in the jazz world these days is about the arrest of drummer Al Foster in Japan on drug charges. Foster, on a tour with Herbie Hancock, was busted for a package of heroin mailed to him from out-

side of Japan.

NO LABEL IS AN IS-LAND: Antilles Records has now officially joined Verve, PolyGram's jazz label. Antilles, of course, was the jazz division of Island, but Island is now owned by PolyGram and, things being what they are, Antilles is now under the Verve aegis, which means that Brian Bacchus, who worked at PolyGram Jazz before leaving to run Antilles, is now back at PolyGram Jazz, which is now called Verve. Huh? Bacchus, by the way, was voted jazz executive of the year at the recent Gavin Convention. Moving with him to PolyGram's midtown headquarters are Antille's publicity manager, Ellen Battle, and product manager, Nate Herr. Antilles is kicking off the season with a pair of gems: Randy Weston's weighty two-CD The Spirits of Our Ancestors, which features a large band, arrangements by Melba Liston, and guest shots from Dizzy Gillespie and Pharoah Sanders; and traditional clarinet master Michael White's New Year's at the Village Vanguard, which documents what remains this year's most rousing jazz engagement, with Wynton Marsalis sitting in on trumpet. STRAIGHT, NO CHASER:

ON JAZZ

Gilbey's Gin, which calls itself the "authentic gin," is sponsoring a jazz tour of Blue Note recording artists Tony Williams and Benny Green, because, says Gilbey's, jazz is "an authentic American art form." Okay. The 13-city tour-with Williams leading his quintet and Green leading his trio-gets underway at New York's Bottom Line on May 1 and more or less ends with a May 26-31 stint at Los Angeles' Catalina Bar & Grill. More or less because it reconvenes for a one-nighter at San Francisco's Great American Music Hall on June 13. Gin was the favorite drink of many a jazz musician and it probably killed one or two. But corporate sponsorship is not about moral judgments think of French cigarette Gitanes sponsorship of posthumous albums by lung cancer victim Stan Getz-but I'll always treasure Ira Sullivan's dedication of "You'll Leave My Breathless" to Kool cigarettes at a long ago Kool Jazz Festival.

PASSING ON: Note should be made of the recent deaths of a pair of solid jazz players. Bassist/tubaist Red Callender-a West Coast mainstay who played with everybody from Louis Armstrong to James Newton, taught Charles Mingus, wrote a nice autobiography, and was a pleasant man-died at the age of 74. And saxophonist Jim Pepper-who played with Charlie Haden, Don Cherry, Larry Corvell and others, but who is best known for his composition "Witchi-Tai-To," which drew on his Native American heritage and was a hit for Brewer & Shipley (remember Brewer & Shipley, the "One Toke Over the Line" guys?)—died last month at the age of 50. This weekend in New York, Pepper's friends and colleagues held a concert in his memory, with proceeds going to the Oregon Indian Education Assoc. Scholarship Fund.

WINE, WOMEN AND SONG, YOU SUPPLY

TOP **40** JAZZ ALBUMS

CASH BOX • MARCH 28, 1992 2 KISS MY AXE (Mesa Blue Moon 79751) AL DIMEOLA PROJECT 4 3 3 KENNY KIRKLAND (GRP 9657) KENNY KIRKLAND 3 16 4 LIVE AT BIRDLAND WEST (EastWest 82334) GERALD ALBRIGHT 2 18 5 IN EVERY MOMENT (GRP 9662) NELSON RANGELL 7 6 3 DAY WEEKEND (GRP 9663) KIM PENSYL 6 6 7 SONGS WITHOUT WORD (GRP 9661) DUDLEY MOORE 5 18 8 STUCK ON YOU (Sindrome 8893) BOBBY CALDWELL 9 9 WITH MY LOVER BESIDE ME (Columbia 48665) NANCY WILSON 8 16 10 MISSISSIPPI LAD (Antilles 511411) TEDDY EDWARDS 10 9 12 THIS IS NEW (Blue Note/Capitol 97196) Rick Margitza 12 9 13 OPEN UP WHATCHA GONNA DO FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE (Columbia 47383) DIRTY DOZEN BRASS BAND 13 8 14 HERE'S TO THE PEOPLE (Milestone/Fantasy 9194) SONNY ROLLINS 11 9 15 A LONG STORY (Manhattan/Capitol 95476) ELIANE ELIAS 15 21 16 OPEN YOUR EYES (Verve Forecast/PolyGram 511 390) SHAKATAK 16 16 17 COLLECTION (GRP 9658) JOE SAMPLE 17 21 18 SHADOWS (GRP 9654) DAVID BENOIT 18 24 19 MUSICAL PORTRAITS (GRP 9664) DAVE VALENTINE 22 3 20 OASIS (GRP 9655) ERIC MARIEMTHAL 24 22 BLUE LIGHT, RED LIGHT (Columbia 48685) HARRY CONNICK JR. 19 26 23 HEART OF GOLD (COLUMBIA 47509) ELLIS MARSALIS 29 3 24 ON THE TOWN (Manhattan/Capitol 96687)RICHARD ELLIOT 20 26 29 STOLEN MOMENTS (Blue Note 97159) STANLEY JORDAN 23 16 THE GERSHWIN COLLECTION (GRP 2005) DAVE GRUSIN 30 26 32 ODDS OR EVEN (Atlantic 82297) MIKE STERN 32 28 . BOB BERG 33 16 34 OFFBEAT OF AVENUES (Columbia 47079) . . . MANHATTAN TRANSFER 34 32 35 WORLD SINFONIA (Tomato/Mesa-Bluemoon 79750) AL DI MEOLA 35 28 36 HEARTS OF FIRE (GRP 9653) NEW YORK VOICES 28 24 37 IN TRIBUTE (GRP GRD2006) DIANNE SHUUR DEBUT 38 LIVE WIRES (GRP GRD9667) YELLOW JACKETS DEBUT 39 GLOBAL VILLAGE (GRP GRD9670) SPECIAL EFFECTS DEBUT 40 COMME CI COMME CA (ANTILLES ACTOO1) FRED WESLLEY DEBUT

THE WINE: Three of jazz's finest living female vocalists-Abbey Lincoln, Shirley Horn and Cassandra Wilson, Poly-Gram recording artists all are the subjects of home videos tied into their most recent albums. You Gotta Pay the Band: The Words, the Music, the Life of Abbey Lincoln and Here's To Life (the Shirley Horn tape) combine music and talk, while Cassandra Wilson Live combines music and music. The Lincoln and Wilson are out now, with the Shirley Horn due in May. One of the women who set the table for the careers of these three ladies, the incomparable, indestructible Ella Fitzgerald, will take the stage of Radio City Music Hall on May 2. If you've never heard Ella Fitzgerald live, don't-do not!-pass this up. And if you've never heard Betty

Carter live, make plans to be at Alice Tully Hall on March 28 or at Aaron Davis Hall on March 29. La Carter will front a big band, strings, Geri Allen, Jack DeJohnette, John Hicks, Cecil McBee, Kenny Washington and others, and I'll bet you a dollar you'll leave feeling a hell of a lot better about life.

BOPPING AROUND: John McLaughlin, who remains one wicked guitarist and who leads one tasty trio, has a new album out on Verve next month, Que Allegria, which he'll support with an April tour... Triloka Records has two Walter Becker-produced projects on the spring slate: Flutist Jeremy Steig's first recording in ages, Jigsaw (April), and pianist Dave Kikoski's Persistent Dreams (May).



RHYTHM & BLUES

By Bryan DeVaney

R&B MUSIC

HAMMER'S FIRST NETWORK

SPECIAL:On Friday, April 3 on CBS,

the "infamous" Hammer will be airing his first prime-time television special. The hour-long special will include interview footage, performances, a sneak preview of the final dress rehearsal and a world premiere of his brand new "This Is The Way We Roll," video. Hammer's "Too Legit" World Tour in support of his triple-platinum Too Legit To Quit album, will begin on April 1, in Hampton, Virginia. Boyz II Men, Jodeci and Oaktown's 3-5-7 are scheduled to join Hammer on this mega-tour.



Two of the top soul quartets on the charts, Color Me Badd and Atlantic Starr, recently celebrated Atlantic Starr's top 10 hit "Masterpiece" and CMB's two awards for R&B song and single by a group or duo at the Soul Train Music Awards. Pictured (I-r) are: Kevin Thornton, CMB; David Lewis and Wayne Lewis, Atlantic Starr; Mark Calderon, CMB; Rachel Oliver and Jonathan Lewis, Atlantic Starr; Bryan Abrams and Sam Watters, CMB.

WHITE OPENS UP TO ESSENCE:In the April issue of Essence magazine, A&M recording artist Barry White opens up in a feature interview and recalls life before the star was "born." "My brother went to jail when he was 8. I went at 16 for stealing tires off Cadillacs, Dual 90's worth \$600 a pair. When I got out I said, 'Never again.' When Darryl got out he just kept going back." Later in the interview, White also recalls when the music industry gained interest of who would end up to be the '70s "disco superstar." "They couldn't hear it until someone slipped on a dub at a party Elton John was attending... Elton's opinion turned the label's opinion around, all in a day." If you're into Barry White, you would probably be interested in checking out this issue. Good work by interviewer David Ritz.

SHANICE GOES WORLDWIDE: Motown recording artist Shanice has hypnotized the world with her number one hit single, "I Love Your Smile," which has now entered the Top 10 on the music charts in 12 (yeah, 12) countries and has achieved silver sales status (200,000+) in the United Kingdom.

"I'm Cryin" is scheduled to be the second single to be released off her Inner Child album. Produced by Narada Michael Walden (who has done numerous songs for Mariah Carey, Whitney Houston and Aretha Franklin), this cut has been predicted by many to follow in the footsteps of "I Love Your Smile."



The four hosts of the Sixth Annual Soul Train Awards hang out and talk to the press. (From I-r) Will "Fresh Prince" Smith, Patti LaBelle, Luther Vandross and Vanessa Williams.

