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COVER STORY Dwight Yoakam: This Time Bigger Than Ever

With five gold and platinum albums, Reprise artist Dwight Yoakam has become a superstar. His latest album, *This Time*, has shot to #1 on *Cash Box's* Top 75 Country Album chart in only five weeks, and the single, "Ain't That Lonely Yet," is bulleted at #6. Yoakam discusses his music and more with *Cash Box* Nashville Editor Brad Hogue.

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Getting Jimmy Jam's Perspective

Super producer/songwriter/record executive Jimmy "Jam" Harris talks to M.R. Martinez about he and partner Terry Lewis' various projects including Janet Jackson's next album, their label, Perspective Records, and their work in the African-American community as positive role models.

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Summer Hit Vids

When it comes to hit videos, this summer promises to be one of the hottest in years with loads of box-office smashes and critically acclaimed films coming to the small screen. From Howard's End to A Few Good Men, Cash Box covers it all.

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Dieter Meier: Yello Fellow

Dieter Meier, the lyricist/vocalist from the Swiss techno-dance duo, Yello, relates how he and Boris Blank got together 14 years ago to start the strange and trendsetting musical journey that is spotlighted on their new compilation album/video, Essential Yello.

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P.M. Dawn
(GEE STREET/ISLAND)

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Good Ol' Days LeVert (ATLANTIC)

COUNTRY SINGLE

Alibisl Tracy Lawrence (ATLANTIC)

RAP SINGLE

How I'm Comin'
LL Cool J
(DEF JAM/COLUMBIA)

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Get A Grip Aerosmith (GEFFEN)

R&B ALBUM

Lose Control Silk (ELEKTRA)

COUNTRY ALBUM

This Time
Dwight Yoakam
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FEATURE STORY

Jam, Lewis: Offering A Fresh Perspective On Pop Music

By M.R. Martinez



Jimmy "Jam" Harris and Terry Lewis

JIMMY "JAM" HARRIS AND TERRY LEWIS should have kicked the now defunct TV show *Hat Squad* to the curb. There has been only one real Hat Squad since the mid '80s, and that's the Minnesota Soul Twins of Jam and Lewis, who have evolved from performers (as members of seminal funk ensemble The Time) to songwriters (they've won several ASCAP awards), to producers (they've won Grammys), to new music standard bearers (along with Prince, the architects of the widely-imitated "Minneapolis sound"), to record company executives (the two-year-old Perspective Records) and right on to duties as role models (a circumstance they don't accept casually). They've parlayed success at each stage of their career development into thriving businesses, not only kicking out jams of their own for other acts (they've yet to come with a solo record), but providing an atmosphere where other young talent has been allowed to develop.

"The record company has really allowed us to find and develop new talent," Harris recently told *Cash Box*, during a phone interview from New York, to where he and Lewis had just returned from London after watching Perspective artists Sounds of Blackness and Lo-Key perform. "As producers, we are usually asked to work with the same acts, acts with whom we've had some success. This allows us to break out a little more."

The most celebrated act that Harris and Lewis have developed into pop stardom through their Flyte Tyme Productions is Janet Jackson, whom they kicked into high gear with the 1986 quintuple platinum Control (for which they earned a Producers of the Year Grammy), took her to a higher plateau with 1989's Rhythm Nation (six million copies sold), and for whom they are the chief architects of her Virgin Records debut, simply titled, janet, which has yielded the chart-scorcher, "That's The Way Love Goes." But the list of artists that they've most regularly worked with, including Alexander O'Neal, New Edition, the S.O.S. Band, Klymaxx and Cherelle, have all benefitted from the platinum-plus

touch of Harris and Lewis. A host of artists such as The Human League, Ralph Tresvant, Johnny Gill, Herb Alpert, Gladys Knight & The Pips, Robert Palmer and even Pia Zadora have been anointed with their songwriting and production skills.

But Harris says that the decision to open Perspective Records, distributed worldwide by PolyGram Distribution through A&M Records, has been deferred since 1986. "We've been offered label deals since 1986, but we didn't feel we were quite ready, and frankly we were pretty busy being producers and songwriters," he says. "We knew this would be an eventual progression, but timing was important." He adds that it was "important that we made the record company and production company separate" entities, that people understood that Perspective Records was not the Jimmy "Jam" and Terry Lewis show.

The record company actually began to take shape after the duo began shopping a deal for the Minneapolis based gospel/soul/funk vocal ensemble Sounds of Blackness back in 1990. Their industry Godfather, Tabu Records chief Clarence Avant, urged them to come ahead with a company that would reflect their musical ideals and provide an outlet for fresh talent. "We really began to see the current vision in the early '80s when we decided to leave the performance arena and go behind the scenes," Harris recalls. "Clarence told us that somebody would have to become the next Clarence Avant or Quincy Jones, and that we were the likely candidates."

The duo began preparing for the expansion in the late '80s when they opened a \$3.7 million major studio and office facility in the Minneapolis suburb of Edina, which Harris says, "was bigger than our needs demanded at the time, but we had an eye on the future and figured we could grow into it."

In addition to the Sounds of Blackness (which earned a Best Gospel Group Grammy for their debut *The Evolution Of Gospel*), Perspective has become home to Mint Condition and Lo-Key, a pair of acts that have brought the noise with debut albums. On deck for Perspective are projects by KRUSH, and the Harlem Yacht Club (featuring Time alum Jellybean Johnson). "We were interested in working with groups that are self-contained, groups that can write and produce for themselves," Harris explains. "Most of the acts we looked at seriously could develop themselves without heavy-handed outside production."

But Harris adds that when the company was initially opened, both he and Lewis were active in the conceptual development of each act, giving them the guidance they needed to make the most of their talents in the studio. Time doing that was divided with learning the marketing, promotion and distribution systems of their partners, A&M, and the distributor PolyGram. In fact, Harris explains, the junket to London was to meet with PolyGram's international marketing and distribution teams, "to see how they worked so that we'd have a handle on what was happening to the label's records."

Harris says that the hiring of former Virgin Records black music chief Sharon Heyward to the post of president of Perspective "has permitted us to get back into the studio and make some records," Harris says. "We feel we have a capable staff to run the operations side and permit us to work more on the artist's development side," adding that they've just about stopped accepting unsolicited tapes, and that most of the acts that they consider for the Perspective roster are brought to their attention by colleagues, or other acts on the label.

After all, if they were busy listening to every tape sent to the office or passed on by their staff, Harris and Lewis wouldn't have time to receive the lavish accolades imbued upon them. The duo recently got a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame, and Harris was on hand to receive an award from ASCAP for "The Best Of Things In Life Are Free," from the soundtrack to the film Mo' Money. Additionally, they've been honored for their contributions to the community-at-large, and also for their business acumen. But to hear Harris tell it, the duo was not eager to become icons for youth or role models to steer by. "We don't see ourselves as successful black businessmen," Harris explains. "We are successful businessmen who are black. That may seem like a subtle difference, but it's important to understand that we are people competing in an industry with people from all backgrounds and cultures."

He adds that they have taken on a more visible role in the community as successful African-Americans, noting that, "We feel we have to balance the images that are frequently flashed in the media when black people are depicted as having done something wrong." And so far everything they've done has been right.



McGRATH, PART I: MTV: Music Television, a division of Viacom International Inc., will launch MTV Productions, announced Judy McGrath, executive vice president and creative director and Sara Levinson, exec VP. The new area will focus on the production of projects for network, first-run, and the international marketplace. MTV Prods. will also produce movies for theatrical release that will be financed and distributed by motion picture companies and will work in partnership with Viacom Entertainment to develop projects for TV, giving them a first look at network, first-run and projects for cable exhibition on networks other than MTV.

McGrath and Levinson have tapped Doug Herzog, senior VP, programming to run MTV Productions. Herzog will continue in his current position in addition to taking on the presidency of MTVP.

McGRATH, PART II: The ACLU Foundation of Southern California will honor MTV exec Judy McGrath and entertainment attorney Barry Hirsch of Armstrong & Hirsch at its annual Torch of Liberty Awards Dinner Wednesday, September 22. Both will be recognized for their leadership and contributions to preserving civil liberties and promoting human rights.

McGrath, senior VP and creative director for MTV Network, was responsible for creating the Choose Or Lose and Free Your Mind programs in 1992. Hirsch plays a dual role as both attorney and licensed marriage, family and child counselor. He is one of Hollywood's most prominent lawyers.

MICK RONSON DIES: English guitarist Mick Ronson succumbed to his battle with liver cancer in London on Friday, April 29. He was 47.

In the early '70s, Ronson left The Rats to join David Bowie's Spiders From Mars, which began a long association with Bowie. Ronson also collaborated with Ian Hunter for 18 years, including performing and producing such acts as Ellen Foley and Los Illegals. Ronson also released two solo albums of his own, Slaughter On Tenth Avenue and Play Don't Worry.

Despite his condition, Ronson was very active in the past year producing Morrissey's album, Your Arsenal, and joining Bowie not only onstage at the Freddie Mercury tribute concert but also in the studio contributing to Bowie's latest lp, Black Tie White Noise.

SANTISI/KIDNEY DINNER CHANGED: The dinner committee of the National Kidney Foundation of New York/New Jersey has changed the date of the fete honoring Terri Santisi, exec vp/gm of EMI Records Group North America, as their "Woman of the Year" from Saturday June 12 to Thursday, June 10.

WRIST BREAK BREAKS TOUR: Guns N' Roses rhythm guitarist Gilby Clarke broke his wrist in a fall from a motorcycle on a Castaic Lake motocross course in preparation for a celeb race he was to ride in which would benefit the T.J. Martell Foundation for Leukemia, Cancer and AIDS Research. The fractured wrist forced the band to cancel four shows which had already been rescheduled because of earlier foul weather, and may affect the new 25-concert overseas tour scheduled to start May 22 in Tel Aviv, Israel.



ASCAP recently held its eighth annual Film and Television Awards honoring composers, lyricists and publishers of the most-performed TV and film themes and scores. Pictured (I-r) are: ASCAP president Morton Gould; Maurice Jarre, who was the recipient of the Golden Soundtrack Award; Elmer Bernstein, former Golden Soundtrack winner; Jimmy "Jam" Harris, winner of an award for "The Best Things In Life Are Free" from Mo Money; Verdine White, who was cited for the theme from the TV series, Hearts Afire; and Henry Mancini, another past Golden Soundtrack winner.



Greenberg



Scott





Overton



Steele



Coates



Cannon



Schaeffer

■ Jerry Greenberg has been named president of Michael lackson's newly formed MJJ label. He joins MJJ after holding a similar position at WTG



Records. The company will be based in Sony Music's Santa Monica, CA headquarters. Kass has joined the newly formed independent label Spy Records as chairman. He had been president of Sutra Records. Serving by his side will be Paul Tarnopol, who will be president of Spy. He had been helming his own production company. Vivian Scott has been promoted to vice president, A&R at Epic Records. She joined the Îabel in 1990 as national director, A&Ŕ. 🗷 🗛 🗛 Records has made a couple of appointments. Teresa Ensenat has been named vice president of A&R. She most recently held the same fitle at MCA Records. Kelly Mills has been upped to director of advertising from her prior post as New England promotion manager.

Gary Overton has been named head of BNA Entertainment's A&R department. Before joining BNA in 1992, Overton served as associate director, creative, at Warner Chappell Music. ■ EMI Records Group has announced several staff changes. Michael Steele has been appointed vice president, pop promotion. He was with MCA Records as vice president, Top 40 promotion. Kevin Knee has been named vice president, pop promotion, West Coast. He was a regional promotion manager for the company, based in San Francisco. Also, Jeff Young has been tapped to be national sales manager, EMI Latin. He has been with CEMA Distribution where he was credit manager for the Latin division. MCA Records has named Sheila Coates to the position of senior national director, marketing, Black music division. She was previously senior director, product management/art development at Virgin Records.
Silver D has joined Select Records as A&R representative. He had been a dj for WBLS in New York. ■ Christine Wolff has been appointed New York publicity manager for Warner Bros. Records. She came to the company three years ago as an assistant to the vice president of publicity. Susan E. Niles has been promoted to national director at Warner/Reprise publicity Records/Nashville. Niles came to Warner Bros. in 1984 as national publicity coordinator and has since been national manager, press & artist development.
Ron Elliot has left Step One Records after nine years as national sales manager to take on the same position at Playback Records. ■ Buddy Cannon has been appointed director of A&R at Mercury Records/Nashville. Cannon is an accomplished songwriter and producer. ■
Anne Sarosdy has been tapped by Liberty Records as director of promotion, specializing in college, jazz, NAC, adult alternative, AOR, and AC formats. She was formerly director of national radio promotion for Narada Productions in Milwaukee, WI. Merissa Ide has been selected to head up High Five Production's new Nashville office. Ide was formerly manager of media and artist development at Arista Records.

Cassandra Love has been appointed Black music marketing representative, Northwest branch at Sony Music. She has served as account service rep for the branch since 1986. The Neil Bogart Memorial Fund has named Sony Pictures Entertainment executive vice president Paul Schaeffer as president of its Board of Directors.

PUBLISHING/REVIEW

Cash Box

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By Fred L. Goodman

ASCAP TAPS BOOZ-ALLEN

American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP), at its membership meet in Nashville, announced it has engaged Booz-Allen &

Hamilton management consulting firm to develop the future strategy for the Association. The study will re-examine ASCAP'S structure, positioning, and the impact of shifts in the music industry on the services ASCAP provides its members.

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Gloria Messinger, ASCAP managing director stated, "ASCAP is confronting the same issues facing the entertainment industry today such as rapidly changing technologies, market fragmentation, shifting revenues and the increasing complexity of monitoring usage, licensing, collecting and distributing royalties. We are working closely with Booz-Allen and believe that this study will help ensure that ASCAP will be able to offer its members the highest levels of service in the future."

"ASCAP has asked us to take an objective, in-depth look at the entire operation from top to bottom," said Michael J. Wolf, partner and practice leader for Booz-Allen's Media, Entertainment and Publishing practice. "They want to strengthen their positioning by maximizing any and all opportunities to increase the benefits they deliver to members."

ZOMBA COVERS ALL BASES Zomba Music has announced several new deals covering films, TV, advertising and print. In a deal orchestrated by Neil Portnow, Zomba vp, West Coast operations, and music consultant Steve Love, Zomba will represent the music publishing for RHI Entertainment, Inc. on a worldwide basis. Upcoming projects concerned will be Scarlett, The Magic Johnson Story, Gypsy starring Bette Midler, and the sequel to RHI top-rated Lonesome Dove. On the feature film front Zomba has entered into a similar publishing deal with Capella Films to represent their publishing interests worldwide.

In advertising, Zomba has a deal with New York-based Signature Sound. Signature, headed by Elliot Schrager, specializes in serving music needs of ad agencies. And in the print arena they're in the ink with Columbia Pictures Publications. Among the first releases will be a matching folio for the new lp by Poison.

David Renzer, Zomba senior vp/gm commented, "All of the above deals are 'strategic alliances' that will help in Zomba's continued growth as one of the world's leading independent music publishing companies."

songwriter/producers L.A. Reid and Daryl Simmons to long-term, worldwide co-publishing agreements... Playhard Music (publishing division of Shankman De Blasio Meline Inc.) has signed an exclusive co-publishing agreement with Dougie Dee (in association with Warner Chappell)... BMG Music Publishing has purchased the Lillybilly Music catalogue of writer/artist John Hiatt, who also re-signed an exclusive long-term, co-publishing agreement with the company... Grammy-winning Living Colour has re-signed a long-term agreement with Famous Music Publishing... Cherry Lane Music Publishing Company, Inc. has signed guitarist/songwriter Pete Kennedy to their team of writers... Interscope Music has inked a worldwide, exclusive deal with Brian Alexander Morgan, who wrote and produced seven songs on SWV's smash album.



In the rousing "God Bless America" finale at the recent Eighth Annual Singer's Salute To The Songwriter at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in L.A., hostess Rosemary Clooney was joined by the star-studded cast who had performed throughout the evening. Pictured (I-r) are just a few of the participants: Danny Aiello, Bob Hope, Clooney and Maureen McGovern.

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Dieter Meier of Yello

By Fred L. Goodman



Dieter Meier (r) with Yello partner Boris Blank

WHAT DO THE FILMS Ferris Bueller's Day Off and The Secret Of My Success have in common? Yes, both movies revolve around a brash, young protagonist bucking the system and getting away with it. But the films also share something else. Both get much use out of the quirky, techno-dance tune, "Oh Yeah," the biggest hit to date by the quirky, techno-dance duo from Switzerland, Yello. The "vocalist" of the twosome, Dieter Meier, recently sat down with Cash Box on his day off to discuss the secrets of Yello's success.

Yello was born in 1979 when Meier, who up to then had been a student, professional gambler, member of the Swiss National Golf Team, performance artist and experimental filmmaker, got together with experimental soundmaker and fellow Zurich resident, Boris Blank, through a small record label, Periphery Perfume. "Boris heard my first record," Meier relates, "and was looking for someone who had a similarly strange approach to music."

When Meier heard Blank's music, he'd knew he found a kindred spirit. "Since Boris was 12 years old," Meier says, "he was making collages of sound in his mother's kitchen with tape recorders and anything he could find (i.e. newspaper as a snare drum, spoons on a radiator as a xylophone). He never considered himself avant garde, making intellectual statements. This was his approach to pop music. This is what made his music so original. Basically, he was working with musical samples, before all these sampling machines were around. That's why these kids who work with these elements sort of celebrate Boris as the founder of a whole new experience and movement in sound."

