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COVER STORY

Joe Satriani

HE'S BEEN CALLED A "GUITAR GOD". Joe Satriani doesn't quite go along with that. After all, it took him almost two years to complete his current creation *The Extremist*, the Relativity Records album which he describes as "an attempt at defining the rock instrumental more clearly and with more intensity than ever before."

"The key was, I didn't settle. I kept pushing until I had the right elements," says Satriani. Those elements include the rhythm section of brothers Matt and Greg Bissonette on bass and drums, a set of songs Satriani considers his best yet and co-producer Andy Johns who Satriani credits with bringing "...to life the soul, spirit, and heart of my songs. The sound he got was so overwhelmingly huge and exciting that I was inspired to play in a way I always knew I could, but had never attempted before." Those "before" attempts include the platinum Surfing With The Alien, gold Dreaming #11 EP, gold Flying In A Blue Dream—all of which garnered Grammy nominations— and Not Of This Earth.

"Every record I've ever done has always been a departure from the one before," Satriani states. His desire on *The Extremist* was to depart from the methodology of past efforts and "get back to basics and use live musicians on all the tracks to try to capture that magic which can only take place when people are playing together and reacting to one another," he says. "I don't think any of my previous records have truly captured me from the start to finish like this one does."

Guitar God? Extremist? Perfectionist?—Joe Satriani, taking it to the limits. (Cover photo: Mark Leialoha)

NUMBER

POP SINGLE

November Rain Guns-N-Roses (GEFFEN)

R&B SINGLE

Give U My Heart Baby Face (LA FACE)

COUNTRY SINGLE

What Kind of Fool Do You Think I Am Lee Roy Parnell (ARISTA)

RAP SINGLE

Crossover EPMD (RAI/Chaos)

POP ALBUM

Some Gave All Billy Ray Cyrus (Mercury)

R&B ALBUM

Funky Divas En Vogue (Atco /East West)

COUNTRY ALBUM

Brand New Man Brooks & Dunn (ARISTA)

GOSPEL ALBUM

My Mind Is Made Up Rev. Milton Brunson & Singers (WORD)

DANCE SINGLE

Jump!
The Movement
(SUNSHINE/ARISTA)

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Copyright Industries Wary Of NAFTA

By M.R. Martinez

UNITED STATES COPYRIGHT INDUSTRIES remain leery about the tentative North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) recently entered by the Bush Administration with Mexico and Canada, and members of this industry say they will be closely examining the agreement to determine if it will adequately protect copyright protections for music recordings and publishing, film and video and computer software. So far, the most strident opposition to the NAFTA, which has been submitted to congress for "fast track" passage, has come from the Motion Picture Assn. of America. MPAA officials remain concerned that the recently concluded NATFA negotiations did not adequately deal with the Canadian Free Trade Agreement's "cultural industry exemption." This exemption allows Canada to limit TV programming of U.S. origin to 40% of the shows aired on Canadian airwaves. Such quotas, other segments of the entertainment industry believe, could eventually lead to import quotas on recordings and other entertainment software.

The Washington D.C.-based International Intellectual Property Alliance, which said that its member associations, (the MPAA, RIAA, National Music Publishers Assn. etc.), recently issued a statement which said, "After IIPA members have examined the complete text and fully considerd the potential impact of the agreement, the llPA will have further statement." Spokesmen for the various associations have been reticent to discuss aspects of the trade package, which has been under fire by U.S. labor organizations and environmental groups. President Bush praised the tentative pact struck in mid-August and said that if passed as is it would lead to 400,000 new jobs by 1995. But detractors say that there will be a hemorrhage of jobs in the U.S., mainly to the economically depressed Mexican marketplace. Sen. Don Riegle (D-Mich.) has led vocal oppositon to the the Bush NAFTA plan, calling it a "jobs program for Mexico." Environmentalists say the agreement would permit Ú.S. corporations to operate from manufacturing plants below the border without the added cost of complying with more stringent U.S. environmental safeguards.

There is also opposition to the Bush Administration's employment of the "fast track" legislative passage of the measure. Last year a consortium of labor groups, entertainment industry lobbyists and environmental advocates lashed out—unsuccessfully—against the fast-track procedures during a presentation in Washington D.C. The Bush Administration has repeatedly assured IIPA member groups that the "national treatment/contractual rights" provisions of the agreement will satisfy IIPA's goals. The IIPA is attempting to introduce similiar protections in their Uruguay round of negotiations for the GATT, which is still being deliberated and will surely not be addressed until after the presidential

At stake, according to the copyright industries here, is the loss of significant revenues and employment. According to a report titled, "The Copyright Industries in the U.S. Economy," these industries grew at more than twice the rate than any comparably-sized sector of the U.S. economy. In 1989 copyright in the comparably sized sector of the U.S. economy. dustries accounted for more than \$17 billion in revenues, or 3.3% of the U.S., GNP, and export earnings for that year were estimated to be more than \$22 billion.

Total-ly Awesome!



Tabu/A&M rockers Total Eclipse were the guests of honor at a recent company barbecue before their sold-out show at the Roxy. The group is currently on tour to support their self-titled debut album. Pictured (I-r) are: J.B. Brenner, v.p. album promotion, A&M; Myles Mangram, manager; Dre Baby, Dave Brown, Bernie K., Victor Johnson, Total Eclipse; Guy Abrahams, director of A&R, Tabu; Bill Glibert, v.p. sales, A&M; Walker Baron, son of A&M's v.p. of publicity Diana Baron; Charles Kimball, manager; and Jill Glass, product manager, A&M.





Doherty



Hendricks





Bailey





Shamess



Hauseman

■PolyGram Group Distribution has promoted Jim Caparro to president, following the departure of Gary Rockhold "to pursue other career interests.'



Caparro has been executive vice president of PGD since its 1990 inception. David B. Blaine, formerly vice president, sales administration, has been upped to senior vice president. David Kershenbaum has decided to leave his position as co-president of Morgan Creek Music Group to "pursue creative interests." He was one of the company's founding partners.

Mercury Records has named Luke Lewis president and promoted Harold Shedd to senior vice president, creative of its Nashville division. Shedd has been with Mercury/Nashville for three-and-a-half years, while Lewis comes to the label from UNI Distribution. Mercury has also upped Howard Paar to vice president, media & artist relations, West Coast; he had been senior director in the division. Doherty has been appointed vice president, international marketing, Epic Records, which he joins from his own Renegade Artists Management. And Kim Jakwerth has been appointed director, television media, Epic Records, a newly created position. She had been at Arista since 1988. ■ Gotham Advertising, Sony Music's inhouse ad agency, has promoted Kyle McDonald to media manager, a newly created position. GRP Records has named Frank Hendricks as director of European Operations; he joins the label from Sony Music International. And Richard Veloso has been named supervisor of creative services.

Charisma Records has made a pair of A&R promotions: Peri Hochwald becomes director, A&R, East Coast, and Kelth Bailey becomes director, A&R, West Coast. BMI has named Steven Blinn director, media relations/licensing in New York; he was most recently at the Bates Company, a New York PR firm. Duff Marlowe, recently a pop music critic for the Los Angeles Times, has been named senior director, A&R, Chrysalls Records, where he used to serve in the A&R division. ■ SBK Records has promoted Pete Ganbarg to director, A&R; he has been A&R manager for the past three years.

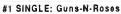
David Millman has been appointed to the newly created position of head of publicity at Giant Records. He was most recently national director of publicity for I.R.S. Records. ■ Private Music has announced three staff promotions in its Los Angeles office. Heather Donlgulan has been named manager of creative services. She was coordinator of the department for two years. Stephanle Kavoulakos is now manager of publicity & artist relations, promoted from coordinator; and Kathryn Keller has been promoted to director of office operations from manager of finance. Arlsta Records has announced new appointments within its sales department. Nancy Shamess assumes the role of West Coast regional director. Most recently, she was the na-

tional accounts director for I.R.S. Records. Patricia Hauseman becomes the manager of alternative marketing. She previously was East Coast manager of alternative marketing at Atlantic Records.

CASH BOX CHARTS

TOP 100 POP SINGLES







HIGH DEBUT: Swing Out Sister #77



TO WATCH: Celine Dion #39

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Total Weeks ▼

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F	NOVEMBER RAIN (Geffen 4387) Guns-N-Roses	1	12	49 NOT ENOUGH TIME (Atlantic 87437))	76	2
2	END OF THE ROAD (Motown 2178) Boyz II Mer			THE LETTER (Curb 1008)	52	7
	BABY-BABY (LaFace/Arista 2-4028)			51 SYMPHONY OF DESTRUCTION (Capitol) Megadeth	54	4
4	THIS USED TO BE MY PLAYGROUND (Sire/Warner 18822) Madonna			32 CRUCIFY (Atlantic 82399) Torl Amos		
5	BABY GOT BACK (Def American 4-18943) Sir Mix-A-Lot			DEVINE THING (Big Life/Mercury 865-764) Soup Dragons		
	HUMPIN' AROUND (MCA 54342) Bobby Brown			54 GOOD STUFF (Reprise 18895)		
	GIVING HIM SOMETHING HE CAN FEEL (Atco/East 98560) En Vogue			55 REMEDY (Del American/Reprise 18877) The Black Crowes		
	STAY (London 869 730) Shakespear's Sister			ALWAYS THE LAST TO KNOW (A&M)		
9	LIFE IS A HIGHWAY (Capitol 44815) Tom Cochrane	6	16	57 HOLD ON MY HEART (Atlantic 87481)		
10	JUST ANOTHER DAY (SBK K219748) John Secada	8	23	58 SLOW DANCE (Jive 42092) R. Kelly & Public Announcement		
11	THE ONE (MCA 2263) Elton John	11	11	59 JUST FOR TONIGHT (Wing/Mercury 865-888) Vanessa Williams		
12	ACHY BREAKY HEART (Mercury 866522) Billy Ray Cyrus			60 SLOW MOTTON (Giant 24429) Color Me Badd		
13	COME & TALK TO ME (MCA 54175) Jodeci	13	10	61 I WILL REMEBER YOU (A&M 1600) Arry Grant		
14	ALL I WANT (Columbia 4359) Toad The Wet Sprocket	19	13	62 WHEREVER I MAY ROAM (Elektra 64741)		-
15	KEEP ON WALKIN' (A&M 75021) CeCe Peniston	23	12	64 NOBODY WINS IN THIS WAR (RCA 62270) Mitch Malloy		-
	WARM IT UP (Ruffhouse/Columbia 74376) Kris Kross		13	65 HONEY LOVE (Jive 42031) R. Kelty & Public Announcement		-
17	DO I HAVE TO SAY THE WORDS (A&M 1611) Bryan Adams	20	6	36 KICKIN' IT (Virgin 12594)		
	I'LL BE THERE (Columbia 74330) Mariah Carey	15	14	67 THE HITMAN (Interscope 98506)		_
	SOMETIMES LOVE JUST AIN'T ENOUGH (MCA 54403)			68 MONEY CAN'T BUY YOU LOVE (Perspective/A&M 0011) Ralph Tresvant		
	Patty Smyth/Don Henley			69 CONSTANT CRAVING (Sire/Warner Bros. 18942) k.d. Lang		
	I WANNA LOVE YOU (Giant 18950) Jade			70 WOULD I LIE TO YOU (Capitol 44809) Charles & Eddie		2
	JESUS HE KNOWS ME (Atlantic 87454) Genesis			71 BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY (Hollywood 64794) Queen	62	24
	EVEN BETTER THAN THE REAL THING (Island 866977) U2			72 RHYTHM IS A DANCER (Arista 1-2437) Snap	90	3
	IF YOU ASKED ME TO (Epic 34-74277)	16	19	73 EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU (Stardog Mercury 968823) Ugly Kid Joe	67	25
	YOU REMIND ME (FROM "STRICTLY BUSINESS") (Uptown/MCA 54327)	17	44	74 REAL LOVE (Chrysalis/ERG 50401) Slaughter	81	2
			_	75 STAY (Epic 74324)	74	8
		18		76 WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE LOVE (Columbia 74425) George Lamond	70	4
	WISHING ON A STAR (Epic 74343) The Cover Girls	20	14	AM I THE SAME GIRL (Fontana/Mercury) Swing Out Sister		
	THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE (Perspective/A&M 0010)Luther Vandross And Janet Jackson	27	1.8	78 1-4-ALL-4-1 (Brv/Motown 10 2171) East Coast Family		
	GIVE U MY HEART (LaFace 4026) Babylace			78 FOREVER LOVE (Giant) Color Me Badd		
29	CROSSOVER (RAL/Chaos 74173) EPMD			80 CALIFORNIA HERE I COME (Columbia 74594) Sophie B. Hawkins		
30	TOO FUNKY (Columbia 74353)			HOW ABOUT THAT (Alco) Bad Company		
31	TAKE THIS HEART (Capitol 44782) Richard Marx			82 GET WITH U (Mercury 864 080) Lidell Townsell & M.T.F.		
32	PEOPLE EVERYDAY (Chrysalis 50397) Arrested Development			83 YOU'VE GOT A WAY (Geffen)		
33	FRIDAY I'M IN LOVE (Elektra 64742)			THANK YOU (Epic 74438)		
34	JAM (Epic 4583) Michael Jackson			85 YOU WON'T SEE ME CRY (SBK 07385) Wilson Phillips 36 REAL LOVE (Uptown/MCA 54455) Mary J. Blige		
35	TENNESSEE (Chrysalis 23829) Arrested Development			87 JUS LYKE COMPTON (Profile 5372) D.J. Quik		
36	MY LOVIN' (Atco/EastWest 98586) En-Vogue			33 ALL SHOOK UP (FROM HONEYMOON IN VEGAS) (Epic 74422)	00	v
37	SLOWLY (RCA 62271) Stacy Earl				92	2
	GIVE IT UP (SBK 53098) Wilson Phillips			89 KEEP IT COMIN' (Columbia 74432)		
39	NOTHING BROKEN BUT MY HEART (Epic 74336) Celine Dion	56	5	90 JUST TAKE MY HEART (Atlantic 4-87509) Mr. Big		
40	EVERYBODY'S FREE (Epic 4709) Rozalia	45	6	91 BANG BANG (Elektra 64735) David Sanborn		
41	TWILIGHT ZONE (Radikal/Critique 15486) 2 Unlimited	37	6	92 RIGHT NOW (Warner Bros. 18819)		
42	DAMN, I WISH I WAS YOUR LOVER (Columbia 38-744164)			93 JUMP (Columbia 74197) Kris Kross	57	22
		39	20	94 IT DOESN'T MATTER (RCA 62325) Tyler Collins	DEB	UT
	HAVE YOU EVER NEEDED SOMEONE SO BAD (Mercury 864-136)			95 ANOTHER MINUTE (SRC/Zoo 14036) Cause & Effect	85	7
				96 WHY (Arista 1-2419)		
	MAKE LOVE LIKE A MAN (Mercury 864038) Def Leppard	40	13	97 COUNTDOWN (Reprise) Lindsey Buckingham	DEB	UT
	WE WILL ROCK YOU/WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS (Hollywood 64725)		_	98 REACH FOR THE SKY (Epic 74335) Firehouse		
	The Movement			99 STRAWBERRY LETTER 23 (Owest/Warner Bros 18919) Tevin Campbell	73	13
	JUMPI (Sunshine Arista 1-2456)			100 SAVE THE BEST FOR LAST (Wing/Mercury 865136) . Vanessa Williams	77	31
	LITHIUM (DGC 19134)					
-2-0	AND THE PARTY (DOWN 19104)	40	4			

MUSIC REVIEWS

SINGLES

■ NIRVANA: "Lithium" (DGC PRO-CD-4429)

Well, 1991's surprise boys of summer are still milking their multi-platinum *Nevermind* album for all they can get. This latest single incorporates all the "who the hell cares?" attitude we've all grown to know from this, the benchmark model of the Seattle grunge bands. Low-key verses backed only by bass and drums fall hard into the choruses of power-chording and yelling that seem to be the alternative rage. Produced by Butch Vig and Nirvana.



ASIA: "Who Will Stop The Rain" (Great Pyramid JPS 1

After a seven-year absence from a totally new studio recording, and some changes in membership, Asia's forthcoming album Aqua has already received high acclaim in Japan and Europe. The initial single features a strong harmonic blend and a new vocalist/bassist, John Payne, fronting the fat keyboard sound of founding member and producer, Geoff Downs. The classic Asia sound has been modified slightly, but what the hell, it's the '90s.



If you were wondering what happened to the sound of Fleetwood Mac, you need not listen further than the guitarist's latest solo album, Out Of The Cradle. The new single is more proof of Lindsay's powerful influence on the former band's pop sound. Although it worked for most of us with the girls singing, props must be given to the creative side, and Lindsay hasn't stopped creating pop grooves just yet. He produces himself along with Richard Dashut.





JIMMY NAIL: "Ain't No Doubt" (Atlantic PRCD

An English television actor, who just so happens to play bass and sing, Nail has released a tongue-in-cheek dance-ish groove from his *Growing Up In Public* Ip. "Ain't No Doubt" has its roots in seventies soul and disco, which is enjoying a club popularity in the UK right now. Jimmy talks a little on the verses, borrows a girl voice for the bridge then sings the almost military-march sounding chorus. The song entered the U.K. pop charts at #1.

■ GERARDO: "Here Kitty Kitty" (Interscope PRCD

4711-2)
If you really have a hankering for this sort of PG-rated, teeny-bop rap, then this song could be for you. Complete with an opening belch and obvious lyrical insinuations between kitty and pussy (cats), Gerardo raps his way into schoolyard bathroom humor, taking this "artform" to a new and painfully silly low. What did you expect? Produced by Tony G. and the Baker Boys. If this song catches on maybe you'll read another review like the one below.





"WEIRD AL" YANKOVIC: "Taco Grande" (Scotti Bros. SBDJ 75338-2)

Obviously, there's a market out there for the comic Obviously, there's a market out there for the comic parodies of contemporary songs, what with the chart position of Yankovic's latest collection entitled, Off The Deep End. Ripping Gerardo's career-establishing single, "Rico Suave," Al puts it all into perspective in a light we can all relate to. Hot off the heels of "Smells Like Nirvana," Yankovic's territory is wide open and no one is safe. It's better that way. Thankfully, he produces himself.