TOP 75 R&R AI RUMS

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| DIAMONDS & PEARLS (Paisley Park/Warner Bros. 25379) Prince | 3 | 21 |
| 2 DANGEROUS (Epic 45400) | 1 | 16 11 |
| 4 T.E.V.I.N. (Qwest/Warner Bros. 26291) | 2 | 17 |
| 5 ALWAYS MY LADY (MCA 10198) Jodeci | 7 | 41 |
| 6 COMFORT ZONE (Wing/Mercury 843522) Vanessa William | | 2 |
| 7 COOLEYHIGHHARMONY (Motown 6320)(G) Boyz ii Men 8 KEEP IT COMIN' (Elektra 61216) Keith Sweat | 6 5 | 44 16 |
| 9 CYPRESS HILL (Ruff House/Columbia 47889) Cypress Hill | 9 | 15 |
| 10 REAL LOVE (Arista 18679) Lisa Stansfield | 10 | 18 |
| 11 AFFAIRS OF THE HEART (MCA 10355) Jody Watley | 11 | 16 |
| 12 UNFORGETTABLE (Elektra 61049)(P) Natalie Cole 13 DEATH CERTIFICATE (Priority 57155) | 8 13 | 40 18 |
| 14 INNER CHILD (Motown 363192) Shanice | 14 | 18 |
| 15 MEANT TO BE MINT(A&M 10014) Mint Condition | 20 | 9 |
| 16 SONS OF THE P (Tommy Boy 1045) Digital Undergound | 16 | 22 |
| 17 BURNIN' (MCA 10439) Patti Labelle 18 MR. SCARFACE IS BACK (Priority 57167) Scarface | 17 18 | 23 22 |
| 19 I WISH MY BROTHER GEORGE WAS HERE (Elektra 61133) | 10 | |
| Dei Tha Funkee Homosaphien | 25 | 7 |
| 20 EMOTIONS (Columbia 47980) Mariah Carey 21 OF THE HEART, OF THE SOUL AND OF THE CROSS (Gee Street/Island | 15 | 26 |
| 510276) | 21 | 20 |
| 22 APOCALYPSE 91THE ENEMY STRIKES BLACK(Def Jam/Columbia 473 | 74) | _ |
| Public Enemy | 22 | 23 |
| 23 MAC DADDY (W.B. 26765) | 23 27 | 5 7 |
| 25 NAUGHTY BY NATURE (Tommy Boy 1044) Naughty By Nature | 19 | 28 |
| 26 A WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING (Mercury 848368) Black Sheep | 26 | 21 |
| 27 THE POWER OF LOVE (Epic 46789)(P) Luther Vandross | 24 | 46 |
| 28 RITUAL OF LOVE (Warner Bros. 26320) | 28 29 | 96 16 |
| 30 PUT ME IN YOUR MIX (A&M 5377) Barry White | 30 | 23 |
| 31 BLACKS MAJIC (Next Plateau) Sait N' Pepa | 31 | 18 |
| 32 AS RAW AS EVER (Epic 47310) Shabba Ranks | 32 | 12 |
| 33 PRIVATE LINE (East West/Atlantic 91777) | 33 | 22 |
| 34 FOURPLAY (Warner Bros. 26656) Fourplay 35 107 DEGREES IN THE SHADE (Epic 91611) Alex Bugnom | 34 39 | 17 7 |
| 36 SKANLESS (Skanless 61235) Hi-C | 36 | 16 |
| PENICILLIN ON WAX (Columbia 48707) | 47 | 17 |
| 38 PEACEFUL JOURNEY (Uptown/MCA 10289) Heavy D. & The Boyz 39 2ND II NONE (Profile 1416) 2nd ii None | 38 35 | 38 21 |
| 39 2ND II NONE (Profile 1416) 2nd ii None 40 LOW END THEORY (Jive 1418) Tribe Called Quest | 40 | 25 |
| 41 PRINCE OF DARKNESS (Cold Chillin/Reprise 26715) Big Daddy Kane | 41 | 26 |
| 42 I'LL NEVER FORGET (Malaco Mai 4440) Bobby Jones | 42 | 18 |
| 43 GOT S**T ON MY MIND (Luke Records 91830) Luke 44 SPORTS WEEKEND (Luke/Atlantic 91720) 2 Live Crew | 49 44 | 5 23 |
| BORN INTO THE 90'S (Jive 41469) R. Kelly & Public Announcement | 52 | 8 |
| 46 COOL HAND LOC (Delicious Vinyl 510609) Tone-Loc | 46 | 17 |
| 47 WE CAN'T BE STOPPED (Rap-A-Lot/Priority 57161) Geto Boys | 37 | 37 |
| 48 JUST FOR YOU (RCA 3159) | 48 43 | 9 36 |
| 50 BRIDGING THE GAP (Reprise 26524) Roger | 50 | 20 |
| 51 THE SONGSTRESS (Elektra 61116) Anita Baker | 55 | 18 |
| 52 DIFFERENT LIFESTYLES (Capitol 92078) BeBe & CeCe Winans | 45 | 37 |
| 53 AIN'T NO DOUBT ABOUT IT (Cheetah 9405) | 53 | 17 |
| 54 ACT LIKE YOU KNOW (First Priority/Atlantic) | 54 | 25 |
| 55 THE EVOLUTION OF GOSPEL (Perspective/A&M 1000) | | |
| Sounds Of Blackness Kid N. Play | 51 56 | 40 |
| 56 FACE THE NATION (Elektra 61206) Kid N' Play 57 THE REAL DEAL (Ultrax 0203) | 62 | 25 7 |
| 58 MILESTONE (Motown 36331) Temptations | 58 | 17 |
| 59 SKANLESS (Skanless/WB 61235) | 63 | 2 |
| 60 HOMEBASE (Jive/RCA 1392) D.J. Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince 61 BEST OF ME (Charisma 91804) Maxi Priest | 60 61 | 36 7 |
| 61 BEST OF ME (Charisma 91804) Maxi Priest 62 AIN'T A DAMN THING CHANGED (RAL/Columbia 47373) Nice & Smooth | 57 | 26 |
| 63 M.C. BREED & D.F.C. (S.D.E.G./Ichiban 4103) M.C. Breed & D.F.C. | 59 | 36 |
| 64 GOOD WOMAN (MCA 10329) | 64 | 37 |
| 65 COLOR ME BADD (Giant 24429) Color Me Badd GREATEST HITS REMIXES (Columbia 48840) Clivilles & Cole | 65 73 | 34 5 |
| 67 AIN'T A DAMMED THING CHANGED (Priority 57156) | 67 | 7 |
| W.C. & The Maad Circle 88 SET THE NIGHT TO MUSIC (Atlantic 82321) Roberta Flack | 67 68 | 7 27 |
| 69 D.J. LAZ (Pandisc 8817) D.J. Laz | 74 | 2 |
| 70 YOUNG MAN, OLDER WOMAN (Jive 1947-2J) Millie Jackson | 70 | 18 |
| 71 PURE POVERTY (Profile 1415) Poor Righteous Teachers | 71 72 | 28 23 |
| 72 IN CONTROL VOL. 2 (Warner Bros. 26257) Marley Marl 73 BRAND NEW HEAVIES (Delicious Vinyl 422 846874) Brand New Heavies | 66 | 51 |
| 74 MAKE TIME FOR LOVE (Owest/Warner Bros. 26528)(G) . Keith Washington | 69 | 48 |
| 75 HI-FIVE (Jive/RCA 1328)(G) | 75 | 69 |

CASH BOX CHARTS

TOP 100 R&B SINGLES



#1 SINGLE: Prince



TO WATCH: Keith Sweat #45



HIGH DEBUT: Prince #73

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Total Weeks ▼ Last Week ▼

| 1 | DIAMONDS & PEARLS (Paisley Park/WB 4-1903) Prince & NPC | G 2 | 8 | 51 | SO INTENSE (Elektra 64817) Lisa Fischer | 50 | 18 |
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| | REMEMBER THE TIME (Epic 74200) Michael Jackson | | 10 | 52 | I LOVE YOUR SMILE (Motown 1581) Shanice Wilson | 52 | 23 |
| 3 | SAVE THE BEST FOR LAST (Mercury 856136-4) Vanessa Williams | s 5 | 8 | | FINALLY (A&M 1586) | | 20 |
| 4 | MASTERPEICE (WB/Reprise 4-19076) Atlantic Star | r 7 | 8 | 54 | WHERE WOULD I BE (MCA 54206) | 58 | 8 |
| 5 | LOVE STORIES (Arista 12378-4) Jennifer Hollida | y 6 | 10 | 55 | SMILE (Atlantic 85910-4) Tim Owens | 55 | 9 |
| 6 | BABY HOLD ON TO ME (EastWest 4-98639) Gerald Lever | t 3 | 8 | 56 | DON'T BE AFRAID (Soul/MCA 54330) Arron Hall | 60 | 4 |
| 7 | BREAKING MY HEART (Perspective 0004) Mint Conditions | s 4 | 8 | 57 | ALL WOMAN (Arista 0782212399) Lisa Stansfield | 63 | 2 |
| 8 | STAY (MCA 332054) | i 8 | 17 | 58 | CHIC MYSTIC (WB 4-19132) | 64 | 4 |
| 9 | EVERCHANGING TIMES (Arista 1-2394) | | | 59 | ARE YOU LONELY FOR ME (Atlantic 4-82121) Rude Boys | 62 | 31 |
| • | Michael McDonald | 19 | 9 | 60 | CAN'T TRUSS IT (Def Jam/Columbia 73780) Public Enemy | 56 | 25 |
| 10 | AIN'T TOO PROUD TO BEG (Arista/LaFace 1-4009) TLC | 10 | 7 | | A NICE TIME FOR LOVIN (Columbia 38-74051) Surface | | 7 |
| | EVERLASTING (Epic 74119) | | | | , | | |
| _ | THE COMFORT ZONE (Mercury 865072-4) Vanessa Williams | | 21 | | SWEET THANG (Capitol 79923) B Angle B | | 21 |
| | IT'S OK (Capitol 44-750) BeBe & CeCe Winans | | 7 | | BE A FATHER TO YOUR CHILD (Mercury 867888) Ed O.G. & Da Buildogs | | |
| | SHE'S GOT THE VIBE (Jive 420 225-2) R Kelly/Public Announcement | | 20 | | TEARS OF JOY (Tabu 28968180) | | 5 |
| | WHEN YOU GET RIGHT DOWN TO IT ($Z\infty$ 1403) Phyllis Hyman | | 9 | | LET'S GET SMOOTH (Solar/Epic 35-74541) Calloway | | 4 |
| | SHUT'EM DOWN (Def Jam/Columbia 44174165) Public Enemy | | 11 | | (EVERYBODY) GET UP (Reprise/Warner Bros. 19124) Roger | | |
| | THESE THREE WORDS (Motown 1007) Stevie Wonder | | 18 | | AFTER THE DANCE (Warner Bros. 4-19184) Fourplay Featuring El Debarge | | |
| | TESTIFY (A&M 0006) Sounds Of Blackness | | 9 | | LOVE CRAZY (Reprise 26545) Atlantic Starr | | |
| | UHH AHH (Motown 2441-4) | | 20 | | ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT(Delicious Vinyl 866-104-4) Tone Loc | | |
| | STEADY MOBBIN (Priority 7247) | | 18 | | MAKE TIME FOR LOVE (Owest/Warner Bros. 19101) Keith Washington | | |
| | THE WAY I FEEL ABOUT YOU (Warner Bros. 5135) Karyn White | | 20 | | THE JONES (Motown 2138-4) | | |
| | KNOW THE LEDGE (MCA 54333) Eric B & Rakim | | 6 | | MONEY DON'T MATTER 2 NIGHT (PAISLEY PARKWB 190200) . Prince | | |
| _ | GOODBYE (WB 19008) | | 5 | | KEEP IT COMING (Elektra 64812) | | |
| _ | PEACEFUL JOURNEY (MCA 10289) Heavy D & The Boys | | 10 | | HEART TO HEART (MCA 54249) . J.T. Taylor (Duet With Stephanie Mills) | | |
| | YOU SHOWDED ME (Next Plateau 50165) Salt N Pepa | | 8 | | THINGS TO DO (Jive 42036) D.J. Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince | | |
| | PAPER DOLLS (Gee Street/Island) P.M. Dawn | | | | GET READY (Warner Bros. 4-19091) | | |
| _ | I BELONG TO YOU (Arista 12369) Whitney Houston | | 21 | | I'LL TAKE YOU THERE (Capitol 44749)MDBO Bebe & Cece Winans CHANGE (Arista 2362) Lisa Stansfield | 78 80 | |
| _ | I'M CRYIN' (Motown 37463619) | | 6 | | GOOD FRIEND (Epic 74157) Parish Red | | 24 |
| | MAKE YA BODY MOVE (Quality 15109) The Chill Deal Boyz | | 10 | - | | | _ |
| | LATIFAH'S HAD IT UP TO HERE (Tommy Boy 506) Queen Latifah | | 16 | | THE BLUES COME OVER ME (MCA 54339) B.B. King | | 4 |
| | IT'S GONNA BE ALRIGHT (Tommy Boy 999) Naughty By Nature LOVE IS CALLING YOU (RCA 62163) Gene Rice | | 15 | | I'M THE ONE YOU NEED (MCA 64276) Jody Watley | | 3 |
| | THE RUSH (Epic 46789) Luther Vandross | | 16 21 | | 2 LEGIT 2 QUIT (Capitol 79005) | | _ |
| | THE CHOICE IS YOURS (Mercury 866-087) Blacksheep | | 6 | | COUNT ON ME (CAPITOL 44792) MARC NELSON | | 3 |
| | HERE I GO AGAIN (Atlantic 87540-4) Glenn Jones | | 9 | | | | 3 |
| | LET'S STAY TOGETHER (MCA 54286) Guy | | - | - | THE LOVER IN YOU (REPRISE 4-19229) BIG DADDY KANE | | 3 |
| | SOMEBODY LOVES YOU (MCA 54315) Patti LaBelle | | | | IS IT GOOD TO YOU (Uptown/MCA 54200) Heavy D. & the Boyz | | |
| | SHINE (Epic 74111) | | | | BLACK OR WHITE (Epic 74100) Michael Jackson | | |
| | INSATIABLE (Paisley Park/Warner Bros. 5141) Prince & The N.P.G. | | 21 | | SHAKIYLA (JHR) (Profile 5344) Poor Righteous Teachers | | 19 |
| | DO NOT PASS ME BY (Capitol 103114) | | 5 | _ | DON'T MAKE ME BEG TONIGHT(Capitol 44804) Gary Brown | | 2 |
| | CAN'T LET GO (Columbia 74088) Mariah Carey | | - | 92 | THINKIN' BACK (Giant 4-19074) Color Me Badd | 86 | 8 |
| | I WANT YOU (MCA 54137) | | | | HOOPS OF FIRE (Motown 21524) The Temptations | | 2 |
| | STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART (Epic 34-73928) Eric Gable | | | | GIVING YOU ALL MY LOVE (Elektra 4-6484) Chris Walker | | |
| | NO NOSE JOB (Tommy Boy 513) Digital Undergroud | | | | DOO DOO BROWNN (WARLOCK 108) 2 HYPE BROTHERS & A DOG | | |
| 15 | WHY ME (Elecktra 64777) Keith Sweat | 49 | 5 | | MEET ME IN THE MIDDLE (MCA 4219) Gladys Knight | | |
| | JUST THE TWO OF US (Select/Elektra 4-66502) Chubb Rock | | | | LIVING IN CONFUSION (Zoo 14023) Phyllis Hyman | | |
| | PRIVATE LINE (East West/Atlantic 98705) Gerald Levert | | | | SET ADRIFT ON MEMORY BLISS (Gee Street/Island 6690) P.M. Dawn | | |
| | MAKE IT HAPPEN (Columbia 74239) Mariah Carey | | 5 | 99 | CAN'T WAIT TO GET YOU HOME (Orpheus/Epic 34-73995) Eric Gable | 99 | 26 |
| | PLEASE DON'T GO (Motown 374631) Boyz II Men | | 5 | 100 | GROOVE WITH IT (Cold Chillin'/Reprise 4-19155) Big Daddy Kane | 100 | 18 |
| | KISS YOU BACK (Tommy Boy 993) Digital Underground | | 24 | | | | |