Meier convinced Blank to collaborate on a 30-minute musical piece called "Dead Cat." They have been making strange and trendsetting music ever since. Over the last 14 years, Yello has sold millions of records worldwide, but, more importantly, influenced the development of rap, electronic pop, acid house, new beat, ambient music and techno. In addition, their experimental videos led the way for thousands of images that have flickered across MTV's screen over the past decade.

All that sound and fury has been collected and packaged in a greatest hits compilation titled Essential Yello that has just been released by Smash/Island (Poly-Gram). The album and long-form video contain a motherlode of Yello musical pieces and video dramas, and it is essential to experience both in order to fully appreciate Yello's undeniable and lasting imprint on pop music. Some of the standout selections, in addition to "Oh Yeah," are "The Race," "Vicious Games," "The Rhythm Divine" (featuring a knockout vocal by Shirley Bassey) and "Jungle Bill," which has been remixed and released as the first single from the album.

That the songs get written at all is amazing. Meier confesses that most of the time working with Blank is highly exasperating. "Boris literally lives in the studio," says Meier. "I think he would prefer to be on the moon, totally alone. When I want to hear what he's doing, I have to secretly hide behind a tree in his garden and listen, because he hates being disturbed while he's involved in the creative process. He will turn around and say, 'What are you doing here?' It's still this way after 14 years of collaboration."

Concerning his role as the lyricist/vocalist of Yello, Meier states, "I don't consider myself a rock singer. I create characters with my voice; characters that walk through the sound pictures that Boris paints."

And the two strangest characters in the Yello scenario are Meier and Blank themselves. However, this odd couple has produced a body of work that will continue to stretch the envelope and imagination of pop music for some time to come.

INDUSTRY BUZZ

By Neil Alumkal

Cash Box EAST COAST



Aretha Franklin

SONY MUSIC STUDIOS opened its doors this week on Manhattan's West Side. The multi-million-dollar production complex will be dedicated to Sony recording artists for writing, music and video recording and mixing, live radio and television broadcasts as well as digitally remastering archival recordings dating back as far as the 1920s. "The facility," stated Sony music president Tommy Mottola, "exemplifies Sony Music's commitment to New York City as the worldwide focus for the recording arts." Designed by the Texan, Russ Berger Design Group, the studios are the first multimedia facility of its kind to be built and run by a major music entertainment company solely for use by its family of artists. The city block-size facility, located on 460 West 54th Street, was reconstructed out of the former site of the old Fox Stages where classics like On The Waterfront and The Jazz Singer were shot.

IN THE BACKYARD OF THE WHITE HOUSE, hundreds of thousands of demonstrators assembled for Gay Pride March walked on Washington last week. Though President Clinton made enthusiastic promises to the gay community during the election, he was away in Boston for the weekend and only sent support via a letter. Still, musicians like Melissa Etheridge, Indigo Girls, and of course, RuPaul performed around the mall. Divas Simply Singing including Thelma Houston, Mary Wilson, Brenda Russell, and Marsha Warfield sang at Warner Theatre. The AmFAR dance featured performances including Elton John, Eartha Kitt, and appearances by Phil Donahue, Herb Ritts, and

QUEEN OF SOUL Aretha Franklin wowed audiences last weekend in her televised special, Duets, performing what the name would suggest with Elton John, George Michael, Rod Stewart, Gloria Estefan, Bonnie Raitt and Smokey Robinson. The show also marked the worldwide debut of her newest release, "Honey," which will be featured on Aretha's Greatest Hits From 1980-1993 (Arista) due for release later in the year. The benefit, taped in New York's Nederlander Theatre in late April, is directing all proceeds to the Gay Men's Health Crisis. Franklin followed the performance with two dates in Radio City Music Hall the following week. The legend will also be honored for outstanding achievement on the Essence Awards airing on CBS May 29 from the Paramount Theatre.

By Randy Clark

Cash Box WEST COAST

FUNDAMENTAL FUNDING FOR

FUN FUND: There's always something going on in the way of events scheduled in Los Angeles with various celebrity

types helping charitable organizations raise money for seemingly countless causes, and picking up a little extra good publicity. It's the age we live in. The middle class who pay most of the taxes in this country have little or no disposable income, so the idea is to come up with clever ways to get the needed money. Here are just a few of what the local music business' charities have been up to recently

■ ROCK FOR CHOICE held a concert at the Hollywood Palladium on April 30, featuring some of today's hottest alternative bands to raise money for abortion rights. Over 3,800 fans of groups like the Stone Temple Pilots, Bikini Kill, Bad Religion, White Zombie, Free Kitten with Kim Gordon and King Missile raised \$40,000 for the Feminist Majority Fund.

The show was dedicated to the memory of a Pensacola, Florida doctor who was killed recently by an anti-abortion fanatic outside a women's health clinic where he worked. Dr. David Gunn had been stalked and issued death threats in the weeks preceding his murder by anti-abortion zealots. Since January, three abortion clinics have been burned down in Texas, Montana and Florida and in Southern California, there have been over 20 butyric acid attacks on women's health clinics.

The FMF sponsors voter registration, RU-486 petitions, whatyou-can-do leaflets and reproductive rights information at every concert. Local projects guarantee abortion rights and access to all women. The FMF's National Clinic Defense Project is the largest in the nation. (213) 651-0495 is the num-

CHILDREN FOR THE RAINFOREST, an organization sponsored by local radio station K-LITE along with Sebastian Hair Care products, joined hands with Sting, Bobby McFerrin, Shari Lewis & Lambchop, Shelly Duvall, Daryl Hannah, Mary Kate & Ashley Olson, Hulk Hogan, Nickelodeon's Mark Summers, Walt Disney's Craig & Co., Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, and others to give an afternoon of children's fun and entertainment at the outdoor Greek Theatre on Mother's Day.

A Rainforest Fair preceded the performance at the Griffith Park location with jugglers, crafts, story tellers, face painters, and food from around the world. This is hoped to become an annual event. Proceeds from the event go to preserving the Brazilian Rainforest.

LIFEBEAT, the music industry's organization to fight AIDS is gearing up for project "Counteraid". The one-day event to be held on Saturday, May 22 from noon to 4 pm features music celebrities working as cashiers and salespeople inside participating record retailers in Los Angeles, New York and Nash-

In Los Angeles, Richard Marx, Susanna Hoffs, PM Dawn, Barry Manilow, Eddie Money, 2PAC, Toad The Wet Sprocket, Mark Slaughter, L7, Wendy & Carnie Wilson, Pat Benatar, Jody Watley, Shanice, local L.A. acts Dramarama and School Of Fish, as well as many others not yet announced at presstime will be behind the counters of Tower Records, The Wherehouse, Music Plus, and the new Virgin Megastore in Hollywood. Other record stores participating in New York and Nashville are The Wiz, HMV, J&R, Transworld, and Sam Goody.

Funds will be raised through donations from record companies and retailers plus the sale of Lifebeat/Counteraid merchandise and casual donations at the individual locations. Get up, get out, participate and donate. Next week...

By L. Morgan

Cash Box METAL **MUSIC**



METAL AND ALTERNATIVE collided with no major casualties at this past weekend's Rock For Choice show at the Hollywood Palladium. White Zombie, Stone Temple Pilots and Bikini Kill were awe-inspiring, though the crowd's disregard for the prochoice speakers was dismaying... Is Warrant close to finding a replacement for Jani Lane?... Is a Dokken reunion possible?

ODD PAIRINGS: Soundgarden's Chris Cornell (minus his wavy locks) was recently in town recording a track with Alice Cooper for Cooper's next album. Meanwhile, the band's Matt Cameron and Ben Shepherd are working on their own side project, Hater, which has been described as "Muddy Waters meets Bongwater."... This coming Saturday's KNAC-sponsored Super-star Cross, to benefit the T.J. Martell Foundation will feature pro race car drivers as well as Riki Rachtman and members of Guns N' Roses and L.A. Guns (whose next album promises to be much heavier)... Following the trend of fellow bandmates (Phil Lewis' Filthy Lucre and Traci Guns' Killing Machine) in starting his own thing, L.A. Guns' Steve Riley recently played Club Lingerie in a new band called So What... You'll be kicking yourself if you miss Wednesday's Therapy? show at the Troubadour. Besides the Belfast trio's sonic assault, the show will feature special and obvious surprise guests...should be heavy. Also catch Anthrax, whose first Elektra album Sound Of White Noise should be out in just a couple of weeks, at the Troubadour on May 15 as they continue their tour of small clubs.

RUMOR HAS IT that Stone Temple Pilots may tour drive-in movie theaters with the Butthole Surfers, Quicksand and maybe even an Elvis impersonator... Expect George Lynch to release a solo album in June entitled Hypnotica Erotica featuring performances by ex-Badlands' Ray Gillen and Glenn Hughes... Bassist Anthony Esposito is no longer with Lynch Mob and, on the Winger front, John Roth replaces Paul Taylor... Deconstruction (featuring ex-Jane's Eric Avery and Dave Navarro) is about to go into the studio... Geffen's hard-rockin' Priah (the same band that has two members that made it into Madonna's "Deeper And Deeper" video a while back) will release their debut To Mock A Killingbird in August... Danzig is set to unleash an EP on May 25 featuring four live tracks recorded at Irvine Meadows as well as two new songs and a Elvis cover... Locally, Korn (formerly Creep) will play upcoming club dates throughout May... Out soon: Damn The Machine's self-titled debut on A&M (featuring ex-Megadeth guitarist Chris Poland); the ever-experimental and always rockin' DGC's Galactic Cowboy's Space In Your Face (which includes two hidden tracks); The Last Action Hero Sountrack featuring new songs from AC/DC and Alice (you've heard the rumors) In Chains among others, and Judas Priest's two-disc set, Metal Works. Until next time...

Meatplow Beaty, Big and Bouncy

Cash Box INDIE MUSIC

By John Carmen



Ethyl Meatplow

KEEPING IT TOGETHER in a club scene as restricted and prohibitive as L.A.'s is no mean feat. Live gigs are few and far between, the jaded populace becomes tired of whatever the flavor of the minute is, in-well, a minute, and as far as getting paid goes, dream on. So when one of the city's groovy club acts finally comes out with a full-length debut, it's an event all its own.

Ethyl Meatplow are L.A.'s answer to Chicago's Wax Trax brigade, snarling and noisy, and with the interplay between leader "Wee-Wee" (John Napier) and female sidekick Carla Bouzlitch on top of their pulse, very much in the vein of one-time Wax Trax rulers Thrill Kill Kult. Unlike the oppressively dense Chicagoans or their Teutonic counterparts, the Belgians, Ethyl Meatplow are light on the beat and even lighter on the samples, opting for an airy, quasi-ambient sound. All of which comes together on the band's Dali/Chameleon debut Happy Days, Sweetheart.

Basically a compilation of some of the group's early singles and four new tracks, Happy Days has already sprung one single, "Queenie," into the dance Top 5. The band had toured the U.S. extensively with Nitzer Ebb and had built a large fan base from which to cull the following that will support them as they are headlining clubs in the States for the next eight weeks. Whether or not the band makes an overseas jaunt is, as we all know, up to the unpredictable and inconsistent nature of indie distribution, although Dali/Chameleon is distributed by Elektra in the U.S.

Ethyl Meatplow's real ace-in-the-hole comes from the odd fact that despite being marketed as an industrial act, they are closer to the more traditional "Dance-Oriented Rock" sound of the early '80s, albeit not quite as perky as, say, Blondie, the Waitresses or the band they are frequently likened to, the B-52's. With Napier and Bouzlitch as a sort of new Fred Schneider and Kate Pierson for the collegiates of today, the band could break out of the narrow confines of industrial. Some of the future "hits" may include the catchy "Ripened Peach," the harsh Iggy tribute "Feed" or the new anti-crack anthem, "Devil's Johnson." The token nod to true industrial noise, "Sad Bear," may please those who consider the band part of the grind-the-mind brigade.

Look for Ethyl Meatplow on the road in your little town soon. If their past history is any indicator (dancers and visuals aplenty) this could be the wildest show to hit many or any a town in a long, long time. If not, console yourself with Happy Days, Sweetheart, an antidote to the flannel-bearing grunge warriors that are the staple of U.S. club fare these days. Beats for the feet

that'll do your mean old heart good, I guarantee.



Dwight Yoakam: This Time Bigger Than Ever

By Brad Hogue

ALIKE, Dwight Yoakam's well-kept "cool" and uncompromising commitment to artistic integrity remains an intriguing fixture in an industry incurred with variables. When the 1986 release of *Guitars Cadillacs Etc.* politely introduced Yoakam to his now-devout minions, they were soon hyped to what fans in Los Angeles were already approving—I PLAY HILLBILLY MUSIC BY GOD!

Five gold and platinum albums later, Yoakam has maintained an admirable balance between successful commerciality and overexposure. Additionally, he has made "cameo" appearances with many of his non-country recordings. Dwight's version of "Truckin" was included on the Grateful Dead tribute album Deadicated, "Common Day Man" was recorded for the soundtrack to John Mellencamp's directorial film debut Falling From Grace, the Warren Zevon-penned tune "Carmelita" is present on Flaco Jiminez's solo album Partners, and the Elvis Presley signature "Suspicious Minds" is a standout track recorded and interpreted excellently by Yoakam on the Honeymoon In Vegas soundtrack. While his is clearly an envied throne to occupy, Yoakam is quite reflective of his situation.

"We have a culture that's infatuated with celebrity," the Kentucky native tells Cash Box. "It's a double-edged sword because on one hand, I make my living based on people being infatuated to some degree with my public performance. The other edge to that sword is one that puts too much importance on the indulgence of

that infatuation.

That indulgence has made Yoakam a musical superstar, and his latest album, This Time, may prove to be the most successful thus far. Just five weeks after its release, This Time, has reached the #1 position on the Cash Box Top 75 Country Album chart, with the lead single, "Ain't That Lonely Yet," rapidly approaching the same mark on the country singles charts, and another key cut from the album, "A Thousand Miles From Nowhere," cutting solid inroads at adult alternative stations. Named VH-1's "April Artist Of The Month," Yoakam shares an honor recently bestowed upon Sade (January), Prince (February), and Sting (March). Including exposure on TNN and CMT, this beamed Dwight into nearly 117 million homes during the month of April.

Handling the publicity for This Time is Levine/Schneider Public Relations and Warner Bros. Records national publicity director, Mary Hyde. Buoyed by the tonnage of press, the new album is garnering rave reviews. Time magazine's Ginia Bellafante writes, Enter Dwight Yoakam's musical universe, and you find a lonely barroom high on heartache and low on Southern Comfort. Wander into his real world, and you wonder why the sorrow mill hasn't run dry." Tony Scherman in People Weekly writes, "Too many of today's younger male country artists fail to suggest anything beyond tech-

nical competence and stock sentiments. To Yoakam's credit, he retreats into homespunisms. When he finds it in his complex self to hook up unequivocally with the past, he does it beautifully." Entertainment Weekly's Alanna Nash reflects that "Yoakam pulls off a near miracle: Staying stone country for his hard core following, and turning progressive enough for radio, without alienating either audience." In my own Cash Box review, "The album continues to travel through the highs and lows of emotional intricacy." Yoakam himself says, "Music's the one thing I try not to analyze," but admits This Time is, "The most autonomously voiced album I've made."

It wasn't always music and millions for Yoakam, though. He

and longtime producer Pete Anderson once shared a crackerbox apartment with a kitchen, a bath and a laundry room that doubled as Dwight's sleeping area. Having endured such hardship is arguably one of the reasons for Yoakam's cynical view of economics.

"We've got to do something to make available not only living space on a tenancy basis, but living space that's available and affordable to own. Property ownership is paramount and critical to our continued existence as a democracy. If you and I cannot even

envision ourselves owning a dwelling place, it robs us of one of the most basic aspects of the emotion of hope, which is to have comfort and safety in a domestic sanctuary. Most people can't afford it because it's been put out of reach by the way our society has functioned in the past 25 years. It's unfortunate."

Insights such as this are authentic and believable when coming from Yoakam, and are evidenced by many of the characters portrayed in *This Time*. "Lonesome Roads," a short-story of a country song, for example, closes the project with the line, "Poor ol' worthless me's the only friend I ever made."

As Ginia Bellafante demonstrates in her review, Yoakam's reallife world is not always as serious and sobering. When plans for a European tour supporting If There Was A Way were disrupted by the Persian Gulf War, he took a small role in a Dennis Hopper/Nicholas Cage movie called Red Rock West, which is due for a summer release. He has also agreed to a larger part in a screenplay called Gingersnaps, which will be directed by Peter Fonda. Yoakam is currently warming up for the role under the fellow thespian's direction in a Los Angeles play called Southern Rapture. So much for the European tour, huh?

"After Honky Tonk Man was released, I spent 33 months on the road," Yoakam explains. "By the end of '89 I felt emotionally exasperated. There was a time period when I refused to tour. Yoakam will tour to support *This Time*. In fact, for the first time in over three years he'll be taking it out to the people again in an 80-city North Américan trek which kicks off May 14 in Merriville, Indiana. The first and only three shows to go on sale sold out immediately. "I want to have the same enthusiasm for every show I do this year

that I had in 1985-86 when I was hungry."

Certainly a credit to the genre, Dwight Yoakam's music still hasn't moved as many units of product as many of his musical

siblings. Attribution?