POP SINGLES LOOKING AHEAD

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1.	IT'S A SHAME ABOUT RAY (Atlantic) Lemonheads
2.	IN TRANCE(RCA) Kik Tracee
3.	FRACTAL ZOOM(Opal/Warner Bors.)
4.	WHAT GOD WANTS, PART 1(Columbia) Roger Waters
5.	ASHES TO ASHES(Virgin)
6.	DONNA EVERYWHERE(Giant)
7.	FIREPILE(Sire) Throwing Muses
8.	DIRTY BLACK SUMMER(Def American) Danzig
9.	EX GIRL TO NEXT GIRL(Chrysalis) Gang Starr
10.	YOU LIED TO ME(Polydor) Cathy Dennis
11.	LOVE ME TONIGHT (Micmac)
12.	NOW THAT THE MAGIC HAS GONE(Capitol) Joe Cocker
13.	IF THERE HADN'T BEEN YOU(Liberty) Billy Dean
14.	MY SIDE OF TOWN(Giant) Dennis Robbins
15.	RIVER OF DREAMS(MCA)

ALBUMS

■ UGLY KID JOE: America's Least Wanted (Mercury 314

One of the surprises of the year has been the overwhelming success of "the Kid's" debut EP, Ugly As They Wanna Be. The band hasn't really done much in the way of change for their first full-length release, (13 cuts, two of which were on the EP) although they still maintain the same street-smart-ass vibe that put them on the map, and may be recorded a little better this time around. Produced by Mark Dodson (Anthrax Ludas Priest) by Mark Dodson (Anthrax, Judas Priest).



BOB JAMES/EARL KLUGH: Cool (Warner Bros. 9 26939-2)

26939-2)
They won a Grammy in '79 for One Of A Kind, released Two Of A Kind in '83 and now nine years later these two instrumentalist/composers have brought back the same players as the '79 effort. Guitarist, Klugh was Cash Box's 'Jazz Artist Of The Year" in 1980, and James has received much notoriety as a jazz pianist from his "Taxi" theme, as well as a member of the group, Fourplay. This is an exceptional jazz album. Bob and Earl produce.

ERIC EDEN: grooving up slowly (A&M 75021 5395 2) Eric's songwriting style borders on the grandiose, a little unusual for a pop album. But the collection of 12 tracks is filled with different moods, and interpretations. Eric's arrangements also lend themselves to the bizarre, the odd blending of different orchestral sounds and instruments in an eclectic, almost Prince/Rundgren approach. AC stuff with a pop twist here. Eden writes with his brother, Mark Mazzetti, and produces himself.





THE PARTY: Free (Hollywood HR-61358-2)

This teenage vocal group has had chart success with "In My Dreams," a cut from their In The Meantime, In Between Time release. Meanwhile the group has also seen some time on the road with High-Five, Vanilla Ice and Taylor Dayne. The contrived, teenybopper dance grooves and ballads on this latest effort will only cement this act in the teen-mags. There are some talented producers and songwriters assembled here, including Teddy Riley, Dr. Dre, Cliff Magness and Steven Bray.

REIN SANCTION: Mariposa (Sub Pop SP161b) Okay, something hits and they drive it into the ground. This typical Sub Pop act isn't the group that put the word "grunge" on the lips of America, but they might be the ones to redefine it. More outcast, rebellious noise here, folks, but make no bones about it, this is what they want. Now it's up to the rest of the world to decide if this is what we want. Proof once again that too much of anything is not good. Produced by Seattle sound-man, Jack Endino.





■ DANCE WITH A STRANGER: Dance With A Stranger (RCA 07863 66043-2)

(RCA 07863 66043-2)
This Norwegian quartet has, for two years in a row, won that country's Grammy equivalent for "Artist Of The Year." Their American record debut is an amalgam of the band's previous three European lps. Lead singer/lyricist, Elg's voice is unique in a soulful/pop sense (a little Daltrey-ish). The band uses solid grooves and a "togetherness" vibe which has been honed from extensive touring. There are some strong songs on the 11-cut CD produced by Bjorn Nessjo.

PICK OF THE WEEK:

BELA FLECK & THE FLECKTONES: UFO TOFU (Warner Bros. 9 45016-2)



FU (Warmer Bros. 9 45016-2)
With musicianship so extraordinary, and cutting across so many styles and formats, Bela Fleck & The Flecktones' new release has got something for everyone. Although it may be difficult to accept somebody who plays a banjo, at first, all anyone needs to do is listen. A clear sign of the respect paid so far to this relatively new group, is the band's three Grammy nominations and their rise to #1 on the Contemporary Jazz chart with Flight Of The Cosmic Hippo. UFO TOFU was recorded live in the studio with no sequencing or quantities. recorded live in the studio with no sequencing or quantizing, an amazing claim as you will hear if you put on the 12-cut CD. Fleck composes almost all the tracks and produces with the help of the band.



INDUSTRY BUZZ

By Lee Jeske

EAST COAST



If this scene looks appealing, head for 46th St. between Sixth and Madison any time on Sept. 6, when Brazilian Independence Day will be celebrated with sambas, caiparinhas and a free performance by MPB star Lulu Santos.

BYRNE-ING DOWN THE HOUSE: You'd a thought that David Byrne didn't really need the Talking Heads. After all, he was their songwriter and singer, it was his quirky persona that put them on the musical map in the first place, putting himself on the cover of Time magazine in the process. Like Sting and the Police, you'd a thought that Byrne would do fine out there on his own, since he could sound like the Talking Heads without Jerry Harrison, Tina Weymouth and Chris Frantz, but they couldn't sound like the Talking Heads without him.

David Byrne's solo career is now stumbling through its second tour. The first tour followed the release of Rei Momo and it picked up the album's Latin American conceits: Byrne toured in front of a salsa big band and, for the most part, played the album. I liked the album, but I felt the concert was kind of limited-two hours

of David Byrne-ified salsa was a bit much. On this tour, which follows Uh-oh—an album I also like— Byrne needed to bring it all together, to weave the Talking Heads songs in, in an interesting way, while not letting go of his current interests in salsa and Brazilian music. He needed to find the

balance that Paul Simon achieved on his last tour.

Judging from his concert at the Beacon Theatre, it didn't work. Byrne is still leading a salsa band, and their attempts at Talking Heads songs sounded hollow, empty—the new clothes didn't really fit the old songs. And the new songs-good songs, with typically wry, humorous Byrne lyrics—were blasted away by the mundane Latin horns and the ear-splitting volume; they got lost in the sauce. Although the crowd was up and dancing—if you don't dance to salsa, you don't dance—the concert had little edge, little excitement, and most of that was stuffed into Byrne's short solo opening set, which featured just him, his acoustic guitar and a drum machine (a mini version of a private album-launching CBGB's show I attended, and reported on, earlier in the year).

Wasted here was George Porter Jr., the incredibly funky bassist from New Orleans' incredibly funky Meters. Byrne-whose audience is dwindling (the Beacon Theatre engagement was supposed to be a multi-night affair, but ticket demand kept it a one-nighter)—should have skipped the salsa horns for this allimportant second tour and built a small, tight funk/world music ensemble around Porter. Rather than salsa up the old songs, he should have Talking Heads-ed up the new songs.

Byrne, who will be touring until October, was in great voice his singing has really come into its own-but something was missing. One imagines that his next tour will find that something. Namely the Talking Heads.

By Randy Clark



Bobby Brown

WHEN THE INDUSTRY WANTS to make a lot of noise about a new release, it most assuredly can. Especially when the record company ties the artist in with corporate sponsors. The package deal. The big push. The hype.

Thousands of records are released each year with no more fanfare than the publicity department sending copies to the press and promotion sending copies to radio. Some don't even get that much. Then, of course, there is the assorted array of release/listening parties, with their widely varied budgets (which I have written about here from time to time). None of which has come close (in recent memory) to the spending spree and hoopla surrounding the latest release on MCA from Bobby Brown, singularly titled, Bobby.

Monday last, in a combined promotional tie-in from MCA Records (who owns Bobby), Universal Studios (who owns the label), Technics (the electronics manufacturer, marketed by Panasonic and owned by Matsushita who owns the whole enchilada, and who is actively pitching its new DCC players), and the Pepsi-Cola Ĉompany (any one of these on their own, would be enough, wouldn't you think?) threw a massive wingding on the back lot of Universal Studios with an over-abundance of just about every kind of indulgence you could think

Over 1,000 guests were shuttled onto the heavily guarded back lot, to the mas**WEST** COAST

sive multi-leveled patio by way of the Studio Tour trams, where the elaborate setting encompassed four different levels of food, drink, dance floors, video walls and monitors, a V.I.P. area, and a stage set up for a live satellite radio broadcast, TV cameras, huge blow-up posters of Bobby, and sound throughout.

The funny thing was, with all the space available on the other three levels, most of the guests chose to crowd onto the one upper deck where the stage was, and where comedian Sinbad was holding mike for the radio broadcast of the album, as well as interviews with Bobby, Bobby's pregnant wife Whitney, and the whole ex-New Edition gang.

There was the same food and drink on the lower levels, one of which was surrounded by a waterfall, a beautiful pond, and a panoramic view of the Valley, but no one was there except the paid help. Food-servers, bussers and bartenders standing around a lot of empty, lavishly decorated tables, while the service staff on the upper deck sweat it out. Figures...

Five bars (three of them empty), three dance floors (all of them empty), and more consumables than would ever be consumed (tons of everything from fried chicken and Cajun shrimp to Dom Perignon and chocolate-covered strawberries). There must have been enough leftover feastings to feed a small army (or some homeless). For entertainment, the studio even took all the guests for a late- night trip through the Studio Tour's new Backdraft attraction on one of the massive sound stages. You name it, it was there to be had by all the takers, fakers and wannabe shakers. Everyone had their fill of schmoozing and boozing. You would think everyone would have had a great time. I did. Oh yeah. Big Fun. Big Bucks. Big Hype... Big Deal. None of it makes the record sound any better to me... Next week...



TALENT REVIEW

DIXIE CHICKS

By Robert Adels



The Chicks (I-r): Martie Erwin, Laura Lynch, Emily Erwin

AT MY PLACE, SANTA MONICA, CA—"What a great place to play..." remarked feisty Dixie Chicks lead singer and bass player Laura Lynch as she stepped upon a Los Angeles stage for the first time. "No chicken wire!"

Looking like a younger country cousin to *Designing Women*'s Annie Potts while sounding as frisky as a young Dolly Parton, Ms. Lynch revealed a sense of humor with a lot of truth behind it. Because Dixie Chicks started out as Texas street performers, an "indoor" gig in front of a bottle-throwing audience on the roadhouse circuit could have been a step up for this band early in its career. Now past that nightmare point, they found their dream-gig-come-true at the new artists-friendly L.A. club called At My Place.

Dixie Chicks deserve to be country's next Cinderella story thanks to the power and charm of their just-released second album *Little Ol' Cowgirl* (on Dallas-based indie Crystal Clear Sound) and the magic they make in concert. As they finally try on the glass slipper (earlier promised by their debut package *Thank Heavens For Dale Evans*), they come across as the most exciting female threesome since Dolly Parton joined Emmylou Harris and Linda Ronstadt for the *Trio* album.

Barely out of high school, Dixie Chicks have quickly evolved from a bluegrass outfit into a multi-faceted country band with a refreshing swing edge. Cross The Judds with Dan Hicks & His Hot Licks and you've got some approximation of their down-home yet sophisticated

appeal.

Starting from their set opener "Lone Star Swing," these Chicks quickly display a host of musical virtues that professionally validate their attractive "hip cowgirl next door" look. The banjo/guitar spunk of Emily Erwin burns into the bluegrass/jazz fiddle frenzy of sister Martie Erwin to keep the energy level high. Laura Lynch's rich, resonant lead vocals stand out on solos but eagerly take the team-player approach for the three-part harmony blend that provides the DC's with their most obvious commercial hook.

As their contemporary version of Ella Mae Morse's "Cow Cow Boogie" attests, Dixie Chicks could build an entertaining set just by putting swing spins on country oldies. But to their pioneering credit, the band concentrates on new outside as well as original material. A prime example is their catchy new single "A Heart That Can," currently finding believers at radio.

The Laura Lynch/Marty Erwin original "Pink Toenails" is a soapopera with a Laurie Anderson performance-art twist that speaks to overachievers everywhere. (It's also the first song to rhyme "Roy and Dale" with "sperm whale.") Material this unique will help Dixie Chicks

build both a country and alternative rock fan base.

"Blame" provided a positively rowdy closer to their set, and contrasted masterfully with the shimmering beauty of their encore "Campfire Lullaby." Along the way, Dixic Chicks unveiled an instrumental so strong you could walk out of the club humming it—the left-field Grammy-contender "Beat Around The Bush."

Dixie Chicks should do for women on country indie labels what Garth and Billy Ray have done for men on country majors. They've got the looks to win America's hearts—and the talent to keep the love affair growing for years.

TALENT REVIEW

COMMANDER CODY

By Hilarie Grey

THE PALOMINO, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA—It's easy to see why the oddball, truck-driver blues of Commander Cody and his Lost Planet Airmen (Relix Records) has been a barroom (if not a radio) favorite since the early '70s. The latest version of the group looks like a mismatched assemblage of spare parts from other bands—a silver-bearded surfer bass player, all-American-looking drummer, hard rock longhair guitarist and a bohemian sax player/vocalist (the first female "airman") set off Cody's rumpled Deadhead looks.

It quickly became apparent that Cody chose his band for their expert playing ability as well as their character. They romped through such politically incorrect honky-tonk blues tunes as "Let's Go Stealing (At 7-11)" and "Good Morning Judge, Why Do You Look So Mean, Sir?" with a jumped-up, brassy style that kept the dance floor active. Cody's improvisational piano solos and Nancy Ray's smoking sax work and country growl vocal on "Good Rockin' Tonight" were musical highlights.

Cody's between-song banter gave a nice counterpoint to recent political conventions as well, as he touted "family values" like "sharing a six-pack of beer, clean living and good eating" as a preface to his novelty hit "Two Triple Cheese, Side Order Of Fries." He promised a new album soon as well, which garnered whoops of approval from the

packed house.

Another album release to look forward to will come from outstanding opening act Blakey St. John, whose powerful voice and hard-hitting country compositions like "Slow Movin' Train" and "River Is High" wowed the early crowd (which included many devoted "Blakeyheads," as well as amazed Commander Cody fans). Her music is driven by a rough, rock edge which places her among the best of the "new country" artists.

During her set, the Los Angeles favorite revealed that she will be recording her debut album in Nashville this fall, lending a fun irony to her song "Careful What You Wish For." She will clearly be one of the newcomers to watch in '93.

TALENT REVIEW

Hollywood Bowl Orchestra: Evening With Gershwin

By Fred L. Goodman

HOLLYWOOD BOWL, HOLLYWOOD, CA—On one of the rare evenings of the current L.A. summer when the temperature cooled off before midnight, the Hollywood Bowl Orchestra (who records for Philips Classics), with John Mauceri conducting, provided their own heat as they performed some sizzlin' pop/jazz only the Gershwins could create. From the opening number, the overture to the 1930 musical, Girl Crazy, featuring the evergreens "I Got Rhythm," "Embraceable You" and "But Not For Me," the orchestra set the stage for the powerhouse numbers to follow—An American In Paris and Rhapsody In Blue.

The highlight of the evening was definitely *Rhapsody In Blue*. This classic piece, which in recent years has probably been known by most of the general population for its use in Woody Allen's film, *Manhattan*, and in a commercial for an airliner, took on new life with 22-year-old jazz pianist Geoff Keezer. Keezer, who was making his Hollywood Bowl debut, abandoned the score at times and used his own jazz improvisations (something George Gershwin frequently did when *he* performed it) in the solo sections. For this act of derring-do, Keezer received a well-deserved standing ovation and even returned for an encore—a thoroughly enjoyable version of "The Man I Love."

The second half of the show featured a coterie of vocalists singing selections from *Strike Up The Band*—notably Beverly and Kirby Ward on "I've Got A Crush On You" and Louise Edeiken and Jason Workman on "The Man I Love."

All in all, a great way to spend a summer's evening.

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NEWS FROM JAPAN

A SURVEY CONDUCTED BY CASH BOX TOKYO OFFICE of accumulated revenues of 27 Record Industries Association of Japan (RIAJ) affiliates reveals that total revenues for fiscal 1991 (April '91 to April '92) hit \$4,550 million (second highest in history), representing a rise of 9.45% over fiscal '90. The second portion of fiscal '91 (Oct. '91 to April '92) yielded a record \$2,432 million, up 14.72% over the first six months and 10.02% over the comparable six months of fiscal '90. A close look reveals the showing to be result of strong CD and video software traffic. CDs reached, for the six-month period, \$1,406 million, 57.9% of the total revenues.

"THE 41ST JAPANESE AUDIO FAIR" (The Festival of both Audio and Video) will be held in Tokyo October 9-13 at The Tokyo Convention Center. With a slogan of "A presentiment for new musics," 68 audio and video manufacturers will take part. The main items expected to be exhibited will be new digital-oriented hard and soft wares in which MD, DCC and CS-PCM will be featured. Heitaro Nakajima, fair president, said, "Several years after 1992 will be a new era to construct new audio systems by digital technics which have been exploited and accumulated in the past years. We'd like to contribute to the development of the audio industries in the world."

ACCORDING TO RECORD INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION OF JAPAN (RIAJ), chart toppers from March to June were "Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue" (Laura Fugi), #1, in the International Single Section with sales of 39,182 followed by "Beautiful Boy/John Lennon & Yoko Ono" and "For Friends/Diana Ross." #1 Best Album—International and Domestic Repertoires was "Super Best Il/Chage & Aska" with 2.14 million sales followed by "Hounetsu Eno Akashi/Yutaka Ozaki" and "LINDBERG V/Lindberg." "Human Touch/Bruce Springsteen" ranked #1 in the International Album section with sales of 126,338. Classic Album #1 was "Aoki Ookami No Densetsu/Isao Tomita" with sales of 11,959, followed by "Cliver/1992 New Year Concert."

ANOTHER RIAJ SURVEY reports total shipments of audio and video softwares in Japan for the six months of January to July were 2% up over the comparable period of 1991 to \$2,280 million.