RAP/DANCE MUSIC

By Bryan (B-Style) DeVaney

STREET BEAT



Third Degree (from Gang Of Textbooks)

HIP-HOP PROFILE: A lot of artists don't realize the actual power of music and how many people they can reach through it. A Gang Of Textbooks is one group that does understand the music and the power, so instead of just layin' down some basic material, there are putting out positive messages and socially aware songs. With lyrics that are both educational and entertaining, all that's really left is the production. Now, production-wise, they have put together a clever combination of music so you can find many different types and styles of music with various vocal arrangements that give the album a wide variety of material, making the sound very universal. Songs to check out would be "Rage Goin' On," "Prisoners Of War" and "Underground."



Cuba Gooding Jr., who stars in the movie Gladiator, recently dropped by the set of 3rd Bass new video to make a special appearance. Pictured (I-r) are: Prime Minister Pete Nice, Gooding and MC Serch.

UPCOMING RELEASES:

Priority/Ruthless Records will be releasing a debut album by the Penthouse Players. Produced by DJ Quik and featuring special appearances by Quik, AMG and Eazy E, this album would attract the fans of Quik and his type of music. Songs to look out for would be "Trust No Bi**h," "Checkmate," "Pimp In, Leanin" and "They Don't Know"...On the other side of town, Roxanne (a.k.a. The Real Roxanne) will be releasing a new album titled Go Down (But Don't Bite It) under Select Records... Pete Rock & CL Smooth will soon drop some real funky flava' on their debut album titled Mecca And The Soul Brother on Elektra Entertainment. This album is pretty much filled with "New York fava" and has a lot of hip-hop flava' (dope production)... Above The Law has just completed their upcoming second album, Black Mafia Life. Now, this album has some of the dopest shiznit that I've heard so far this year. If you're into some hard-azz L.A. hardcore rap, you've got to check this out. Look for some special guest performances throughout the album... Straight out of New York are two young rappers called Das EFX. The lyrical style that they show, has to be classed in a style of its own that the group calls "straight from da sewer." Anyway, the name of the album is Dead Serious and songs to check out would be "If Only" and "They Want EFX," under EastWest America... Elektra recording artists, Leaders Of The New School, are working on an upcoming album that should be out by the summer. Insiders say this one will take them to the top of the pile... Ruthless recording artist Eazy E is also finishing up his second album. On the production he will have Cold 187um, DJ Quik and DJ Yella...

TOP 30 RAP SINGLES

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| CASH BOX • MARCH 28, 1992 | - | |
| 1 THE PHUNCKY FEEL ONE (Ruffhouse/Columbia3930) Cypress Hill | 4 | 23 |
| 2 OOCHIE COOCHIE (Motown 2146) MC Brains | | 8 |
| 3 POOR GEORGIE (First Priorty/Atlantic) | 2 | 98 |
| 4 THE CHOICE IS YOURS (Mercury 866087-4) Blacksheep | 3 | 13 |
| 5 SHUT'EM DOWN (Def Jam/Columbia 74165) Public Enemy | 5 | 6 |
| 6 FIRE & EARTH (Polydor 865082) X Clan | 6 | 7 |
| 7 RETURN OF THE FUNKY MAN (Giant/Reprise 40277) Lord Finesse | 11 | 5 |
| 8 EVERYTHING'S GONNA BE ALRIGHT (Tommy Boy 999) | | |
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| 9 MISTADODALINA (Elektra 64826-4) Del Tha Funkee Homosapien | | 10 |
| 10 RING THE ALARM (Jive 42020) Fu-Scchnickens | | 7 |
| 11 HOW TO FLOW (Ral/Columbia 38-7808) Nice & Smooth | 7 | 10 |
| 12 ONE TIME'S GOT NO CASE (Def America/Reprise) Sir Mix-A- Lot | 12 | 8 |
| 13 MR. SCARFACE (Rap A Lot/Priorty 4-98638) | 13 | 9 |
| 14 THE INT'L ZONE COASTER (Electra 64828-4) Leaders Of The New School | 14 | 6 |
| 15 JAZZ (WE'VE GOT) (Jive 42035) Tribe Called Quest | 17 | 5 |
| 16 STEP TO ME (Ruffhouse/Columbia 74150) | 20 | 5 |
| 17 STEADY MOBBIN (Priorty 72474) | 15 21 | 14 16 |
| 18 GROOVE WITH IT (Cold Chillin/Reprise 19115-4) | 19 | 6 |
| 19 ALL FOR ONE (Elektra 642464) | 16 | 9 |
| 21 BLOW'EM OUT LIKE CANDLES (A Company Called W 004) The God Squad | 18 | 9 |
| 22 JUST KICKIN'IT(Ichiban 91-077) MC Breed & DFC | 22 | 13 |
| 23 BE TRUE TO YOURSELF (Profile 5343) 2nd None | 23 | 15 |
| 24 BE A FATHER TO YOUR CHILD (America/Mercury 867888-4) | 23 | 13 |
| ED O.G.& Da Buildogs | 24 | 16 |
| 25 HOUSE OF PAIN (Tommy Boy TB522) | | BUT |
| 26 I'LL BE THERE FOR YOU (Ear Candy 38007) Jibri Wise One | 26 | 17 |
| 27 TIME TO FLOW (Jive 42032) | 27 | 7 |
| 28 JUMP (Ruffhouse 38-74197/Columbia) | | BUT |
| 29 WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND (MCA 54312) Eric B and Rakim | 29 | 7 |
| 30 KISS YOU BACK (Tommy Boy 993) Digital Underground | 30 | • |
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TOP 30 DANCE SINGLES

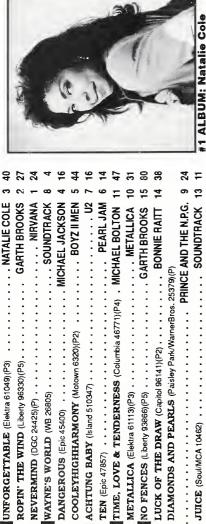
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Last Week. Total Weeks.

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#1 ALBUM: Natalie Cole

111 112 116 HIGH DEBUT: Queen #62

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TOO LEGIT TO GUIT (Capitol 98151) HAMMER

HEART IN MOTION (A&M 15321)(P2) AMY GRANT

BLOOD SUGAR SEX MAJIK (Warner Bros. 26681)(G)

EMOTIONS (Columbia 47980)(P2) MARIAH CAREY

RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS

NO MORE TEARS (Epic 45795)(P) OZZY OSBOURNE

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ALWAYS MY LADY (MCA 10198)(G)JODECI USE YOUR ILLUSION II (Geffen 24420)(P3) GUNS N' ROSES BADMOTORFINGER (A&M 5374) SOUNDGARDEN

... NAUGHTY BY NATURE

.... VANESSA WILLIAMS

USE YOUR ILLUSION I (Geffen 24415)(P2) GUNS N' ROSES

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ASCAP Celebrates Grand Opening

NASHVILLE, TN The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers opened the long-awaited new office building at Two Music Square West in Nashville last week. The new residence, designed to "accomodate growing staff needs," offers 24,760 square feet of space on the corner of Music Row.

"The construction of this magnificent new building represents the strong commitment ASCAP's national leadership has made in Nashville," said Connie Bradley, ASCAP Southern regional executive director who heads the Nashville membership office. "We're proud of what our city has been able to contribute to the music of America over the

years, and especially recently."

Grand opening festivities included a Copyright/Performing right seminar, media tours, board of directors dinners and the official dedication ceremony on March 18. In attendance at the event was the entire ASCAP Board of Directors and several celebrity ASCAP members including Garth Brooks, The Kentucky HeadHunters, Alan Jackson, Shenandoah, Sawyer Brown, Kathy Mattea, Rodney Crowell, Diamond Rio and Don Henry.

Ceremonial highlights featured a presentation of the first ASCAP Voice Of Music Award by ASCAP president Morton Gould. The award was given to ASCAP member Garth Brooks honoring his "singular breakthrough in the field of music that has generated widespread excitement within the music industry and among the general public."

In addition to the Nashville office, ASCAP has membership offices in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Puerto Rico and London. Founded in 1914, ASCAP is the oldest performing right organization in the United States designed to ensure that the creators of music would be paid for the public performances of their works. ASCAP is the only U.S. performing right organization owned and run by its writer and publisher members.