"I think Billy Ray and Garth are a symptom of a desire on the part of a segment of society to react to and hear music that is not as adolescent perhaps as MTV programs. The largest segment of our population is now 28 to 48 years old. The baby boom generation is older. I don't think you would have had Garth Brooks and Billy Ray Cyrus with the kind of phenomenal sales that each of them experienced without the Nashville Network and Country Music

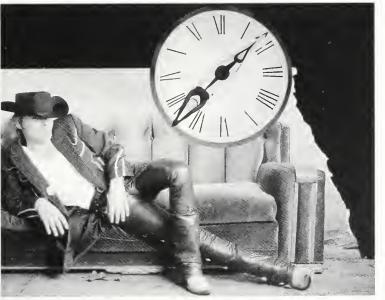
Television, and the impact that they have had on the marketing of country music and its artists. They now impact about twice the number of homes as MTV. Country music is now almost around the clock in 78 million homes. That is an enormous commercial conduit for the genre. That's what distinguishes this current cycle of commercial success for country music from the previous cycles. Whether you're talking about the Urban Cowboy movement of the early '80s, or the outlaw movement of the middle '70s or the countrypolitan movement of the '60s, you've never had a conduit into the majority of the homes in the country before. This opens up an enormous pipeline for artists like



So the country explosion continues, but what is it all about to Dwight Yoakam? "Country music originates with the rural aspects of white America. It's really, truly, rural white America's blues. I embrace country music because of a love of what I came from."

And Sharon Stone?

"I think the gross sensationalism generated by our four-week relationship is a tragic commentary on society's infatuation with any form of celebrity.



TALENT REVIEW

ASCAP Cabaret Songwriters' Showcase VII

By Robert Adels

THE GARDENIA, HOLLYWOOD, CA—For those who mistakenly think they'd rather spend four hours with two accountants than two hours with four songwriters, we offer this accounting of one of the best shows of the year—ASCAP's latest live sampler of fresh and "cult" tunesmiths.

Busy back in New York turning her cabaret material into the musical *Life* Is Not Like The Movies, Francesca Blumenthal provided the opening act in absentia. Whether scouting for dates at the "Museum," facing the evil that lurks in "The Lies Of Handsome Men" or earning adult education credits in their aftermath ("Between Men"), her songs tickle the funny bone while stimulating the mind.

Dramatically delivered by cabaret artists Eileen Valentino and Claiborne Cary, these tunes make us impatient for the day when their Madison

Avenue exec/composer becomes the toast of Broadway.

Carroll Coates has been musically capturing a romantic sense of place ever since Frank Sinatra cut his "London By Night" on the legendary Come Fly With Me album. Coates' new ballads like "A Rainy Afternoon" reveal smaller, more emotional landscapes, but paint pictures just as vivid. His evocative "You'll See" and "The Swing Song" were stunningly performed by Andrea Marcovicci. If you don't find her picture illustrating the term "cabaret singer" in your dictionary, it's time to get a new one.

Special guest Stan Freeman has written special material for Marlene Dietrich (as her concert conductor), Carol Burnett (as staffer for her TV variety show) and The Kingston Trio (as writer of "Merry Minuet" which

gave protest music a much-needed sense of humor).

An awe-inspiring pianist, Freeman exhibits enough musical wit to turn the phone book into a Broadway smash. On a more hilarious, but no less encyclopedic scale, Stan performed a "Tea For Two" send-up—in the styles of Noel Coward, Rodgers & Hammerstein, Kurt Weill and Stephen Sondheim. This side-splitting musical theater history cries out to be captured on video—so we can watch it over and over again.

At his segment's close, Freeman turned the spotlight back on evening emcee and Broadway icon Karen Morrow. Her exuberant warmth proved contagious on two Freeman songs from the show which provided her own

Broadway debut, I Had A Ball.

Songwriter David Pomeranz turned in a closing set that confirmed he's a stronger performer today than he was during his tenure as an MCA and Arista artist. Two gold Barry Manilow hits aside, David's newest material (like his guitar-powered "Reach") exhibits all the rock energy of The Who's

With The Who's *Tommy* shaping up as the Broadway hit of the season, it's no wonder there's talk of moving Pomeranz's London musical *The Little Tramp* to the Great White Way. "Too Many Words" from that score is a power ballad that could hit for anyone from Extreme to Bette Midler. But after seeing Pomeranz perform it, you wonder why he's not a major label top priority himself.

ASCAP's Michael Kerker has produced another showcase to enchant even the most jaded industry vet. What a perfect way to celebrate filing

your taxes!

TALENT REVIEW

Robin Hitchcock & The Egyptians

By Hilarie Grey

THE PALACE, HOLLYWOOD, CA—"WELCOME TO LOS ANGELES, CITY OF FEAR," was the low-growling, mock-Big Brother pronouncement made by British troubadour Robyn Hitchcock, opening his set to peals of laughter from an enthusiastic crowd. "CIRCLE ABOVE L.A. AND WHO KNOWS WHAT LIFE FORMS YOU WILL ENCOUNTER DOWN BELOW."

This monologue set the tone for a laid-back, high-humored set in which the audience would indeed encounter many diverse characters from the Hitchcock grab-bag—the cynics, happy delusionals, nostalgic souls and winsome romantics that populate the songwriter's lovingly crafted melodies.



With the fine supporting talents of The Egyptians—Morris Windsor on drums and Andy Metcalfe on keyboards and acoustic bass (both men also contributed vocals and assorted percussion to the mix)—Hitchcock presented elegant ballads like "The Arms Of Love" and quirky, imagedriven rockers like "Driving Aloud (Radio Storm)" (both from his latest A&M release, Respect) with equal ease. Oddball humor was also in steady supply, evidenced by the elliptical banter between Hitchcock and Metcalfe, a show-stopping, a cappella rendition of '70s disco hit "Kung Fu Fighting," and a twisted parody of Barry White-type growling perversion called "Wafflehead," crammed with psycho-sexual images of syrup, whipped cream and the like, and marked by a chorus of "mmm-mmm's" and

slurping—somewhat frightening on record, but hilarious in concert. Hitchcock's immense talent for crafting full-textured, Beatlesque harmony- driven melodies came through best on some of the more wistful, mony- driven melodies came through best on some of the more wistful, nostalgic pieces like "Winchester," propelled by jingling, mandolin-like guitar work, and the graceful "Railway Shoes," which makes contemplative reference to the recent death of Hitchcock's father ("The ghost of your father is right by your side/He's so close to you that he's almost inside"). Even the somewhat solemn "The Wreck Of The Arthur Lee" generated a hopeful sense of renewal in its little waves of piano crescendo and soaring harmonies surrounding the refrain, "Believe in love."

The multi-faceted, appealing set offered something for everyone, adding to the mystery of Hitchcock's college-and-alternative-only following. Any fan of well-crafted melodies, graceful vocals and intelligent lyrics would do

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well to check out Robyn Hitchcock.

Low-key opening act Murray Attaway, formerly of Guadalcanal Diary, offered a lively, thought-provoking set highlighting tracks from his debut solo release, *In Thrall* (Geffen). Backed by a steady three-piece band, Attaway's Buddy Holly-ish voice drove bright, mid-tempo rockers like "Under Jets" and "Living In Another Time," as well as the pretty, fluttering acoustic "Allegory." The crowd included many Guadalcanal Diary fans, who requested the manic "Watusi Rodeo" (yes, the title is indicative of the musical styles bouncing around in that one), which proved a perfect lead-in for Hitchcock.

TALENT REVIEW

Fool Moon

By Stan Lewis

RICHARD RODGERS THEATRE, NEW YORK CITY, NY—How do you describe a show with no words, tremendous laughs and a killer band? The creators call it Fool Moon, and it's currently running at Broadway's Richard Rodgers Theatre.

Created by and starring Bill Irwin and David Shiner, the evening is filled with exceptional physical comedy and great music by The Red Clay

This show is a mime-free zone, in case you're worried. The two actors are master comics, agile clowns and create an evening of non-stop laughter. Audiences know Irwin from his previous Broadway show, Largely New York and his numerous TV and film appearances including Eight Men Out and Northern Exposure. Shiner was with Cirque de Soleil. The Ramblers are a North Carolina-based band with an eccentric sense of humor that complements their musical talents to a tee. Pay speical attention to their tune "I Crept Into The Crypt And Cried," which tells the story of a lovelorn pyramid-builder ("I slipped into that sepulchre and sighed").

Irwin and Shiner play good cop/bad cop; Shiner is a hilarious malevolent force as he clumps through the audience impatiently searching for his seat; Irwin is desperate to please, whether he's at the mercy of an out-of-control microphone cord or simply begging his partner to behave. The evening will make you forget your troubles and laugh for two straight

FILM/VIDEO/TV

Video Summer Hits

By B. Gregory



A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT (Columbia/Tri-Star): Robert Redford directs this thoughtful film based on Thomas MacLean's novella. The film stars Craig Scheffer and Brad Pitt as two Montana brothers living under the strict, but loving hand of their father, played by Tom Skerrit. The film takes place in the late 1920s and centers around the family's love of fly fishing. A strong performance by Pitt and capable directing by Redford make this film a must rent for people who appreciate good storytelling.



JENNIFER 8 (Paramount): Andy Garcia stars as a burned-out police investigator looking into a string of murders. He meets up with a blind woman, played by Uma Thurman, who can lead Garcia to the murderer or end up the next victim. *Jennifer 8* is good suspense and a good rental movie, especially for a quiet and exciting night at home. The film also stars Lance Henrickson, Kathy Baker and John Malkovich and is from Paramount Home Video.



BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA (Columbia/Tri-Star): Gary Oldman takes a bite out of the screen as one of the sexiest and scariest Draculas yet. With expert direction by Francis Ford Coppola, Dracula boasts an all-star cast including Winona Ryder, Keanu Reeves and Sir Anthony Hopkins. The film won three Academy Awards for its fantastic special effects and costumes. One of the big hits of 1992 is also one of the most awaited films to come on video. Check this one out for a scary night at home. Parents note: This film is very violent and bloody. Please make sure children are prepared before viewing.



A FEW GOOD MEN (Columbia/Tri-Star): Tom Cruise and Jack Nicholson headline this fine military drama with strong supporting performances from Demi Moore and Kevin Pollack. The film was nominated for four Academy Awards including Best Picture. Cruise stars as a military lawyer, living in the shadow of his famous father. He is ordered to defend two privates accused of murdering a member of their platoon. The fireworks erupt in the courtroom when Cruise puts Nicholson on the stand in a very memorable interrogation. If you didn't see it in the theatre, be sure to rent it.





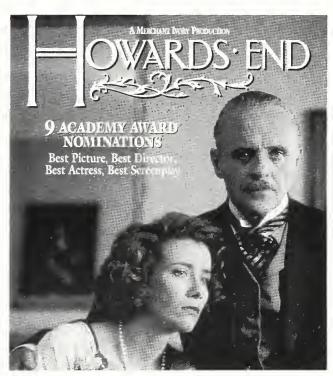


SHADOW OF THE WOLF (Columbia/Tri-Star): Reminiscent of *Dances With Wolves, Shadow Of The Wolf* is an epic film about a band of Eskimos whose lives are about to change with the approaching White culture. Lou Diamond Phillips stars as the son of the Eskimo leader, who tries to rebel against the White intrusion. Based on the best-selling novel, *Shadow Of The Wolf* also stars Donald Sutherland and Japanese film legend, Toshiro Mifune. A fine family film that looks at a vanishing culture.

JUMPIN' AT THE BONEYARD (Fox): A gritty New York drama starring Tim Roth, Alexis Arquette, Danitra Vance and Samuel L. Jackson in this story of two brothers going in opposite directions. One is a struggling drug addict, the other is trying to save him before it's too late. This critically acclaimed film was shot entirely in New York, and it focuses on a hidden group of people that society often tries to forget.

MOTORAMA (Columbia/Tri-Star): Just like Cannonball Run, Motorama has an all-star cast including Drew Barrymore, Garrett Morris, Flea (of the Red Hot Chili Peppers) and MTV's Martha Quinn as people caught up in a wacky card game that promises big prizes. A fun little film for the whole family.

VIDEO SPOTLIGHT



HOWARD'S END (Miramax): Merchant & Ivory have done it again with this Academy Award-winning adaptation of E.M. Forster's epic novel. Emma Thompson, who won this year's Oscar for Best Actress, plays Margaret Schlegel, a commoner who is introduced to a wealthy British family through the marriage of her sister. Margaret becomes friends with the family's matriarch, played by Vanessa Redgrave. The matriarch dies and leaves the family estate to Margaret and a class struggle ensues. The film was nominated for Best Picture and won two Oscars including Thompson's Best Actress and Best Screenplay.

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REVIEWS by Randy Clark

■ THE WATERBOYS: "The Return Of Pan" (Gef-

You can take the Brit out of Great Britain, even pair him with a big-city rock producer, but the Celtic roots of Scottish-born Waterboys frontman, Mike Scott remains virtually undaunted despite living in NYC. This lead-in single from the upcoming Waterboys album Dream Harder could have just as easily appeared on an Al Stewart record. Just add a bigger beat and a lengthy, screaming guitar solo. Scott co-produces with Bill Price (Guns N Roses, Sex Pistols, Pretenders).



JUDYBATS: THE "Being (Sire/Warner Bros. 5982)

Already making waves on post-modern rock stations, this single from the recently released Pain Makes You Beautiful album, is a folksy acoustic track with pleasantly poetic overtones. Singer Jeff Heiskell's lyrics offer a sensitive and thinking alternative to some of today's more aggressive new music. The Knoxville, Tennessee group don't seem to want to play with Hollywood pretense or urbane airs, which is evident in this easy, pop listen produced, mixed and en-gineered by Kevin Moloney.

THE REMBRANDTS: "Chase The Clouds Away" (Atco 5068)

Continuing to carry into the '90s the acoustic-harmony torch set up by pop troubadours like the Everly Brothers, Simon & Garfunkel and Seals & Crofts, are this pair of melody crafters. The latest single from their Untitled album is slightly more reminiscent of the latter pairing than a few of the duo's earlier compositions lovingly called "Beatleish" by some. This pleasant, poppy, Adult Contemporary feel is essentially what the Rembrandts sound is all about. Danny Wilde and Phil Solem produce.





WARREN HAYNES: "Fire In The Kitchen (Megaforce CDP 888)

After a two-time, Grammy-nominated stint with the Allman Brothers (Instrumental Rock Performance), Southern rock singer-songwriter/guitarist Warren Haynes is out on his own with a debut album called Tales Of Ordinary Madness. This first single shows Haynes as a triple AOR threat with proficiency in each of those areas as a solo artist. But it's his ballsy blues vocals that is the pleasant surprise (we knew the good ol' boy could play). Haynes co-produces along with Chuck Leavell.

PICK OF THE WEEK:



■ ROBERT PLANT: "Calling To You" (Es Paranza 5082-2)

Of course we've all been wondering why Robert Plant didn't just hook up with ol' pal Jimmy Page instead of allowing him to run off with David Coverdale, but then, variety is the spice of life, they say. It is ironic how much the former Zep-mates still just sound the same. This single from Plant's upcoming Fate Of Nations solo album has the legendary singer in a rockin' new-rage rendition of Led Zep classic, "Kashmir" complete with Bonham-like drums and an Eastern string arrangement augmented by violin virtuoso, Nigel Kennedy. Chris Hughes and Plant produce the Tim Palmer mix.

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#1 ALBUM: Aerosmith

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TO WATCH: Porno for Pyros



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54	TAXI (Reprise/Warner 9 45246) BRYAN FERRY	57	3
55	ALIBIS (Atlantic 82483/AG) TRACY LAWRENCE	45	5
56	SAVE HIS SOUL (A&M 0080) BLUES TRAVELER	56	4
57	PURE COUNTRY (SOUNDTRACK) (MCA 10651)(P) GEORGE STRAIT	49	30
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94 BRAND NEW MAN (Arista 18658)(P) BROOKS & DUNN 83 50

96 MUDDY WATERS BLUES: A TRIBUTE TO MUDDY WATERS (Victory/PLG 480013) PAUL RODGERS DEBUT

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5	THE BODYGUARD (Arista 18699)(P6) SOUNDTRACK	3	22
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7	LOVE DELUXE (Epic 53178)(P) SADE	8	22
8	ARE YOU GONNA GO MY WAY (Virgin 86984) LENNY KRAVITZ	12	8
9	PORK SODA (Interscope 92257) PRIMUS	55	3
10	THE CHRONIC (Death Row/Interscope 57128/Priority) DR. DRE	6	29
11	12 INCHES OF SNOW (Eastwest 92207) SNOW	5	13
12	BREATHLESS (Arista 18646)(P2) KENNY G	7	20
13	IT'S ABOUT TIME (RCA 66074) SWV	14	14
14	TEN (Epic 47857)(P4)	13	71
15	SONGS OF FAITH AND DEVOTION (Sire/Reprise 9 45243-2)		
	DEPECHE MODE	10	6
16	LOSE CONTROL (Keia/Elektra 611394)	9	15
17	COVERDALE/PAGE (Geffen gefd-2448) COVERDALE/PAGE	17	6
18	19 NAUGHTY III (Tommy Boy 1069) NAUGHTY BY NATURE	19	11
19	CORE (Atlantic 82418) STONE TEMPLE PILOTS	31	16
20	SAN FRANSISCO DAYS (Reprise/Warner Bros 45116-2) CHRIS ISAAK	23	3
21	14 SHOTS TO THE DOME (Def Jam/Columbia 53323) L.L. COOL J	11	5
22	THIS TIME (Reprise 4/2 45241) DWIGHT YOAKAM	22	6
23	CEREAL KILLER SOUNDTRACK (Zoo/11038) GREEN JELLY	33	5
24	DURAN DURAN (Capitol CD 798876-2) DURAN DURAN	25	10
25	DANGEROUS (Epic 45400)(P4) MICHAEL JACKSON	16	72
26	THE BLISS ALBUM? (Gee Street/Island/PLG 47865) P.M. DAWN	27	5
27	EXPOSED (Warner Bros 945260) VINCE NEIL	DE	BUT
28	IF I EVER FALL IN LOVE (Gasoline Alley 10762/MCA) SHAI	24	15
29	3 YEARS 5 MONTHS & 2 DAYS IN THE LIFE (Chrysalis 21929)(P)		
		18	12
30	SOME GAVE ALL (Mercury 510635)(P5) BILLY RAY CYRUS	15	48
31	IT'S YOUR CALL (MCA 10673) REBA MCENTIRE	20	15
32	EARTH & SUN & MOON (Columbia 53793) MIDNIGHT OIL	DE	BUT
33	HARD WORKIN' MAN (Arista 18716) BROOKS & DUNN	21	9
34	HARBOR LIGHTS (RCA 66114) BRUCE HORNSBY	30	4
35	TILL DEATH DO US PART (Rap-A-Lot 53818) GETO BOYS	29	8
36	DIRT (Columbia 52475)(P) ALICE IN CHAINS	38	27
37	FOR REAL THO' (Atlantic/AG 82462) LEVERT	40	5
38	THE PREDATOR (Priority 57185) ICE CUBE	37	21
39	FEVER FOR DA FLAVOR (Luke 126)	84	2
40	BLACK TIE WHITE NOISE (Savage 74785-50212-2) DAVID BOWIE	28	4
41	JON SECADA (SBK 98845)(P) JON SECADA	34	37
42	WHO'S THE MAN (Uptown 10794) SOUNDTRACK	DEI	BUT
43	AMERICAS LEAST WANTED (Stardog 512571/Polygram)(G) UGLY KID JOE	32	31
44	UNPLUGGED (Chrysalis/ERG 21994) ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT	39	5
45	REACHIN (A NEW REFUTATION OF TIME AND SPACE)		

(Pendulum 61414) DIGABLE PLANET 35 10

47 ALADDIN(Walt Disney 60846) SOUNDTRACK 41 22

48 LIFE'S A DANCE (Atlantic 82420) JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY 48 14

50 SLOW DANCING WITH THHE MOON (Columbia 53199) DOLLY PARTON 43 8



REVIEWS by Randy Clark

RAGING SLAB: Dynamite Monster Boogie Concert (Def American 9 45244-2)

The big, fat, heavy earthrock sounds of the '70s sail off this 12-track album and land like a brick to the head. First single and opening cut "Anywhere But Here" is a homegrown blues-rock and funk fest already much appreciated at rock radio, and there will (or should) be more. Slide guitar, banjos, fat-bottomed bass lines and hooky guitar licks fill the rest of this aptly titled major label debut. Brendan O'Brien (Pearl Jam, Black Crowes, Stone Temple Pilots) produces.