LOCAL 45s TOP 10

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- 1 1 NAMIDA NO KISS (Victor)...Southern All Stars)
- 2 ASAI NEMURI (Pony Canyon)...Miyuki Nakajima
- 3 2 SURABA RA BANBA (Nippon Victor)...Southern All Stars
- 4 3 IF (Pony Canyon)...Chage & Aska
- 5 4 MOU KOINANTE SHINAI (Warner)...Takayuki Makihara
- 6 7 GLASS NO MEMORIES (Sony)... Tube
- 7 5 KIMIGA IRUDAKEDE (Sony)...Komekome Ciub
- 8 10 HAGAYUI KUCHIBIRU (Victor)...Mariko Takahashi
- 9 9 BLOWI'N (BMG Victor)...B'z
- 10 8 FURUMUKANAIDE (Polystar)...Wink

LOCAL CDs TOP 10

- 1 1 SINGLES 1987-1992 (Sony)...Princess Princess
- 2 3 KIMIWA BOKUNO TAKARAMONO (Warner)...Takayuki Makihara
- 3 4 OCTAVE (Sony)...Komekome Club
- 4 5 FROM YESTERDAY (Victor)...Keisuke Kuwata
- 5 2 SWEET 16 (Epic Sony)...Motoharu Sano
- 6 6 HELLO LOVERS (Epic Sony)...Misato Watanabe
- 7 8 NEPTUNE (Sony)...Toshinobu Kubota
- 8 HEART OF DIAMONDS II (Mical Hamming Bird)...Ayumi Nakamura
- 9 7 GAMUSHARA (Pony Canyon)...Tunnels
- 10 YOSHIDAMACHI NO UTA (For Life)...Takuro Yoshida

A Marquee "DeSade"

By John Carmen





Planek as the Duchess

HOW DOES THE TERM "APOCALYPTIC" strike you? It describes with fair accuracy the **Duchess DeSade**.

A five-piece group augmented by dancers, and located in (where else?) Hollywood, Duchess DeSade is a bizarre goth/metal performance act guaranteed to offend the Tippers and Falwell's of the world with their profoundly blatant messages. Outrageous they may be, but they have risen from a spin-off of horror rockers Haunted Garage to a headlining act on their own, all of which during the worst period for L.A. club bands in over a decade.

Titillation is apparently not the group's intent, nor its raison d'etre. "We're really in the pro-female, pro-consenting adult mode of thinking," says group leader and spokesperson Barbara Planek, aka the Duchess DeSade. Despite the proliferation of simulated sex acts and the accompanying props which leave many an L.A. audience agog, the Duchess believes her group transcends the "T&A" stereotyping. "Many people come to the shows expecting nothing but a live sex show and leave saying, 'Hey, I thought they were really good musically, and the Duchess can really sing. Wow!" Conversely, the band has to overcome the sexist stereotyping that relegates their act to mere novelty. "One of the dancers is male, which helps," says DeSade. "But we've still got to overcome the idea that we're only theatre, and smutty at that."

Still, sex sells, and the onus of the Duchess' act is sexual in nature. "It is the major theme of the act, for sure," says the Duchess. "That seems to be the way to get the people through the door." And with the band now on indie vinyl for the world, how will the rest of the market take to the Duchess? "We're really happy to get our single out, to see how it stacks up," says the Duchess. The band has released its debut on Peace of Mind Records, the self-explanatory "Oh My Gash" backed with "Pleasuredome." They've also appeared on a compilation record on XXX of Alice Cooper songs with "Pain," and on an I.R.S compilation with their anthem, "Flowers for Hitler" (whose refrain is "Masturbate on me" and is the band's most popular song (Naturally).

Of course, higher ground is the intent of all little fish, and Duchess DeSade is no exception. "Sure, we'd love to be majorlabel material," she says, "but I'm realistic enough to settle for a bigger indie. Peace of Mind is really great, though. You know, it's low budget and all, but it's so laid-back that all of the acts like recording for them." Touring the U.S. is also on the agenda. "I'd love to do nothing but play music, of course," says DeSade. For now, she supplements her musical career with the mundanities of medical transcription. "I've done every straight office job you can think of during the day," she muses. "Administrative assistant, accounting, the works. I can appear to be very normal if I like!"



By Lee Jeske



The Great One

UNGAWA: On October 21st, John Gillespie of Cheraw, South Carolina—better known as Dizzy Gillespie of the whole wide world-will turn 75 years old. It's a big deal.

It's a big deal because Dizzy Gillespie is one of the dozen most important jazz musicians to ever live and only one of the others, Duke Ellington, made it to 75 (and only by a month). Most of the others didn't get close (although one of the others, Ornette Coleman, 62, is still quite alive and healthy). It's a big deal because Dizzy Gillespie has for nearly all those years been jazz's most good-humored ambassador, the very antithesis of the stereotypical jazz musician. Never a junkie, married to one woman for more than 50 years, Gillespie's public face has never been dour or moody or introspective-he's been a cheerleader and a sparkplug, laughing a big belly laugh all the way.

Ironically, this year, which was to have been filled with celebration, has been the least active of Gillespie's life; he has been laid up with intestinal trouble since the spring. It's unlikely that he'll be performing before next year, although he still intends to celebrate his birthday as the centerpiece of what should be a wingding of a jazz cruise. Still, the co-parent of bebop and progenitor of Afro-Cuban jazz will be very much in evidence in at least two places: on your radio and in your record stores.

Dizzy's Diamond is the name of a 13-part, 15-hour series from National Public Radio. Hosted by the ubiquitous Billy Taylor, the weekly series

should provide listeners with a fairly complete picture of Gillespie, from the early big band days to his recent work at the helm of the United Nation Orchestra. For those who think his jazz contributions began and ended at bebop or Afro-Cuban jazz, the series should be an ear-opener.

Playing with the same "diamond jubilee" title, Dizzy's Diamonds, a three-CD boxed set of his often unjustly overlooked Verve years, is coming from Verve. Gillespie recorded prolifically for Norman Granz in the '50s and early '60s—with Charlie Parker, Jazz at the Philharmonic, his own terrific big band, and in various small group settings (with, among others, Roy Eldridge, Sonny Rollins, Sonny Stitt and Stan Getz)—and most of the records have long been out of print. set—"researched, This selected and sequenced by Kenny Washington" (the drummer and jazz scholar)skips the usual chronological approach for a more panoramic view: disc one covers the various Gillespie big bands of the period, disc two focuses on "small groups & guests," and disc three puts us "in an Afro-Cuban, calypso, bossa nova groove."

More on the great Gillespie as we get closer to the birthday. In the meantime, get some blank tapes to record that NPR series and save a couple of spots on your Christmas shopping list for Gillespie boxed

sets. Ooh bop sh'bam!

A DIFFERENT AP. PROACH: Chiarascuro Records, the fine mainstream label begun in the '70s by Hank O'Neal, has seen new life over the past few yearsrecording new albums (including last year's splendid Milt Hinton set) and reissuing its catalogue.

The other day I was listening intently to the new CD reissue of Dick Wellstood and His Famous Orchestra featuring Kenny Davern, a terrific album of duets by the late pianist and the alive clarinetist, when I dis-

TOP 40 JAZZ ALBUMS

CASH BOX • SEPTEMBER 5, 1992
1 HERE'S TO LIFE (Verve 511879)
4 UPFRONT (Elektra 61272) DAVID SANBORN 2 14
5 GRP ALL-STAR BIG BAND (GRP 9672) GRP ALL-STAR BIG BAND 3 5
6 HEAVEN AND EARTH (Reprise 26849) AL JARREAU 4 5
7 BLUE INTERLUDE (Columbia 48729) WYNTON MARSALIS SEPTET 6 11
8 SECRET STORY (Geffen 24468) PAT MEHTENY DEBUT
9 NEXT EXIT (Columbia 48530) GROVER WASHINGTON Jr. 12 13
10 TESTIFYIN'! (Blue Note/Capitol 98171) THE BENNY GREEN TRIO 9 5
11 THE VIBE (Novus/RCA 63132) ROY HARGROVE 8 16
12 JUST AN ILLUSION (EM199400/ERG) NAJEE DEBUT
13 IN TRIBUTE (GRP GRD2006) DIANNE SHUUR 5 36
14 BORN AGAIN (GRP 9675)
15 ALL THE WAY (Sire/Warner 26955)
16 TURNING POINT (Blue Note/Capitol 98170) KEVIN EUBANKS 13 5
17 REFLECTIONS (Atlantic 82345) BOB BALDWIN 19 16
18 3 DAY WEEKEND (GRP 9663) KIM PENSYL 21 27
19 DO I EVER CROSS YOUR MIND (GRP 9669) GEORGE HOWARD 11 18
20 RE-BIRTH OF THE COOL (GRP 9679) GERRY MULLIGAN 15 9
21 QUE ALEGRIA (Verve 837 280) JOHN MCLAUGHLIN 22 16
MIDNIGHT SUN (A&M 5391) HERB ALPERT DEBUT
23 THREE WISHES (GRP 9674)
24 FOURPLAY (Warner Bros. 26656) FOURPLAY 26 47
25 KISS MY AXE (Mesa Blue Moon 79751) AL DIMEOLA PROJECT 20 24
26 HEADS UP (GRP 9673)
28 KEEP IT RIGHT THERE (Novus/RCA 63131) MARION MEADOWS 24 18
29 FROM THE SOUL (Blue Note/Capitol 986362) JOE LOVANO DEBUT
30 THROUGH THE EYES OF LOVE (Warner Bros.) RANDY CRAWFORD 25 18
31 HAUNTED HEART (Verve 513 078) CHARLIE HADEN QUARTET WEST DEBUT
32 BENNY RIDES AGAIN (GRP 9665) EDDIE DANIELS & GARY BURTON 27 18
33 HEART OF GOLD (Columbia 47509) ELLIS MARSALIS 28 24
34 INDIAN BLUES (Candid 79514) DONALD HARRISON 29 11
35 THE BRASIL PROJECT (Private 82101) TOOTS THIELEMANS DEBUT
36 SIMPLY STATED (Columbia 48903) TERENCE BLANCHARD 18 13
37 TO DIZ,WITH LOVE (Telarc 83307)
DIZZY GILLESPIE WITH VARIOUS ARTISTS 31 9
38 THIS IS A RECORDING (Warner Bros. 26655) FLIM AND THE BB"S DEBUT
39 EARLY ALCHEMY (GRP 9666) ACOUSTIC ALCHEMY 32 23
40 NO BORDERS (GRP 9676) DON GRUSIN DEBUT

covered a couple of things. For one, the CD also included another album: The Blue Three at Hanratty's (the Blue Three being Wellstood, Davern and drummer Bobby Rosengarden), an album originally out for a minute on ChazJazz. Chiarascuro, you see, recently acquired the small but quite tasty, catalogue of ChazJazz, whose brightest moment was the recording of the two Ralph Sutton/Jay McShann albums, The Last of the Whorehouse Pianists, which Chiarascuro also just put out on CD (both albums on one disc).

Anyway, the other thing I noticed was the following note: "Unhappily there are no unissued selections suitable for reissue from these sessions, even though there were perhaps a dozen takes of each song. We don't think it is proper to reissue things that have fluffs or recording

problems..."

It seems that those who reissue jazz records have forgotten that key thing about unissued takes: they were unissued for a reason. It's nice to be reminded that mistakes aren't necessarily suitable for reissue, any more than reissues of books should necessarily have chapters that were deleted in the editing process or characters that never made the author's final draft. I'm not taking an anti-alternate take line here (hey, give me all the Charlie Parker, Bix Beiderbecke and Thelonious Monk you can find), but it is good to remember that sometimes things should stay on the cutting room floor.

lf I was a jazz artist, I'd have an erase clause in my contract-the takes you don't use, you lose. I'm glad they don't, but I would.



UK

By Chrissy Iley



PLEASE, OLIVIA, PLEASE: If you imagine Kylie 20 years on, you get Olivia Newton John. Still a golden girl with sand-colored skin. Still pussycat-eyed, beautiful really, still Australian-sounding, despite the Malibu crack in her voice. But more amazingly, still deliberately vacuous. She offers a sugar-spun evasiveness to every probing question, leaving you not knowing if she is incredibly dumb or incredibly clever.

She looks frail, but she is boot-leather tough, a survivor of terrible haircuts, unattractive romances and critical appraisals like, "If white bread could sing it would sound like Olivia Newton John.'

Her career has swooped from saccharin success in the early days, alongside Cliff Richard, to the rather obvious high octane sex sell of the Grease period, to the quiet "let's save the dolphins" environment-friendly tunes of recent years that no one ever bought.

It's all chronicled on Back to Basics: The Essential Collection 1971-1992. Olivia wants to talk about the new songs on the album penned by hired hitmakers Georgio Moroder and Diane Warren. She is reticent about casting her eye back to the songs of her youth and whatever it is they symbolize. And with that same embarrassed squidgy smile that we got from Kylie when she said, "I can't bear to watch myself singing 1 Should Be So Lucky'," Olivia says, "I could never sing 'Banks of the Ohio.' It's just not me."

When pressed about why, and I mean really pressed, she says, "It has an innocence.

Once the innocence was lost, she wanted to flaunt it. There's a vague sense of transferring emotional hurt into sexual appetite. Olivia's most high impact period was "Physical," Grease, where she was a woman rediscoverd with lithe lascivious limbs clad in whatever was the late-'70s equivalent of Lycra. The toothy grin was replaced by the Spandex pout.

Press clippings from the period says This is the real me, I have discovered myself. Rather like after Kylie met Hutchence, when she took drugs, borrowed Madonna's image of corsetry and leather, and sang about sexual healing as if she was the world's authority.

Livvy had an even more cossetted existence. And what might have looked to the world like a commercial move into another market was probably an inner volcano. A sexual awakening had gone on that became a sexual insomnia that strutted, pumped and grinded across the video screen.

"It was an evolution. I became myself. I don't think I knew who I was until I was 33. Meeting Matt (her now husband and former dance partner, Matt Lattanzi) was certainly part of it. I felt lucky, I felt happier, less desperate."

Olivia desperate?

"I was never comfortable with myself. Age brought confidence. I finally stopped making the same mistakes again and again. I was always confident singing, but never speaking. I left school at 15, and I always felt that everyone else in the class got it and I didn't. I was in a dream world, I couldn't concentrate. Not because I was driven, I didn't become ambitious until much later. Ambition was a dirty word. I would have been offended by it, although now it's a compliment; it meant being grabby when I started off. I was such a different person. I came to England and TV shows happened by accident. All I thought of was going back to my boyfriend in Australia for that white picket fence. "Physical' is a 1980s story. I like you, let's go.' It's not a very

responsible image for now," she says, suddenly bringing the platitudes in when she thinks she's revealed too much. Now she wants to talk about environmental issues because she wants to build a better world for her child, the most important thing in her life.

The right career moves and the wrong men—including an affair with Bruce Welch of an intensity that almost devastated him when she broke off-meant that she waited a long time before conceiving. A couple of miscarriages since have added to the preciousness of Chloe.

Olivia's own childhood was painful, which may go some way to explaining her overattentiveness. "It was one of those things that I didn't realize until much later, well into my thirties, how unhappy I'd been. My parents divorced, and although that's nothing now, in smalltown Australia it was looked down upon. My mother was shunned because she was beautiful and single and the other women felt threatened. I only saw my father twice a year-it was a nice relationship, but a distant one. Looking back on my patterns with men, I think it was the start of some problems, but I never acknowledged it at the time.

"It made me insecure. I felt their break-up was my fault. I felt guilty and very lonely."

She talks in a whispery voice, except when she's talking platitudes. It's a real struggle for her to say anything intimate. So when she does, it makes you really like her, and makes you think, Who'd want to be Michelle Pfeiffer when you could be Olivia Newton John?

You don't imagine Olivia as someone who has suffered, you imagine her full of pap and plastic. She's always been quiet about what goes on in her inner sanctum, which led one to suspect she had none, when in fact it is probably too murky and deep.

She touches on a recent experience where her best friend's daughter, the same age as Chloe exactly, Chloe's best friend, died of cancer. Together they have set up a foundation to research possible cause of cancer brought on by environmental pollution. "Because I feel it's my responsibility. For the first time, I'm not afraid to speak out."

Despite the fact that it's been a very difficult year, with her clothing empire, Blue Koala, bitten into oblivion by the recession, Olivia is not diminished by it. (In addition, since this interview, she has been diagnosed with breast cancer).

We worked really hard, put everything into it, did our best, and we failed. But that doesn't mean that I must carry on with a sense that I'm a failure. Everything that has gone wrong I have learned from and evolved. I've already told you too much. This is the happiest I've ever

I'm really not sure if I should believe her, but then there is the possibility of Grease 3 to consider. The story has been scripted: several years on, in the mid-'70s, in a commune where there's free love and free drugs, Olivia's children rebel into responsibility.

If John and I like the script, we'll definitely do it. Aha."

She smiles, Stepford Wife smug, and I want to say to her, "Please, Olivia, please don't do it." But Chloe is screaming that she wants to go on the swings, and I notice that my face is frozen into a similar creepy smile and there's nothing I can do about it.



RHYTHM & BLUES

By M.R. Martinez

DUET AND DO IT AGAIN: Producer Michael J. Powell recently finished work on a duet by "Queen of Soul" singer Aretha Franklin and pop singer/jazz guitarist George Benson for the latter's forthcoming Warner Bros. album...Producer Narada



Michael Walden may be on his way to the UK to put in some work on vocalist Mica Paris' next album for Island Records...Chuckii Booker (whose Atlantic Records album is reviewed below) has been in production on Lalah Hathaway's next album for Virgin Records.



Smooth Bee of Def Jam/Columbia recording act Nice N' Smooth recently jammed the box at New York's Central Park where Sony Music Entertainment inc. co-sponsored a premiere/after party for the big screen comedy Mo' Money. The Smooth One was rewarded for his work with some lovin' by actress/choreographer Rosie Perez (I) and Almayvonne Dixon, who co-starred in Mo' Money.

RICHIE LEAVES MOTOWN: Singer Lionel Richie, one of the last vestiges of the old Motown Records creative regime, is on his way to Mercury Records for whom he is scheduled to deliver his first product in the spring of 1993. Mercury president Ed Eckstine has indicated he is not deterred by the five-year drought between Richie's 1987 album Dancing On The Ceiling and his current Back To Front. Jheryl Busby, Motown president and CEO, praised Richie for his more than 20 years of contributions to Motown as a solo act and in the beginning as a member of The Commodores. It is hardly a major jump for Richie, Motown and Mercury are both distributed by PGD.

DRIVIN' SPIKE: Film writer/producer/director Spike Lee is slowly launching his record label, Forty Acres and a Mule, which is distributed by Sony Music through Columbia. He held a coming out party for label executive vp Lisa Jackson and recording artist Lonette McKee at the Jack The Rapper Family Affair in Atlanta. McKee starred in Lee's film Jungle Fever.