Country News Box

STARWALK RELOCATES TO OPRYLAND—Starwalk, the attraction that honors Grammy Award winners that are uniquely tied to Nashville, is moving to Opryland U.S.A. Founded in 1987, the "walk of fame" pays tribute to 75 singers, songwriters and others involved in the entertainment industry which directly affects Music City. The annoucement to relocate to a more tourist-accessible area was made by Nancy Shapiro, executive director of the Nashville chapter of the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARAS), the organization responsible for the creation and development of Starwalk. Among the personalities highlighted in Starwalk are Dolly Parton, Randy Travis, Alabama, the Oak Ridge Boys, Johnny Cash, Chet Atkins, Ronnie Milsap and The Judds.

THE VOICE OF AMERICA CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY—VOA recently held a musical celebration with special hosts Kenny Rogers and Garth Brooks in observance of their 50th anniversary this year. Named the "Gift of Song Musical Tribute," the program featured country artists Mark O'-Connor and Chet Atkins among others. VOA began its broadcasts on Feb. 24, 1942 in German, English, Italian and French to Nazi-occupied Europe. Today, the VOA broadcasts in 46 languages to an estimated 127 million people around the world each week. Rogers spoke of his appreciation of the broadcast saying, "Without the VOA, our music would never have been heard by millions of people."

COUNTRY'S GRANDEST HOMECOMING: THE COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME'S 25TH ANNIVER-SARY CELEBRATION—A two-hour special to be taped April 1 on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Country Music Hall Of Fame. Chet Atkins, Clint Black, Mary-Chapin Carpenter, Vince Gill, Emmylou Harris, Alan Jackson, Garrison Keillor, Kathy Mattea, Mark O'Connor, Riders in the Sky, Kenny Rogers, Ricky Skaggs, Randy Travis and Hank Williams, Jr. will be among the performers appearing before an audience of music industry and community leaders and fans from all over the world.

Tritt Awarded Song of the Year Honors

"HERE'S A QUARTER (CALL SOMEONE WHO CARES)", written and recorded by Warner Bros. artist Travis Tritt, was named Song of the Year at the Music City News Country Songwriters Awards

telecast live from the Grand Ole Opry House on TNN.

Tritt composed the award-winning song in a matter of 10 minutes during the making of his 1989 debut album, *Country Club*. Tritt, unable to attend the awards show in person, asked George Jones to perform the single on stage. After the announcement was made that his song had garnered top honors, Tritt made a live appearance from Jonesboro, Arkansas via TNN's StarCatcher satellite uplink.

"I hope people are singing this song 15, 20 years from now," said Tritt of his award-winning song. "I appreciate all the fans who show up and stand on their feet and scream the lyrics back to me in concert."

The 29-year-old singer/songwriter was recently named the newest and youngest member of the Grand Ole Opry, and his video for the single "Anymore" was just named one of the five nominees in the Video of the Year category for the upcoming Academy of Country Music Awards. Other recently announced nominees include "Brotherly Love" by Keith Whitley and Earl Thomas Conley, "Is There Life Out There" by Reba McEntire, "Mary & Willi" by K.T. Oslin and "The Thunder Rolls" by Garth Brooks.

NSAI Honors Songwriters

THE NASHVILLE SONGWRITERS ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL recently held a Silver Anniversary Celebration in conjunction with their 14th Annual Spring Symposium. The weekend festivities included an Awards Ceremony and Dinner with a presentation of the 1992 Songwriters Achievement Award Winners. Over 35 songwriters of almost all musical genres were honored with awards going to artists who were specifically Nashville-oriented in the categories of country, rock/pop, adult contemporary, urban and gospel.

Aside from the Achievement Awards, special honors were also awarded for outstanding songwriting. Pat Alger was named Songwriter of the Year for "Small Town Saturday Night." Songwriter/Artist of the Year title went to Alan Jackson for "Don't Rock The Jukebox" and Billy Dean and Richard Leigh took Song of the Year

honors for "Somewhere In My Broken Heart."



NSAI also presented Lewis Anderson with the President's Award and Paul Milosevich with the Stephen Foster Award. Milosevich was honored for his artistic contributions which have included charcoal portraits of legendary Nashville songwriters. These portraits, spanning a 20-year period, adorn the halls of the NSAI offices. Pictured with thier awards are (I-r): Milosevich; Merle Kilgore, NSAI president; and Lewis. (Photo Credit: Alan Mayor)

CASH BOX CHARTS

TOP **100**COUNTRY SINGLES



#1 SINGLE: Reba McEntire



TO WATCH: Restless Heart #33



HIGH DEBUT: Hal Ketchum #37



#1 INDIE: Roy Drusky #50

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| 4 STRAIGHT TEQUILA NIGHT (BNA 62140)(CD) John Anderso | | 56 JUKEBOX MOANIN' (Zambone 1010)(CD) Redneck the Band | |
| 5 JEALOUS BONE (MCA 54271)(CD) Patty Loveles | | 57 WHO NEEDS YOU (Stella Star S-Str-Le-1011)(CD) Lee Everett | |
| 6 OUTBOUND PLANE (Liberty 79052)(CD) | | 53 HEAD OVER HEELS (Door Knob 375)(VL) Bo Harrison | |
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| 10 TAKE YOUR MEMORY WITH YOU (MCA 54282)(CD) Vince Gil | | 61 HEY YOU'RE HURTING ME (Killer K-146)(VL) Alan Rich | 68 8 |
| THE TIPS OF MY FINGERS (Arista 2393)(CD) Steve Warine | | 62 I LOVE MY JESUS (Air 111)(VL) Robert Hampton/Johnny PayCheck | 63 4 |
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| 13 TODAY'S LONELY FOOL (Atlantic 4348)(CD) Tracy Lawrence | | 64 SAME OL' LOVE (Epic 74147)(CD) Ricky Skaggs | 43 10 |
| 14 BABY I'M MISSING YOU (Warner Bros. 5238)(CD) Highway 101 | | 65 MAYBE IT WAS MEMPHIS (Arista 2371)(CD) Pam Tillis | 1 |
| 15 SOME KIND OF TROUBLE (Liberty 79132)(CD) Tanya Tuckei | | BIG WOMEN (Killer K-147)(VL) | |
| 16 FIGHTING FIRE WITH FIRE (Mercury 597)(CD) Davis Danie | | 67 RECKLESS (NSD NSD-0280)(VL) Jeanine Burkman | |
| 17 BURN ME DOWN (MCA 54253)(CD) Marty Stuart | | (I'VE GOT) A BROKEN HEART TO SAVE (Phoenix Entertainment PHX-001)(| |
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| 31 THE ROCK (Arista 2400)(CD) Lee Roy Parnel 32 I COULD LOVE YOU (WITH MY EYES CLOSED) (BNA 61045)(CD) | I 38 3 | Avery Michaels | |
| The Remingtons | 46 5 | 81 LIVING A LIE (Stars & Guitars 102)(VL) Jerri Amold | |
| FAMILIAR PAIN (RCA 62054)(VL) Restless Heart | | CLOUDY DAYS (Playback/Laurie 1354)(VL) Sammi Smith | 89 2 |
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| 35 BETTER CLASS OF LOSERS (Warner Bros. 5185)(CD) Randy Travis | | wild in his ways (615 1031)(VL) Heartland Express | |
| 36 IF YOU WANT TO FIND LOVE (Reprise 5159)(CD) Kenny Rogers | | THINGS SONGS ARE MADE OF (Gallery II 2054)(VL) Nanci Hammond | |
| PAST THE POINT OF RESCUE (Curb 098)(CD) Hal Ketchum | | 37 IT'S MY HEART YOU'RE WALKIN' ON (Ridgewood 3025)(VLPamela Little | DEBUT |
| SOME GIRLS DO (Curb/Liberty 79200)(CD) Sawyer Brown | | ONE MAN'S LOSS (IS ANOTHER MAN'S GAIN)(Gallery II 2056)(VL) Micki Marshall | DEBIIT |
| THE MORE I LEARN (Mercury 600)(CD) Ronna Reeves | | COME IN HEARTACHE, MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME (Door Knob DK9/ | |
| 40 THAT'S WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU (MCA 54270)(CD) | | 377)(CD) | |
| | | Ricky Lee Jackson | DEBUT |
| 41 IS IT COLD IN HERE (Epic 74123)(CD) Joe Diffie | | 90 RED HEADED LEFT HANDED WOMAN (Lost Gold 1012)(VL) Don Vinson | 91 2 |
| LOVIN' ALL NIGHT (Columbia 74250)(CD) Rodney Crowell | | 91 COUNTRY ROAD (Columbia 74183)(CD) Dolly Parton | 45 9 |
| 43 SACRED GROUND (MCA 54356)(CD) McBride & The Ride | | 92 LOVE LIGHT (Liberty 79180)(CD) Cleve Francis | 42 6 |
| 44 IT DON'T TAKE A LOT (MCA 54224)(CD) Mark Collie | | 93 HARD DAYS AND HONKY TONK NIGHTS (RCA 62167)(VL) | |
| 45 I KNOW SO (Curb 085)(CD) | | | 49 9 |
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| 47 LOVER NOT A FIGHTER (BNA 62195)(CD) B.B. Watson | | 95 DIXIE SUNDOWN (Hill Country HCR-29110)(CD) Stoney Edwards | 64 8 |
| 48 STICK TO YOUR GUNS (Curb 083)(VL) | 30 12 | 96 TURN THAT RADIO ON (RCA 62104)(VL) Ronnie Milsap | 70 15 |
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| | 53 5 | 98 WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY, HOW (Atlantic 4371)(CD) | 55 7 |
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| 52 NOTHIN' THAT A LITTLE LOVE (COULDN'T TAKE CARE OF) | | 100 POURIN' BEER AND WIPIN' TEARS (Honeysuckle WK-101)(VL) | |
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Garth Brooks