■ PJ HARVEY: Rid Of Me (Island 314-514 696-2)
British garage goddess PJ has spat forth her latest version of poetic grunge with this 14-track album, a disjointed emotional exorcism of mercurial proportions backed only by a bass player and drummmer. PJ manages to account for the rest of the sounds and feedback made by guitar, vocals, violin and cello and organ. The album has an unmistakable "live" presence, reminiscent of an eclectic club recording or avant garde performance art piece. Steve Albini

GALLON DRUNK: From The Heart Of Town (Sire/Reprise 9 45269-2)

One man's leftovers are another man's meal. So this underground punk-a-billy British alternative band has received numerous indie awards at home, they now come to our shores with a 10-song debut filled with a loosely interpreted English version of a Jim Morrisonlike voice fronting a noisy, but passionate aural assault filled with sounds ranging from early rock roots to wacky beatnik jazz to flat out "Bedlam" (which they deliver effortlessly). Phil Wright produces.



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PRIMUS: Pork Soda (Interscope 7 92257-2)

Making an impressive debut last week on the Top 100 Albums chart (#55), this bizarre San Fransisco-based group of bastardized jazz/funk misfits follow up their major label debut Sailing The Seas Of Cheese with this equally silly-titled album. The 15-track work is a grabbag of more witticisms and weird/wacky melodies mixed in with your basic lyrical lunacy. The group now looks forward to 1993's Lollapalooza Festival. These guys definitely produce themselves.



■ **TOOL:** *Undertow* (Zoo 72445-11052-2)

produce.

Tool's aggression and assaulting sound pierces the senses with premeditated intensity. The sound could be mildly interpreted as punk metal but that would be a drastic understatment. First single "Sober" is relatively tame in comparison to some of the other nine tracks. Although "Disgustipated" is a nearly 16-minute, album-closing dream segment from the outer limits that may convince you there's something wrong with your CD player. Sylvia Massey and Tool

MICHAEL RUFF: Speakling In Melodies (Shef-

Some artists actually enjoy making things difficult for themselves. The idea of a singer-keyboard player using the Sheffield Lab's "live to two-track" process takes some serious confidence. Ruff pulls it off almost effortlessly. The songwriter's selection of 13 heartfelt ballads, jazz/blues and worldbeat rhythms (and an instrumental jam) are an aesthetically pleasing, easylistening Adult Alternative experience. Labelmate Clair Mario produces.



■ BEAUSOLEIL: La Danse de la Vie (Forward R2



A dozen years, multiple Grammy nominations and kudos like "the best Cajun band in the world" have preceded this lively Louisiana band's follow up to their highly touted '91 effort Cajun Conga. The group combines the traditional accordion and fiddle sound of French Cajun with zydeco, country, blues and Tex-Mex for a non-stop, boot-scootin', Mississippi River dancefest. John Jennings produces along with founder and fiddle player Michael Doucet and Beausoleil.

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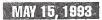


■ THE POSIES: Frosting On The Beater (DGC dgcd-24522)

The surprising string of pop melodies continued to be generated by this band on their 12-song sophomore album will make some question the fact they actually hail from Seattle. There are the occasional signs of some guitar filth and noise mixed in with the fun, '60s-ish harmonies and subconscious Beatle-esque plagiarisms. First single "Dream All Day" is already gaining college and modern music airplay, look for a possible mainstream crossover to come from this album. The group is keenly aware of song structure in the classic pop sense, and mix their post-modern intellectual emotionalisms with sounds and moods of the times, with the helping hand of producer Don Fleming (Screaming Trees, Teenage Fanclub, Gumball).

TASH BOX

TOP TOP R&B SINGLES





#1 SINGLE: Levert



TO WATCH: Bobby Brown



HIGH DEBUT: Mary J. Blige

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GOOD OL' DAYS (Atlantic 87379) LeVert	5	9	51 (COME IN OUT OF THE RAIN (EMI) Wendy Mouton	58	8
2 KISS OF LIFE (Epic 74848) Sade	2	10	52 N	NEVER BEFORE (Reprise 18648) Simple Pleasure	33	10
3 FREAK ME (Elektra 64654)	1	10	53 V	WRECKX SHOP (MCA 54388) Wreckx-N-Effect	35	3
4 IT'S ALRIGHT (Silas 54321) Chante' Moore		6	54 I	LITTLE MIRACLES (Epic 3474226) Luther Vandross	DEB	UT
5 IF I COULD (Columbia 74864)		8	55 (CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE (Z∞ 14051) Voices	DEB	UT
6 SWEET ON YOU (Perspective 7418) LO-Key		10	56 (GET AWAY (MCA 54511)	55	17
7 I HAVE NOTHING (Arista 12490) Whitney Houston		8	57 A	A SONG FOR YOU (Warner Bros.) Ray Charles	DEB	UT
8 TELLIN' ME STORIES (East West 98451)		9	59 I	DO YOU WANNA RIDE (Mercury) Dougle Dee	DEB	UT
9 CAN'T STAND THE PAIN (Alpha/Intl. 787001) Lorenzo		8		IF I EVER FALL IN LOVE (Gasoline 54518)		
10 IT WAS A GOOD DAY (Priority 53813)		7	_	MORNING PAPERS (Paisley Park 18824) Prince		
11 LOVE THANG (Atlantic 85802) Intro		12		WANT TO KNOW YOUR NAME (Capitol) Walter & Scotty		
12 KNOCKIN' BOOTS (Luke) H Town		3		WHATZUPWITU (Motown) Eddie Murphy		
13 WHO IS IT (Epic 74333) Michael Jackson		4	_	IN THE MIDDLE (Tabu) Alexander O'Neal		
14 HONEY DIP (Capitol 44865)		8	_	• •		
15 WEAK (RCA) SW		2		DAYDREAMING (Columbia) Penny Ford		
16 TYPICAL REASONS (Columbia 74866) Prince Markie Dee		6		Will ALWAYS LOVE YOU (Arista 12490) Whitney Houston		_
LOVE DON'T LOVE YOU (EastWest 498585) En Vogue		2		BORN TO BREED (Warner Bros. 18691)		5
		5		HIP HOP HOORAY (Tommy Boy 554) Naughty By Nature		_
18 SEND FOR ME (Motown 2191)		-		DAZZEY DUKS (TMR 71000)		- 8 - 1 T
19 ONE WOMAN (Giant 18687)		2		DEEPER (Def Jams)		
20 THE THINGS WE DO (Atlantic) Nona Gaye		7		LOVE IS A LOSING GAME (CBS) Kirk Whalum		
DOWN WITH THE KING (RAL)		4		FOREVER IN LOVE (Arista 12482) Kenny G		
22 NUTHIN BUT A "G" THANG (Solar/Epic 53816) Dr. Dre		14		REBIRTH OF SLICK (Elektra 64674) Diggable Planets		
23 SWEET THING (Uptown/MC 54526)		7		IN THE STILL OF THE NITE (Motown 374631) Boyz Men		
24 THAT'S THE WAY LOVE IS (MCA 54511) Bobby Brown		2		SO GOOD (Reprise) Michael Cooper		
25 DEDICATED (Jive 42115) R. Kelly and Public Announcement		14		I DON'T WANT TO CRY (Warner Bros. 18819) Al B. Sure!		3
26 CAN HE LOVE YOU LIKE THIS (Virgin 12643) After Seven		10		HAT 2 DA BACK (Arista 1-4009)		8
BABY BE MINE (MCA)		2		REMINISCE (Uptown/MC 54526)		23
28 SO CLOSE (A&M 0206)		3		I SHOULD HAVE LOVED YOU (Atlantic 87395) Chuckii Booker		12
29 SO ALONE (Atco/EastWest 98459) Men At Large		20		AIN'T NOBODY LIKE YOU (Giant 18849) Miki Howard		8
30 DITTY (Next Plateau 350012)		12		SHOOP SHOOP (Reprise 18649) Michael Cooper		
31 YOU'RE THE LOVE OF MY LIFE (Next Plateau) Sybil		2		I GOT A THANG 4 YA (Perspective 0008) Lo-Key LOVE SHOULDA BROUGHT YOU HOME (LaFace 2-3045) Toni Braxton		
EVERY LITTLE THING (Motown) Christopher Williams		2		FLEX (Columbia 74373)		27
33 COMFORTER (Gasoline 54596)Shai		14		LOVE'S TAKEN OVER (Silas 54321)		
HOW I'M COMIN' (Def Jams 74811) L.L. Cool J.		3		HERE WE GO AGAIN (Capitol 44865) Portrait		
35 IF YOU EVER LOVED SOMEONE (Mercury 864784) Walter Beasley		8		BABY I'M FOR REAL (Virgin 12594)		
36 WITH YOU (Scottie B.)		3		SAVING FOREVER FOR YOU (Motown 18719) Shanice		
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	25	8		GANGSTA (MCA 54555) Bell Biv Devoe		23
38 FUNKY CHILD (Elektra 61672) Lords OT Under		6		MAKE LOVE 2 ME (Alpha/Intl. 787001) Lorenzo		23
39 MARY MARY (Jive 42102) Hi Five		4		ALL DAY, ALL NIGHT (MC 54474) Stephanie Mills		
40 LOVE NO LIMIT (Uptown 54526) Mary J. Blige				GIVE IT UP (Atco/EastWest 498585) En Vogue		
41 CAN'T GET ANY HARDER (Scottie B 753525) James Brown		3		DON'T WALK AWAY (Giant 18687) Jade		
42 IF YOU BELIEVE (RCA 62498) Chantay Savage		1	93 I	HEAL THE WORLD (Epic 74333) Michael Jackson	63	19
43 NEVER DO YOU WRONG (MCA 54573) Stephanie Mills		12		GOT A MAN (Island 864)		
TAKE A DIP (Arista)		1		LOVE MAKES NO SENSE (A&M 7706) Alexander O'Neal		15
45 A WHOLE NEW WORLD (CBS 6587) Peabo Bryson/Regina Belle		22	96 V	WHO GOT THE PROPS (Nervous 20026) Black Moon	65	10
46 PLASTIC (Arista 4034)		4	97 (GANGSTA BITCH (Tommy Boy 541)	89	8
47 I'M EVERY WOMAN (Arista 12519) Whitney Houston			98 I	IT'S GONNA BE A LOVE (Arista) Soul System	90	8
48 MR. WENDAL (Chrysalis 24810) Arrested Development			99 A	ANGEL (Capitol 55408) John Secada	99	6
49 INFORMER P6M(Atco/EastWest 96112) Snow			100	WHERE DO WE GO (Reprise 18784) Simple Pleasure	100	7
LET'S GO THROUGH THE MOTIONS (Uptown) Jodecl	DEB	UT				



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AINT NORODYLIKE YOU (Virgin/Buttals Music Facony) Milly)
ALLDAY, ALL MIGHT (MCAA-SCA/Coffen Again Music Corp. Of America-Bidlipo)
ANGLI 199
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THAT'S THE WAY LOVE IS T. Riley, D. Shipp, a. Davidson, B. Brown (Zomba/Dorril/Ramah/Bobby

Brown 124
THE THINGS WE DO D. Bramble (Virgin, Ascap)20
TYPICAL REASONS D. Johnson, M. Morales, M. Rooney (EMI Blackwood / Flow Tech / Music Corp. Of America / Second Generation Rooney Tunes, BMI)16
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REVIEWS by M.R. Martinez

■ POSSE: Posse Soundtrack (A&M 31454 0081 2). Producers: Various.

A hip-hop western? Yes. It's got all the attitude and bumpin' thumpin' groove of a modern record. And who's to say that African wild west cowboys didn't kick the funk on the high plains. This ensemble of musicians—from Intelligent Hood-lum, Tone Loc and film director Mario Van Peebles (who Neville Brothers, Sounds of Blackness and Michel Colombier—gives the music a vista like the big sky of Montana. Top tracks: Loc's "Posse Love," Colombier's "Jesse," and The Sounds' "Freemanville (Homecoming)."



MENACE II SOCIETY: Menace II Society (Jive 41509-2). Producers: various.

From the opening track and first single from this thick, grooveladen, 15-track collection (Spice I's "Triggas Got No Heart"), you know you're in for some dark observations. When you put together a soundtrack album to a gritty film made by young filmmakers of the hip-hop generation, what do you expect? Death, drugs and (MC Eiht's "Steiht Up Menace") to raw-edged, political manifesto ("Guerillas Ain't Gangstas"), there's a common thread of menace to the music and lingo. But the album represents a broad range of hip-hop. A sleeper on this package is ant banks' "Packin' A Gun."

■ PENNY FORD: Penny Ford (Columbia CK 48678). Producer: Randy D. Jackson and others. Ford might have covered a few tunes on this 11-song debut

package, but she doesn't try to be anything but herself and fresh arrangements on this material assure a measure of dis-tinction. Her voice is best suited for the emotive R&B stylings that have been in renaissance of late. She shows up on Aretha Franklin's "Daydreaming," the funky "Nevertheless," the midtempo "Father Time" and the pop bumpin' "I Lose Control" (written by Mariah Carey and Narada Michael Walden). She benefits throughout the album by the presence of saxophonist Gerald Albright and keyboardist Greg Phillangare.





■ MASTER ACE INC.: Slaughtahouse (Delicious Vinyl 92249-2). Producers: Various.

They might be talkin' that gangsta talk. But they're walkin' in many places like poets rather than rappers. They bring phat beats, humor and an assortment of effects to tales of darkalley, boo-yaa hits and late-night love and frontin' on the avenue. "Jeep Ass Niguh," their first single from this 15-track collection, is some straightahead braggadocio about the nature of the deep beats heard along the boulevard in and outa cars. It deals with censorship and offers opinions about how the rest of America views these young Africans and their

PICK OF THE WEEK



RUN DMC: Down With The King (Profile PCD-1440). Producers: Various. Fresh production, harder edge and articulate mic work make this long-awaited, 15-track collection worth waiting for. Since helping to make rap a break-through, crossover success, Run DMC has remained on the cutting edge. Some of those that have come up after them return the favor. After the title track first single, the trio comes back with a variety of musical styles and verbal approaches. EPMD ("Can I Get It, Yo"), Tribe Called Quest's Q-Tip ("Come on Everybody") and Pete Rock ("In The House") are among the producers that contributed tracks to this phat affair. Other tracks of note are "Hit 'Em Hard" and "Big Willie."

By M.R. Martinez

THE RHYTHM



Philadelphia-based contemporary jazz act Pieces Of A Dream recently signed a recording agreement with Blue Note/Manhattan Records. The group was discovered by fellow Philadelphian Grover Washington, Jr., who recrulted them as a back-up band and helped them get their first solo recording contract. The band's May 24 release, *In Flight*, reunites them with the Capitol/EMI family where the group recorded three albums from 1986-89. Pictured at the signing are (I-r): Band members Curtis Harmon, Ron Kerber and Bennie Sims; Tom Evered, vp of marketing, Blue Note; band members Cliff Starkey and Daniel Hamon; Pieces Of A Dream's manager Kendall Minter, executive producer George Gar Roberts; Steven Schenfeld, A&R manager, Blue Note; and (seated) Bruce Lundvall, president of Blue Note/Manhattan Records.