REVIEWS

CHUCKII BOOKER: Niice 'N Wiild (Atlantic 82410-4). Producer: Chuckii Booker.



It's been three years since Chuckii's self-titled debut album and the #1 R&B tune "Turned Away." This album demonstrates what international exposure as the opening act and musical director on Janet Jackson's "Rhythm Nation" tour, kudos from the likes of the late Miles Davis and a fresh dose of enthusiasms can do. A well-defined pop/soul/hip-hop landscape, the lp travels from the broiling, adventurous grooves of "Love Is Medicine," the cheeky fun of the funker "I Giit Around" and the

respectful nod to traditional funk on "Soul Trilogy" and the title track, to the sumptuous production and keyboard work on the first single, "Games" and "With All My Heart." It's hard to believe he plays just about all the instruments.

TOP **75** R&B ALBUMS

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CASH BOX • SEPTEMBER 5, 1992
FUNKY DIVAS (EastWest/Alco 7912-2) En Vogue 1 21
2 BOOMERANG(Original Motion Picture Soundtrack) (LaFace/Arista 26006)
4 BACK TO FRONT (Motown 37463633) Lionel Richie 4 14
5 UNPLUGGED M-TV (Columbia 52758)
6 BORN INTO THE 90'S (Jive 41469) R.Kelly & Public Announcement 6 30 7 FOREVER MY LADY (Uptowr/MCA 10198) Jodeci 7 60
8 3 YEARS 5 MONTHS & 2 DAYS IN THE LIFE OF (Chrysalis 21929)
Arrested Development 8 18
9 COMFORT ZONE (Wing/Mercury 843522) Vanessa Williams 9 24 10 DANGEROUS (Epic 45400)
11 XODUS (Polydor 13225)
12 F.UDON'T TAKE IT PERSONAL (Jive 41470) Fu Schnickens 11 2
13 THE WOMAN I AM (Warner Bros. 26296) Chaka Kahn 13 1
15 REAL LOVE (Arista 18679) Lisa Stansfield 15 40
16 KEEP IT COMIN' (Elektra 61216) Keith Sweat 16 4
17 SPICE I (Jive 41481)
19 INNER CHILD (Motown 363192) Shanice 19 40
20 PRIVATE LINE (EastWest 91777) Gerald Levert 20 4
21 T.E.V.I.N. (Owest/Warner Bros. 26291)
23 DEAD SERIOUS (Atco/EastWest 91827)
24 BROTHERHOOD CREED (Gasoline 46823) Brotherhood Creed 25 1
25 COOLEYHIGHHARMONY (Motown 6320) Boyz Men 24 60 DON'T SWEAT THE TECHNIQUE (MCA 10594) Eric B. & Rakim 27
27 MACK DADDY (Def American 26765) Sir Mix-A-Lot 26 2
28 CYPRESS HILL (Ruff House/Columbia 47889) Cypress Hill 28 3
29 BURNIN' (MCA 10439)
30 RADIO FUSION (Virgin 91658) College Boyz 30 11 MO MONEY(Original Motion Picture Soundtrack) (Perspective/A&M 1004)
Various Artists 35
92 EMOTIONS (Columbia 47980) Mariah Carey 32 4
33 ALYSON WILLIAMS (OBR/Columbia 45417) Alyson Williams 33 1 34 LOVERS LANE (Motown 6342) M.C. Brains 34 2
35 DIAMONDS AND PEARLS (Paisley Park/Warner Bros. 25379) Prince 31 4
36 WHAT'S THE 411 (Uptown 10681) Mary J. Blige DEBU
37 2ND II NONE (Profile 1416)
39 HOUSE OF PAIN (Tommy Boy 1056) House Of Pain DEBU
40 HERE I GO AGAIN (Atlantic 82352) Glenn Jones 40 2
41 THE POWER OF LOVE (Epic 46789)(P) Luther Vandross 41 6 42 LOW END THEORY (Jive 1418) A Tribe Called Quest 42 4
43 DEEPA (Atlantic 82393)
44 2 PACALYPSENOW (Interscope/Atlantic 91767) 2 Pac 43 2
45 GOT S**T ON MY MIND (Luke Records 91830) Luke 45 2 46 CHECK YOUR HEAD (Capitol 98938) Beastie Boys 46 1
47 STILL IN LOVE WITH YOU (Pendulum/Elektra 612371) . Meli'sa Morgan 47 1
48 MR. SCARFACE IS BACK (Priority 57167) Scarface 48 4
49 TIME FOR LOVE (Capitol 44855) Freddy Jackson DEBU 50 FINALLY (A&M 5381)
51 DEEP COVER(Original Motion Picture Soundtrack) (Epic ZK 75330)
Soundtrack i 51 1
52 MECCA AND THE SOUL B (Elektra 60948) Pete Rock & C.L. Smooth 52 53 VOLUME III JUST RIGHT (Virgin 91771) Soul II Soul 54
54 ACT LIKE YOU KNOW (First Priority/Atlantic 7101) MC Lyte 55 4
55 DIFFERENT LIFESTYLES (Capitol 92078) BeBe & CeCe Winans 53
56 AFFAIRS OF THE HEART (MCA 10355) Jody Watley 56 2 57 AIN'T A DAMN THING CHANGED (Ral/Columbia 47373) . Nice & Smooth 57 4
58 WHITE MEN CAN'T JUMP(Original Motion Picture Soundtrack) (EMVERG
98414)
59 DAILY OPERATION (Chrysalis 21910) Gang Starr 36 1 60 MEN AT LARGE (Atco/EastWest 92159) Men At Large 60
31 HEAVEN AND EARTH (Reprise 26849)
62 THROUGH EYES OF LOVE (Warner Bros. 26730) . Through Eyes Of Love 61 1
63 UNFORGETTABLE (Elektra 61049) Natalie Cole 63 64 SEX AND VIOLENCE (Jive 41470) Boogle Down Productions 39 2
65 AS RAW AS EVER (Epic 47310) Shabba Ranks 65 3
66 APOCALYPSE 91THE ENEMY STRIKES BACK (Def Jam/Columbia 47374)
67 KIZZ MY BLACK AZZ (Priority 53802)
68 A WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING (Mercury 848368) Black Sheep 49 4
69 WE'RE GOIN' OFF (Handisc 8815) Clay D. & The New Get Funky Crew 69 1
70 NEARER TO YOU (Atlantic 82328)
72 POISONOUS MENTALITY (Effect/Luke 3006) Poison Clan 72 1
73 THE KINGS OF BASS (Joey Boy 3004) Bass Patrol 73 1
74 CHIC-ISM (Warner Bros. 26354)
10 COLOR RED DID (CHARLES) 1

CASH BOX CHARTS

TOP 100 R&B SINGLES



#1 SINGLE: Baby Face



TO WATCH: Miles Davis #42



HIGH DEBUT: Gerald Levert #55

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1	GIVE U MY HEART (La Face 2-4026) Babylace feat, Toni Braxton 11 8	49 IF YOU FEEL THE NEED (Mercury 866784) Shomari	48	15
2	JAM (Epic 74333)	58 KICKIN' IT (Virgin 12594)	53	2
	KEEP ON WALKIN' (A&M 1598) CeCe Peniston 3 13	51 IN THE CLOSET (Epic 4537) Michael Jackson		
	THEY REMINISCE OVER YOU (T.R.O.Y.) (Elektra 64773)	52 I'LL BE THERE (Columbia 74330) Mariah Carey	50	11
	Pete Rock & C.L. Smooth 4 13	53 I MISS YOU (Columbia 74313) Joe Public	52	14
5	WARM IT UP (RuffHouse 74346) Kris Kross 1 9	54 COMMITTED (Jive 864) Third World	57	3
6	END OF THE ROAD (Motown 374631) Boyz II Men 23 6	55 CAN YOU HANDLE IT (EastWest) Geraid Levert	DEB	JUT
7	YOU KNOW WHAT I LIKE (Warner Bros. 18901) El DeBarge 9 14	56 SOMETIMES I RHYME SLOW (RAL/Columbia 38-74167) . Nice & Smooth	54	14
8	I'VE BEEN SEARCHIN' (NOBODY LIKE YOU) (Atlantic 8754)	57 I WANNA LOVE YOU (Giant 18950) Jade	58	3
	Glenn Jones 10 16	53 DREAM COME TRUE (Delicious 89546) Brand New Heavie		
	JUST MY LUCK (Columbia 74171) Alyson Williams 12 11	59 REAL LOVE (Alpha Int'l 787000) Lorenzo		
_	SOMEBODY'S BEEN SLEEPIN' IN MY BED (Capitol 44825) . Gary Brown 13 9	60 MOVE ME NO MOUNTAIN (Virgin 12585)		
_	I COULD USE A LITTLE LOVE (RIGHT NOW) (Capitol 44855)	61 HOW ABOUT TONIGHT (MCA/Arista 1-2420) Eugene Wilde		
	Freddy Jackson 14 6	62 CROSSOVER (RAL 74173)		
	BABY BABY BABY (Arista/LaFace 1-4928)	63 SYMPIN' AIN'T EASY (Motown 348823) Boyz II Men	62	! 8
	WHEN YOU'VE BEEN BLESSED (MCA 54376) Patti LaBelle 6 15	64 A LITTLE MORE LOVE (Arista 2449) Lisa Stansfield		
14	MR. LOVERMAN (From Deep Cover) (Epic 74257) Shabba Ranks 7 14	65 REAL LOVE (Uptown/MCA 93621)	66	5
	THE WAY LOVE GOES (Mercury 866782) Brian McKnight 20 11	PEOPLE EVERYDAY (Chrysalis 50397) Arrested Development		
	NEVER SATISFIED (Giant/Reprise 18981)	67 IT'S NOT HARD TO LOVE YOU (Reprise 18872) Al Jarreau		
_	BRAINSTORMING (Motown 2170) M.C. Brains 21 9	68 I'M STILL WAITING (Uptown 54451) Jodec	70	, 4 1 2
	USE ME (Atco/East West 64258) Men At Large 16 15	69 ALONE WITH YOU (Warner Bros. 19008) Tevin Campbell 70 BREAKDOWN (Luke 152) Luke	70	, ,
$\overline{}$	MONEY CAN'T BUY YOU LOVE (Perspective 0011) Ralph Tresvant 22 7 GIVING HIM SOMETHING HE CAN FEEL (Atco/EastWest 98560)	71 WHY ME BABY (Elektra 64777)		
	En Vogue 17 11	72 WISHING ON A STAR (Epic 74343) Cover Girls		
	YOU REMIND ME (From Strictly Business) (Uptown/MCA 54327)	73 WELCOME TO THE GHETTO (Jive 42085) Spice One	76	3 2
	Mary J. Blige 18 17	74 7 DAYS 7 NIGHTS (MCA 54093) Sue Ann Carwell		
	SILENT PRAYER (Motown 2165)	75 SWEET NOVEMBER (Atlantic)	DE	BUT
	HUMPIN' AROUND (MCA 34342) Bobby Brown 24 3	76 ALL THE WAY LOVE (Tabu/A&M 0180) Larry Springfield		
24	DEPEND ON YOU (Capitol 44824) BeBe & CeCe Winans 19 14	77 SCHOOL ME (Atco/EastWest 98577) Gerald Levert		
	SLOW DANCE (Jive 42093) R. Kelly/Public Announcement 28 5	78 THROUGH THE TEARS (Pendulum 64728) Meli'sa Morgan		
26	UPTOWN ANTHEM (Tommy Boy 519) Naughty By Nature 29 9	79 ALL OF MY LOVE (Epic 74322) Kathy Sledge		
27	THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE (A&M 28968100)	80 STILL IN LOVE WITH YOU (Taboo 0106)	81	1 4
	Luther Vandross & Janet Jackson feat. BBD & Ralph Tresvant 25 14	81 WHO WILL I CHOOSE (Atco/EastWest 623591) Chris Bender	82	2 6
28	WHATEVER IT TAKES (Atlantic 4589) Troop 26 14	82 CAN I GET WITH YOU TONIGHT (Atlantic/Interscope 98628) Truth Inc.	78	13
29	WE DIDN'T KNOW (Arista 1-2420) Whitney Houston & Stevie Wonder 27 13	83 LET'S GET NAKED (LaFace 2-4014) Highland Place Mobsters	85	5 2
_	YOU CAN MAKE THE STORY RIGHT (Warner Bros. 18873) . Chaka Kahn 33 7	ROCK THE HOUSE (Pump 19113) The Chill Deal Boyz		
	DO IT TO ME (Motown 2160) Lionel Richle 30 17	DID YOU PRAY TODAY (Giant/Reprise 18871) Lisa Taylor		
-	SHE'S PLAYING HARD TO GET (Jive 42067) Hi-Five 34 4	30 I ADORE MI AMORE (EMI 50395) Najee	89	, 2
	THEY WANT EFX (Atco/EastWest 4-96206) Das EFX 31 18	87 I'VE GOTTA HAVE IT (Solar/Epic 74548) 3rd Avenue	83	11
	FOREVER IN YOUR EYES (Perspective 0009) Mint Condition 32 17	88 BABY GOT BACK (Def American 18947)	84	+ 6
	ALL ABOUT HER (Atco/EastWest 98555)	89 THAT'S THE WAY I LIKE IT (Mega Int'l 1001) King B & The New Jack Crew	DE:) (5 DIIT
_	JUMP AROUND (Tommy Boy 526) House Of Pain 41 9	JUS LYKE COMPTON (Profile)	שטע	3UI
	DO UNTO ME (Warner Bros. 10037)	MY DESTINY (Motown 2176) Lionel Richie	94	5 2
	TENNESSEE (Chrysalis 23829) Arrested Development 36 20	MIC CHECKA (Atco/EastWest 96159)	75	11
_	YOU CAN'T SEE WHAT I CAN SEE (MCA54427) . Heavy D. & The Boyz 46 9	93 JUST MAKE ME THE ONE (RCA 62204) Tyler Collins 94 I ADORE YOU (Perspective 7403)	, QF	8 J
	DON'T SWEAT THE TECHNIQUE (MCA 54418) Eric B. & Rakim 38 9	95 ONE MAN WOMAN (Motown 2156)		
	JUST FOR TONIGHT (Mercury 865888) Vanessa Williams 39 14 THE DOO BOP SONG (Warner Bros. 18930) Miles Davis 47 2	96 SCENARIO (Jive 42056) A Tribe Called Quest	92	16
	STAWBERRY LETTER 23 (Warner Bros. 18919)	97 HELLUVA (MCA 54350)	90	10
	MY KINDA GIRL (Atlantic 87466)	98 JUMP (Ruffhouse/Columbia 38-74197) Kris Kross		
	COME AND TALK TO ME (Uptown/MCA 54175) Jodeci 42 22	99 NEARER TO YOU (Atlantic 87477)	77	11
	NO PLACE LIKE LOVE (Pendulum/Elektra 64756) Chris Walker 43 15	100 BREAKING MY HEART (Perspective 0004-032) Mint Condition	98	15
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RAP/DANCE MUSIC

THE RHYME

By M.R. Martinez



After a show at the Westbury (Connecticut) Music Fair, Elektra entertainment rap duo Pete Rock and C. L. Smooth met backstage with Pete Rock's cuz Heavy D. Heavy D. and the Boyz made a pop call on the set. Pictured in the back row are (I-r): G. Whiz of Heavy D. and the Boyz; Eddie F. of Heavy D. and the Boyz and president/CEO, Untouchables Management; an unidentified dancer for Pete Rock; Pete Rock; and Heavy D. Pictured up front are (I-r): dancer Tim Dawg and C.L. Smooth.

NURSE THAT RAP: Mother Goose is now Mama Goose and she's throwin' down some inside lingo to bumpin' beats for the pre-teen set on Nursery Raps, MCA Records' collection of 13 hip-hop versions of traditional nursery rhymes performed by some of the storytelling genre's most enduring characters. Humpty Dumpty is now Humpty D and MC Gander is the narrator. There's Mix Master Mary and the Brothers Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum. They hail from a place called "Rapland," which is the outgrowth of a vision created by the veteran music and television creative brain trust of Eric Allman, Dexter Moore and Kevin O'Donnell. Moore, senior director of writer/publisher relations for BMI, says the project started two years ago when he and Allman, a classically-trained composer who has worked on projects like Disney's animated program Jungle Book Reunion, were discussing how there really was very little hip music out for the pre-teen boppers. "There's a baby boom goin' among adults that grew up with rap, and they all want something for their kids to listen to," Moore says the idea is to entertain them, but also give them some subliminal messages about do's and don't's without hitting them over the head." Moore, Allman and O'Donnell, who is president of RainForest Entertainment and producer of network television toons such as Hammerman and Inspector Gadget, did a three-song demo of nursery rhymes converted to the hip-hop vibe and thought they would shop a deal, when Casey Cole Ray, daughter of the late Nat King Cole heard the sounds and decided to finance the album. The finished project came to the attention of MCA Records Group chairman Al Teller and, Moore says, the Nursery Raps production concern (For Kidz, Inc. in conjunction with Just For Them Productions) were signed to a long-term deal. Moore and Allman are joined by a mix of veteran and unknown voice-over artists to render the raps on this disc. "We wanted the focus to be on the characters and not famous celebrities," Moore says. He says that For Kidz is "definitely' exploring options such as home video, a weekly toon and other visual markets for the concept, as well as exploration of non-traditional marketing avenues such as schools, churches and kids' organizations.

GET ALONG: Bob Bryan recently completed work on the video to the song "Can We All Just Get Along"—by the group Civilized Nation featuring Doug Pryor—and is trying to complete a trifecta in the rap video circuit. Bryan, head of Bryan World Prods., recently completed a series of national commercial spots for St. Ides Malt Liquor featuring Los Angeles rappers Ice Cube and DJ Pooh. A veteran director/producer/cameraman, the Los Angeles-based filmmaker is actively developing projects for Atlantic Records A*Vision, including long-form videos and video profiles for such artists as Gerardo, Yo-Yo, En Vogue, Tori Amos and others.