TO WATCH: Hal Ketchum #16

| 1 | ROPIN' THE WIND (Liberty 96330)(P6) Garth Brooks 1 24 |
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| 2 | NO FENCES (Liberty 03966)/Pc) Carth Rmake 2 77 |
| - 3 | IT'S ALL ABOUT TO CHANGE (Warner Bros. 26589)(P) Travis Tritt 3 40 |
| 4 5 | FOR MY BROKEN HEART (MCA 54223)(P) Reba McEntire 4 21 |
| 5 | IDON I ROCK THE JUKEBOX (Arista 8681)(P) Alan Jackson b 42 |
| 6 | POCKET FULL OF GOLD (MCA 10140)(P) Vince Gill 5 51 |
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| | ALL I CAN BE (Epic 47468) Collin Raye 9 27 |
| 9 | |
| | PUT YOURSELF IN MY SHOES (RCA 23772)(P2) Clint Black 12 68 |
| 11 | WHAT DO I DO WITH ME (Liberty 95562)(G) Tanya Tucker 10 34 |
| 12 | The state of the s |
| 13 14 | SOMETHING IN RED (RCA 3021)(G) Lorrie Morgan 14 47 |
| | PUT YOURSELF IN MY PLACE (Arista 8642) Pam Tillis 20 41 |
| 15 16 | |
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| 18 | DIAMOND RIO (Arista 8673) Diamond Rio 16 40 |
| 19 | DON'T GO NEAR THE WATER (Mercury 51061) Sammy Kershaw 19 14 |
| 20 | BACKROADS (Columbia 46855)(P) Ricky Van Shelton 13 41 |
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| 22 | HIGH LONESOME (Warner Bros. 26661)(G) Randy Travis 21 27 SHOOTING STRAIGHT IN THE DARK (Columbia 46077) |
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| 1 | REGULAR JOE (Epic 47477) |
| 24 | GREATEST HITS II (Curb/RCA 61018)(G) The Judds 22 25 |
| 25 | IF THERE WAS A WAY (Reprise 26344)(G) Dwight Yoakam 25 68 |
| | EAGLE WHEN SHE FLIES (Columbia 46882)(G) Dolly Parton 26 51 |
| 27 | |
| 28 | I THOUGHT IT WAS YOU (Epic 43457) Doug Stone 17 29 ACES (Liberty 95847) |
| 29 | I AM READY (Arista 18691)(P) Steve Wariner 29 18 |
| 30 | THE DIRT ROAD (Curb/Liberty 94260) Sawyer Brown 31 50 |
| 31 | SEMINOLE WIND (BNA 61029)John Anderson 35 5 |
| 32 | AT THE RYMAN (Reprise 26664) Emmylou Harris 33 5 |
| 33 | RUMOR HAS IT (MCA 10016)(P) Reba McEntire 32 76 |
| 34 | BRAND NEW MAN (Arista 07822) Brooks & Dunn 34 29 |
| 35 | CHILL OF AN EARLY FALL (MCA 10204)(P) George Strait 30 49 |
| 36 | TOO COLD AT HOME (MCA 10032)(G) Mark Chesnutt 36 71 |
| 37 | UP AGAINST MY HEART (MCA 10336) Patty Loveless 38 25 |
| 38 | GREATEST HITS I (Curb/RCA 8318)(P2) The Judds 39 95 |
| 39 | HERE IN THE REAL WORLD (Arista 8523)(P) Alan Jackson 37 102 |
| 40 | COUNTRY CLUB (Warner Bros. 26094)(P) |
| 41 | THE PATSY CLINE COLLECTION (MCA 10421) Patsy Cline 40 18 |
| 42 | THE PATSY CLINE COLLECTION (MCA 10421) Patsy Cline 40 18 WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME (MCA 42321)(P) Vince Gill 41 94 |
| 43 | AND ALONG CAME JONES (MCA 1039R) Geome Jones 42 20 |
| 44 | BEST OF RESTLESS HEART (RCA 610041) Restless Heart 45 19 |
| 45 | ELECTRIC BARNYARD (Mercury 848054) Kentucky HeadHunters 46 49 |
| 46 | TRIBUTE (RCA 30224) |
| 47 | KENTUCKY BLUEBIRD (RCA 3156) Keith Whitley 47 25 |
| 48 | BILLY DEAN (Liberty/SBK 96728) |
| 49 | KILLIN' TIME (RCA 668)(P2) |
| 50 | BACK HOME AGAIN (Reprise 26740) Kenny Rogers 50 13 |
| 51 | TIME PASSES BY (Mercury 846975) Kathy Mattea 51 49 |
| 52 | PICKIN' ON NASHVILLE (Mercury 838744) (P) Kentucky HeadHunters 52 116 |
| 53 | GREATEST HITS (BCA 2277) Keith Whitley 53 70 |
| 54 | FIGHTING FIRE WITH FIRE (Mercury 848291) Davis Daniel 55 24 |
| 55 | WALK THE PLANK (Liberty 95798) Pirates of the Mississippi 54 21 |
| 56 | A THOUSAND WINDING ROADS (Epic 46-47) Joe Diffie 56 71 |
| 57 | LOVE GOES ON (Liberty 97711) Paulette Carlson 57 14 |
| 58 | I'VE GOT THAT OLD FEELING (Rounder 0275) Alison Krauss 58 51 |
| 59 | HIGH AND DRY (MCA 10330) Marty Brown 59 27 |
| 60 | TEMPTED (MCA 10106) Marty Stuart 61 58 |
| 61 | LOVE CAN BUILD A BRIDGE (Curb/RCA 2070) The Judds 60 75 |
| 62 | BETH NIELSEN CHAPMAN (Reprise 26172) Beth Nielsen Chapman 62 15 |
| 63 | A COLLECTION OF HITS (Mercury 842330) Kathy Mattea 63 72 |
| 64 | NEW NASHVILLE CATS (Warner Bros. 26509) Mark O'Connor 64 45 |
| 65 | ZONE OF OUR OWN (Reprise 26683) Texas Tornados 66 24 |
| | MAVERICK (Curb/Capricorn 26806) Hank Williams, Jr. 69 3 |
| 67 | READ BETWEEN THE LINES (RCA 61129) Aaron Tippin DEBUT |
| 68 | MILESTONES-GREATEST HITS (Warner Bros. 26630) Holly Dunn. 68, 31 |
| 69 | PASS IT ON DOWN (RCA 2106)(G) |
| 70 | HEROES (RCA 2459) Paul Overstreet 70 51 |
| 71 | YOUNG MAN (Liberty/SBK 94302) Billy Dean 72 47 |
| 72 | TRUE LOVE (Curb/MCA 47389) Desert Rose Rand 73 21 |
| 73 | BING BANG BOOM (Warner Bros. 26588) Highway 101 74 37 |
| 74 | OUT OF MY HEART (Columbia 47051) Vern Gosdin 65 38 |
| 75 | PURE HANK (Warner Bros. 26536) Hank Williams, Jr. 67 45 |
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Most Active

1. HAL KETCHUM—Past The Point Of Rescue—(Curb)—#16

2. PAM TILLIS—Put Yourself In My Place—(Arista)—#14

3. JOE DIFFIE—Regular Joe—(Epic)#23



ALBUM TO WATCH Hal Ketchum's debut release, Past The Point Of Rescue garners a seven-notch move this week on the Cash Box Top 75 Country Album chart. Coming in at #16, Past The Point Of Rescue, features former releases, "Small Town Saturday Night" and "I Know Where Love Lives" as well as the current title cut, which, at #37, is the highest debuting single this week on the Top 100 Country Singles chart. Ketchum wrote or co-wrote seven of the 10 songs on the album produced by Allen Reynolds.

A MUSICAL LANDMARK ON 240 WEST JEFFERSON was almost caught in the crossfire. King's Record Shop in Louisville, Kentucky has been a country music gold mine for almost 50 years but when a fire broke out next door there was fear that the historical shop would be inflamed as well. Fortunately King's was spared and continues to house the rare collection of country and rock-n-roll classics for which they have become famous. The store, as explained by owner Gene King , is an institution dedicated to the memories of country music as well as the music itself. The store was even immortalized on the cover of Rosanne Cash's 1987 Grammy Award winning album, King's Record Shop. The threatening neighbor's fire is just one trial the store has undergone in maintaining its residence on Jefferson. Plans to tear the old building down have luckily been by passed so far, and after 30 years King still holds to his landmark. .

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NEW SINGLE RELEASES

OUT OF THE BOX

■ MICHELLE WRIGHT: "Take It Like A Man" (Arista 2406) Producers: Steve Bogard/Rick Giles Writer: Tony Haselden



Already awarded Entertainer of the Year honors in Canada, Michelle Wright is heating up the American music scene as well. "Take It Like A Man," the first single from Wright's upcoming Arista album, Now and Then, is sultry, not compromising a single lick of Wright's deep-seated vocals and gutsy, soulful edge. She declares that this is not a "manbashing" song, but a declaration of women's needs. With pretty powerful delivery, Wright makes a good case for herself.

FEATURE PICKS

SUZY BOGGUSS: "Aces" (Liberty 79252) Producers: Jimmy Bowen/Suzy Bogguss Writer: Cheryl Wheeler

Suzy Bogguss has already evidenced a lot of confidence in her third album release, Aces, but the title cut is so powerfully driven with emotion, thought and soul that there is no denying that she has put her finger on the pulse of her art. Not conforming to a strictly country feel, Bogguss lets the song ride on thought-provoking lyrics and a soft but

spiritual delivery.

BILLY RAY CYRUS: "Achy Breaky Heart" (Mercury 457) Producers: Joe Scaife/Jim Cotton

Writer: Don Von Tress

The lastest country rocker is Billy Ray Cyrus, and there is nothing wimpy about his "Achy Breaky Heart." The song is good, but it his performance that will keep you wired. Cyrus has already awakened the dance club circuits with his signature gyrations and energetic stage show. "Achy Breaky Heart" should make such an explosive impression with country radio as well.

CONFEDERATE RAILROAD: "She Took It Like A Man" (Atlantic

Producer: Barry Beckett

Writers: Paul Nelson/Danny Bear Mayo/Karen Staley

Laying the tracks for their debut album, Confederate Railroad steamrolls soft-hearted country with their first single, "She Took It Like A Man." Preferring straightforward, no-holds-barred lyrics, Confederate Railroad barrels out a punch of beer-hall brassiness.

ALBUM REVIEW

■ DAVID LYNN JONES: Mixed Emotions (Liberty 97251)



Reviewing a David Lynn Jones single? That's easy. The entire album? That's a different story, or two or three. Mixed Emotions, the third album from Jones and the first released by Liberty, offers a kaleidoscope of meaning in each cut. First the music. Jones, who crafted the entire album "in-house," reflects an assortment of musical genres including country, gospel, rock and r&b with certain "unmentionable" resemblances (i.e. Springsteen, Mellencamp). As for the lyrics, Jones sums it up in the song entitled, "Heart Like A Roadsign, Head Like A Wheel." From

the spiritually intense to the figuratively compelling, Jones is an artist offering country a new dimension of everyday life that dares to dabble in the deep. Mixed Emotions is not a bonafide country radio package, but it is hard to imagine Jones securing any of his music too tightly or conveniently for anyone. Featured picks include "The Sailor," "Louise," "Her Love Don't Lie" (which is currently going out to radio), "Even One" and "What Are We Livin' For."



Columbia recording act Great Plains recently appeared on TNN's Video Morning with hosts Al Wyntor and Katie Haas to promote their new single and video "Faster Gun." Mercury recording artist, Davis Daniel, dropped ration video ration whereasy tectoring artist, Davis Daniel; Great in for an early morning visit as well. Pictured (I-r) are: Davis Daniel; Great Plains members, Denny Dadmun-Bixby, Michael Young, Jack Sundrud, Russ Pahl; and hosts Al Wyntor and Katie Haas.



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Roy Drusky



ASSUMING THE LEADING INDEPENDENT CHART POSITION this week is "Mr. Unassuming," Roy Drusky, whose latest single, "Walking Down A Country Road," produced by Jim Pierce, takes top honors at #50 on the Cash Box Top 100 Country Singles chart. After four weeks on the country chart, this lazy-day number is actually speaking pretty loudly about one of country music's most soft-spoken, laidback kind of guys.

As a child, Roy Drusky never dreamed of entertaining, cutting a record, or appearing on the Grand Ole Opry. Baseball was his passion, and not until his Navy days would Drusky even pick up a guitar pick. While serving in the Navy aboard the USS Toledo, a cruiser in the Pacific Ocean, Drusky joined the guys for a little after hours guitar playing.

"We were docked in Seattle, Washington one day, and I bought a 17-dollar guitar at a pawn shop," explains Drusky. "Each night when the fellows would perform on ship I'd sit next to this one guy who could really play and study how he moved his fingers. After they stopped playing I'd go down to my bunk and practice making the same sounds he did."

Even after his discharge from the Navy, Drusky continued to think of his music as nothing more than an enjoyable pastime. He enrolled at Emory University and studied veterinary medicine and even pursued his dream of a career in baseball. Offered a chance to try out for the Cleveland Indians, Drusky stayed a few days and

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finally decided baseball as a career was not for him after all.

One lazy day of singing and playing however proved to be a life-changing event. While visiting with a friend one Sunday afternoon, Drusky started back with his music. The two had so much fun they soon formed the Sunday Afternoon Living Room Band. This impromptu quartet then became the winners of a local talent contest held by WEAS in Decatur, Georgia and were given a regular show on the station.

Drusky then accepted a position as announcer at the station while continuing to perform at his regular time slot. He also acquired two weekly television shows in Atlanta and started doing live shows in the region as well. Drusky was then offered a job by KEVE in Minneapolis where he would also be guaranteed appearances at some top clubs in the country.