DIVAS ON THE LOOSE: Singer/actress Sheryl Lee Ralph will present the third annual installment of "Divas: Simply Singing!" The May 22 event features a wide array of female singing talent, including Tisha Campbell, Linda Hopkins, Cherrelle, Marilyn McCoo, Dawn Lewis, Barbara McNair, Brenda Russell, Tata Vega, Liz Torres, Anita Johnson, Jenifer Lewis and Ralph herself. Actress/comedienne Marsha Warfield will provide some levity throughout the evening.

"Divas" was launched three years ago by Ralph to help raise much needed funds for the L.A. Minority AIDS Projects, which provides education, care and support services in the minority community, which reports 47 percent of all AIDS cases. For the first time the National Minority AIDS Council will benefit from an additional Divas concert held April 25 in Washington D.C.

SAMPLES: Ziggy Stardust himself, the irrepressible **David Bowie** was recently in South Central Los Angeles to shoot the video to the second single and title track to his Savage/BMG album *Black Tie*, *White Noise*, album, his first solo noise in six years. The song is a duet with **Al B. Sure** and was influenced by last year's L.A. uprising. Bowie and wife **Iman** flew into Los Angeles the day after the first verdict in the Rodney King police beating saga. Bowie says: "It was a very numbing experience...a sense of true revolution."

TOP 75 R&B ALBUMS

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1 LOSE CONTROL (Elektra 61394)		12
(Arista 18699)	2	20 12
4 THE CHRONIC (Priority 57128) Dr. Dre	4	17
5 IF I EVER FALL IN LOVE (Gasoline 10762) Shai	5	16
6 LOVE DELUXE (Epic 74734)	6 7	23 8
8 BREATHLESS (Arista 18646) Kenny G	8	20
9 BOBBY (MCA 10417)	9	31
10 UNCUT DOPE (Priority 57183)	10 11	11 2
12 3 YEARS 5 MONTHS & 2 DAYS IN THE LIFE OF (Chrysalis 21929)	• •	_
Arrested Development	12 13	51 4
13 FOR REAL THO' (EastWest) LeVert 14 THE BLISS ALBUM (Gee Street 514517)	14	4
15 DANGEROUS (Epic 45400) Michael Jackson	15	72
16 HOME INVASION (Priority 53858)	16 17	4 8
17 PASSION (Columbia 48826)	18	19
18 THE PREDATOR (Priority 57185)	10	•
(Pendulum 61414)	19 20	9 54
21 CHANGES (MCA 10751)	21	17
22 WHAT'S THE 411 (Uptown 10681) Mary J. Blige	22	34
23 UNPLUGGED (Chrysalis 21994) Arrested Development 24 PORTRAIT (Capitol 03496)	23 24	4 11
25 JADE TO THE MAX (GGiant 510-347) Jade	25	11
26 HARD OR SMOOTH (MCA 10566) Wreckx-N-Effect	26	11
27 12 INCHES OF SNOW (EastWest 92207)	27 28	10 25
28 (symbol) (Paisley Park 45037) Prince 29 TAKIN' MY TIME (Virgin 86349) After 7	29	30
30 CB4 (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack) (LaFace 26006)		_
Various Artists 31 PRECIOUS (MCA 10605)	30 31	5 11
31 PRECIOUS (MCA 10605)	32	54
33 STRICKLY 4 MY N.I.G.G.A.Z. (Interscope 92209) 2PAC	33	8
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35 DAZZEY DUKS (TMR 71000) Duice 36 IN GOD WE TRUST (Elektra 61381) Brand Nubian	36	11 10
37 BLUE FUNK (MCA 10734)	37	11
38 WHERE DEY AT (Perspective 1003) Lo-Key	38	11
39 LOVE MAKES NO SENSE (Tabu/A&M 9501) Alexander O'Neal 40 COOLEYHIGHHARMONY (Motown 6320) Boys II Men	39 40	9 20
I WANNA LOVE SOMEBODY (Jive 41510) Angela Bofill	41	9
42 BOOMERANG (LaFace 26006) Various Artists	42	39
43 APACHE AIN'T SHIT (Tommy Boy 1068)	43 44	9 23
45 MARTHA WASH (RCA 66057) Martha Wash	45	6
46 MEN AT LARGE (Atco/EastWest 92159) Men At Large	46	42
47 NINE YARDS (Next Plateau 1012)	47 48	10 34
49 BORN INTO THE 90s (Jive 41469) R. Kelly & Public Announcement	49	
50 GET CLOSER (Reprise 26686) Michael Cooper	50	6
51 MECCA & THE SOUL BROTHER (Elektra 60948) Pete Rock & C.L. Smoot 52 NIICE N' WILD (Atlantic 82410)	51 52	42 28
53 SPICE I (Jive 41481)	53	49
54 TOTALLY KROSSED OUT (RuffHouse 48710) Kris Kross	54	52
55 X-TRA NAKED (Epic 52464)	55 56	26 12
57 BACK TO THE HOTEL (Profile 1427) Above the Law	57	
58 THE TRIFLIN' ALBUM (Capitol 99354) King Tee	58	10
59 BLACK MAFIA LIFE (Ruthless 24477) Above the Law 60 HOUSE OF PAIN (TomrryBoy 1056) House Of Pain	59 60	10 33
60 HOUSE OF PAIN (TommyBoy 1056) House Of Pain 61 SKILLS DAT PAY DA BILLS (Island 514057) Positive K	61	30
62 BRIAN MCKNIGHT (Mercury 848605) Brian McKnight	62	30
64 SEXY VERSUS (Warner Bros. 26973)	64 64	27 21
64 WHUT? THEE ALBUM (Columbia 52967)	65	9
66 LIVE & LET DIE (Cold 5001) Kool G Rap & DJ Polo	66	11
67 DEAD END KIDZ DOIN' LIFETIME BIDZ (Soul 10733)	67	10
68 GUERRILLAS IN THE MIST (EastWest 92206) Da Lench Mob	68	28
69 GREATEST MISSES (Del Jam 53014) Public Enemy	69	27
70 CYPRESS HILL (RuffHouse 47889)	70 71	70 43
71 UNPLUGGED M-TV (Columbia 52758)	72	43
73 5150 HOME 4 THA SICK (Priority 10594) Easy E	73	11
74 BUSINESS NEVER PERSONAL (RAL 52848) EPMD	74	29
75 THE WOMAN I AM (Warnar Bros. 26296) Chaka Khan	75	49



By M.R. Martinez



Kickin' off in support of the music industry's LiFEbeat "CounterAiD" one-day fundraiser recently were Paula Abdul and members of PM Dawn. Abdul and PM were among a group of committed artists that visited record stores in Los Angeles, New York and Nashville where they worked the cash register, sold posters, signed autographs and collected donations for CounterAID. Pictured are (I-r): PM Dawn's DJ Minutemix; Abdul; and Prince PE of PM Dawn.

GET A LIFE: They were first considered a novelty. A sort of Hip Hop version of Scared Straight. But after their Grammy nomination of a Penelope Spheeris documentary last year about the making of their 1991 self-titled EP, Hollywood BASIC Records' recording act the Lifers Group have subsequently been considered O.G.s-Original Gangstas. And who's going to argue with a posse serving sentences of 25 years to double life at East New Jersey State Prison at Rahway? Who?

If you're a street tough who thinks he really knows how to kick it to the curb, then listen to what Lifers Group president Maxwell Melvins has to say about their upcoming single, "Short Life Of A Gangsta." "They (youth) are playing a game they don't even know the rules to, let alone the consequences," Melvins says. "I've played that game, and I've lost. In 'Short Life Of A Gangsta," we've given all the facts and consequences. Now the choice is up

The single will be shipped to radio by May 25, and the album, Living Proof, is scheduled for a June 29 shipping date. The album was produced by Hollywood BASIC labelmate Organized Konfusion.

SOUND NIBBLES: ~People are still pissed about the bruhaha that broke at the Rowdy Records showcase held in New York's Arena a few weeks ago for Illegal, the rap duo signed to the label. Reports say that rapper Chi Ali and his posse tried to rush the stage during the performance. The incident has been blown out of proportion, and is dead. The End...L.L. Cool J will be the subject of an MTV Rockumentary set to air May 16. The program features clips of the Cut Creator performing during his '87 tour and L.L.'s first-ever MTV Unplugged rap performance in 1991. Interviews with Russell Simmons and Rick Rubin are also part of the program.

TOP 30 DANCE SINGLES

CASH BOX • MAY 15, 1993	, k	
1 WHO IS IT (Epic 74406) Michael Jackson 2 SHOW ME LOVE (Big Beat 10110) Robin S. 3 FAITH (IN THE POWER OF LOVE) (Epic 74887) Rozalla	DEB 8 4	UT 2 4
4 FEVER/BAD GIRL (Maverick\Sire/Warner Bros. 40793) Madonna 5 IT'S MY LIFE (Arista 1-2492) Dr. Alban 6 I'M SO INTO YOU (RCA 62452) SWV 7 ROLL WITH THA FLAVA (Epic 74897) The Flavor Unit Mc's	1 10 7 12	3 2 3 3
8 BORN 2 B.R.E.E.D. (Warner Bros. 40641)	6 9 13	3 2 6
12 BOSS DRUM/PHOREVER PEOPLE (Epic 74898) The Shamen 13 I'M RAVING (ARISTA 1-2525) L.A. Style 14 WRECKX SHOP (MCA 54532)	21 16 15 DEB DEB	2 2 3 UT
18 TOOK MY LOVE (Columbia 74862) Bizarre inc Featuring Angie Brown 19 JUMP THEY SAY (Savage 50034) David Bowie	18 DEB	2
20 I'M EVERY WOMAN (Arista 1-2520) Whitney Houston 21 WAKE UP EVERYBODY (Reprise/Warner Bros 40759) Nick Scotti	n 3 DEB	4 IUT
22 HOW I'M COMIN' (Def JamvColumbia 74810) L.L. Cool J. 23 FUNKY CHILD (Pendulum/Elektra 66330) Lords Of The Underground 24 PASSIN' ME BY (Delicious Vinyl/AG 10114) The Pharcyde	23 25 DEB	2 2 IUT
25 CONNECTED (Gee Street/Island 864 393/PLG) Stereo Mc's 26 EXTERMINATE! (Arista 1-2545) Snap Featuring Niki Haris 27 I FEEL YOU (Sire/Warner Bros. 40767) Depeche Mode	27 28 5	2 2 4
28 NUTHIN' BUT A "G" THANG (Death Row 53819/Interscope) Dr. Dre 29 INFORMER (Alco EastWest 96112) Snow	14 17	2 2 8
30 LITTLE BIRD (Arista 1-2522)	11	4

TOP 30 RAP SINGLES

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1 HOW I'M COMIN' (Def Jam/Columbia 74811) L.L. Cool J 2 DOWN WITH THE KING (Profile 5391)	1 2 4	31 6 6
4 FUNKY CHILD (Pendulum/Elektra) Lords Of The Underground	5	7
5 PEACE TREATY (Eastwest 96098)		7
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6 IT WAS A GOOD DAY (Priority 53817)	•	7
7 ROLL WITH THE FLAVOR (Flavor Unit/Epic 74897) Flavor Unit MC's	7	4
8 BORN 2 B.R.E.E.D. (Warner Bros. 018691) Monie Love	8	7
BOW WOW WOW (Immortal/Epic 74852) Funkdoobiest	10	5
WRECKX SHOP (MCA 54531) Wreckx-N-Effect	12	4
II GET WRECKED (Ruffhouse/Columbia 74857) Tim Dog	14	6
DEEPER (Def Jam/Columbia 74737)	15 18	2
PASSIN' ME BY (Delicious Vinyl/Atlantic 98434) Pharcyde LOTS OF LOVIN (Elektra 64662) Pete Rock & C.L. Smooth	19	3
15 OFF & ON (Mad Sounds/Motown 2199)	17	3
		8
16 TIME 4 SUM AKSION (Ral/Chaos 74794/Columbia) Redman		-
17 TICK TOCK (Wrap/Ichiban 138)	13	3
19 CREWZ POP (Eastwest 96068)	DEE	
TRUTHFUL (Uptown/MCA 54593) Heavy D.& The Boys	25	2
20 CROOKED OFFICER (Rap-A-Lot 53818) Geto Boys	11	7
21 PLASTIC (Gee Street/Island/PLG 864 966) P.M. Dawn	20	5
WHERE I'M FROM (Pendulum/Elektra 64648) Digable Planets	DEE	3UT
23 THROW YOUR GUNZ (JMJ/Ral 74766/Columbia) Onyx	22	10
24 GET THE POINT (Ruffhouse 74884/Columbia) C.E.B.	23	9
25 FLIP DA SCRIPT (Rowdy/Arista 5002) Da King & I	16	6
26 SALLY GOT A ONE TRACK MIND (Chemestry/Mercury 864 850)		
	24	6
27 BREAKER 1/9 (Relativity 1139) Common Sense	21	7
28 NOTHIN' BUT A "G" THANG (Deathrow/Interscope 53819/Priority) Dr. Dre		10
20 NOTHIN BUT A "G" THANG (Deathrow/Interscope 53819/Priority) Ut. Dre	20	10

29 HIP HOP HOORAY (Tommy Boy 554) Naughty By Nature 27 9 30 LOVE ME OR LEAVE ME ALONE (Elektra 64661) Brand Nubian 26 6

Blowing

By Aaron Steinberg





Johnny Griffin

"I WAS HAVING A DREAM-

women in veils coming out of the mist, out of the smoke, dancing...I got out of bed and wrote down those four or five notes I was hearing. I'll do that quite often," says Johnny Griffin about composing the title tune of his Dance Of Passion (Antilles).

At 64, Griffin has a vast array of experience, visions and encounters to draw from. The Chicagoan started early: several big bands at 15, and a chair in

big bands at 15, and a chair in Lionel Hampton's orchestra at 17. After seeing Gene Ammons play tenor sax with Nat "King" Cole, he felt that instrument calling him. But first he had to work his way through the piano, Hawaiian steel guitar, entire clarinet family, English horn, oboe and alto sax! "They said I was too short for the tenor. And my first gig in New York at 4-foot-10 and 85 pounds at that age, the doorman wouldn't even let me in the ballroom!" Griffin went on to play with Thelonious Monk in the 1950s and also recorded with John Coltrane (Blowing Sessions, Blue Note). "Hanging out with Monk and Bud Powell, that was like my college education.

"Now, you don't have the venues for the young jazz musicians to really learn their craft," he mused. He distinguished himself with his remarkably fast and skillful playing, with an edge he may have softened since he moved to Paris in the '60s. "Aside from seeking freedom from a number of difficulties, being there, I felt like I belonged. People of all colors and views and religions just walking down the street, you know...I felt like I had arrived."

Cultivating the European jazz scene, he didn't come back until the late '70s, when he began returning for annual performances. He recorded albums for Galaxy and incorporated drummer Kenny Washington, who has become an integral part of his music-making. 'That's my man," Griffin says.

Washington was with him for his weeklong stint at the Blue Note. On Sunday, they opened with a blazing version of Cole Porter's "Just One Of Those Things," which featured the two men trading solo bars. As soon as they began the evening, Washington's presence as a player and the unusual dynamic

range of his swinging was unmistakable.

The other half of the quartet, pianist Michael Weiss and bassist Christian McBride shone on "The Way It Is," a blues from the new album. "This song is a conversation between a man and a woman or a woman and a man, or whoever—when one looks at the other and just says, 'Well, that's the way it is," Griffin relates. Weiss' improvisations mixed a melody into dense chords, moving in small, graceful cycles. McBride played intense, gritty, deep-in-the-blues lines evoking an electric guitar solo: notes bent into each other, simple licks repeated and compounded in a manner that took the piece out of the expected jazz-blues approach. And he used a bow! Griffin blew lyrical jumps which he combined with boozy, sustained, slippery phrases.

The group ended the set with three minutes of "BeBop"—an insanely fast piece of music that left the audience excited and pleasantly confused. "Jazz music!" Griffin gleefully exclaimed as he waved goodbye to the packed house.

Johnny Griffin will be appearing at the Chicago and Montreal Jazz Festivals this year.