TOP 30 DANCE SINGLES

CASH BOX • SEPTEMBER 5, 1992
1 JUMP! (Sunshine 1-2456/Arista) The Movement 10 3
2 JAM (Epic 74334)
3 RUNAWAY (Elektra 66424) Deee Lite 2 11
4 RHYTHM IS A DANCER (Arista 1-2445)
5 DON'T CURSE/YOU CAN'T SEE WHAT I CAN SEE (Uptown 54428/MCA)
6 TAKE ME BACK TO LOVE AGAIN (Epic 74212) Kathy Sledge 4 18
7 KEEP ON WALKIN (A&M 1598) CeCe Peniston 5 12
8 RAIN FALLS (Virgin 96173) Frankie Knuckles Featuring Lisa Michaelis 6 11
9 EVERYBODY IN THE PLACE (Elektra 66411) The Prodigy 12 5
10 THEY WANT EFX (Atco EastWest 0-96206) Das EFX 9 17
JUMP AROUND (Tommy Boy 526) House of Pain 17 11
12 EVERYBODY'S FREE (TO FEEL GOOD) (Epic 74444) Rozalla DEBUT
13 THEY REMINISCE OVER YOU (Elektra 64773) Pete Rock & C.L. Smooth 11 12
14 WARM IT UP (Ruffhouse/Columbia 74377) Kris Kross 1 9
15 NEVER BE ANOTHER ONE (Acid Jazz 5322) Colonel Abrams 15 7
16 BABY GOT BACK (Def American/Reprise 0-40233) Sir Mix-A-Lot 13 18
17 SWEAT DANCE (Warner Bros. 40248)
18 MY PEACE OF HEAVEN (At∞ EastWest 96153) Ten City DEBUT
19 TOO FUNKY (Columbia 74352) George Michael 18 9
20 KILLER (Sire/Warner Bros. 0-40230) Seai 19 17
21 DON'T STOPPLANET ROCK (Tommy Boy 1052)
Afrika Bambaataa & The Soul Sonic Force 21 9
22 ANOTHER MINUTE (SRC 14035/Zoo) Cause & Effect 22 3
23 TENNESSEE (Chrysalis/ERG 23829) Arrested Development 24 17
24 LOVE YOU ALL MY LIFETIME (Warner Bros. 40377) Chaka Khan 23 11
25 KEEP IT IN THE CLOSET (Epic ESK 4537) Michael Jackson 20 17
26 MOIRA JANE'S CAFE (Cardiac 3-4023) Definition of Sound 25 18
27 MIC CHECKA (Atoo 96159/EastWest)
28 NU NU (Mercury 866 445) Lidell Townsell 26 15
29 STILL IN LOVE WITH YOU (Pendullum/Elektra 66438) Mell'sa Morgan 27 14
30 MY LOVIN' (YOU'RE NEVER GONNA GET IT) (Alco EastWest 0-96194)
En Vogue 14 17

TOP 30 RAP SINGLES

CASH BOX • SEPTEMBER 5, 1992
1 CROSSOVER (Rai 74173/Chaos)
2 DON'T SWEAT THE TECHNIQUE (MCA 2192) Eric B. & Rakim 2 12
3 FAKIN' THE FUNK (Wild Pitch 50402) Main Source 25 2
4 JUS LYKE COMPTON (Profile 5372) DJ Quik 7 5
5 I WANT TO BE FREE (Jive 42068-2)
6 JUMP AROUND (Tommy Boy 526) House of Pain 4 11
WELCOME TO THE GHETTO (Jive 42085) Spice 1 10 7
8 WARM IT UP (Ruffhouse/Columbia 74376) Kris Kross 3 10
9 MIC CHECKA (At∞ 96159/EasWest) Das EFX 9 3
PEOPLE EVERYDAY (Chrysalis 50397) Arrested Development 14 2
11 ROADRUNNER (Violator/Relativity 1123)
12 THEY REMINISCE OVER YOU (Elektra 64473) . Pete Rock & C.L. Smooth 6 15
13 HOME GIRL DON'T PLAY DAT (Atco/EastWest 4-96171) Yo Yo 8 12
THE DOO-BOP SONG (Warner Bros. 18930) Miles Davis 18 5
15 TAKE IT PERSONAL (Chrysalis 23848/ERG)
360 DEGREES (WHAT GOES AROUND) (Elektra 64708) Grand Puba 19 2
17 XODUS (Polydor/PLG 863033-1) X-Clan 12 12
18 THIN LINE (Virgin 98544) Kid Frost 13 7
19 BACK TO THE HOTEL (Profile 7367)
20 GHETTO RED HOT (Columbia 3817439) Super Cat 17 10
21 STROBELITE HONEY (Mercury 866 869) Blacksheep 20 11
22 PARTY OVER HERE (Giant 0-40406) Lord Finesse 21 10
23 SO WHAT'CHA WANT (Capitol 15847) Beastle Boys 22 6
24 EXPLANATION OF A PLAYA (Ruthless 7011/Priority)
25 LET IT ALL HANG OUT (Atlantic 87470)
HERE IT COMES/BACK TO THE GRILL (Rai 74414/Chaos)
MC Serch DEBUT
27 DON'T CURSE/YOU CAN'T SEE WHAT I CAN SEE (Uptown 54420'MCA)

 28
 BRAINSTORMING (Motown 2170)
 M.C. Brains
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 UPTOWN ANTHEM (Tommy Boy 519)
 Naughty By Nature
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 BIG MAMA (Livin Large LLC-102)
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FILM/VIDEO

TOP 30 VIDEO REVITALS

	CASH BOX • SEPTEMBER 5, 1992		
1	HOOK (Columbia TriStar)	2	3
2	THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE (Hollywood)	1	3
3	PRINCE OF TIDES (Columbia TriStar)	DEB	UT
4	WAYNES WORLD (Warner)	DEB	UT
5	CAPE FEAR (MCA/Universal)	3	3
6	GRAND CANYON (Fox Video)	9	3
7	BUGSY (Columbia TriStar)	5	3
8	RUSH (MGM/UA)	14	3
9	STOP! OR MY MOM WILL SHOT (MCA/Universal)	6	3
10	HEARTS OF DARKNESS: A FILMMAKER'S APOCALYPSE		
(Pa	ramount)	DEBU	T
10	JUICE (Paramount)	18	3
11	SHINING THROUGH (Fox Video)	8	3
12	THE COMMITMENTS (Fox Video)	25	3
13	FREEJACK (Warner)	26	3
14	FATHER OF THE BRIDE (Touchstone)	7	3
15	THE ADDAMS FAMILY (Paramount)	4	3
16	STAR TREK VI: THE UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY (Paramount)	10	3
17	FRANKIE AND JOHNNY (Paramount)	24	3
18	KUFFS (MCA/Universal)	12	3
19	MY GIRL (Columbia TriStar)	11	3
20	RUBY (Columbia TriStar)	19	3
21	JFK (Warner)	15	3
22	HIGHLANDER 2 - THE QUICKENING (Columbia TriStar)	27	3
23	THE MAN IN THE MOON (MGM/UA)	16	3
24	JUICE (Paramount)	18	3
25	DECEIVED (Touchstone)	23	3
26	SHATTERED (MGM/UA)	30	3
27	FOR THE BOYS (Fox Video)	20	3
28	CURLY SUE (Warner)	28	3
29	THE FISHER KING (Columbia TriStar)	29	3
30	THE BUTCHER'S WIFE (Paramount)	21	3

TOP 10 MUSIC VIDEO S

	CASH BOX • SEPTEMBER 5, 1992		
1	PRINCE AND THE N.P.G.: SEXY MF (Warner Reprise Horne Video)	. 2	3
2	THIS IS GARTH BROOKS (Liberty Home Video)	. 1	3
3	BILLY RAY CYRUS (PolyGram Video)	. 3	3
4	MARIAH CAREY: UNPLUGGED +3 (SMV Enterprises)	. 5	3
5	QUEEN: WE WILL ROCK YOU (Strand Home Video)	. 6	3
6	IRON MAIDEN: FROM HERE TO ETERNITY (SMV Enterprises)	. 4	3
7	ELVIS PRESLEY: THE LAST PERFORMANCES (MGM/UA Video)	DEB	UT
8	MR. BIG: LIVE (Vision Entertainment)	DEB	UT
9	ERIC CLAPTON: UNPLUGGED (Warner Home Video)	DEB	UT
10	ROBERT JOHNSON: THE SEARCH FOR (SWV Enterprises)	DEB	UΤ

By John Goff & Milt Petty



The Alarm: Blaze Of Glory

WHETHER AMBLIN' DOWN THE AISLES of a video store or ramblin' with the remote in the couch potato position, the choices one is presented with are enough to straighten the vision of Clarence The Crosseyed Lion or cross the vision of a visionary (Nostradamus comes to mind-he's got a couple cassettes on the shelves. Too bad his agents didn't know about percentages and residuals). If it drives you crazy making decisions, curl up with a book, there are fewer choices required at a library. Movies: old, new, any genre; classics, classically good, classically blah and classically bad. Music videos: again, you name it, it's there. On tube, tape or disc. Videos covering the body (fitness), uncovering the body (XXX-rated), documentaries on parts of the body, parts of the world, people, places and things, animals, insects! AHHHHHH!!! Ad infinitum. Sometimes it makes a person want to not even peek out from under the covers, just remain in the sweet silence of sleep-until the mind runs a commercial or previews some coming attraction with the jump cut editing of a Michael Jackson video or the metaphorical miasma of one of Madonna's that brings one back to reality. In Reality they're here and coming and here are some that are coming: SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER SONGS
RELEASES: The Black Sabbath
Story Volume I, 1970-1978, 58minute vid retrospective released
in conjunction with the group's
new album Dehumanizer. From
Warner Reprise...Queen "Greatest
Hits". from Holly wood
Video...Fuego!—The Videos, Gipsy
Kings from Elektra Musician
Video...From Strand Home Video
a 70-minute The Alarm: Blaze Of
Glory and a four-video boxed set,
Rock 'N Roll—The Greatest Years
featuring James Brown, Stevie
Wonder, Moody Blues, The Roll-

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ing Stones, Chuck Berry, Roy Orbison among others from 1963, 1964, 1965 and 1966, called by Strand's vp, sales, Don Gold, "the definitive Sixties collection."...PolyGram's putting out a Bob Marley doc Time Will Tell, Sammy Kershaw 28-minute package Cadillac Style and children's entertainment, Linda Arnold's World Of Make Believe. Good variety there...Fitness your bag? Warner Reprise Video's got Exercising With The Angel which is "exercise country style" starring Mary Jane Williams (Hank Williams Jr.'s wife, known affectionately to him as "The Angel") moving to the music of hubby Hank's rhythms which are sure to stimulate a good sweat...Opera's in there from V.I.E.W. Video with MAKING OPERA: The Creation of Verdi's La Forza del Destino, a feature-length performance documentary by Canadian filmmaker Anthony Azzopardi. Called a "drama within a drama," vid crosscuts between backstage and day-to-day nuts and bolts of pulling the elements together and rehearsals with the finished product of the Canadian Opera Company...FEATURE FILMS!: An Inconvenient Woman from Prism; Sissy Spacek starrer, Hard Promises, Stone Group; Paris Is Burning, Academy; Mikey, 1mperial horror tale and The Mambo Kings from Warner Home Video, among others...Something for everyone. Choices! Choices...

RHINO HOME VIDEO has announced that the final volumes of its popular *Shindig* series, the 11th and 12th, will be released October 13. These final volumes are *British Invasion Volume II* and *Legends of Rock n Roll*

FILMED SEPTEMBER 28, just days after last year's failed coup attempt, a feature-length film about Moscow's first festival/style rock concert will be available on Warner Home Video October 14. For Those About To Rock is dedicated to Unifieds resisting oppression and celebrating new freedoms in the former USSR and features performances by The Black Crowes, Metallica, AC/DC and Pantera. Russian group Electro Shock Therapy is also captured live. EST's "Bully" has become a popular Russian rock anthem. The video is directed by Wayne Isham (HBO's Billy Joel Moscow Concert video). The release of For Those About To Rock will be supported by a high-visibility national TV and print advertsing campaign.



Dave On Bob

By Milt Petty



David Robbins

"WE'RE NOT GOING TO PUT OUT a soundtrack album for this film," says David Robbins, who worked creatively with his brother Tim on new release, Bob Roberts.

'We're afraid somebody like Rush Limbaugh and his audience or Pat Buchanan and his constituency might take it literally. We're coming at it tongue-in-cheek.'

Thus, for unique reasons, what might have been the best soundtrack album of the year featuring original material may never be released. The music in this film is just too good, too believable.

The story of an ultra-conservative yuppie folksinger, Bob Roberts is a brilliant political satire directed, written and starring Tim Robbins, whose Roberts character is running for United States Senate against incumbent Brickley Paiste, played by noted liberal, Gore Vidal.

David Robbins wrote the music for Bob Roberts, played the guitar parts and helped brother Tim pen the lyrics. "What I'm most proud of," Robbins comments, "is the way the music helps to tell the story."

In fact, while most current films scarcely benefit by the choice of background soundtrack songs that are mere excuses to give an album commercial appeal, the inspired songs for Bob Roberts are an integral part of its message and impact. They have titles and express points-ofview that the political and televangelical Right and the Up With People singing group probably wishes it had conceived. They're songs that celebrate pride in the overzealous accrual of money, "Wall Street Rap"; that play on Dylanesque imagery, "Times Are Changin' Back"; calls-to-arms, "Retake America," "We Are Marching" and "Prevailing Tides"; songs as relevant as this morning's front page.

Inspired by films such as D.A. Pennebaker's Don't Look Back, Rob Reiner's This Is Spinal Tap, remindful of Haskell Wexler's Medium Cool and six years in the making, Bob Roberts is an expansion of a Tim. Robbins' Saturday Night Live sketch. (There is a devastatingly effective Cutting Edge Live Roberts appearance in the film).

Aided and abetted by cameo appearances of Susan Sarandon, James Spader, John Cusack and Peter Gallagher, the film turns the conventional portrayal of a leftist folksinger upside down. Though we never really get to know Bob Roberts "the person," he's a Reagan-era, money-formoney's-sake rich guy, who— with the help of Machiavellian handlers played expertly by Alan Rickman (remindful of Peter Sellers' Dr. Strangelove) and Roy Wise (Twin Peaks)—has his eyes on the Senate seat, and ultimately the White House and fascist political control.

The plot has Roberts and court employing dirty tricks to win the election, their plans only partially foiled by journalist Bugs Raplin (Giancarlo Esposito). Roberts uses his songs, album release timing and MTV-style music video as political tools, supporting players (sweetsinging and clean-looking Kelly Willis with an exceptional vocal performance) as political props in pursuit of this master plan. "It's all live, too," say Robbins. "The film was rejected by all the studios, and ultimately we had to get foreign money from PolyGram International and sell the home video rights to Live Entertainment to get it made at around four million. I was already in the studio with the musicians before I got the word that all the money was there.

"We rejected the notion of writing intentionally bad songs. And we considered several alternatives in discussions about a possible soundtrack. Instrumental versions. Rewriting the lyrics. But we finally decided we didn't want these songs used out of the proper context. Tim

TOP 10 SOUNDTRACK ALBUMS

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1	BOOMERANG (LaFace 26006)	5
2	MO' MONEY (A&M 1004)	5
3	SINGLES (Epic 52476)	5
4	HONEYMOON IN VEGAS (Epic Soundtrax 52845) DEB	UT
5	WAYNE'S WORLD (Warner Bros. 26805)(P)	5
6	THE COMMITMENTS (MCA 10286)	5
7	SISTER ACT (Hollywood 61334)	5
8	BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (Walt Disney 60618) 6	5
9	JUICE (Soul/MCA 10462)	3
10	COOL WORLD (Warner Bros. 45009)	5

MTV TOP **20** VIDEOS

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1	BABY-BABY-BABY (LaFace/Arista)
2	HUMPIN' AROUND (MCA) Bobby Brown 4 4
3	JEREMY (Epic) Pearl Jam 7 3
4	EVEN BETTER THAN THE REAL THING (Island/PLG) U2 5 11
5	NOVEMBER RAIN (Geffen) Guns N'Roses 2 12
6	END OF THE ROAD (Motown) Boyz II Men 11 2
7	LITHIUM (DGC) Nirvana 3 10
8	ALL I WANT (Columbia) Toad The Wet Sprocket 9 6
9	NOT ENOUGH TIME (Atlantic)
10	THIS USED TO BE MY PLAYGROUND (WB) Madonna 6 9
11	HAVE YOU EVER NEEDED SOMEONE SO BAD (Mercury) Def Leppard 17 2
	LIFE IS A HIGHWAY (Capitol) Tom Cochrane 8 11
13	THORN IN MY PRIDE (Def Jam/Reprise) The Black Crowes 14 5
14	GIVING HIM SOMETHING HE CAN FEEL (Atco) En Vogue 10 7
15	HUNGER STRIKE (A&M) Temple Of The Dog 20 2
16	THE ONE (MCA) Elton John DEBUT
17	FREE YOUR MIND (Atco/EastWest) En Vogue 19 2
18	DO I HAVE TO SAY THE WORDS (A8M) Bryan Adams DEBUT
19	SYMPHONY OF DESTRUCTION (Capitol) Megadeth 12 6
20	SHE'S PLAYING HARD TO GET (Jive)

is actually even a better singer than he shows in the film."

The Robbins brothers' political point-of-view is clear throughout. Their father, Gil, appearing as a reverend, was a member of the w.k. folk group The Highwaymen, and sang with the left-leaning likes of Tom Paxton, Harry Belafonte and the Cumberland Three. The notorious Woody Guthrie's beautiful "I've Got To Know" closes the film.

Despite the lack of a soundtrack album, David Robbins should benefit from Bob Roberts in many ways. He and Tim are in the midst of creating a radio project about Christopher Columbus set to air on 400 National Public Radio stations (KCRW locally). The show will explore pre-Columbus indigenous music and the western influence on its virtual disappearance. He also produces a local jazz pop instrumental group, The Freeway Philharmonic, and has written the music of two other films, Robert Downey's Too Much Sun and Bud Cort's Ted And

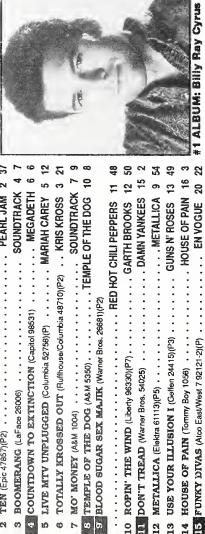
"I'm looking forward to doing a lot more," he says, acknowledging that he expects to get the chance. "I'm an active songwriter. And I would like to put out an album of my own.'

Here's betting that Robbins gets that opportunity.

TOP 200 POP ALBUMS

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GOSPEL MUSIC

Christian Music Video

By Cory Cheshire

Rock, R&B, and rap video have MTV. Adult contemporary and pop video have VH-I. Country music has CMT. Contemporary Christian music video, does not have an outlet to service full-time video play. Yet according to AristoMedia, who annually publishes a status of Christian video outlets, there are currently around 100-110 active Christian video outlets, regionally, nationally, syndicated, and multi-market.