During his 18-month stay in Minnesota, Drusky detoured to Nashville to record for Decca Records under the direction of Owen Bradley. It was during one of these visits that Drusky penned and recorded his breakaway single "Alone With You," a song which also garnered success for Faron Young, then on Capitol Records.

Since those early days of his musical pastime-turned-career, Drusky has scored a number of hit singles including, "Another," "Anymore," "Three Hearts In A Tangle," "White Lightning Express," "Long Long Texas Road," "Second Hand Rose," and his latest "Walking Down A Country Road." A regular on the Grand Ole Opry, Drusky has also been responsible for organizing and directing the Nashville office of SESAC, one of the three licensing firms in the nation, as well as presiding over his own publishing company, Funny Farm Music.

BACK IN TIME:

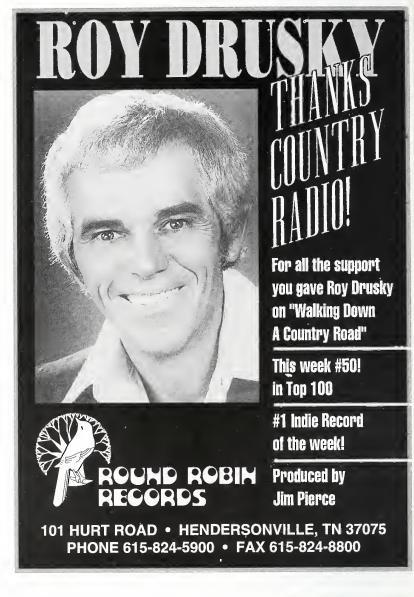
MARCH 22—Charlie Poole born 1892; Uncle Dave Macon died 1952; Stoney Cooper died 1977.

MARCH 23—Fiddlin' John Carson born 1868; Maybelle and Ezra Carter wed 1926.

MARCH 24—Carson Robison died 1957; Elvis Presley sworn into the Army 1958.

MARCH 25—Bonnie Guitar born 1924; Johnny Burnette born 1934; Hoyt Axton born 1938.

MARCH 26—Dean Dillon born 1955; Charly McClain born 1956. MARCH 27—Brenda Lee debuted on the country charts with "One Step At A Time" 1957; Jan Howard joined the Opry 1971.



INDIE FEATURE PICKS

■ FATS DOMINO & DOUG KERSHAW: "Don't Mess With My 'Toot Toot' "(Tug Boat 1002)

Producers: Doc Holiday/Doug Kershaw/Ellis Pailet

Writer: S. Simien

With a little touch of Kershaw even something as far from country as "Don't Mess With My Toot Toot" is going to be cajun-fried and squeak of country. The pairing of Fats Domino with his "rotund" vocals and the spirited Doug Kershaw mixed in with a lot of crafty cajun engineering make this former pop favorite a bit of a country joyride.

■ GENE ELLIS: "Something's Wrong" (MBS 1003)
Producer: Kerry Tolley
Writers: Edward Dickey/Buddy Godair

"Something's Wrong" offers a pretty simple tune, but Ellis supports the slow pace with steady, weeping vocals. A definite traditionalist, Ellis picked a good tear-soaked ballad.

- SONYA SMITH: "I'm Not Crazy, I'm Just Blind" (Door Knob DK92-378)
- ROBERT LEE QUITE: "When I Ran Out Of Money" (L'ill Bill 116)
- MORGAN RUPPE: "Singing For The Working Man" (Hummingbird



COUNTRY

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HIGH DEBUTS

1. HAL KETCHUM—"Past The Point Of Rescue"—(Curb 098)—#37

2. SAWYER BROWN—"Some Girls Do"— (Curb/Liberty 79200)—#38

3. RODNEY CROWELL-"Lovin' All Night"—(Columbia 74250)—#42

MOST ACTIVE

1. RESTLESS HEART—"Familiar Pain"—(RCA)—#33

2. THE REMINGTONS—"I Could Love You (With My Eyes Closed)"— (BNA)-#32

3. PIRATES OF THE MISSISSIPPI—"Til I'm Holding You Again"— (Liberty)-#34

4. RONNA REEVES—"The More I Learn (The Less I Understand About Love) "-(Mercury)-#39

POWERFUL ON THE PLAYLIST—Restless Heart as we know and love them is still cranking out a well-received single amid lead-singer adjustments. As former lead singer, Larry Stewart bids fond farewells to Restless Heart, the latest release recorded by the original band members is still a hard-charger on the Cash Box Top 100 Country Singles Chart. "Familiar Pain" leaps 17 notches to #33 to be this week's Most Active country single. This is definitely a week for group activity, as BNA recording artists The Remingtons and Liberty players Pirates of the Mississippi surround Restless Heart's fast moves on this week's Top 100 Singles chart. With a gain of 14 The Remingtons' "I Could Love You (With My Eyes Closed)" rises to #32 while The Pirates' latest, "Til I'm Holding You Again," takes its 14point jump to #34. Mercury newcomer, Ronna Reeves crowds out a lot of chart well-wishers this week as her debut single, "The More I Learn (The Less I Understand About Love)" leaps 12 to #39 to round out this week's most active singles.

INSIDE RADIO New *Cash Box* reporting station, WYOR is proud to say "keep it on the traditional country side." WYOR, a 500-watt, 24-hour station located in Nashville, Tennessee plays the best in what was, and for this nostalgic station, still is the

best in country music.

"Most of what we play is Merle Haggard, Glen Campbell, Johnny Cash, Sonny James, and lots of Marty Robbins," says general manager/morning dj Ted Randall. And why the extra Robbins? Located more specifically in Franklin, TN, WYOR borders property once resided on by Robbins.

"We play Garth Brooks and Alan Jackson and Pam Tillis, but the emphasis is toward the county gold," says Randall. "We get young people calling up saying, What's that new song by so-and-so that goes like this...?' and it turns out to be Johnny Cash's

'One Piece At A Time."

Steeped in the legends of country music gone by, WYOR remains loyal to its AM label and offers a little old-fashioned advice. "I'm a firm believer in AM radio," Randall admits. "I think AM radio's been talked to death. I think the way to solve your problem with AM radio is to entertain people."

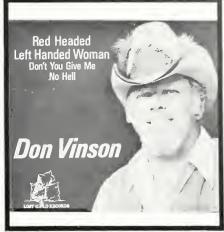
KTFX, the K-Fox of Tulsa, Okalahoma is gearing up for another celebrity arrival. On the 29th of this month, KTFX will welcome Chris LeDoux and Sawyer Brown to the Muskogee Civic Center. Tracy Lawrence recently entertained the midwesterners with his performance at Tulsa City Limits where Hal Ketchum will be on stage in a couple of weeks.

LOOKING AHEAD

(Listed are major label single releases which have not yet debuted on the Top 100 Country Singles Chart, but are receiving reports.)

- 1. NOTHING SHORT OF DYING—Travis Tritt (Warner Bros.)
- 2. I'M OKAY (AND GETTIN' BETTER)—Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic)
- 3. NOTHIN' TO DO (AND ALL NIGHT TO DO IT)—Billy Burnette (Warner Bros.)
- 4. WHAT'LL YOU DO ABOUT ME—Forester Sisters (Warner Bros.)
- 5. THERE'S SOMETHING 'BOUT LOVING YOU-Linda Davis

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GOSPEL MUSIC

An Intimate Conversation With Milton Biggham—Executive **Director of Savoy Records**



Milton Biggham

JUST AS EVERY YOUNG ASPIRING ARTIST has experienced dismay, bewilderment, and don't forget the pain and struggle that go along with any career of meaning or substance, all of the above have been just a portion of the ascension of singer, songwriter, producer, minister Milton Biggham. Cash Box takes the time to record and reveal some of the most personal thoughts and deepest sentiments of one of America's most eligible bachelors and one of the music industry's most powerful/prominent industry executives of African/American descent.

Cash Box: How did you get started in the business?

Milton Biggham: Actually my mom sang with Brother Joe May, and I also had the privilege to work for the "mother of gospel," the legendary Mrs. Sallie Martin. She had a publishing company in the '50s in Los Angeles, called the Los Angeles Music Mart. Other strong influences in my beginnings were Deacon A.C. Smith and Mother Christine Wright. My family later moved to Texas where I was raised and then, later to Florida.

CB: How did you come to work for Savoy?

MB: I first received a call from then producer John Daniels to come and play on a session for Ida Maxey. Tampa Mass Choir did the background. Fred Mendelsohn called me in 1975 and invited me to join Savoy as the first director of promotions. I served in that capacity for two years. John Daniels had left to start the Tomato label.

CB: Who are some of the artists you have helped to develop over

MB: That list is almost uncountable, but the first album that I ever produced after serving as national director of promotions was Sara Jordan Powell LIVE in Chicago at the Cook Country Correctional Facility. Other artists include Rev. James Cleveland, Rev. Maceo Woods, Albertina Walker, Charles Fold, Dr. Charles Haves and the Cosmopolitan Church Choir, Myrna Summers, Georgia Mass Choir, Florida Mass Choir, Dallas Fort Worth Mass Choir, New Jersey Mass Choir, Inez Andrews, Rev. Clay Evans, Keith Pringle, Bishop Jeff Banks, Dorothy Love Coates, Dr. C.J. Johnson, Institutional Radio Choir, Glenn Jones, Dorothy Norwood, The O'Neal Twins, The Soul Stirrers, The Williams Brothers, Rev. Timothy Wright, Shun Pace-Rhodes, Cathedral of Faith Choir, Donald Vails Choraleers, Julius Cheeks, The Barrett Sisters and of course all of the Gospel Music Workshop of America albums.



The Georgia Mass Choir

CB: What are some of the awards that you have won?

MB: Several Diviticus Awards, numerous awards from the G.M.W.A., countless keys to cities, plaques, trophies, citations from all across America, and of course the most prestigious would be two Grammy awards from the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, one in 1980 with Rev. James Cleveland, Charles Fold for "Lord Let Me Be Your Instrument" and "Having Church" with Rev. James Cleveland and Southern California Community Choir in 1990.

CB: You have become an international figure as well. Tell us about that.

MB: I traveled to Israel with Rev. James Cleveland, Shirley Caesar, Andrae Crouch and Barry. I have also been invited to Japan for the last six or seven years in workshops. I traveled the Bahamas, the Phillipines, and am most proud of having traveled the military base circuit overseas. It's important for gospel singers to know that every military base has a Black gospel choir and a Sunday morning service during which they sing weekly. I've had the privilege to serve in most of those Air Force base services.



One of Biggham's military base visits included Osan Air Force Base in Korea. While there he conducted a rehearsal with the Pacific Air Force (PACAF) Mass Choir which is composed of military personnel from all over the Pacific.

CB: Where do you think gospel music is going in today's society?

MB: The life of gospel music is not predicated on the consumer alone, airplay alone or marketing alone. The one organism, that Jesus left, is the church. That's what gospel music is based upon. The church gets its life from Jesus Christ who is "alive and well." As long as we in gospel music keep Jesus as our subject, then gospel music as we know it will stand and will continue to grow.

CB: What do you see as your

MB: My role is a charge by God to minister. I don't mind saying that I'm a traditionalist, yet I am also contemporary. Jesus said, "I am the same yesterday, today and forevermore." I am concerned, however, about ultra- contemporary gospel music! I think that young people are being led by a few whose only interest is to make money! The reason I'm concerned

is because they have a tendency to use pronouns in the text of their songs and suggest that the reason is crossover appeal. What good is it to crossover without the Cross? How effective is it really?