TOP 40 JAZZ ALBUMS

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1 WES BOUND (GRP 9697) LEE RITENOUR	3	3
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2 BREATHLESS (Arista 18646) KENNY G 3 CACHE (Columbia 46931)	4	3
4. KEEPIN' THE FAITH (Denon/Allegro 75286) STEVE LAUNY	9	3
5 SOUL EMBRACE (Manhatten 98946/Capitol) RICHARD ELLIOT	2	8
6 SO NEAR, SO FAR (Verve 517 674) JOE HENDERSON	5	3
7 TRIBES, VIBES & SCRIBES (Verve/Forecast 514 198) INCONGNITO	6	3
8 THE NEW EDGE (GRP 9698) ACOUSTIC ALCHEMY	19	3
9 THE VIEW FROM HERE (Verve Forecast 517 657) TOM GRANT	24 10	10
	DEB	
12 FICTIONARY (Geffen 24521) LYLE MAYS	12	3
13 LIKE A RIVER (GRP 9689) YELLOWJACKETS	7	6
14 WHAT WE DO (Blue Note/Capitol 99586) JOHN SCOFIELD QUARTET	14	3
15 FOREVER, ALWAYS (PAR 2018) WILTON FELDER	17	2
16 INVITATION (Warner Bros. 45209) JOE SAMPLE	8	3
17 TRUIEST HEART (GRP 9695) NELSON RANGELL	11	3
18 PORTRAIT OF THE BLUES (Manhattan/Capitol 99548) LOU RAWLES	16	3
19 WORTH WAITING FOR (Verve/Forecast 517 998) JEFF LORBER	DEB	
20 PLAY (JVC 2071)	20	2
21 SIMPLE LIFE (JVC 2016) KEVYN LETTAU	13	10
22 MUSIC FOR THE FIFTH WORLD (Manhattan/Capitol 99089)		_
JACK DEJOHNETTE	22	2
23 JOSHUA REDMAN (Warner Bros 45242) JOSHUA REDMAN	1	2
24 SNAPSHOT (Warner Bros. 45026)	15	20
25 LETTER TO EVAN (GRP 9687) DAVE BENOIT	23	16
26 I HEARD YOU TWICE THE FIRST TIME (Columbia 46083)	18	00
DEDICATION (Musidisc/One world 500362) BUNNY BRUNELL	29	22 2
28 ON A ROLL (Sin-Drome 1805)	25	14
29 THINGS LEFT UNSAID (Paisley Park/Warner Bros 45199) ERIC LEEDS	32	2
30 SECRET STORY (Geffen 24468) PAT METHENY	31	28
31 RHYTHM OF THE EARTH (Antilles 517075/Verve) JACKIE MCLEAN	26	14
32 STANDARDS (Atlantic 82419) MIKE STERN	35	16
REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE (Mojazz/Motown 7003) . NUHMAN CUNNERS	DEE	
34 PERFECTLY FRANK (Columbia 52965) TONY BENNETT	27	22
35 SOUNDS AND VISIONS (Warner Bros 45158) THE EARL KLUGH TRIO	34	2
36 JUST BETWEEN US (Mojazz/Motown 7000) NORMAN BROWN	33	20
37 YIN-YANG (NYC 6001) STEPS AHEAD	37	10
38 COOL (Warner Bros. 26939) BOB JAMES/EARL KLUGH	36	25
39 MALCOLM X THE ORIGINAL SCORE	20	40
(40 Acres And A Mule 53190/Columbia) TERENCE BLANCHARD	39	10
40 THE RETURN OF THE BRECKER BROTHERS (GRP 9684)		

REVIEWS

By M.R. Martinez

■ **TONY WILLIAMS:** *Tokyo Live* (Blue Note CDP 0777 7 99031 2 2). Producer: Tony Williams.

..... THE BRECKER BROTHERS 38 20

Drummer/percussionist Tony Williams is a power player with the ability to bring forth discreet flourishes of the traditional jazz approach with fresh interpretations of the music—all without having to resort to cocktail fusion triteness. He's been playing in the tradition for awhile since shedding his Lifetime Band trappings, and the music on this attests to his comfort as a major player who is creating his own image in the pantheon of jazz greatness. On this live double album of compositions culled from five previous recordings, Williams is joined by his regular working band of Wallace Roney (trumpet), Bill Pierce (saxophones), Ira Coleman (bass) and Mulgrew Miller (piano), all of whom offer articulate turns as sidemen and soloists. Too much good music to talk about here.

■ **DAVID VALENTIN:** Red Sun (GRP GRD-9699). Producers: D. Valentin and Josiah Gluck.

There's an easy, graceful connection made when Valentin warbles on his flute. He brings an almost literary reading to pop and jazz standards like Lennon/McCartney's "With a Little Help From My Friends" and the Freddie Hubbard classic "Little Sunflower," and Arturo Sandoval's warm flugelhorn playing on "We'll Be Together Again," the tribute to his mentor, is perhaps the best example of how Valentin integrates passion with savory playfulness, something evident on "Beyond The Ridge." Other tracks of note include "Lia's Song" and "Pensativa."

COUNTRY NEWS BOX

For The Songwriters

ASCAP recently held its annual membership meeting in Nashville. ASCAP president Morton Gould chaired the annual Nashville Membership meeting on April 28 at the Loew's Vanderbilt Plaza Hotel. The meeting was attended by 400 writer and publisher members from the Southern region. At the meeting, Gould reviewed current legislative matters affecting ASCAP members and recapped the Society's ac-

tivities over the past year.
Gould reported two "hard-won legislative victories" for music creators in 1992, passage of the Audio Home Recording Act and the Automatic Copyright Renewal Act, and outlined ASCAP's leadership role in support of passage of both bills. Gould noted that ASCAP will collect and distribute digital audio royalties from the Musical Works Fund established by the Home Audio Recording Act for members who elect the Society to do so. Gould indicated ASCAP's legislative agenda for 1993 includes an effort to extend the copyright term in the United States to an author's life plus 70 years. Also noted was ASCAP's support for Nashville's new Leonard Bernstein Center for Education through the Arts. It is a national educational center created to preserve and carry forward the educational legacy of Bernstein, who was an active member of ASCAP for more than 45 years.

ASCAP's managing director, Gloria Messinger delivered the Financial Report, noting that ASCAP's total distributions for 1992 amounted to \$314,056,000. Bernard Korman, general counsel, reported on current legal matters. Southern regional executive director Connie Bradley presented a review of ASCAP's activities in the Southern region.



Pictured following ASCAP's membership meeting (I-r) are: ASCAP board member Marilyn Bergman and Hal David, ASCAP songwriter Vernon Rust, ASCAP board member Johnny Mandel, ASCAP 1992 songwriter of the year Pat Alger, ASCAP's Connie Bradley and Bernard Korman, ASCAP board member Cy Coleman, ASCAP president Morton Gould, ASCAP's Richard Reimer, ASCAP songwriter Frank J.

Myers, and ASCAP board member John Cacavas.

THE NSAI: Nashville Songwriters Association International has completed an informative new video, The Write Track, which explores the business of songwriting. Throughout the video, acclaimed songwriters perform original compositions, provide useful information about writing hit songs, and present candid insights into the music business. Among the songwriters featured are: Pat Alger, Garth Brooks, Jill Colucci, Harlan Howard, Hal Ketchum, Richard Leigh, Ralph Murphy, Hugh Prestwood and Alan Shamblin. Proceeds from the project benefit the NSAI's Endowment Fund. To order *The Write Track*, call (800) 544-6300.

THE SGA: Songwriters Guild Of America will hold a workshop called "Songwriting Basics" on Tuesday, May 18, 1993 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at SGA/Nashville at 1222 16th Ave. S. #25. Buckhorn Music's Shirley Hutchins will teach the one-night class. Cost is \$25 for SGA members and \$80 for non-members. For more information contact Debbie McClure at (615) 329-1782. Application deadline is 3:00

p.m. on Monday, May 17. **SONY MUSIC BOX**—Sony Music Publishing is uniquely marketing its extensive catalog to film producers and advertising agencies on compact disc through its first in a series, The Music Box Volume I Country Collection, showcasing the vast Tree International copyrights. "We've already had success in placing our songs in these areas, but now we'll be able to even better position Sony/Tree as an entertainment leader," said Donna Hilley, senior vice president of Sony Music Publishing and chief operating officer of Tree International. "Make The World Go Away' has been in a Calgon commercial and 'He Stopped Loving Her Today' was used in the film White Men Can't Jump. Those accomplishments initiated this project." David Landau, Sony Music's vice president of film and TV music in Los Angeles, said the series will strengthen his marketing efforts. "The country collection is being released first because the Tree catalog is the foundation of Sony Music Publishing," Landau said. "It is the perfect tool to familiarize soundtrack producers with our music and songwriters."

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Neal McCoy: Paying **Dues Pays Off**

By Joseph Stanley & Brad Hogue



AT FIRST GLANCE, today's country music scene seems to be composed of stars who somehow found success overnight. From seemingly out of nowhere people we've never heard of before are household names—Garth Brooks, Billy Ray Cyrus, etc. It's easy to forget sometimes that country music has always been an industry that requires a certain amount of dues-paying. Some artists pay their dues for years and never quite get the break they need to "hit the big time." Others get tired and give up. Others know what it takes before they start and are prepared to persevere. Neal McCoy is one of those people.

Growing up in the East Texas town of Jacksonville, Neal was exposed to a huge variety of musical styles. "It was like everybody in the house liked a different kind of music. My dad liked country, my sister liked rock, so it just depended on which room I was in what kind of

music I'd hear," McCoy says.

It wasn't long before Neal began singing himself, whenever and wherever anyone would let him. His father's love of country music eventually took root with Neal, and he began to play on the East Texas honky-tonk circuit. As many others before him have learned, the circuit is tough, exciting, and often a one-way ticket to obscurity. Instead of giving up, though, Neal just kept on doing what he does best-playing and singing and making the crowd happy

Neal's efforts eventually placed him in a talent contest in a local club. Janie Fricke, who at that time was touring with Charley Pride, was one of the judges. McCov won the contest and was introduced to Charley Pride. Pride was sufficently impressed by McCoy's unique vocal style and his abilities as an entertainer to ask Neal to start opening shows for

For the next seven years McCoy did just that. Two years ago the word had gone out on the grapevine about McCoy's style and his sound, and eventually got to the A&R department at Atlantic Records. They sent a rep to Arizona to see McCoy in action and soon signed him to the label.

McCoy's stage presence has made him a favorite with crowds at the annual June Jam in Fort Wayne, Alabama and at the first "Atlantic on The Atlantic" show in Florida this year at spring break with Tracy Lawrence, Confederate Railroad and John Michael Montgomery. His shows are nothing less than studies in continuous movement. "I couldn't just stand there and sing if my life depended on it," he says. "I just know that when the music gets in me and I see the fans out there, I just can't keep still." He adds, "I live on the theory that life is supposed to be fun. When I play I want the crowd to have a good time, so I get out there and have fun myself."

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#1 SINGLE: Tracy Lawrence

ALIBIS (Atlantic 87372)(CD) Tracy Lawrence 2 11 PHEARTS ARE GONNA ROLL (Curb 1039)(CD) Hal Ketchum 5 12 TENDER MOMENT (Arista 2523)(CD) Lee Roy Parnell 6 10 4 BORN TO LOVE YOU (MCA 54515)(CD) Mark Collie 4 15 5 MADE FOR LOVIN' YOU (Epic 74885)(CD) Doug Stone 9 11 6 AIN'T THAT LONELY YET (Epic 18590)(CD) Dwight Yoakam 10 9 8 YOU SAY YOU WILL (MCA 54600)(CD) Trisha Yearwood 8 10 9 I LOVE THE WAY YOU LOVE ME (Atlantic 8737Johnn Michael Montgomery 11 8 11 TONIGHT I CLIMBED THE WALL (Arista 2514)(CD) Alan Jackson 1 12 HOMETOWN HONEYMOON (RCA 62495)(CD) Alabama 14 5 13 HIGH ROLLIN' (Epic 74856)(CD) Gibson Miller Band 15 12 T.R.O.U.B.L.E. (Warner Brothers 718588)(CD) Travis Tritt 17 7 15 ALRIGHT ALREADY (RCA 62474)(CD) Larry Stewart 16 10 16 HONKY TONK ATTITUDE (Epic 74911)(CD) Joe Diffie 20 7 JUST AS I AM (Columbia 74896)(CD) Ricky Van Shelton 21 16 SHOULD'VE BEEN A COWBOY (Mercury 843)(CD) Toby Keith 22 11 19 SOMEONE TO GIVE MY LOVE TO (MCA 54497)(CD) Tracy Byrd 19 14 TROUBLE ON THE LINE (Curb 1043)(CD) Sawyer Brown 23 7 BLAME IT ON YOUR HEART (Epic 74906)(CD) Patty Loveless 24 7 NO FUTURE IN THE PAST (MCA 54540)(CD) Vince Gill 26 5 28 OH ME, OH MY, SWEET BABY (Arista 2464)(CD) Diamond Rio 27 6 24 AN OLD PAIR OF SHOES (Warner Brothers CDX53)(CD) Randy Travis 30 25 HEARTACHE (Liberty 79636)(CD) Suzy Bogguss 28

26 LOVE ON THE LOOSE, HEART ON THE RUN (MCA 54601)(CD)

31 SHE DON'T KNOW SHE'S BEAUTIFUL (Mercury 825)(CD)

34 WHEN YOU LEAVE THAT WAY YOU CAN NEVER GO BACK

TELL ME ABOUT IT (Liberty 56985)(CD)

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...... Tanya Tucker with Delbert McClinton 35

IF I HAD A CHEATIN' HEART (Liberty 79632)(CD) . . . Ricky Lynn Gregg 33 10 33 I GUESS YOU HAD TO BE THERE (BNA 62415)(CD) . . . Lorrie Morgan 36 5

35 THE HARD WAY (Columbia 74930)(CD) Mary-Chapin Carpenter 38 4 36 THAT SUMMER (Liberty 79736)(CD) Garth Brooks DEBUT 37 HEY BABY (MCA 54607)(CD) Marty Stuart 39 4 38 SOME GAVE ALL (Mercury 872)(CD) Billy Ray Cyrus 40 3 39 MONEY IN THE BANK (BNA CDX55)(CD) John Anderson 43 2 40 WHEN DID YOU STOP LOVING ME (MCA 54642)(CD) . . George Strait 44 2 WHAT MADE YOU SAY THAT (Mercury 864992)(CD) Shania Twain 42 6 42 IF YOU'RE NOT GONNA LOVE ME (Giant)(CD) Deborah Allen 46 43 CLEOPATRA, QUEEN OF DENIAL (Arista 2552)(CD) Pam Tillis DEBUT 44 MAYBE YOU WERE THE ONE (Arista 2515)(CD) Dude Mowery DEBUT MEMORY LANE (Curb 1041)(CD) Tim McGraw 47 4 46 I'D RATHER MISS YOU (Warner Brothers 18668)(CD) Little Texas 12 15 FOOL TO FALL (Liberty 79635)(CD) Pearl River DEBUT 48 NEW WAY HOME (RCA 62499)(CD) K.T. Oslin DEBUT

50 HAUNTED HEART (Mercury 873)(CD) Sammy Kershaw DEBUT



TO WATCH: Randy Travis #24



HIGH DEBUT: Garth Brooks #36



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52	LITTLE ANGEL (Liberty CDX54)(CD) The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band	52	3	
53	CLOSING THE DOOR (Lion 626923)(CD) Del Pritchett	53	9	
54	YOU'RE MY ONE AND ONLY YOU (Stargern)(CD) Bill Wilkerson, Jr.	55	7	
55	GET IN LINE (Columbia 74913)(CD) Larry Boone	DE	3UT	
56	MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM (Columbia 74954)(CD) Dolly Parton	DE	3UT	
57	ANY ROAD (Mercury CDX54)(CD) Corbin Hanner	57	3	
58	WISH I COULD GO FISHING (Fraternity)(CD) Jack Reno	58	7	
59	THE HEART WON'T LIE (MCA 54599)(CD) Reba McEntire & Vince Gill	25	12	
60	MENDING FENCES (RCA 62419-2)(CD) Restless Heart	41	16	
61	HARD WORKIN' MAN (Arista 2513)(CD) Brooks & Dunn	48	14	
62	1-800-FOOL (Stop Hunger)(CD) Jack Hollingsworth	67	5	
63	NOW I PRAY FOR RAIN (Atlantic CDX49)(CD) Neal McCoy	50	13	
64	BACK WHEN (Columbia 74905)(CD) Vern Gosdin	49	6	
65	LEARNING TO LIVE AGAIN (Liberty 79633)(CD) Garth Brooks	51	14	
66	NEW BABY BLUES (Starcut 0005)(CD) Jamie Harper	56	12	
67	SHE KNOWS HOW I FEEL ABOUT LOVE (Killer)(CD) . Largent Brothers	70	6	
68	LIKE A RIVER TO THE SEA (Arista 2510)(CD) Steve Wariner	60	13	
69	SHE'S NOT CRYIN' ANYMORE (Mercury 827)(CD) Billy Ray Cyrus	59	16	
70	I PICKED A BAD DAY (Playback)(CD) Michelle Bishop	76	3	
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72	WRONG'S WHAT I DO BEST (MCA 54604)(CD) George Jones	62	8	
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74	LET THAT PONY RUN (Arista 2506)(CD) Pam Tillis	63	17	
75	SIX PACK AWAY (Playback)(CD) George Allison	79	3	
76	IF YOU WANT A GOOD WOMAN (Interstate 40)(CD) Ted's Boys	80	3	
77	IF YOU'VE NEVER SEEN LOVE (Playback)(CD) Susan Smith	82	3	
78	LIKE OPENING YOUR PRESENTS (Gallery II)(CD) Benny Northern	81	3	
100	IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING (Winchap)(CD) Sylvia Winters	85	2	
80	SHE (Alliance)(CD) L.D. Whitt	83	2	
81	PAPER OR PLASTIC (Alliance)(CD) Tom Cunningham	84	2	
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91	LOOK AT YOU GIRL (Liberty 79602)(CD)	72	12	
92	WHAT A WOMAN WANTS (RCA 62420-2)(CD) Lari White	73	12	
93	THE CHANGE (Arista 2528)(CD) Michelle Wright	74	11	
94	HONKY TONKIN' FOOL (BNA 62432)(CD) Doug Supernaw	75	11	
95	AMERICA, I BELIEVE IN YOU (Liberty 79634)(CD) Charlie Daniels	87	8	
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REVIEWS by Brad Hogue

■ PALOMINO ROAD "The Best That You Can Do"

The follow-up to their uptempo debut, "Why Baby Why," "The Best That You Can Do" reveals Palomino Road's powerful balladry prowess. Written by Follese, Guilbeau, and McHugh of the band, the tune digs one cut deeper into the Liberty debut album, Palomino Road, and is comparable in sound to some old Eagles stuff, especially lead singer Ronnie Guilbeau's Henley-ish vocals. Thom Mc-Hugh, Keith Follese and Chuck Howard produce.



■ KATHY MATTEA "Seeds" (Mercury)

Written by Pat Alger and Ralph Murphy, "Seeds" is an eloquent observation of why fortune smiles on some while the rest go on wanting. Mattea's vocals are heartfelt and interpretive, with background harmonies in just the right places, instrumentation light and fluent, and drums almost absent from the mix. From her latest Mercury album, Lonesome Standard Time, the cut further demonstrates that Mattea's artistry is continuing to evolve. Brent Maher produces.