CCM-TV, which began airing July 11 on the Family Channel, is eager to offer its services to this growing trend in Contemporary Christian music. Yet it could be said that this is a cart/horse scenario, because labels are reluctant to put out the money if there is no audience for it (and little return on the money), and CCM-TV and other video shows

cannot run without them. So who goes first?

While StarSong Communications has already activated CCM-TV to world premiere the debut video for In Reach, a new, post modern/pop group, they will be tightening their link to video with the introduction of "Turn Up The Radio, Turn On The Video" in late October. The concept, which also includes The Forefront Communications Group, in conjunction with Family Bookstores, Parable Group Stores, independent retailers and radio stations nationwide, will synchronize Christian radio and video play with retail advertising.

Steve Gilreath, producer for CCM-TV, says that other Christian labels are beginning to use the program for specific marketing plans. While many labels have been hesitant in allotting video production costs in an artist's budget, Gilreath says this is turning around, so that soon the average of one in five artists that get a video, will be two or three artists in five in the next year. "Traditionally a new artist doesn't get a video," Gilreath explained, "but recently there have been four or five artists who have gotten a video done right out of the chute on their first album, and that's been great. I think the labels are starting to see the benefits of that."

The fact that CCM-TV limits its programming to "hip" videos, that are more youth-oriented and less inspirational in content will help to define the market of Contemporary Christian music videos. This breakdown of genres within the gospel/Christian market further evidences the problem of catering to multiple interests, a feat which Christian radio has struggled with for some time. Video programming, as opposed to radio programming, however, does not have to substantiate a 24-hour playlist, and can therefore be more limited in its scope and still fill a half-hour program.

While CCM-TV may be the catalyst for Christian labels to produce more videos, (i.e. single videos and not long-play concept/concert videos), there have been a number of "secular" outlets which have begun servicing Christian videos because of their positive message and

increased production value.

Gaging the success potential of Christian Music Video, Craig Bann of AristoMedia says, "The format has really strengthened over last year due in part to crossover success." According to Bann, the only fallback is the lack of product to justify consistent air time. "The potential is there, with a lot of interest by secular, mainstream, pop shows."

Mando Camina, producer and host of *Mondo Video* and *Video* Sampler, two bi-weekly, predominantly secular video shows shown locally in Texas, has added Christian videos to both 30-minute telecasts, specifically those by artists such as Susan Ashton, Lisa Bevil, Steven Curtis Chapman, and Audio Adrenaline. "For the most part the production is there," says Mando, "but if the message is there, we'll play it. I think the person out there is not so much concerned with production as the message." The response, he says, has been good. "People are glad to see them. The message is clear, and it touches people."

In addition, the Pennsylvania-based *LightMusic*, which began airing nine years ago, has remained committed to videos of "positive value." For the past five years, the internationally syndicated half-hour show, has combined a playlist of mainstream and Christian music resulting

in positive response worldwide.

The Nashville Network (TNN), which services country videos, along with continuous country entertainment programming, has run videos by Christian artists, such as DeGarmo & Key and Steven Curtis Chapman. Country Music Television (CMT) remains partial to "contemporary visual or Southern Gospel appeal" and is currently playing the Bruce Carroll video, "If We Only Had The Heart," featuring Ricky Skaggs.

By Cory Cheshire & Tim A. Smith

PARRIES GOES NATIONAL—Former Sound Of Gospel recording artist Minister Jerry Q. Parries has formed his own label, National Records. Artists signed to the label, which is being distributed by TM

Records, include Parries and the Christian Family Choir and Cheryl Frazier. Contact: National Records, 10716 Hathaway, Cleveland, Ohio

44108, Phone: 216-979-5451.

DAVIS & ASSOCIATES TO REPRESENT...—At the recent GMWA convention in Chicago, the artist management division of the Detroit-based Davis & Associates announced the roster of artists under their representation. They include Wanda Nero-Butler, Light Records; Michael Fletcher & The Michael Fletcher Chorale, Sound Of Gospel Records; The Clara Ward Singers, Tru-Believers Records; Greg Pearson & The Detroit Mass Choir, Savoy Records; Evylyn Turrentine-Agee, CGI Records; Michael Mindingall & Communion, Sound Of Gospel Records. Also, Andrea Harling has been appointed marketing sales consultant, Davis & Associates, gospel division. Contact: Davis & Associates 313-328-7796.

QUAKER OATS COMPETITION A MOUTHFUL—Joining the ever-increasing ranks of corporate-sponsored gospel events, The Quaker Oats Company has announced their Voices of Tomorrow Youth Gospel Choir Competition and UPC/Label Collection Drive. Top choirs will have the opportunity to appear on the nationally syndicated gospel television show, SINGSATION!, as well as have a chance to be featured at the 1993 Chicago Gospel Festival. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$10,000 for their church and \$15,000 in scholarship money. In addition, a church will have the opportunity to earn cash and merchandise through the collection of UPC purchase seals from Quaker products.

AND YOUR HOST, AL DENSON—They weren't shooting hoops or swinging a racquet, but 52 young people between the ages of 16 and 27 got a great summer experience at the first annual Al Denson Music Conference in Dallas, Texas. Denson, a recording artist at Benson, was joined by StarSong's Paul Smith, Benson's A&R director Andy Ivey, Christian comedian Al Fike, and Expo president Steve Gilreath to provide instruction on sound equipment, record production, and offer advice on how to get into the Christian music business.

OF SPECIAL CONCERN—Christian music lyricist and producer Mark Heard passed away recently due to complications from a heart attack he suffered in July. Because of severe financial distress his family is now undergoing, Enclave Entertainment has planned a radio special featuring songs from Mark's projects, including his latest, entitled *Satellite Sky*. The special will be distributed in September. Listeners will be able to make donations to the Mark Heard Family Fund, via a 900 number.

THE GRASS IS ALWAYS BLUER...—Already established in the Christian music market, Brentwood Music, recently announced the formation of a new label, Brentwood Bluegrass. In their pursuit of American music, the label will target a new audience through the same marketing strategy employed for the musical series, "Smokey Mountain Hymns." In addition to The New Tradition, who signed with Brentwood Music in 1990, Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver will share billing on the new label.



Since Inking a deal with the newly established Brentwood Bluegrass, Doyle Lawson and band Quicksilver must peruse the fine print, including parts regarding the release of two new albums on September 1. Pictured are (I-r): Doyle Lawson; Brentwood Music creative director Ed Kee; Brentwood Bluegrass A&R director Jack Jezzro; president Jim Van Hook; marketing director Dean Diehl; Quicksilver member Shelton Feazell; national sales director Don Noes; and Quicksilver members John Bowman and Jim Mills.



GOSPEL MUSIC

Songs of Praise

MAIA AMADA: Maia Amada (Dayspring)

This new female artist comes out of the box with one jamming album! Most of the music is of the urban/pop/dance vein, with some nice slow grooves included for good measure. Vocally, Amada displays influences of Vickie Winans, Mariah Carey and Chaka Khan. What makes this debut album are the "they-just-won't-quit" dance jams. Amada is a pleasant addition to the Christian music family.





■ VARIOUS ARTISTS: Rivers of Praise/A Worldbeat Celebration (Myrrh)

While the creators of this album may have had praise and worship material in mind, (and that is surely accomplished), the album itself is a unique blend of world music that comprises a simple equation of fun, easy listening music. From pure African lyrics to reggae dance rhythms and alternating male/female leads, the album, produced by Michael Harriton, is a clever, enjoyable package

YOUNG ARTISTS FOR CHRIST: Workshop 90

Although this was recorded two years ago, the music is still fresh and vibrant. This live set includes guest appearances from Parkes Stewart, Lisa Page, Rite Choice, Lizz Lee and Yolanda Adams. The progressive direction this project takes musically is one of its many strong





RAY BOLTZ: Seasons Change (Word)

On his Word debut, Seasons Change, Word)
On his Word debut, Seasons Change, Boltz, who wrote or co-wrote lyrics for nine songs on the album, stays pretty universal in theme throughout the entire project. He does manage to engage an edge to each song, if not through lyrics, then through the production, which initiates a rock sound in "Saving Grace" and softens into the finer sounding "I Think I See Gold" by album's end. Feature picks include "The Last Time I Fall" and "Seasons Change."



Dancing Diva-Nicole Coleman is now touring with the Newsboys in support of her new release Wish Me Love on Frontline Records. Coleman worked up a lot of energy last year while singing and dancing on the Amy Grant Heart in Motion Tour. The fivesome (Nicole pictured here with the Newsboys) are setting out for the first of 46 concerts scheduled for this

New Releases...

- 1. STAND STILL UNTIL HIS WILL IS CLEAR (AIR 10180) - Rev. Ernest Davis, Jr.'s Wilmington Chester **Mass Choir**
- 2. BATTLE CRIES (Pakaderm 7012516267) The **Brave**
- 3. PEACE TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD (Pointblank/Charisma 92147-2)- Pops Staples
- 4. SAFE PLACE (Benson 84418-2909-4) Michele Wagner
- **5. TIME IS ALL IT TAKES** (Intense 7-5126-1143-9)— Angelica

TOP BLACK GOSPFI ALBUMS

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1 MY MIND IS MADE UP (Word 48784)		
Rev. Milton Brunson & The Thompson Community Singers	1	22
2 GOD GETS THE GLORY (Malaco 6008) Mississippi Mass Choir	2	32
3 HE'S WORKING IT OUT FOR YOU (Word/Epic 48785) Shirley Caesar	3	32
4 ALIVE AND SATISFIED (Benson 2841) Thomas Whitfield	4	22
5 LIVE IN DETROIT (Malaco 6009) Rev. James Moore	5	13
6 I'M GLAD ABOUT IT (Malaco/Savoy 14804)		
Rev. T. Wright/Chicago Mass Choir	6	26
7 SAINTS IN PRAISE (Sparrow 1240) West Angeles C.O.G.i.C.	7	54
8 THE COUNTRY BOY GOES HOME (Malaco 6010) Willie Neal Johnson	8	13
9 WASH ME (Tyscot 1401) New Life Community Choir/John P. Kee	9	64
10 DIFFERENT LIFESTYLES (Capitol 92078) BeBe & CeCe Winans	10	58
THANK YOU JESUS (Savoy/Malaco 14811) The New York Restoration Choir	12	11
12 LIVE (Malaco 4450) Dorothy Norwood/No. Ca. G.M.W.A. Mass Choir	11	56
13 FAMILY AND FRIENDS VOLUME 3 (Selah/Sparrow 1507) Ron Winans	13	28
14 HE LIVES (Savoy 14807) Shun Pace Rhodes	14	55
15 HOPE OF THE WORLD (Tribute 790113) New Jersey Mass Choir	15	14
16 NOW I CAN SEE (Malaco 6011) Florida Mass Choir	17	3
17 THIS IS YOUR NIGHT (Blackberry 2203) Williams Brothers	16	65
18 COME AS YOU ARE (Light 73055) Los Angeles Mass Choir	18	14
19 FOCUS ON GLORY (Benson 8535)		
	19	12
20 CALL HIM UP (Word 9112) Chicago Mass Choir	20	18
21 THE LEGEND LIVES ON (Malaco 4449) Willie Banks	21	9
22 LOOK A LITTLE CLOSER (Word 9112) Helen Baylor		
23 WHEN THE MUSIC STOPS (Sparrow 1324) Daryl Coley		
24 LIVE AND ANOINTED (Malaco 6012) The Jackson Southernaires		
25 A TRIBUTE TO JAMES CLEVELAND (CGI/A&M 85304) . Various Artists		
26 PHENOMENON (Bellmark 71806) Rance Allen		
27 REV. JAMES CLEVELAND/L.A. GOSPEL MESSENGERS (Savoy/Malaco		
Rev. James Cleveland/L.A. Gospel Messengers		
28 HE'S PREPARING ME (AIR 10162) . Rev. E. Davis/Wilmington Mass Choir		
29 MUSIC & ARTS SEMINAR (Recorded Live In L.A.) (Fixit 8224)		
Edwin Hawkins	29	10
30 NEVER LET GO OF HIS HAND (New Haven 200142)		
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31 TIME IS RUNNING OUT (TM 1007) Adoration-N-Prayze		
32 I DEDICATE MY LIFE (TM 1007)		
	32	7
LIVE (Benson 2815)		
34 CHURCHIN' WITH THE TYSCOT SINGERS(Tyscot 9115)John P. Kee RE		
35 INTERPRETATIONS (Shekinah 022058) Valerie Boyd		
36 YOU CAN MAKE IT IF YOU TRY (Savoy/Malaco 14809)		
Carnell Murrell & The Newark Community Choir	35	9
37 COMIN' HOME (Grace/Spectra 3001)		

THROUGH THE STORM (Tribute/Spectra 790113) Yolanda Adams 33 48

TESTIMONY (Sparrow 1283) Richard Smallwood 39 10

40 BACK TO BASICS (Word 1903) Nicholas 40 11

GOSPEL MUSIC

Chicago Hosts 25th GMWA

By Tim A. Smith

THOUSANDS UPON THOUSANDS of singers, musicians, radio and television personalities, industry types, and just plain, everyday lovers of gospel music converged on the city of Chicago for a week of gala activities at the 25th Annual, Silver Anniversary edition, of the Gospel Music Workshop of America, "Where everybody is somebody."

Along with the standard conclave of classes, workshops, musical presentations, and record company-sponsored luncheons, this year's convention initiated an influx of new and innovative concepts, all falling under the campaign slogan, ''The Dawn Of A New Era.''

Following are capsule-highlight sketches of some of those innovations:

AN INDUSTRY FORUM—The industry forum dealt with the problems facing the relationship between retail and record companies. The forum, which became heated at times, included a panel of Teresa Hairston, Score Magazine; Demetreus Alexander, Warner Bros. Records; Bobby Jones, Bobby Jones Gospel-BET; Jackie Patillo, Star Song Records; Roger Holmes, Sierra Management; George W. Stewart, Spectra Distribution; Chris Squire, WDAS AM/FM-Philadelphia; Jeff Powell, Malaco Records; Vicki Mack Lataillade, Sparrow Records; and Walt Cooper, Boston.

The forum kicked off with a mini Take 6 press conference. The idea behind the conference was for the group to explain the reasoning behind their absence from the workshop. Group member Claude McKnight explained, "Because of our strenuous tour schedule, we were never able to come to the workshop, but we've always wanted to be a part. We are part of the family." Regarding the music, McKnight stated, "We are not a traditional gospel group. We believe in taking the message outside of the gospel spectrum. There are all kinds of slices to this gospel music pie, and we are just one of the slices."

NEW ARTIST/INDEPENDENT MANUFACTURERS SHOWCASE—

This new addition to the workshop drew a lot of rave reviews during the week. New, unsigned artists from all across the country performed before A&R representatives, as well as other industry types, with the hopes of securing that ever-elusive recording contract.

The evenings were topped off with independent labels showcasing their rosters of talent. Labels participating included Sound of Gospel Records, Platinum Disc/Message Music Records, TM Records, and Suite 9 Records. Adding to the excitement was the presence of some of gospel music's marquee artists who witnessed some of the talent and shared an encouraging word. Included among those were Tramaine Hawkins, Sandra & Andrae Crouch, Richard Smallwood, Vanessa Bell Armstrong, O'Landa Draper, Ben Tankard, and Donald Malloy.

Also new to the workshop was the concept of simultaneously held music showcases. These "after hours" showcases were featured under the guise of contemporary, traditional, and quartet styles.

On the recording end, sessions were held featuring the GMWA Youth Mass Choir, recorded by Sweet Rain Records; the GMWA Male Chorus, recorded by PepperCo Records; and the GMWA National Mass Choir, recorded by Benson Records. The latter session included a special 25th anniversary recording, featuring some of the top songs presented at the convention during its 25-year existence.

Climaxing the week of festivities was the presentation of the GMWA Excellence Awards.

Accolades go to GMWA chairman Al Hobbs, executive director Ed Smith, and their staff of tireless working volunteers for putting on a first-class event.



BACKSTAGE FOLLIES—Catching one of the few slow moments during the recent Bobby Jones Gospel Explosion in Nashville are (I-r): George W. Stewart, director of black gospel, Spectra Distribution Inc.; Bonita Tankard, wife of Tribute vice president, Ben Tankard; Yolanda Adams, Tribute recording artist; and Phil Nicholas, Command recording artist, with wife Brenda and son Phil Jr. (P.J.).

TOP 30 BLACK GOSPEL SINGLES

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1 MY MIND IS MADE UP (Word 48784)		
Rev. Milton Brunson & The Thompson Community Singers	1	5
2 IT'S GOOD TO KNOW JESUS (Malaco 6008) Mississippi Mass Choir	2	5
3 I STOOD ON THE BANKS (Malaco 6009)	4	5
4 HE'S WORKING IT OUT FOR YOU (Word/Epic 48785) Shirley Caesar	3	5
5 JESUS IS REAL (Tyscot 1401) New Life Community Choir/John P. Kee	5	5
6 THROW OUT THE LIFELINE (Sparrow 1319) West Angeles C.O.G.I.C.	6	5
7 MASTER CAN YOU USE ME (Savoy 14804)		
Rev. Timothy Wright & The Chicago Interdenominational Mass Choir	7	5
8 I KNOW I'VE BEEN CHANGED (Savoy 14807) Shun Pace Rhodes	8	5
9 JESUS IS THE LIGHT (Benson 8535)	·	
Hezeklah Walker & The Fellowship Crusade Choir	9	5
10 JESUS IS ALL THE WORLD (Tribute 1160)		
	15	5
MEDLEY (Benson 2841) Thomas Whitfield	13	5
12 VICTORY IS MINE (Malaco 4450)		
Dorothy Norwood/No. Ca. G.M.W.A. Mass Choir	11	5
13 THANK YOU JESUS (Savoy 14811) The New York Restoration Choir	12	5
14 NEVER SHALL FORGET (Tyscot 40195)		
V.I.P. Music & Arts Seminar Mass Choir	14	5
15 EVEN ME (Tribute 790113) Yolanda Adams	10	5
16 HOW I DEPEND ON YOU (Blackberry 2203) Williams Brothers	16	5
17 HE'S PREPARING ME (AIR 10162) . Rev. E. Davis/Wilmington Mass Choir	17	5
18 I CAN GO TO THE ROCK (Light 75073) Chicago Mass Choir	18	5
19 COME AS YOU ARE (Light 73055) Los Angeles Mass Choir	19	5
20 PRAY FOR ME (Word 9202) Mighty Clouds Of Joy	20	5
21 IT SHALL BE DONE (Sparrow 1234) Daryl Coley	21	5
FOLLOW ME (Tribute 790113) New Jersey Mass Choir)EB	UT
23 WATCHTOWER (Benson 28151) Albertina Walker	23	5
24 YOU BROUGHT ME (New Haven 20014)		
Rev. Lawrence Thomison & The Music City Mass Cholr	24	5
25 A TRIBUTE TO JAMES CLEVELAND VOL. I (CGI 8530) Various Artists	25	5
26 MOVE MOUNTAIN (Faith 1800) Rev. R.L. White/Mt. Ephraim Mass Choir	26	5
27 A SONG OF CONSECRATION (Selah 7507)Ron Winans Family & Friends III	27	5
26 I GIVE YOU JESUS (Shekinah 022058) Valerie Boyd	28	3
29 MEDLEY OF PRAISE (I Am 740212) Alvin Darling	29	5



30 POWER (Malaco 6012) The Jackson Southernaires 30 5

Homeland Records has announced the signing of The James Blackwood Quartet. Joining Blackwood are Ray Shelton, barltone; Ken Turner, Bass; Larry Ford, tenor; and Brad White, keyboards. The first project, produced by Ben Speer, is due in early 1993. Pictured (I-r) are: Shelton, Speer, Blackwood, and Homeland/Canaan's Terry Exley.