CB: I recently heard you give a tremendous presentation at the Bobby Jones Gospel Explosion. Please share with our readers some of those same concerns you shared in Nashville.

MB: We as gospel people have covered the market in our singing, playing and writing abilities. Nobody can beat us at the creative craft. But we have made very little strides in filling the very lucrative (financially) technical positions available in the music industry at large. I probably record more albums than any other record company in America. I'm all over the country. It is my desire to see more African-American audio engineers, video engineers and technicians, public address people, etc. I would like to encourage young people who desire to get into the business to pursue these areas and allow that revenue to be regenerated back into our communities.

This article could not possibly cover the vast career of one of America's foremost singers, songwriters, producers and ministers without taking up a lot more time. The best experience is to attend a Milton Biggham concert and let the power and anointing of his ministry move your own

During the recent Bobby Jones Gospel Explosion, Biggham dropped yet another bomb. He said he intends to finalize the deal on Bobby Jones' next album project. Slated producers will be celébrated singer /songwriter producer and labelmate Walter Hawkins and Jones' own genius of a musical director, Derrick Lee, who carries an impressive track record of his own as well.

—Gregory S. Cooper



Pictured (from I-r) are: Billy Preston (seated), Walter Hawkins and Milton Biggham. Hawkins was in rehearsal for a live concert appearance in Los Angeles which Biggham was producing. (Photo by Ray Ballard)



GOSPEL MUSIC

Songs of Praise

What do you get when you combine inmates from the Tennessee State Penitentiary together with gospel music? The answer: New Faith. As the record company states, "You may never see them perform," but just the same, count it a privilege to experience this recording. Producer Moses Dillard does a splendid job in pulling this raw talent together, ending up with a unit that can hold its own with many gracing the music spectrum on both sides. Of note here is the ballad, "You Were Always There," featuring Teddy Pendergrass and "I Am Amazed," featuring Sam Moore of Sam & Dave fame.





BILLY SPRAGUE: Tom Between Two Worlds (Benson)
Billy, we are glad you are back. His first album in three years,
Torn Between Two Worlds evidences a maturity of sound, production and writing. There is a magical blend in the album between
Sprague's poignant lyrics and unique musical underscores. A
lot of thought created this album, as beautiful and versatile in
word as in sound. Feature picks include, "Lukeen Ote Mah
Weendo," "Heaven Is A Long Hello" and "Where Is Your
Heart."

THOMAS WHITFIELD FEATURING THE WHITFIELD COMPANY: Alive And Satisfied (Benson)
Through the years Whitfield has quietly been one of gospel music's innovative forces. He's taken his brand of gospel music a step higher on this outstanding collection. Whitfield makes only a few cameo appearances, vocally here, leaving those chores to an outstanding array of singers. This frees Whitfield to do what he does best—write, arrange, produce and work his magic on the keyboards. One listen will show why he's known far and wide as the "Maestro."





■ THE GOSPEL HUMMINGBIRDS: Steppin' Out

(Blind Pig)
This is the debut gospel release from this label noted for their blues recordings. To show how well respected this group's music is, they've performed with the likes of John Lee Hooker, Etta James, Charles Brown, the Persuasions, Huey Lewis and the News, the Neville Brothers and the Fabulous Thunderbirds. On this release the 'Birds combine the best of pure rhythm & blues with gospel. This album should appeal to a wide-ranging audience.



On a recent trip to Nashville, singer Brian Coffey, spent time with all of the staff at The Landmark Group office. Coffey was in town promoting his latest single, "Say A Prayer," which is a thought-provoking song dealing with the economic need for both parents to work outside of the home matched against the children's need for that "special" time and attention of their parents. Pictured at the Landmark office (I-r) are: Charles Powell, Sr., president of The Expression Music Group; Diane Bell, general manager/vice president of sales for The Landmark Group; Brian Coffey; and Darrell Turner, sales representative for the Landmark Group.

New Releases...

- 1. SAY WHAT? (Star Song SSC-8233)—Nuclear Fishin'
- 2. DECADE (Sparrow SPD-1320)—Kerry Livgren
- 3. COUNTRY LOVE (Benson 84418-2855-2)—Various Artists
- 4. AN INTENSE HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN METAL (Intense Records FLC9299)—Various Artists
 - 5. ONE THING WE KNOW (Angelfire AFP-7838)—Linda Gray

TOP BLACK GOSPEL ALBUMS

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| 1 LIVE (Malaco 4450) Dorothy Norwood/No. Ca, G.M.W.A.Mass Choir | 1 | 35 |
| 2 GOD GET THE GLORY (Malaco-6008) Mississippi Mass. Choir | 2 | 11 |
| 3 WASH ME (Tyscot 1401) New life Comm. /John P. Kee | 3 | 43 |
| 4 HE LIVES (Saboy 14807)Shun Pace Rhodes | 6 | 34 |
| 5 I'LL NEVER FORGET (Malaco Mal 4440) Bobby Jones | 5 | 39 |
| 6 DIFFERENT LIFESTYLES (Capitol 92078) Be Be & Ce Ce Winans | 4 | 37 |
| 7 HE'S WORKING IT OUT FOR YOU (A&M) Shirley Ceasar | 14 | 11 |
| 8 I'M GLAD ABOUT IT (Malaco/Savoy 14804) | | |
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| 9 PHENOMENON (Bellmark 71806) | 9 | 43 |
| 10 NUMBER 7 (Benson C02808) Commissioned | | 19 |
| 11 AN INVITATION AIR (Atlantic L10170) | | |
| Luther Barnes & The Red Budd Gospel Choir | 11 | 23 |
| 12 WAIT ON THE LORD (Bellmark 71800) Lamora Parks Young Adult | 12 | 43 |
| 13 VICTORY IN PRAISE (Tyscot 40195) Vip Music & Arts Seminar Mass Choir | | |
| 14 HE'S PREPARING ME (Air 10162) Rev. E. Davis / Wilmington Mass Choir | | |
| 15 REV. JAMES CLEVELAND/L.A. GOSPEL MESSENGERS (Savoy/Malaco | | |
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| 16 FAMILY AFFAIR (Malaco 4442) | | 43 |
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| 17 MUSIC 2 GO (Word 901669529X) Various Artists | | |
| 18 HOLD BACK THE NIGHT (SOG 178) Rev. Charles Nicks | | 43 |
| | 19 | 11 |
| 20 THIS IS YOUR NIGHT (Black Berry 2203) Williams Brothers | 20 | 44 |
| 21 LOVE ALIVE IV (Malaco 6007) Walter Hawkins | 21 | 43 |
| 22 MAGNIFY HIM (Malaco 8011) Keith Pringle | 22 | 37 |
| 23 MY MIND IS MADE UP (Word 48784) | | |
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| 24 LIVE (Sparrow 1246) Tramaine Hawkins | | |
| 25 I AM PERSUADED (Benson 2727) Fred Hammond | | |
| 26 PRAY FOR ME (Word 9202) Mighty Clouds Of Joy | 13 | 43 |
| 27 THROUGH THE STORM (Tribute/Spectra 790113) Yolanda Adams | 27 | 27 |
| 28 HIGHLY RECOMENDED (Word 9112) Helen Baylor | 32 | ? 6 |
| 29 TOGETHER (Light/Spectra 73043) Kurt Carr Singers | 29 | 11 |
| 30 UNCOMMON LOVE (Benson C02781) Heirloom | 30 | 21 |
| 31 FAMILY & FRIENDS CHIOR VOL.3(Selah/Sparrow 1507) Ron Winans | 33 | 3 7 |
| 32 I'LL TELL THE WORLD (Salvoy/Malco 1480) Myrna Summers | 31 | 28 |
| 33 OPEN OUR EYES (Rejoice 9111) | 28 | 43 |
| 34 SAINTS IN PRAISE (Sparrow 1240) The West Angeles Cogic. | 34 | 33 |
| 35 LIVE & BLESSED (I Am 08300) . Walt Whitman/Soul Children Of Chicago | 35 | 22 |
| 36 JUST ME THIS TIME (Tyscot 401311) John P. Kee | 24 | 43 |
| 37 THE EVOLUTION OF GOSPEL(Perspective/A&M 28963 1000 4) | | |
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| SB RAISE A NATION (Word 48594) | | |
| 39 I'LL LET NOTHING SEPERATE (Savoy 7101) Dallas Ft. Mass. Choir | | |
| 40 ALIVE & SATISFIED(Benson 2841) Thomas Whitfield | | |

GOSPEL MUSIC

Wanda Nero-Butler

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Tim A. Smith



MUSIC AND WANDA NERO-BUTLER HAVE BEEN A PERFECT MATCH for each other from the start.

Nero-Butler's musical roots can be traced back to the West Coast. After moving to Los Angeles with her immediate family in 1975, Nero-Butler received that initial break she needed to become a part of the industry machine.

While attending Los Angeles Community College, Nero-Butler was asked to become a member of a singing group called Creator's Children, founded by Vincent Jordan. During a tour through Hawaii, Nero-Butler's power-packed vocal delivery drew immediate attention, being applauded by both the group's background vocalist, as well as by a young singer by the name of Natalie Cole.

For Nero-Butler, this was only the beginning of many exciting things to come. Her career began to expand beyond the realm of singing, taking on dancing as well as acting. She has appeared in such stage productions as Evolution of the Blues, Jesus Christ Superstar and Selma, The Story of Martin Luther King. Nero-Butler even graced the silver screen, being featured in the film, Fastbreak, which starred Gabriel Kaplan (Welcome Back Kotter), Michael Warren (Hill Street Blues) and Washington Bullets basketball star Bernard King.

On the gospel side, Nero-Butler's career as a recording artist began to take hold while in New York attending a gospel event at Madison Square Garden. It was there that she ran into Melvin Seals of San Francisco-based Secret Records. Seals encouraged her to prepare some material and come out to his company's studio to lay tracks for a demo tape. After doing that, Nero-Butler was back in the studio one month (!) later to record her first gospel project for Secret Records, titled, Reach For Your Love, released in 1987.

It wasn't until her sophomore release that gospel music industry types and followers of the music across the country began to discover Nero-Butler's unique vocal style and talent. New Born Soul, released on Secret via a production agreement with Sound of Gospel Records, spent over 37 weeks on the charts. This helped to cement Nero-Butler's name as one of gospel's new, fresh, rising talents.

Nero-Butler is following that success with a new album on a new label. Her latest project on Light Records, titled Live In Atlanta, features more of Butler's hard-driving, power-filled brand of gospel music.

To support the album, she will be embarking on her first gospel tour. The tour, which will commence in June 1992, is being booked through Davis & Associates, (313) 559-7541. All dates have not been finalized.

Through the years, gospel music has breathed a breath of renewed life and spirit into one Wanda Nero-Butler. In turn, the fresh, vibrant, power-laced vocal style delivered through this petite young lady has been a blessing within itself, with gospel music being the benefactor.

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

SPECTRA SIGNINGS—Nashville, Tennessee-based Spectra Distribution recently added a new label to their evergrowing roster of distributed labels.

Signing on the dotted line was Hollywood, California-based Grace Records, headed by Tommy McGee. The Grace Records situation is unique in that their deal is tied in with a third party, Tyscot Records. Tyscot will handle manufacturing of Grace's product as well as sharing their promotions staff.

MORE NEWS FROM GRACE—The label has announced a monumental signing for a label in its infant stage, with former Clark Sisters' vocalist/keyboardist/songwriter/arranger Twinkie Clark joining the fold. Her debut album for the label is

slated for release second quarter of 1992.

SPARROW SIGNING—Norman Hutchins, executive director of music at the prestigious West Angeles Church of God in

Christ, has signed a recording contract with Sparrow Records.