■ REBA McENTIRE "It's Your Call" (MCA)

From the platinum-selling album of the same name, "It's Your Call" was written by Liz Hengber, Shawna Harrington-Burkhart and Bruce Burch, and carried out in classic McEntire fashion, with the vocal range of the reigning queen of country never ceasing to please or amaze. Addressing the issue of extramarital affairs, "It's Your Call" could easily garner another #1 for McEntire's mantle. Tony Brown and Reba Mc-Entire produce.



■ BROOKS & DUNN "We'll Burn That Bridge"

The hard-workin' men are at it again with the second single from their already platinum hard-workin' album, Hard Workin' Man. Written by Ronnie Dunn and Don Cook, "We'll Burn That Bridge" is another upbeat cooker which draws its wisdom from an old overused cliché but still provides that now-signature blend of Tex-Mex music the Brooks & Dunn duo is famous for. Arista's artistry and excellence continues. Don Cook and Scott Hendricks produce.

PICK OF THE WEEK



JOY WHITE "Cold Day In July" (Columbia)

This cut is simply a masterpiece. Written by Richard Leigh and interpreted perfectly by Columbia's diamond in the rough—Joy White, "Cold Day In July" should climb to #1 and then become a standard. Haunting guitar melody embraces a crying steel with an authentic White mourn prompting high lonesome chills to scuttle up one's spine while in-the-pocket keys and mandolin fluency add further delight. Every necessary element is here: great song, great arrangement, great production and masterful interpretation. For this, Joy White receives Pick of the Week honors even in the company of more established artists. From the album, Between Midnight And Hindsight, Blake Chancey and Paul Worley produce.

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#1 ALBUM Dwight Yoakam



TO WATCH: **Brooks & Dunn**

THIS TIME (Reprise 45241-2)	Dwight Yoakam	1	6
2 HARD WORKIN' MAN (Arista 8716)(P)	Brooks & Dunn	2	9
3 ALIBIS (Atlantic 82483)(G)	Iracy Lawrence	3	8
5 IT'S YOUR CALL (MCA 10673)(P)	Reha McEntire	5	17
ACROSS THE BORDER (Columbia 52752)	Willie Nelson	7	'4
7 PURE COUNTRY (Original Motion Picture Sound	dtrack)		•
(MCA 10651)(P2)	George Strait	6	29
3 LIFE'S A DANCE (Atlantic 82420) John	Michael Montgomery	10	11
9 WYNONNA (Curb/MCA 10529)(P2)			55
10 COME ON COME ON (Columbia 48881)(P) M	lary-Chapin Carpenter	9 16	40 57
THE CHASE (I berty 98742) (PS)	Garth Brooks		30
12 THE CHASE (Liberty 98743) (P5)	Sammy Kershaw	13	6
14 SOME GAVE ALL (Mercury 3145)(P6)	Billy Ray Cyrus	14	47
15 I STILL BELIEVE IN VOIL (MCA 10630) (D)	Vince Gill		31
16 ONLY WHAT I FEEL (Epic 53236)	Patty Loveless	53	2
17 OTHER VOICES, OTHER ROOMS (Elektra 61464)	Nancy Griffith	15	7
18 WATCH ME (BNA 66047-2)(G)	Lorrie Morgan		26 85
20 A LOT ABOUT LIVIN' (AND A LITTLE 'BOUT LO'	VIE)	13	03
(Arista 18711-2)(P)		17	26
21 AMERICAN PRIDE (RCA 66044-4)	Alabama		26
22 SEMINOLE WIND (BNA 61029)(P)	John Anderson		62
23 t-r-o-u-b-l-e (Warner Bros. 45048)(P)	Travis Tritt		34
THE WHEEL (Columbia 52729)		24	6
25 LONGNECKS AND SHORT STORIES (MCA 26630)(G 26 FIRE IN THE DARK (Liberty/SBK 98947)			50 10
27 INGENUE (Sire/Warner Bros. 26840)		27	8
DELTA DREAMLAND (Giant 24485)	Deborah Allen	28	3
29 OUT OF LEFT FIELD (Curb/Capricorn 45225)	. Hank Williams, Jr.	23	6
30 RAVE ON (Mercury 512568) Ke	ntucky HeadHunters	29	8
31 CONFEDERATE RAILROAD (Atlantic 82335) (Confederate Railroad		11
32 ROPIN' THE WIND (Liberty 96330)(P9)			80
33 NO FENCES (Liberty 93866)(P10)	Garth Brooks		34
34 CAN'T RUN FROM YOURSELF (Liberty 98987)(G)			26
JONESOME STANDARD TIME (Mercury 512567)		35 22	3 27
37 THE HARD WAY (RCA 66003)(P)			39
38 HEARTS IN ARMOR (MCA 10641)(P)			30
39 BIG IRON HORSES (RCA 66049)			18
40 HONKY TONK ATTITUDE (Columbia 53002)		DÉB	
41 VOICES IN THE WIND (Liberty 98585)	Suzy Bogguss		23
42 GARTH BROOKS (Liberty 90897)(P4)	Garth Brooks		90
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46 DEL RIO, TX 1959 (Arista 18713-2)	Radney Foster		26
47 CAFE ON THE CORNER (Curb 77574)	Sawyer Brown	42	30
48 GREATEST HITS PLUS (Columbia 52753)(G)	. Ricky Van Shelton		34
49 FROM THE HEART (Epic 52436)(G)			34
50 GREATEST HITS VOLUME I (Warner Bros. 5675)(G)			28
51 IN THIS LIFE (Epic 48983)(G)	Collin Raye	49 DEB	33
AMERICA, I BELIEVE IN YOU (Liberty 80477) 53 FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING (Warner Bros 26820	Little Texas	70	ž
Greatest Hits 1990-1992 (Liberty)	Tanya Tucker	DĚB	
55 MOODS AND MOMENTS (Curb 77556)	Wavne Newton	55	41
56 HONEYMOON IN VEGAS (Original Motion Pictu	re Soundtrack)		
(Epic 52845)(G)			30
57 DON'T ROCK THE JUKEBOX (Arista 8681)(P2)			99
58 WALLS CAN FALL (MCA 10652)			23
59 THIS ONE'S GONNA HURT YOU (MCA 10596)(G)		60 61	39 6
61 WHERE THERE'S SMOKE (Epic 52980)			10
62 MARK COLLIE (MCA 10658)			10
63 FOR MY BROKEN HEART (MCA 54223)(P2)			7 7
64 TOBY KEITH (Mercury 514421)	Toby Keith	ĎĒBI	
65 POCKET FULL OF GOLD (MCA 10140)(P)	Vince Gill		07
66 SACRED GROUND (MCA 1054)	McBride & The Ride		10
67 STICKS AND STONES (Atlantic 82326)(G)			70
68 DIAMOND RIO (Arista 8673)(P)			96
70 CLOSE TO THE EDGE (Arista 186562)		52	2
			24
71 SURE LOVE (Curb 77581)	Hal Ketchum . Ricky Lynn Grego	DEBI	29 UT
73 BILLY DEAN (Liberty/SBK 96728)(G)			21
74 EVERY TIME YOU SAY GOODBYE (Rounder 285)		68	_ 8
75 TRISHA YEARWOOD (MCA 10297)(P)		69	91

REVIEWS by Brad Hogue

KENNY ROGERS if only my heart had a voice

The gambler is at it again with his new release on Giant Records, if only my heart had a voice. "Fightin' For The Same Thing" opens the project with Rogers' unmistakable vocal style tinged with feeling and full of conviction. The next cut, "Missing You" is climbing the charts as a single, and a well-done duet with Travis Tritt, "If I Were You," lies further beneath the surface. Other select cuts include the balladry of "Reason To Go," and the storytelling of "Ol' Red." James Stroud and Larry Butley produce.



RONNY COX Ronny Cox (Mercury)

Ronny Cox didn't need another career when he decided to pursue music. After listening to his Mercury debut, Ronny Cox, you'll be relieved that he did. The authenticity contained in Ronny's debut is strengthened by focused, thoughtful songwriting which could only come straight from the heart. Standout cuts include "The Night John Huston Died," "I'll Waltz You Home" and the largely autobiographical first single, "The Cowboy Rides." While Cox is no Garth Brooks vocally, the imperfections in his voice truly give character to his

LARI WHITE Lari White (RCA)

The one-time "You Can Be A Star" winner Lari White has released her RCA debut, Lead Me Not after bidding farewell to a career in theatre. White wrote or co-wrote eight of the 10 selections which range from the traditional Patsy Cline croon of "Just Thinking" to the ultra-modern single "What A Woman Wants." The album reveals White as a confident and controlled vocalist as well as a great writer. "Lead Me Not," for example, incorporates straight Gospel arrangements to prove her point. Rodney Crowell, Lari White and Steuart Smith produce.





■ TRACY BYRD Tracy Byrd (MCA)

This MCA upstart has already seen singles success with his debut "Someone To Give My Love To," and the rest of the album is certainly not disappointing. With a voice as smooth as silk, Byrd's got what it takes to be MCA's next big thing in the traditional country genre. From the two-stepping tradition of "Back In The Swing Of Things" to the loneliness of "Why Don't That Telephone Ring" or "Edge Of A Merory," Tracy shows he's vocally proficient at more than one style, and he even co-writes on "That's The Thing About A Memory." Keith Stegall and Tony Brown produce.

PICK OF THE WEEK



■ THE CACTUS BROTHERS The Cactus Brothers (Liberty)

These guys have been picking around Nashville for several years now, and thanks to the Liberty label behind them, the Cactus Brothers have released a visionary debut project. With a combination of Appalachian twang and electrified acoustic instruments like banjos and dulcimers, the Cactus project is full of eclectic surprises. Initiating the album with an electrified cover of "Sixteen Tons," band members Paul Kirby, Will and John Golemon, David Kennedy, Sam Poland, David Schnaufer, and Tramp solicited the aid of noted producer Allen Reynolds and co-producer Mark Miller to capture their essence on tape. No session players or back-up singers participated. Besides the resurrected Merle Travis classic, standout cuts include the brilliant traditional instrumentals "Blackberry Blossom" and "Fisher's Hornpipe," and a slew of Cactus Brothers originals.



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HIGH DEBUTS

- 1. GARTH BROOKS—"That Summer"-(Liberty)-#36
- 2. PAM TILLIS—"Cleopatra, Queen of Denial"—(Arista)—#43
- 3. PEARL RIVER—"Pearl River"—(Liberty)—#47
- 4. K. T. OSLIN-"New Way Home"-(RCA)-#48
- 5. SAMMY KERSHAW—"Haunted Heart"—(Mercury)—#50

MOST ACTIVE

- 1. RANDY TRAVIS—"An Old Pair Of Shoes"—(Warner Bros.)—#24
- 2. BILLY DEAN—"I Wanna Take Care of You"—(Liberty)—#28
- 3. TANYA TUCKER/DELBERT McCLINTON—"Tell Me About It"— (Liberty)-#30

POWERFUL ON THE PLAYLIST—With five songs debuting in the Top 50 on the Cash Box Top 100 Country Singles chart this week, the action among the rest of the gang slowed just a bit. The week's biggest movers edged six notches closer to the top with Randy Travis walking "An Old Pair of Shoes" up to #24 while Billy Dean's "I Wanna Take Care of You" moved on up to #28. Tanya Tucker and Delbert McClinton continued their rise this week, moving "Tell Me About It" up five places to #35.

RADIO NEWS—KASE 101 "NABs" Award—KASE 101 FM has been named winner of the National Association of Broadcasters' 1993 Crystal Radio Award. The award, which recognizes excellence in community service, was presented at the NAB convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. KASE's involvement led to contributions of \$5,000 for the Williamson County Humane Society; \$16,000 for Make-A-Wish; \$145,000 for Walk America; \$18,000 for Court Appointed Special Advocates; \$77,000 for the Center For Battered Women; \$60,000 for the American Heart Association; and \$32,000 and 23,000 coats for Coats For Kids. This is the third accolade for the station this year. KASE was named Station of The Year by the CMA.

COUNTRY STAR TRACKS RETURNS—Nashville-based Gatwick Entertainment has announced the return of the weekly syndicated country radio program, Country Star Tracks. TNN's Lisa Foster has been tapped to host. The show is a one-hour program in which the tables are turned on today's country stars, as they get to pick their favorite music, special songs by other artists, and recordings that have influenced their careers. The new shows began in mid-April.

LOOKING AHEAD

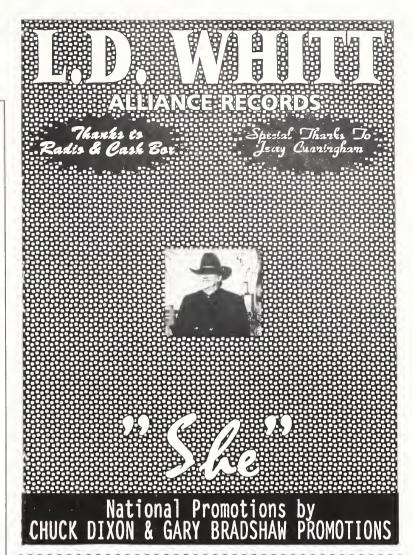
(Listed are major label single releases which have not yet debuted on the Top 100 Country Singles Chart, but are receiving reports.)

- 1. LARI WHITE—"Lead Me Not" (RCA)
- 2. RICK VINCENT—"Ain't Been A Train Through Here In Years"
- 3. CELINDA PINK-"Pack Your Lies And Go" (Step One)
- 4. MARTY BROWN—"It Must Be The Rain" (MCA)
- 5. CLEVE FRANCIS—"Walkin" (Liberty)

CMT Top Ten Video Countdown

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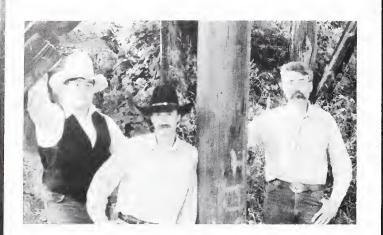
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INDIE FEATURE PICKS

■ TOM CUNNINGHAM "Paper Or Plastic" (Alliance)

This one deserves a spin or two.

It's a humorous tongue-in-cheek look at using credit cards when you can't pay your bills. The production is good and Cunningham's interpretation is quite believable. Radio should pick up on it.

L.D. WHITT "She" (Alliance)

With a deep-throated voice and a sincere interpretation, L.D. Whitt tells the story of "She" in his latest Alliance single. "That's why I thank the Lord that she loves me."

INDIE CHART ACTION-American Image's Eddie Bond leads the independent artists this week as "Cold Dark Waters" climbs three to rest at #51. Bill Wilkerson, Jr.'s current Stargem release, "You're My One And Only You," also jumps a spot higher



MAYPOP—Country music super group Alabama recently presented Tennessee Governor Ned McWherter with an original painting of the Tennessee State Wildflower, the Maypop. The presentation took place at the band's Music Row publishing company, Maypop Music Group. Pictured (I-r) are: Kevin Lamb, Maypop vp; Governor McWherter; R.J. McDonald, wildlife artist; and Randy Owen of Alabama.



THE HIT MEN—Atlantic recording artist Tracy Lawrence and Tree writer Randy Boudreaux were recently presented with plaques to commemorate their #1 song, "Alibis." The presentation took place at a picnic sponsored by Tree International. Pictured (I-r) are: Tree vp Paul Worley; Lawrence; Boudreaux; Tree CEO Donna Hilley; and Nashville Atlantic chief Rick Blackburn.

Cash Box GOSPEL

BEAT

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN

SANDI PATTI

Le Voyage: Her Album & Her Life

By Joseph Stanley

ELEVEN YEARS AGO SANDI PATTI won her first Dove Awards for Gospel Artist of the Year and Female Vocalist of The Year. From that time she has grown and developed her career and her life in incredible,



inspiring ways. Today she stands head and shoulders above the crowd as the singlemost recognizable Contemporary Christian artist today. She has seen three of her albums go platinum—something almost unheard of in the CCM arena. In addition to this, though, she's had four gold Records, five Grammy Awards, six more Grammy nominations and more than 32 Dove Awards.

With all this fame, though, Patti has somehow managed to hold on to the basics of life and Christianity in such a way that few might manage. Any mother would dread a phone call from anyone at the kids' bedtime, especially on the night before leaving on a trip, but Patti is so excited about her new project, *Le Voyage*, that she fit in time for an interview recently under just those circumstances. Between convincing the kids that it was indeed time to go along to bed, Patti talked about the new album and book that will be coming out in May and how they are reflective of the "Voyage," or journey we all must face every day.

Cash Box: How would you describe yourself? Who is Sandi Patti? Sandi Patti: I am...hmmm... I'm a 36-year-old woman who loves being a mom with four kids, a woman who makes a lot of decisions—some good, some not so good. I'm a Christian, a person who wants to be all that God wants me to be.

C.B.: How did this project come about?

S.P.: About three years ago Greg Nelson and Bob Ferrell came to me with the idea of doing this sort of album. They wrote all of the songs and so forth, but I wasn't ready for it at the time. When they came back, though, I was not only ready, but I was eager to do it.

C.B.: What does the album mean to you, personally?

S.P.: Well, life itself is a journey. It is a series of ups and downs and decisions made, the bad as well as the good. The key to the journey, though, is balance, and the key to having that balance is to stay close to Companion, to stay close to God.

C.B.: Do you feel that the book and the album are reflective of your own experiences in the past couple of years as you've struggled to come

to grips with the secrets and pain of your own past?