Capricorn To Release **Bocephus Box Set**

By Brad Hogue

HANK WILLIAMS, JR., Bocephus, as we've come to know him, is one of the most

commanding figures in country music. As the son of country music's first superstar, Hank Williams, Jr. has not only triumphed over a deadly fall from the side of Idaho's Ajax Mountain, but has also emerged musically from the shadow of his legendary father to become a legend

Dimension of The Hank Williams Jr. Collection 1979-1992

in his own time. Hank's achievements include a 35-year career spanning over 61 albums. In the past 10 years alone, he has received 16 songwriting honors from BMI, posted 10 #1 singles, 13 #1 albums, racked up 20 R.I.A.A. gold album certifications, five platinum album certifications, and one double platinum album certification. He is the two-time winner of the coveted Country Music Association's Entertainer of the Year Award, and the three-time winner of the Academy of Country Music's Entertainer of the Year Award. He also won a Grammy for the video of "There's A Tear In My Beer," which electronically enabled Hank to perform a duet beside his late father.

Hank's story is as old as show business itself. An exceptionally talented individual climbs the ladder to superstardom, only to fall into the surrealistic trap of mental deterioration leading to self-destruction at a very early age. His first-born son, unable to live up to the legacy he carries, falls victim to the same set

of circumstances. Almost. Somewhere before Jr. was totally whiskey-bent and hellbound, he pulled himself up by the bootstraps to eventually emerge as a superstar in his own right, with his own set of fans who were just as comfortable with ZZ Top as they were with George Jones.

Between his near-death experience in 1975, and his landmark album, Family Tradition, in 1979, Bocephus had become a pioneer, one of the outlaws of country music to bridge the gaps between country and rock,

forever changing the retrospect of modern music.

In addition to his fame in the field of country music, Hank's voice is also known to the millions of people who watch Monday Night Football on ABC, for which Hank composed and performed the theme song. It won him an Emmy award, as well as a gold medal from the International Film & TV Festival of New York. He also sings the Hardee's jingle, "Are You Ready For Some Real Food," and his tune "Fax Me A Beer" has been turned into a commercial for Budweiser, who sponsored his 50-city Budweiser Rock N' Country Tour, a multi-million dollar extravaganza with state-of-the-art staging, lighting, and sound showcasing Hank and his eight-piece Bama Band.

The latest release which sports the Williams name is The Bocephus Box—The Hank Williams Jr. Collection 1979-1992, a three-CD longbox set that features 13 previously unreleased tracks including seven live performances and other rarities from the country music superstar. Capricorn Records has announced a November 3 release date for the collection.

Produced by Jimmy Guterman, the 62-song collection presents an anthology of Hank's material, beginning with his landmark album, Family Tradition, through his most recent CD, Maverick. Among the hits included in the set are: "Family Tradition," "Whiskey Bent And Hell Bound," "Dixie On My Mind," "A Country Boy Can Survive," "All My Rowdy Friends Are Coming Over Tonight," "Country State Of Mind," "Born To Boogie," and "There's A Tear In My Beer."

Highlights of the previously unreleased live tracks include Hank Jr.'s version of Aerosmith's "Walk This Way," The Rolling Stones' "Honky Tonk Women," and Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Tuesday's Gone," plus a solo performance of "All My Rowdy Friends Have Settled Down." The box also highlights previously unreleased studio tracks including a version of the Muddy Waters blues classic, "Mannish Boy." The set also includes a 20-page booklet featuring extensive liner notes by producer Jimmy Guterman, comments from Hank Williams Jr. about the songs, and a collection of Bocephus photos and memorabilia. The Curb/Capricorn release will be distributed by Warner Bros.

COUNTRY NEWS BOX —Calendar Events

SRO '92, the CMA's talent buyers extravaganza, is scheduled to take place October 8-10 at the Nashville Convention Center and the Stouffer Nashville Hotel. Twenty-seven of country music's most exciting entertainers are slated to perform during five talent showcases. Following the success of last year's SRO international conference, the SRO '92 agenda will once again include discussion of country music's expanding global presence. CMA will also present a special marketing seminar for SRO attendees, and roundtable discussions will be sponsored by the Nashville Association of Talent Directors and the International Entertainment Buyers Association.

For the third year, SRO will bestow the highest honors in the live entertainment industry, with awards presented in 12 categories, including two new awards for Talent Agency of the Year and Publicist of the Year. Artists slated to perform are: Marty Brown, T. Graham Brown, The Cactus Brothers, Stacy Dean Campbell, Paulette Carlson, Jeff Chance, Confederate Railroad, The Cowboy Jubilee, DeAnna Cox, Dixiana, Darryl & Don Ellis, Evangeline, and Radney Foster. Rounding out the bill are: Cleve Francis, Jimmie Dale Gilmore, Sammy Kershaw, Jeff Knight, Tracy Lawrence, Little Texas, Matthews, Wright & King, Martina McBride, Dude Mowrey, Pinkard & Bowden, Collin Raye, Ronna Reeves, Dennis Robbins, and JJ White. Additional information is available through the CMA's special projects department at (615) 244-2840.

CÂNADIAN COUNTRY MUSIC WEEK is scheduled for the week of September 16-20 in Calgary, Alberta. Just as country music has become the rage in the United States, the same exciting growth is being experienced in Canada. While Canadian stars like Michelle Wright, Prairie Oyster, and George Fox are gaining stateside recognition, many U.S. artists are doing likewise in Canada. Music sales are on the rise in Canada as many of the nation's nightclubs and radio stations are switching to a country format. More acts are touring there, television is devoting more time to country programming, and the CCMA Awards show is one of the top-rated shows on CTV.

CCMA Week, which is described as a type of Fan Fair, Country Radio Seminar, and SRO rolled into one, will include participation by many Nashville music industry personnel including AristoMedia's Jeff Walker and Craig Campbell. For more information contact Melissa

Hambrick at (615) 269-7071.

THE ACADEMY OF COUNTRY MUSIC'S 10TH ANNUAL CELEBRITY GOLF CLASSIC, hosted by Sawyer Brown, will be held Monday, October 12, at Burbank's De Bell Golf Course. Proceeds from the tournament will again benefit the T.J. Martell Foundation For Cancer, AIDS and Leukemia Research, and its West Coast division, Neil Bogart Memorial Laboratory. The entry fee will be \$250 per person for the Texas-style scrambles format. The post-tournament awards dinner and celebration, which will feature entertainment by Sawyer Brown, will be held at The Castaways Restaurant in Burbank. Special hotel rates will be available to participants at the Burbank Holiday Inn. Further information can be obtained from the ACM office at (213) 462-2351.



SOMETHIN' 'BOUT VOTING—Reprise recording artist Kevin Welch, with Fats Kapian backing him up, performed material from his latest album, Western Beat, at Nashville's Tower Records recently. The In-store was done in conjunction with "Rock The Vote." Over 65 people in attendance registered to vote in two hours.

CASH BOX CHARTS

TOP 100 COUNTRY SINGLES



#1 SINGLE: Lee Roy Parnell



TO WATCH: Joe Diffie #33



HIGH DEBUT: Wynonna #55

100 THUNDER IN CAROLINA (Kottage 450095)(CD) Doc Lee 91 9



Total Weeks ▼

#1 INDIE: Doc Holiday #48

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Last Week W WHAT KIND OF FOOL DO YOU THINK I AM (Arista 2431)(CD) 50 THAT'S ME (RCA 622917)(CD) Martina McBride 52 2 Lee Roy Parnell 4 16 51 WORKING MAN (Evergreen 1201)(CD) Daryle Singletary 53 6 2 BOOT SCOOTIN' BOOGIE (Arista 2440)(CD) Brooks & Dunn 2 12 BE MY ANGEL (MCA 54440)(CD) Lionel Cartwright 56 2 3 IF YOUR HEART AIN'T BUSY TONIGHT (Liberty 79295)(CD) Tanya Tucker 3 13 HELP, I'M WHITE AND I CAN'T GET DOWN (Step One SOR-442)(CD) 4 RUNNIN' BEHIND (Atlantic 4639)(CD) Tracy Lawrence 5 11 5 I STILL BELIEVE IN YOU (MCA 54406)(CD) Vince Gill 6 9 54 WALK SOFTLY ON THE BRIDGES (Mercury 670)(CD) Jeff Chance 54 4 6 I WOULDN'T HAVE IT ANY OTHER WAY (RCA 62241)(VL) . Aaron Tippin 9 10 55 NO ONE ELSE ON EARTH (Curb/MCA 54449)(CD) Wynonna Judd DEBUT 56 EVEN THE MAN IN THE MOON IS CRYIN' (MCA 54448)(CD) 7 COULD'VE BEEN ME (Mercury 703)(CD) Billy Ray Cyrus 10 8 8 A WOMAN LOVES (Arista 2428)(CD) Steve Wariner 8 14 Mark Colile DEBUT 9 SHE TAKES THE SAD OUT OF SATURDAY NIGHT (Step One SOR-439)(CD) LAST NIGHT I FELL IN LOVE AGAIN (Ryko 10241)(CD) Jerry Jeff Walker 60 5 58 THAT'S WHAT I'M WORKING ON TONIGHT (Epic 48620)(CD) Dixiana 30 10 59 FOREVER FORGIVING (American Image 1387)(CD) Jerry Lee Lewis 62 4 WARNING LABELS (Epic 74399)(CD) Doug Stone 12 9 11 TWO-TIMIN' ME (BNA 62276)(CD) The Remingtons 11 13 BOTH OF US SLIPPED (Killer 152AA)(VL) Doug James 63 6 LOVE'S GOT A HOLD ON YOU (Arista 2447)(CD) Alan Jackson 15 5 61 YOUR LOVE WON'T GO BAD ON ME (American Image 1387)(CD) YARD SALE (Mercury 665)(CD) Sammy Kershaw 14 11 62 I HOPE YOU FIND A MEM'RY IN THIS SONG (Gallery II 1013)(CD) 14 WHAT KIND OF LOVE (Columbia 7436)(CD) Rodney Crowell 16 10 YOU AND FOREVER AND ME (Warner Bros. 5511)(CD) . . . 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SINGLES

OUT OF THE BOX

■ BILLY DEAN "If There Hadn't Been You" (Liberty/SBK DPRO-79417)

Producers: Chuck Howard/Tom

Shapiro

Writers: Tom Shapiro/Ron Hellard

Album: Billy Dean

"If There Hadn't Been You" assures us that the same guy that misses "Billy The Kid" is still adept at pulling the heartstrings. Dean's vocals are resonant and strong with precise inflections placed synonymously with the major chord changes. In other words, it's a hit.

FEATURE PICKS

■ MARY-CHAPIN CARPENTER with Joe Diffie "Not Too Much To Ask" (Columbia CSK 74485)

Producers: John Jennings/Mary-Chapin Carpenter Writers: Mary-Chapin Carpenter/Don Schlitz Album: Come On Come On

Here's one from Mary-Chapin Carpenter which features "Smokin"" Joe Diffie. It's a traditional duet featuring alternating lead and harmony vocals. Considering the popularity of these two artists, radio should be very responsive.

■ STEVE WARINER "Crash Course In The Blues" (Arista ASCD-2461)

Producers: Scott Hendricks/Tim DuBois Writers: S. Wariner/John Jarvis/Don Cook Album: I Am Ready

Steve Wariner assures of his musical stature with this uniquely penned, up-tempo fiddle kicker which features some excellent musicianship on guitar, bass, harmonica and fiddle.

ALBUMS

■ Chris LeDoux Whatcha Gonna Do With A Cowboy (Liberty 98818)

Whatcha Gonna Do With A Cowboy is traditional country and western music sung by real-life cowboy, Chris LeDoux. As a former world champion rodeo star and Wyoming rancher, LeDoux is quite believable as he sings the self-penned tunes "Call Of The Wild," "Little Long-Haired Outlaw," "Hooked On An Eight Second Ride," and "Western Skies," all of which depict various aspects of the cowboy lifestyle. His style also extends to the tunes he's picked from other writers' material, including the Ed Bruce song, "You Just Can't See Him From The Road," the Chris Waters/Chuck Jones tune, "Cadillac Ranch," and of course the Garth Brooks duet, "Whatcha Gonna Do With A Cowboy."

—Brad Hogue

NEW ALBUM RELEASES

(September 3, 1992) The Bocephus Box—The Hank Williams Jr. Collection 1979-1992—Hank Williams Jr.—(Curb/Capricorn)

(September 22, 1992) No Sir—Darryl & Don Ellis—(Epic)

(September 29, 1992) Del Rio, TX, 1959—Radney Foster—(Arista)

Stacy Dean Campbell

By Brad Hogue and Cory Cheshire

GOING OUT ON A LIMB, we're

going to predict Stacy Dean Campbell to be dancing in the



country music limelight by year's end. At 24, Campbell joins a host of hot young artists who are carrying the message of country music to the unconverted masses. Campbell's boyish good looks, tender voice, and songwriting talents combined with a little creative management give him a package with bankability. Campbell insists that, "I just wanted to come across as real as I could. There's nothing contrived

about it. I'm not trying to convince people I'm something I'm not."

While Campbell isn't trying to be convincing, his Columbia debut is doing just that. Lonesome Wins Again presents an innocent array of emotion which is commanding of critical applause. Although Campbell was largely influenced by Buddy Holly and The Everly Brothers, he was surrounded by country music as a boy. "When I was a kid," Campbell states, "country music was always going around my family. My grandfather listened to all the old stuff—Marty Robbins, Johnny Cash, Jim Reeves, Lefty Frizzell, and that style of music is what I was really influenced by without really realizing it. The more I listened to it, the more I connected with it. I wanted to make an album that was new, and fresh-sounding and contemporary but in the same sense that had all the same elements and influences of those older guys as well as the Everly Brothers and Buddy Holly."

Campbell initially broke into the Nashville scene as a songwriter, signing with Tree Music as a result of his affiliation with Atlantic Records blues guitarist **Judson Spence**, with whom Campbell had written and recorded demos, including "Would You Run," which finally ended up on the *Lonesome Wins Again* album. "I really enjoyed working with Judson," said Campbell. "But when I got signed, and it came time to actually start working on a record, I felt like I needed someone who was more versed in country music. Brent Maher was really into the same kind of music as I was, and we really hit it off." Maher, who is known for his work with The Judds, served not only as the album's producer, but also as a principal songwriter for some of the tracks.

Campbell says, "I don't have a real big ego about my own songs; at least not yet. I haven't been doing this long enough to really feel cocky about it. I consider myself a very young songwriter." Young or not, Campbell's tunes present a mature vision of heartfelt emotions, and his vocals are filled with believable conviction. "I was just proud to get four songs on there," he said. 'There are a lot of great writers out there, and I didn't want to pass up a great song just because it wasn't mine. We just tried to pick the best ones for the album."

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The lead single, "Rosalee," is but a sample of the albums hook-laden, attention-getters. Lonesome Wins Again is rooted in the same brand of intense emotion that sparked Hank Williams' "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry." It's filled with songs containing memorable hooks such as the shuffling two-step of "Baby Don't You Know," or the optimistic swing of "That Ain't No Mountain." Campbell also conveys heart-wrenching poignancy in "Poor Man's Rose" and "A Thousand Times," both of which command a tear or two. The album definitely lives up to its description—steeped in country traditions, yet up-to-date with the fresh en-

thusiasm of youth.

"I hope it's somewhat of a youthful voice," says Campbell. "I think what's going on in country music now is that there are a lot of kids liking it. I guess there were a lot of hat acts, and they thought maybe they could use someone who wasn't. I like to consider my music contemporary and new, but still influenced by the vintage music I grew up listening to. I hope the two can kind of mesh together."



COUNTRY

By Cory Cheshire

HIGH DEBUTS

1. WYNONNA JUDD-"No One Else On Earth"—(Curb/MCA 54449)—#55

2. MARK COLLIE—"Even The Man In The Moon Is Crying"—(MCA 54448)---#56

MOST ACTIVE

1. JOE DIFFIE—"Next Thing Smokin""—(Epic 74415)—#33 2. JOHN ANDERSON—"Seminole Wind"—(BNA 2312)—#40 3. RANDY TRAVIS—"If I Didn't Have You"—(Warner Bros. 5630)—

POWERFUL ON THE PLAYLIST—Lee Roy Parnell nods a fine hello to the #1 slot this week with "What Kind Of Fool Do You Think I Am." The single, from his second Arista album entitled Love Without Mercy, solidifies all the rave reviews he's been receiving since his debut album was released three years ago. "What Kind Of Fool Do You Think I Ant" follows his former single release, "The Rock."

As for big moves this week on the Top 100, Smokin' Joe, is running full steam ahead with an 11-point gain. "Next Thing Smokin''' waits restlessly at #33. Could this be his seventh #1?

Blowing in a pretty strong lead is BNA's John Anderson. From #51 to #40 this week, the new traditionalist is scoring big with "Seminole Wind," the follow-up to "Straight Tequila Night" (#1) and "When It Comes To You (#3)."