STEVE GREEN RELEASES SEQUEL TO HIDE 'EM IN YOUR HEART—Recording artist Steve Green recently finished work on his Hide 'Em In Your Heart, Bible Memory Melodies, Volume 2 disc, the follow-up to his 1991 Dove Awardwinning Hide 'Em In Your Heart Songs. The project once again combines songs, narration and Bible readings to assist children in learning Biblical values and principles. Volume 2 comes out this month and includes 21 songs, such as "If We Don't Lose Heart," "There Is A Friend," and "Give Thanks To The Lord."

MARANATHA! MUSIC GARNERS GRAMMY-Maranatha! Music recently took home the Best Children's Recording honors at the Grammy Awards for their A Cappella Kids project. A Cappella Kids is a compilation of Sunday-school classics like "Jesus Loves Me," "How Majestic Is Your Name" and "You Know Better." Chuck Fromm, ceo of Maranatha! Music states, "This is an award for the entire Christian body. A Cappella Kids won over recordings by well-known performers like Danny Glover, John Gielgud, Jonathan Winters and Dom DeLuise. It was the only recording nominated in this category from a Christian record company. It becomes even more exciting when you consider that the music ministry of this recording will reach into more homes, and therefore more children's lives, because of the recognition this award brings.

AUSTRALIAN RECORD LABEL MÖVES TO NASH-VILLE—Round Records, an Australian Christian label, recently moved its international headquarters to Nashville in an effort to expand their music market to include the expanding contemporary Christian music industry. Boasting a roster including Australia's number one metal band and number one rapper, Round Records breaks onto the scene with the American debut release of three albums by artists Scary Cats (Smackaboom), 2 A Beat (Let's Do Platinum) and Justice (Counting Down).



Pictured following the signing of a distribution agreement between Round Records and Brentwood Music Group are (I-r): Keith Bray, senior vice president of Round Records; Dale Bray, president of Round Records; and Don Noes, sales manager of Brentwood Music Group.

AMOA Expo '92 Is Set For Oct. 1-3 In Nashville

CHICAGO—Information relating to the upcoming 1992 Amusement & Music Operators Assn. international trade convention, was mailed to prospective exhibitors this month. Expo '92 will be held October 1-3 at the famed Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee.

More than 700 booths are expected to be sold, according to show officials. The exhibit area will feature the latest in pinball games, video games, CD jukeboxes, electronic darts, pool tables, cranes, redemption equipment, plush and supplies, gaming equipment, accessories of all varieties, kiddle rides, cigarette vending along with related equipment/technologies from leading manufacturers and suppliers.

In addition, there will be a program of educational seminars addressing a variety of technical and management topics. Registration, housing and program information will be mailed to the members of the industry later this spring.

Expo '92 planning committee chairman is Craig Johnson (Tataka-Salt Lake City, UT). The subcommittees will be chaired by: Evan Brown of B & B Music & Video-Cleveland (awards); James Thorpe of Thorpe Music Co.-Springfield, IL (educational seminars); Jerry Derrick of Derrick Music Co.-Charleston, W.VA (exhibits); Don Hesch of A.H. Entertainers-Rolling Meadows, IL (Hesch Scholarship Fund promotion); Garland Garrett, Jr. of Cape Fear Music Co.-Wilmington, NC (registration) and Gene Urso of Madison Coin Machine-Monona, W1 (stage show).

Further information about the convention may be obtained by contacting AMOA headquarters at 401 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611-4267.

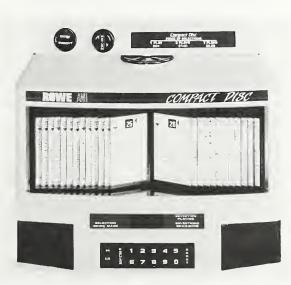
Lenore Sayers Joins Williams Bally/Midway

CHICAGO—Industry veteran, Lenore Sayers, has been named west coast regional sales manager for Williams Bally/Midway. Commenting on the appointment, Joe Dillon, vice president of sales, stated, "We are indeed fortunate to be able to add Lenore to the Williams Bally/Midway family. For almost 20 years, Lenore has proven that she not only knows the game business but, most importantly, understands the needs of distributors and their customers in making sound investment decisions and how to best maximize revenues on location," he continued. "Lenore has a very special expertise that will aid our ongoing efforts and future plans as the market leader."

Most recently, Sayers was involved with both domestic and international sales for Sega Enterprises, but her experience in the coin-op business dates back

to a tenure at Mylstar and Atari/Kee Games.

Referring to her new position, she commented, "This is a new beginning, an exciting challenge to take the best company in the business and make it even better. I'm looking forward to great things for the rest of this year and well into the future."



HI GORGEOUS! It's eye-catching... stylish... and designed to match any decor. It's the new Rowe LaserStar CD Wallette, which was recently introduced as a replacement for vinyl wallboxes and a vehicle for opening up new markets that require small countertops and wall mounted jukebox selectors. As you will recall, during the 50's, 60's and 70's, these units reached their peak in diners and restaurants where, especially in the 24-hour establishments, it was not unusual to see as many as 15 or 20 installed so that patrons could select their music directly from lunch counters and booths. The new CD Wallette is available now. Further information may be obtained through factory distributors or by contacting Rowe International, Inc., 75 Troy Hills Road, Whippany, NJ 07981.

Laniel Hosts NSM Service School

CHICAGO—Prominent Canadian distributorship, Laniel Automatique, which is headed up by Jean Coutu, hosted one of the most successful service schools in its 60 year history. this past December. It focused on the NSM jukebox line, with emphasis on the new *Performer* series of laser disc machines.

Classes were held at Laniel's spacious Montreal facility, with NSM-America's national training manager Keith White conducting. Most of the 48 operators in attendance already operate NSM equipment, according to White, but at least a dozen were simply considering NSM "and wanted to evaluate our equipment in a nuts and bolts way." As an extra accommodation for "students," Laniel provided private motorcoach transportation to the Le Beaver club for luncheon, so that operators could continue their discussions and get to know each other better.

White pointed out that "Operators talk to a lot of salesmen and see a lot of equipment on showroom floors, where everything is always perfect and the situation is very controlled. But that's not the 'real world," he added. "At our schools, it is totally 'real world'... operators see us with our hair down. I strongly recommend that operators attend training schools like ours and those of our competitors as a primary source of information in evaluating equipment."

Underscoring White's comments, Coutu, vice president and operating manager of Laniel Automatique, summarized the firm's philosophy which stresses that selling equipment is really selling the company behind it including

the distributor that represents it.

"We can't sell something we don't believe in, and we can't knowingly or unknowingly take advantage of our customers, even if it's just encouraging a purchase at the wrong time," said Coutu. "We cannot be successful if our customers are not successful... that's the reason we encourage as much education as possible, to make sure our customers really know the equipment they are buying and how to get the very most out of it."

Over a half dozen members of the Laniel staff were present throughout the session to assist operators. Sales manager Michel Bergeron commented that even the French-only-speaking operators commended White and expressed an excellent understanding of his presentation in English. Bergeron added that "a healthy number of orders, most for NSM's new *Performer Grand* were written up

as a result of the school."



NSM-America's national training manager Keith White won high praise for his instructive presentation, from both English speaking and non-English speaking students!



A parital view of the classroom and student body of 48 operators who attended the NSM service school at Laniel Automatique's Montreal facilities.



Here they are—students, staffers, host and instructor as they prepare to board the motorcoach that will take them to Le Beaver for luncheon!



Getting ready to enjoy their food are ops (I-r): Steve Pelchat, Gilles Coulombe, Ghislain Roy, Louis Taschereau, (and standing) Dennis Pelchat and Oliver Royer. Bon appetit!



Rowe LaserStar Ops Receive Free CDs From **Wayne Newton**

CHICAGO—Prominent entertainer/recording star Wayne Newton has provided Rowe International with copies of his newly-released CD, Moods And Moments, as a gesture of gratitude to jukebox operators who have supported his illustrious career. The CDs are being distributed to LaserStar operators who

have participated in Rowe's past CD promotions.

From the day the first CD LaserStar rolled off the line in 1988, record companies recognized the special CD-cover display capabilities of the unit and the unique opportunity to market their retail product at non-point-of-purchase locations. Over the years, record companies have provided Rowe with tens of thousands of CDs for various promotions to LaserStar operators, according to Rowe officials. However, this Moods And Moments promotion marks the first time that Rowe has been approached directly by an artist. "Wayne Newton is a very special artist to recognize and appreciate the power of jukebox support and take the time to thank operators," stated Joel Friedman, senior vice president/music division. "Rowe is very proud to be involved with this important effort to strengthen the historical relationship between operators, recording artists and



Pictured in the accompanying photo (I-r) are: Rowe International president Jim Gang with his wife, Judy; Wayne Newton; Kadima Levadi (director of video operations); and Joel Friedman (senior v.p./music division).

New Certification Logo From NAMA

CHICAGO—A new logo from NAMA is now available to vending machine manufacturers who comply with U.S. Public Health Service sanitary requirements and industrywide standards for sanitary machine design and construction. This will make it easier for regulatory agencies and vending machine operators to determine which machines are cer-

Since 1958, the National Automatic Merchandising Assn. has underwritten a nationwide evaluation program aimed at minimizing sanitation problems for operators. This program, which is widely accepted by public health, agriculture and military agencies, issues Letters of Compliance for beverage, snack, water and food vending machines which meet certification requirements.

According to Larry M. Eils, director of NAMA's health and safety programs, the association publishes a Listing of Certified Food and Beverage Vending Machines that are certified as meeting the standards, but until now it provided no means for field identification of these machines. "As a public service, starting March 1, NAMA offers the use of a new NAMA Service Mark to those companies who participate in the NAMA Vending



Machine Evaluation Program," Eils

The Service Mark, which is a rectangular box containing the registered "NAMA" logo with the word "LISTED" below it, is to be place on certified machines at the point of manufacture. "This special service mark may be in the form of a decal or pressure-sensitive label attached to the machine near the data plate, or printed directly onto the data plate," Eils explained. "Only designated models that are in full compliance with the terms of the association's Machine Evaluation Program shall be authorized to carry the new NAMA Service Mark."

He specified that, "As newer models are manufactured, the NAMA Service Mark will provide immediate evidence of compliance for these machines, which cannot be done by the periodic publication of a list of certified vending machines."

New Child Abuse Prevention Poster Features Bo Jackson

CHICAGO-The National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse has released the latest poster produced by the American Amusement Machine Assn. (AAMA), in its campaign to spread the word about child abuse prevention. Baseball star Bo Jackson is pictured, with his two sons, under a heading that reads: "Bo Knows: You Don't Hit Kids." AAMA has produced a series of these posters which feature celebrities relaying the message that is designed to increase public awareness and promote better relationships between parents and children.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Bo Jackson poster is being distributed to schools, libraries, businesses and youth-serving organizations and associations throughout the United States by the state chapters of the NCPCA. It is also being distributed nationally to newspapers and other publications as a public service announcement.

As stated by NCPCA's executive director, Dr. Anne Cohn, "lam pleased with the message this poster series carries and appreciate Bo Jackson and AAMA joining together in support of NCPCA's continuing efforts to strengthen families

and protect our nation's children from harm."

AAMA president, Bill Rickett, said, "Children are our business. In this industry, there is no better use of our energy than to keep America's children free from mental and physical abuse. AAMA's purpose in supporting this poster project is to help NCPCA reach its goal, which is to effectively prevent and reduce the incidence of child abuse in this country.

To receive copies of the Bo Jackson poster, contact your local chapter of the National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse or write NCPCA, Box 2866J, Chicago, 1L 60690.





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