S.P.: Most definitely, especially the part of the book where Traveler has to go through the Forest of Fears, as I have walked through my own Forest, finally, with the help of God, seeing these fears clearly and honestly and facing up to them. It can be—in fact it has been—a very scary time. I think that perhaps the hardest part of that Forest to overcome is the tree of guilt, due to the choices we all make. In some ways, though, especially where abuse is concerned, the worst of the guilt is a false guilt, believing that we are at fault for things we had no control over. As for guilt due to choices we make, it's still hard; I can accept God's forgiveness, but I still have trouble forgiving myself sometimes.

C.B.: Where is Sandi Patti on her journey? What part of the book would you say describes best where you are now?

S.P.: Well, let me say first that I believe that the Voyage repeats itself. From time to time I may go back to the Forest of Fear or to the Road of Good Intentions or to the City of Rest. Right now, though, I think I'm in the Tenderlands. I've met so many wonderful, special people, and I'm experiencing, for the first time in such a long time, the unconditional love that we all need. It is a time of building strength, of building love.

C.B.: Take over my keyboard for a minute: If you could write anything at all in this article you wanted, what would it be?

S.P.: My hope and my prayer for everyone is that their Journey be safe and sweet. There is a time to celebrate the joy of the Journey, but we must also remember that, even though there is pain our Companion will not leave us. We are not alone; God knows our pain, and He loves us. We have to remember that and just never stop Travelling.

WORLD VISION ANNOUNCES ARTIST ASSOCIATIONS— World

Vision, the largest Christian relief and development agency in the world, has announced new relationships with

some of the most influential artists in Christian music. White Heart, DeGarmo & Key, Bruce Carroll, Guardian, Bride, Steve Darmody and several other artists have joined with World Vision's Artist Associate Program which has helped more than 10,000 impoverished children worldwide. World Vision's Artist Associate Program is designed to enhance artists ministries by encouraging their audiences to become involved with World Vision outreaches like child sponsorship.

Vision outreaches like child sponsorship.

CHRISTIAN MUSIC AND VIDEO RETAILERS REPORT
RECORD GMA ATTENDANCE—More than 325 Christian
Music and Video Retailers convened during the GMA convention
for the third annual CMVR Conference. The attendance marked
an increase from 226 at last year's conference. Representatives
from national distributors, retail chains, independent retailers
and music companies participated in educational seminars,
product showevers concepts and special events.

product showcases, concerts and special events. **STARSONG DISTRIBUTION GROUP ANNOUNCED**With catalogue sales soaring and tremendous growth all down the line, StarSong Communications Group recently announced a new name for its family of labels, "Star Song Distribution Group." The Group will take under its umbrella all affiliates including StarSong, ForeFront, Living Epistles, TTV, Fixit and Tyscot.



Premier Christian Country/pop artist Bruce Carroll recently signed with new management and booking agents. The winner of the 1993 Dove for Country Gospel Song of the Year Is pictured here with his manager, Bobby Roberts (left) and agent, Charles Dorris, Dorris, who peviously had his own agency, will continue to represent Carroll through the William Morris Agency.



KEEPIN' THE FAITH—Jericho, Homeland's new Southern Gospel group, recently joined producer Russell Mauldin at Suite 16 Studio to put the finishing touches on their debut album, *Keepin' The Faith*, due out in July. Pictured are (I-r) Russell Mauldin, Dwayne Burke, Scott Whitner, Anthony Cucuta and Jon McBroom.

John P. Kee/Tyscot Records Sign Deal With StarSong

By Tim A. Smith

STARSONG COMMUNICATIONS recently announced an extensive marketing and distribution arrangement with gospel artist John P. Kee and his label, Tyscot Records. Kee's latest release, *We Walk By Faith*, which features the New Life Community Choir, is currently #1 on many gospel charts.

gospel charts.

"We are thrilled to be working with John P. Kee and the wonderful people at Tyscot. They have great integrity, and obviously an undeniable ear for talent," stated StarSong senior vice president, Jeff Moseley.

Along with selling and marketing Kee's products to the CBA market, StarSong is also embarking on an aggressive retail campaign which will involve merchandising, discounts on catalog and new product which will continue to acknowledge Kee as the #1-selling gospel artist in the nation.

"We are delighted to have the opportunity to spread God's word to the CBA market," says Bryant Scott, vice president at Tyscot. "All of the ministries involved can only be strengthened by this venture."

Initially StarSong will release six back catalog titles with the new Victory in Praise project, with *Lillies In The Valley* hitting the shelves in June, and a solo project from Kee in the fall. Kee's product will be available through StarSong's distribution arrangement with Spring Arbor.

In an unrelated venture, it was also announced that Tyscot has signed an agreement with Atlanta International Records to distribute its product in the gospel marketplace. This is in light of the demise of Spectra Distribution, which formerly handled distribution for Tyscot.



...ON THE DOTTED LINE—Pictured (I-r) are: Back row, Danny McGuffey, vp marketing and sales, Star-Song; Jackie Patillo, A&R, StarSong; Bryant Scott, vp general manager, Tyscot; (front) Jeff Mosley, senior VP, StarSong; Dr. Leonard, president, Tyscot

GOSPEL REVIEW

■ TERRI LYNN Inside A Tear (Intersound)

Though the field of Contemporary Country Christian music has made some tremendous strides in the past few years, perhaps none of them has been quite as exciting as the advent of a strong female voice in this male-dominated field. With the release of *Inside A Tear*, Terri Lynn has definitely given us something to be excited about. The songwriting and vocals on this album rival any to be found in the whole spectrum of music. The message carried in these songs, the message of Godly living, Godly love, and the healing that can take place "Inside A Tear" takes this collection to a level where it stands alone. Extra good on this album are the title cut, "Beside Still Waters," "Just Married," and "He's The One On The White Horse."

PHIL DRISCOLL The Picture Changes (Word)

As time goes by Phil Driscoll just keeps getting better and better. This is his 16th album, and it marks an almost complete change in his style. The recipient of several Dove awards for instrumental albums, Driscoll sets his trumpet aside and shows us his considerable vocal strength. The songs on this collection send a message of hope and faith and love. Driscoll has put together an album of music that can stand beside any adult contemporary collection available today. Standouts on this album include "Talk About It," "Stand By Me," "Walkin' On The Dark Side," and "I Believe In You."

■ LUTHER BARNES & THE SUNSET JUBILAIRES Enjoying Jesus (AIR)

The Barnes name has become a staple within the realm of traditional gospel music. Barnes once more joins forces with the exquisite harmonies of the Sunset Jubilaires; the end result is an album of pleasing gospel melodies. Barnes and crew's refreshing fashion of presenting the traditional quartet sound comes through on such songs as "Stop By Here," "Why Can't We Be Friends," "Praise Him," and "Never Grows Old."

TOP BLACK GOSPEL ALBUMS

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1 WHEN GOD IS IN THE BUILDING (Savoy 14812) The Anointed Pace Sisters 1 14
2 WE WALK BY FAITH (Tyscot 1430) John P. Kee 2 18
3 HE'S WORKING IT OUT (Word/Epic 48785) Shirley Caesar 4 33
4 I'M GOING THROUGH (Savoy 7106) Rev. Clay Evans 6 5
5 JESUS SAVES (Selah 7509)
6 WHEN THE MUSIC STOPS (Sparrow 1234) Daryl Coley 9 4
7 JOY (Savoy 7102) Georgia Mass Choir 8 3
8 SEND YOUR ANOINTING (TM 2001) TM Mass Youth Chior 14 2
9 IN MY NAME (Word 7684) Rev. Milton Brunson 7 18
10 STAND STILL UNTIL HIS WILL IS CLEAR (Air 10180) Rev. E. Davis, Jr. 5
11 IT SHALL BE DONE (Sparrow 1234) Daryl Coley 13 33
12 MY MIND IS MADE UP (Tyscot 6826) John P. Kee 11 12
13 STEP BACK, LET GOD DO IT (Savoy 7107) Dr. Charles Hayes 10 3
14 BE WITH ME JESUS (Blackberry 22033) Melvin Williams 9 13
15 WHAT HE'S DONE FOR ME (Sparrow 1447) . Richard Smallwood Singers 16 2:
16 LIVE IN ME JESUS (CGI 51416111) Calvin Bernard Rhone 17
17 HALLELUJAH (Warner Alliance 6521) Handel's Messiah 15 23
18 I STOOD ON THE BANKS (Malaco 6009) Rev. James Moore 22 33
19 LEANING ON JESUS (Fixit) Edwin Hawkins 18
20 SOMETHING ON THE INSIDE (Jive) Vanessa Bell Armstrong Debu
21 ABIDE IN ME (Sparrow 1325) Sandra Crouch Debu
22 USE ME (Air 10181) James Bignon 23
23 LET EVERYTHING PRAISE HIM (Benson 2451) Thomas Whitfield 24 1
24 MY MIND IS MADE UP (Word 48784) Rev. Milton Brunson 26 3
25 HE THAT BELIEVETH (Light 750769) Ghicago Mass Choir 12 13
26 JESUS IS THE LIGHT (Benson 8535) Hezekiah Walker 21 3:
27 THANK YOU JESUS (Savoy 14811) The New York Restoration Choir 20 33
28 IT'S IN JESUS (Tribute 5445) D. Harper/N.J. Mass Choir 25 2:
29 TROUBLE DON'T LAST ALWAYS (Savoy 14804) Rev. Timothy Wright 27

30 ALL IS WELL (Savoy 5425) G.M.W.A./Salt Lake City 26 21

COIN MACHINE

Latin American Expo Is Set For July 21-22 In Mexico City

CHICAGO—The fourth annual Latin American Amusement, Music & Games Exposition has been slated for Wednesday, July 21 and Thursday, July 22, 1993 in Mexico City. Exhibits will be housed at Exhibimex with the educational seminars being held at the Sheraton Maria Isabel Hotel. This exposition, which is annually sponsored by the American Amusement Machine Association, has emerged as the "established show" in Mexico City for the coin-operated amusement industry.

At this carly date, exhibit space "has matched last year's sales," according to Mark Struhs, AAMA Foreign Business Development Committee chairman, who feels the 1993 event will establish new records in terms of attendance

and participation.

This year's exposition will feature 90 of the industry's leading manufacturers displaying hundreds of the newest products available in the marketplace, direct from the U.S. Stressing the dramatic growth of the exposition over the past four years, AAMA president Bill Rickett said, "This exposition has become the premier vehicle and most prestigious showing of our industry's products in Mexico. It provides our annual opportunity to further develop business in Mexico and solidify relationships in the Mexican marketplace." An estimated 2,500 operators and distributors of coin-operated amusement products throughout Mexico are expected to attend.

Exhibits will be open from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Wednesday and

Thursday (7/21 & 22). Admission is \$15 per person (U.S. dollars). Complimentary shuttle bus service will operate between the headquarters hotel (Sheraton Maria Isabel) and Exhibimex on show days.

Addressing the importance of Expo's educational program, AAMA's executive vice president Bob Fay stated that "The exposition will feature a full line-up of seminars presented in Spanish. A special highlight of this year's program will be all new technical seminars presented by the leading technical expert in the U.S., Randy Fromm (Randy Fromm's Arcade Schools)," he added. "Participants who attend these sessions receive Certificates of Training for the completion of these technical courses. The cost to attend seminars is \$25 (U.S. dollars) per person, per session. A full day of seminars is planned for Tuesday, July 20, at the Sheraton Maria Isabel Hotel."

AAMA will host a Welcome Reception on Wednesday evening. This event provides the opportunity to meet and exchange information with the industry's top sales and marketing executives in a social atmosphere, according to Rickett, and also serves as an expression of "our appreciation to our Latin American customers and business prospects."

Further information regarding this show may be obtained by contacting William T. Glasgow, Inc., 16066 South Park Avenue, South Holland, IL 60473-1500 USA (the show's management firm) or phoning 708-333-9292. FAX is 708-333-4086.

John Pasierb To American Laser Games

CHICAGO—Veteran game designer John Pasierb has been appointed director of engineering at American Laser Games. In this position, he will direct the efforts of 12 in-house engineers toward the creation of new cinema action games and modes of interaction for ALG's arcade and CD ROM home entertainment products.

Pasierb was an engineer with Bally Manufacturing for 14 years

and also held the position of vice president of engineering at Midway Manufacturing for five years. He was responsible for building a strong development environment for new games and assisted in the selection, refinement and licensing of products from Japanese and European developers. He was also vice president of lottery systems development at Scientific Games, a division of Bally

Manufacturing where, during his six-year tenure, he developed the lottery terminals and system which distribute "Pick 6" lottery tickets, recognized as the best point-of-sale lottery terminal available in the United States.

"American Laser Games reminds me of where Bally/Midway was in 1976," commented Pasierb. "It's a small company with energy, enthusiasm and flexibility. I'm looking forward to cultivating the creativity of our engineers and developing additional successful products."

Pasierb holds two patents for the design of several video graphic hardware systems for the coin-operated amusement industry. While working on his Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering, he was a pitcher for the Kansas City Royals for four seasons.

American Laser Games, based in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is

considered a pioneer and an industry leader in the development of real-time, interactive full-motion video games; and has been producing interactive video systems since 1988.



John Pasierb

IFPA World Championships— Coming Up Soon!

CHICAGO—The dates are May 21-23; the site is the Grand Milwaukee Hotel In Milwaukee, Wisconsin; the event is the third annual International Flipper Pinball Association "World Pinball Championships," which promises to be the association's most successful to date.

Featured in this year's tournament will be 100 of the latest and most technologically advanced pinball machines which will be utilized by hundreds of the world's top pinball players from across the United States and such countries as Australia, Canada, France, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, who will be competing in "Pinball's Main Event."

Co-sponsoring this year's AMOA/IFPA tournament will be Milwaukee's own Sprecher Brewery, known for its fine assortment of upscale European style and seasonal brews as well as its all-natural root beer products, which will be a featured beverage throughout the event.

Among the highlights will be a charity competition to benefit the MACC Fund. Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer is a charitable organization formed in 1976 to support research into the effective treatment and cure of childhood cancer. Research supported by the MACC Fund benefits afflicted children across America and around the world.

The overall agenda will include practice in the tournament room on Friday afternoon, followed by opening ceremonies that evening, a Player Reception, kick-off of the MACC Fund charity event, designer play instruction seminars and preliminary rounds of the Mixed Team event. "Pinball Mania" begins on Saturday with division play for Open (players of all skill levels), Women's and Pin Master Teams and Singles. Youth and Manufacturer's divisions also play their matches on Saturday afternoon and that evening will see the finals for the Mixed teams. Finals for all other divisions will take place on Sunday.

Entry fees for the various events range from \$5 to \$30. Payback is 100 percent of entry fees paid, plus added money and trophies or plaques. IFPA's tournament format calls for a head-to-head series of games for each match and double elimination. Special events such as the MACC Fund Charity Challenge, Single Flipper Doubles, High Single Ball and the Crossed Hands Contest may be entered as often as

players wish.

At stake at the big event is the crowning of the best pinball players in the world, as well as the awarding of cash and prizes in excess of \$20,000 (based on entries).

Further information regarding the tournament may be obtained by contacting IFPA executive director Doug Young at 141 W. Vine St., Milwaukee, WI 53212; or phoning 414-263-0233.

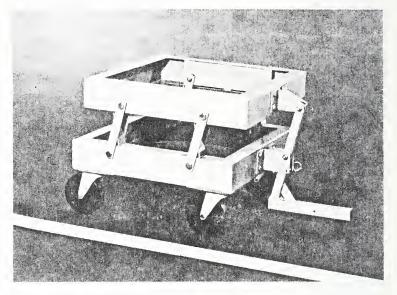
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Further information may be obtained by contacting Nortech, Inc., P.O. Box 338, Virginia, MN 55792

'Easy Lift' From Nortech

CHICAGO—The "Easy Lift" pool table lifter, produced by Nortech, Inc. of Virginia, Minnesota, provides an "economical, fast, easy and safe" way to move pool tables, according to company president Robert Thomas.

The unit is economical "in that you will no longer have to send a service man out to move tables," he explained, "fast and easy, because all you have to do is center the cart under the pool table and apply 50 pounds of down pressure (for standard coin-op tables) to the handle and the table lifts up for relocation." Since the Easy Lift, and not the service man does the lifting, comprehensive disability claims are considerably reduced, and this is the "safe" element Thomas referred to. Marking the location of the table allows it to be moved and replaced quickly while maintaining its level.



Nortech's 'Easy Lift' Pool Table Lifter

Gottlieb's Tee'd Off

CHICAGO—The name of the game pretty much says it all! Premier Technology, manufacturer of Gottlieb pinball machines, has introduced its latest creation, *Tee'd Off*, based on the sport of golf and presented in a pinball environment that abounds in special features and scoring opportunities.

Let's start with Gunther the Mechanical Dancing Golfer who is perched on the top of the game where he continuously taunts players as they try to complete shots, putts and holes-in-one.

As noted by Gil Pollock, president of Premier Technology, golf is a natural theme in street locations and *Tee'd Off's* format attracts both male and female players. "Sport themes have always been timeless earners in street locations," he said. "We like to provide operators with this type of ageless theme so that they can focus on long-term earnings as opposed to the constant rotation of games."

Location tests have proven that this new piece not only challenges experienced players but also attracts first-time players as well, in both arcades and street locations. "When is the last time you went into an arcade and saw a mom drop money into a game?" queried L.J. Greene, marketing manager for Premier. "We have seen this to be the case in our test locations and this represents incremental income for arcade locations."

In the design and production of *Tee'd Off* much attention was given to mechanical detail. The gopher wheel, for example, which is a spinning mechanism used to spot letters, employs sealed membrane switches for total reliability.

Further information about the new pin may be obtained through factory distributors or by contacting Premier Technology at 759 Industrial Drive, Bensenville, IL 60106.



Gottlieb's Tee'd Off



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