INSIDE RADIO—Illinois radio station, WMDH-FM has announced that morning air personality and operations manager Steve Brown has been promoted to station manager. Brown has retired from the morning air slot, but will continue to broadcast at special events for the station. Newly appointed program director, Bob Richards will assume the morning post, while Mike Lees will take over the afternoon spot. All promotions were announced by WMDH general manager, Jack Lich.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

1. FUNNY HOW TIME SLIPS AWAY-Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic)

2. MY SIDE OF TOWN-Dennis Robbins (Giant)

3. NO SIR—Darryl & Don Ellis (Epic)

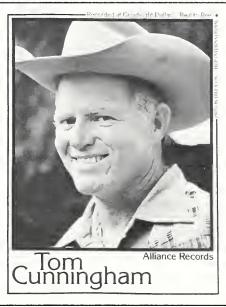
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5. BEFORE I'M EVER OVER YOU-Lee Greenwood (Liberty)

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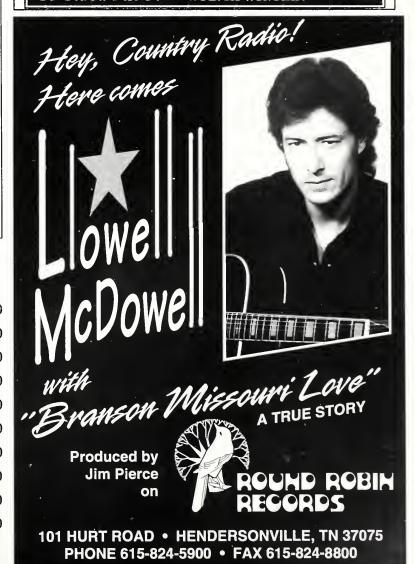
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3. Billy Ray Cyrus Could've Been Me (Mercury)
4. Mark Chesnutt I'll Think Of Something (MCA)
5. Little Texas You And Forever And Me (Warner Bros.)
6. Doug Stone Warning Labels (Epic)
7. Tracy Lawrence Runnin' Behind (Atlantic)
8. Clint Black We Tell Ourselves (RCA)
9. Sammy Kershaw Yard Sale (Mercury)
10. Diamond Rio Nowhere Bound (Arista)

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Llowell McDowell To Release Single

INDIE **INSIGHT**

KENTUCKY SINGER/ SONGWRITER Llowell McDowell has just released his

debut single, "Branson Missouri Love" on Round Robin Records. According to Round

Robin Records' president, Jim Pierce, the song has already been shipped to radio nationwide, and early response indicates there will be enough airplay for the single to chart nationally-quite a feat for a new artist. Prior to his association with Round Robin, McDowell had been playing professionally, touring the country circuit while pushing his many anti-drug songs, for which he gained recognition from Kentucky Governor Wallace Wilkinson. McDowell's love of humanity is also evident in his social work with the Pima Indian tribe near Phoenix, Arizona, where he now lives.

INDIE FEATURE PICKS

■ DEL REEVES & FRIENDS "Achy Breaky Heart"(Playback Records) **Producer: Jim Allison**

Writer: Don Von Tress

Album: Del Reeves: The Silver Anniversary Album

"Achy Breaky Heart" is set to hit the airwaves all over again. Del Reeves, who is renowned for his hilarious impersonations, (as well as for bringing Cyrus to Nashville) brings into the song the likenesses of Johnny Cash, Roy Acuff, Little Jimmy Dickens, James Stewart, and Walter Brennan. Reeves initially performed the song on a TV section of The Grand Ole Opry just for fun. The following few days resulted in hot phones at both The Opry and Playback Records with radio stations requesting the song. Playback president Jack Gale is currently rushing CD singles to radio nationwide. (Apologies to Billy Ray Cyrus & Don Von Tress!)

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By Camille Compasio

NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SALE

of the Jukebox Division of Rock-Ola Manufacturing Corp. have been underway for quite some time now. At this



point in time, however, no final agreement has been reached, according to executive veepee Art Kareff. With regard to the Rock-Ola Vending Division, this, too, has been up for sale and negotiations are still in progress. Should an interested party purchase either one or both of these divisions, said party would have the option to talk about buying the Rock-Ola factory in suburban Addison, Illinois. Rumors have been spreading and Cash Box has received a number of calls regarding this situation; but all we can say right now is keep tuned for further develop-

COOKIN' ON ALL BURNERS! Yes indeed, there's plenty going on at Alvin G. & Company in preparation for AMOA Expo-and thereafter. Prexy Alvin Gottlieb tells us they'll be showing their current AG Soccer-Ball (two-ended pingame), which is in production now and, due to increased worldwide interest in soccer, will remain in production for an extended period of time. Also gracing the Alvin G. & Company exhibit at Expo will be U.S.A. Football, the American version of the twoended pin. Limited quantity shipments of this model will start up in October. Last but not least is World Tour, which is housed in a traditional pinball cabinet and the theme focuses on a far-out rock group performing on a world tour. This one is targeted for late November delivery.

WINDY CITY SHOWING. Atari Games has invited distribs to the Westin Hotel O'Hare in Chicago (9/2) to view the factory's brand new Space Lords (skedded for pre-AMOA production) and the final version of their revised Moto Frenzy mini deluxe game, originally introed in Cannes and sporting a number of new features.

CHECKED WITH ATLAS DIST. PREXY JERRY MAR-**CUS** who reports that, with the exception of a brief slowdown the past couple of weeks, Atlas enjoyed "a good summer season" and, with the anticipated delivery of some new products, expects business to again pick up very shortly. No bad vibes here! Jerry is looking forward to seeing "some interesting new products at AMOA." The date of October 15 was just firmed up for Atlas's post-show open house in its Chicago facilities.

WELCOME TO PREMIER! By the time you read this Stephen Kaufman (formerly of Konami) will have settled into his new post as executive vice president-sales at Premier Technology. We wish him well, of course...And likewise to L.J. Greene, formerly a market analyst at Williams, who recently joined Premier as marketing manager.

DATELINE ST. LOUIS, MO--where we spoke with Audio Visual Amusements prexy Pete Entringer who, along with many of his colleagues, is looking forward to AMOA Expo with great expectations. "Test Collection reports on some of the new products that will be introduced at the show are phenomenal!" he said. Since he is a Seeburg International distributor, our next question focused on the new Skyline c.d. juke. His response, "I feel the new Seeburg 720 Skyline can compete with, and in many cases, be superior to any other laser c.d. jukebox on the market. I am very impressed with the company that has taken over and I am confident they are here to stay and will be around for a long time!"

AS FOR WHAT'S HAPPENING at Data East Pinball—Lethal Weapon 3 is in full production and delivery—and doing big, big business! However, look for a surprise piece at AMOA Expo!

AMOA Jukebox Top 30 FOR MONTH ENDING JULY 1992

CHAR-	LAST	JUKEBOX PROMOTION COMMITTEE TITLE	& MUSIC OPERATORS ASSOCIATION'S ARTIST		
-0	-10	SONGWRITER(S)	LABEL/DISTRIBUTING LABEL		
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1 3 ACHY BREAKY HEART O. VON TRESS (BMI)			BILLY RAY CYRUS MERCURY 866522-7		
2	1	FRIENDS IN LOW PLACES O. BLACKWELL, E.B. LEE (BMI/ASCAP)	GARTH BROOKS CAPITOL 44647		
3	2	SHAMELESS B. JOEL (BMI)	GARTH BROOKS CAPITOL 44800		
4	7	BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY F. MERCURY (ASCAP/PRS)	QUEEN HOLLYWOOD 7-64794		
5	4	WHAT SHE'S DOING NOW P. ALGER, G. BROOKS (ASCAP)	GARTH BROOKS		
6	13	JUMP J. MAULDIN (ASCAP)	KRIS KROSS COLUMBIA 38-74197		
7	5	RODEO L BASTAIN (BMI)	GARTH BROOKS		
8	11	TWO OF A KINO B. BDYD, W. D. HAYNES, D. ROBBINS (ASCAP)	GARTH BROOKS		
9	12	I CAN'T DANCE T. BANKS, P. COLLINS, M. RUTHERFORD (ASCAP)	GENESIS ATLANTIC 7-B7532		
		THE THUNDER ROLLS	GARTH BROOKS		
10 8 P. ALGER, G. BROOKS (ASCAP) EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU			UGLY KID JOE		
12	9	K. B. EICHSTAOT, W. W. CRANE IV (ASCAP) UNOER THE BRIOGE A MEDICAL ME	MERCURY 866632-7 RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS WARNER 7-18976		
13		A. KIEOIS, M. BALZARY (BMI) LET'S GET ROCKED	DEF LEPPARD		
	O.F.	P. COLLEN, J. ELLIOT, R. LANGE, R. SAVAGE (ASCAP) OLO TIME ROCK & ROLL	MERCURY B66S6B-7		
14	25	T. E. JONES, G. H. JACKSON (BMI) PAPA LOVED MAMA	GARTH BROOKS		
15	6	K. WILLIAMS, G. BROOKS (ASCAP) JUST TAKE MY HEART	LIBERTY 57734 MR. BIG		
16	16	E. L. MARTIN, A. PESSIS (ASCAP) NEON MOON	BROOKS & DUNN		
17	10	R. OUNN (BMI)	ARISTA 123BB		
18	18	UNCHAINEO MELOOY ZARET (ASCAP)	RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS		
19	_	CRAZY WILLIE NELSON (BMI)	PATSY CLINE MCA S3 S2 S		
20	14	TO BE WITH YOU E. MARTIN, O. GRAHAME (ASCAP)	MR. BIG ATLANTIC 7-87580		
21	24	STROKIN C. Carter (BMI)	CLARENCE CARTER		
22	20	STRAIGHT TEQUILA NIGHT K. ROBBINS, O. HUPP (ASCAP)	JOHN ANDERSON BNA 62140		
23		THE REAL LOVE BOB SEGER (ASCAP)	BOB SEGER		
24		MY LOVIN T. McELROY, D. FOSTER (BMI)	EN VOGUE		
25	30	SOME KIND OF TROUBLE M. REIO, B. MAHER, O. POTTER (ASCAP/BMI)	TANYA TUCKER		
26	19	NOTHING SHORT OF OYING	TRAVIS TRITT		
27		T. TRITT (BMI) WITHOUT YOU WHAT DO I DO WITH ME R. PORTER, L.O. LEWIS, C. CHAMBERLAIN (ASCAP)			
28		MAMA I'M COMING HOME	OZZY OSBOURNE EPIC ASSOC 74093		
29	-	O. OSBOURNE, Z. WYLOE, L. KILMISTER (ASCAP) GONE AS A GIRL CAN GET	GEORGE STRAIT		
23		JERRY MAX LANE (BMI) MAYBE IT WAS MEMPHIS	PAM TILLIS		

NATIONAL SAMPLING BY RECORD SOURCE INTERNATIONAL (RSI) BASED ON BOTH 45 RPM AND CD POPULARITY.

Mondial And Giant Sign Distrib Pact

CHICAGO—Mondial International Corporation of Pelham Manor, New York and its domestic distribution division, Mondial Distributing, Inc., have reached a distribution agreement with the Giant Gumball Machine Co., Inc. of Grand Prairie, Texas to market Giant's exclusive distributor in South America while Mondial Distributing will exclusively handle the Eastern United States from Maine to Maryland.

"The Giant Bumball Machine is a product that can make money for a long time," stated Mondial Distributing's sales chief Irv Spinak. "I think it will become one of our staples here, along with pool and music."

Fernando Galeb, export sales manager at Mondial International, said, "In South America this piece will go over very well because it's a novelty. We're happy to be working with a firm that has made an innovative product. My customers will love the reliability too," he added.

The Giant Gumball Machine will be on display at the AMOA convention in Nashville at both the Giant and Mondial booths.

Valley Cougar Darts Receives Safety Certification

CHICAGO—After undergoing the most stringent procedures for evaluation and testing of product safety, Valley Cougar Dart games have received approval by MET Electrical Testing Company of Baltimore, Maryland (a nationally recognized testing laboratory) certifying that Cougar Dart models FT-115-WCK comply fully with all UL-22 requirements and stipulations. As a result, these Valley games are authorized to apply the MET mark of acceptance, and, according to Valley, are the only coin-operated electronic dart machines now marketed to have achieved this certification.

"This endorsement is exceptionally gratifying to everyone on the Valley team," declared Richard Shelton, general manager. "It attests to the depth of our commitment to quality in every aspect of our products, because this is an across-the-board safety rating—strength, stability, circuitry, and many other factors. Safety is right up there with components, appearance and customer satisfaction," he continued, "and now we have the safety rating that matches in every way our other preferred features that have taken Cougar Darts to a leadership position."

He also pointed out that, with today's increasing demands for product safety, the MET compliance rating is of special significance to distributors, operators, location owners and players alike. "Cougar Darts can be purchased, located and played at a still higher level of confidence," he added.

Bally's Black Rose

CHICAGO—Midway Manufacturing Company, in its new Bally Pinball, *Black Rose*, has captured all of the thrills and swashbuckling excitement of one of the most colorful periods in history—when pirates ruled the high seas! What we have here is a high sea adventure for players as they go into Pirate's Cove, take a spiraling voyage on the Whirlpool Ramp, cross swords in the power-packed jets, plunge to the depths of Davy Jones' Locker or fire cannon shots to score broadside hits at enemy ships. It's full speed ahead all the way!

From triple play target banks that control torches, gun powder and cannonballs, *Black Rose* features an imaginative, dazzling playfield layout that challenges players of all ages. There are special increasing value combination shots and scoring sequences that can total millions of points; along with 2- or 3-ball Multi-Ball play that explodes with Jackpots and multiple Jackpots as well.

The machine's innovative design is highlighted by a unique cannon activated by a "fire" button on the front control panel for heightened player interactivity and the chance to sink enemy ships. Black Rose also takes full advantage of the Bally pinball exclusive full size Dot Matrix Display with three different video game modes that will have players testing their skills at knife throwing, swinging from the riggings and even walking the plank for a jump into the briny deep and a frantic

swim away from a fast approaching, and hungry, shark!

In addition, *Black Rose* not only features the highly acclaimed Electronic Flipper System and TRU-PITCH level introduced on *The Addams Family*; but is the first Bally pinball to incorporate the Pivoting Playfield slide assembly for easy maintenance.

To complete the package, you've got fantastic graphics, outstanding musical score, sound effects and speech. For further information contact your local authorized Midway distributor or the factory's Roger Sharpe at 312-267-2240.



Bally's Black Rose

Nintendo Will No Longer Produce Coin-Op Equipment

CHICAGO—Nintendo of America will discontinue manufacturing coin-op equipment. However, the factory will continue to provide software for its Super System. Announcement came during Nintendo's recent distributor meeting in Seattle. Further details in next week's *Cash Box*.

Mark Chan To PLE Regional Post

CHICAGO—The appointment of Mark Chan as western regional sales manager at Pioneer Laser Entertainment, Inc. was recently announced by the firm. Chan was formerly amusement sales manager for General Coin Dist. in Portland, Oregon, where he oversaw sales in five western states. Prior to this, he was an amusement sales executive with General Leisure; and had also served as parts department manager for Dunis Distributing. Both firms are located in Portland.

"We feel fortunate to have someone with Mark's enthusiasm and expertise joining our team," stated Jerry Sheaks, national accounts manager for PLE's Laser Juke division.

In his new position, Chan will be responsible for servicing existing accounts and exploring new sales opportunities for PLE's Laser Juke models, the CJ-V99, CJ-V77 and CJ-V55LR, in the western regions of the United States and Canada. He brings 13 years experience in the industry to his new post, along with familiarity with the company's equipment from his previous positions.

"I am really looking forward to coming on board at a company with such a great reputation," said Chan. "My expertise with the product will mean I can hit the ground running and really contribute to PLE's

Chan graduated from Portland State University in 1980 with a B.S. degree in general studies.

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Williams/Midway Offers **Packaging & Electrical** Changes

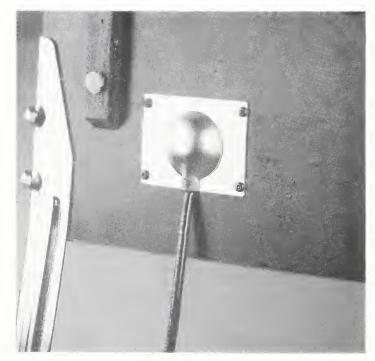
CHICAGO—Williams Bally/Midway recently announced innovations in pingame packaging which will help customers adhere to local recycling laws. In this regard, pingame packaging materials will now be made of honeycomb cardboard blocks; polystyrene will no longer be used as cushioning material.

Additionally, all pinball machines are now being manufactured with an IEC 320 Power Input connection, which is the same power input used on computers. International as well as domestic customers are now supplied with cordsets which will plug into the appropriate electrical receptacle in the field.

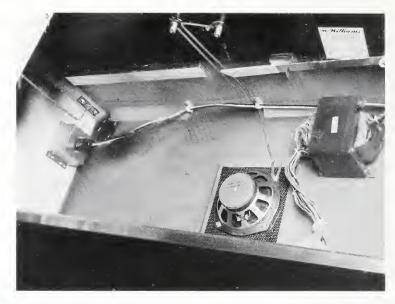
The accompanying photos will further illustrate the procedure. If you have any questions contact Williams Bally/Midway at 3401 N. California Ave., Chicago, 1L 60618 or phone 312-267-2240.



Plug inserts easily through the opening to the iEC 320 receptacle.



Cover plate acts as a strain relief for the line cord, thus preventing it from being pulled out of the socket.



Simplified wiring now extends from the line filter chassis to the iEC 320

Margold Joins NSM-America

CHICAGO—Rus Strahan, president of NSM-America, announced that "redemption expert" John Margold has joined the executive staff of the Chicago-based jukebox manufacturer. Margold's new title at NSM-America is vice president of sales and marketing. He described his responsibilities as follows..."overseeing all sales activities, distributor relations, advertising, promotions, marketing, forecasting...and, undoubtedly, shutting the lights off each night because there's no way I'll be able to get all of this done during the day!" He will report directly to Rus Strahan and is also taking over some of Strahan's day-to-day responsibilities.

The growth here these last two years, and especially this past year has been absolutely staggering," according to Strahan. "And we simply can't handle it all without additional good management backup." He went on to say that "getting John Margold to come aboard was my major goal for the last three months...and is indicative of the exceptional quality of management that NSM-America wants and needs.'

John Margold formerly headed up redemption at Betson Enterprises. Prior to assuming his new position he traveled out to NSM's Bingen, Germany headquarters with Rus Strahan.



John Margold



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