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The dreaded sophomore jinx has not affected Martina McBride at all as the country dynamo with the terrific voice is proving with the success of her second RCA album, *The Way That I Am*. She recently spoke to *Cash Box* Nashville editor Brad Hogue about her new record and burgeoning career.

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Christian Slater Finds True Romance

Ever-so-hot actor Christian Slater turns in a top-notch performance in the new romantic crime drama, *True Romance*. Billed as the "Bonnie & Clyde of the '90s," Slater and co-star Patricia Arquette echo Beatty and Dunaway as lovers in a "non-loving world."

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Arista Nashville's "Three-Legged Stool"

Cash Box talks to Arista Nashville's Big Three: president Tim DuBois, vp of marketing and sales Mike Dungan, and vp of promotion and artist development Allen Butler. They discuss how teamwork from an A-1 staff is the "secret weapon" in the label's success story.

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Steely Dan, Neil Young Rock L.A.

Those elusive butterflies, Steely Dan, who hadn't toured in 20 years, came out of their concert cocoon this week to delight their fans at the Greek Theatre. Also in town was Neil Young, rockin' the Free World at the Sports Arena, with Stone Temple Pilots and Blind Melon.

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STARS OUT FOR CHILDREN: CHILDREN UNDER SIEGE: An

Evening of Music for the Children of Bosnia-Herzegovina is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Oct. 14 at Los Angeles' Greek Theatre as a benefit concert for the young, innocent victims of the war in that country. The purpose of the event, inspired by Real Music artist Hisham's single "Sarajevo," is to raise public awareness of the plight of children who continue to suffer the ravages of the Balkan war and to raise much needed funds to deliver humanitarian assistance to young war victims.

The show will feature performances by artists such as Yanni, Alan Parsons, Jon Anderson of YES, Hisham, Ambrosia, Roberta Flack, Mick Fleetwood's Blue Whale, Greg Phillinganes, Buffy Sainte-Marie and Dave Mason as well as special performances by the Aman Dance Troupe and the San Francisco-based Balkan vocal ensemble, Kitka. Also scheduled to appear are Mike Farrell, Casey Kasem and John Ritter. Others will be announced later.

Contributions can be made via the toll-free number 1-800-93-BOSNIA as well as through the mail to "Children Under Siege," P.O. Box 29000, San Francisco, CA 94129.

WARNER DOES THE CONTINENTAL: Ramon Lopez, Warner Music International chairman/CEO announced the acquisition of Continental Records, one of Brazil's leading independent record companies. Continental will become an affiliate of WMI and operate as a division of Warner Music Brazil.

Lopez also announced the appointment of Joao Rossini as managing director of Continental, which will remain based in Sao Paulo, Brazil, reporting to Luiz Boaventura, managing director.

NAVARRE DOES SPONTANEOUS: Eric Paulson, president/CEO of Navarre Corporation, has announced the signing of an exclusive manufacturing and national distribution agreement with Spontaneous Records. The Toronto-based Spontaneous features the songwriting and recording talents of Dan Hill, best known for his Grammy-nominated hit, "Sometimes When We Touch." Paulson said, "When we introduced Dan at our national convention, our reps responded so enthusiastically that we're convinced we can cross his music to the next plateau."

Navarre Corp., the largest privately owned, national music and software conglomerate, maintains headquarters in Minneapolis and 13 offices across the country. Navarre completed its expansion and became the first company to sign long-term agreements with artists and labels for exclusive representation, outside of the six major music companies.

BEATLES' GREATEST CDs: More than 20 years after the original release on vinyl, Capitol Records will release THE BEAT-LES 1962-1966 and THE BEATLES 1967-1970, also known as the Red & Blue albums on compact disc, October 5. Never before released on CD, these two double compact discs contain the Beatles' greatest hits digitally remastered.

The collections also include a 24-page booklet in each volume that includes the lyrics for the songs, the original photographs that adorned the vinyl centerspreads, and additional photographs in each booklet.

Housed in separate red and blue CD double cases, the collections contain the Beatles' finest works spanning their 10-year history. Fans and collectors will appreciate the new sound quality that accompanies the digital remastering. The first 350,000 copies will be accentuated by red and blue interior CD trays.









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Kevin Knee has been promoted to the position of vice presid e n t / g e n e r a l manager, West Coast for EMI Records Group. Since January of this year he has been



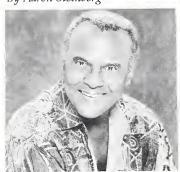
vice president of West Coast promotion for the company. Arista Records has appointed Steve Bartels as vice president, special projects. He comes to Arista from A&M, where he was senior national director of promotion. Jack Isquith has been named vice president of alternative music for A&M Records. He most recently headed his own indie promotion company, Beat Vision, and managed two bands. Sony Music International has promoted Millard Engleka to vice president, finance. Since 1987, he has served as vice president, business planning for the company. Arnie Kaplan has joined EMI Records Group, North America as vice president of royalties. He held the same title at Arista, where he worked for more than 15 years. **Rhino Records** has named **Eric** Kayser and Jennifer Sperandeo to promotion staff positions. Kayser moves up from promotion coordinator to national manager, promotion while Sperandeo fills Kayser's former position. She joins the Rhino team from Hollywood Records, where she worked in metal radio and retail promotion. Melissa Fogelman has been upped to the newly created post of manager, label services at Columbia Records. She had been the Columbia administrative coordinator since 1989.
Mercury Nashville has announced the promotion of four of its staff members. Claudia Mize has been promoted to the position of director of A&R administration. Additionally, Mize will continue her responsibilities as executive administrator. Faith Quesenberry has been upped to the position of office administrator. Quesenberry joined Mercury earlier this year as finance assistant. Cynthia Grimson has been promoted to the position of manager of media relations. Grimson started with PolyGram in Los Angeles before relocating to Nashville in 1989. Kim Fowler advances to the position of publicist. Fowler has worked with Mercury Nashville since 1990 in both the marketing and media relations departments. **Tom O'Flynn** has been appointed to branch manager for the Atlanta office of BMG Distribution. Prior to joining the Atlanta office, he held the same post at BMG's Washington, DC office. **Mid**dleberg & Associates has announced the addition of two new members to its music division staff. Joining the firm is Jaydee, who will serve as publicist. She comes from In-Media Publicity. Karen Rocco has been tapped as assistant and junior publicist. She was project coordinator at The Personal Touch special

events marketing company.
Mark Haefeli has been named managing partner for On The Scene Productions. He is merging his own multi-media video and film company, Hard News Inc., with On The Scene. **PolyGram Diversified Entertain**ment (PDE) has appointed Allen Newman director, television. Prior to joining PDE, he was head of his own production company, Stage Presence Inc.



INDUSTRY BUZZ

By Aaron Steinberg



Cash Box EAST COAST

Harry Belafonte

GIMME SOME MO: Motown's brand new jazz label Mojazz held a dual-sided shindig with its young and restless artists pianist Eric Reed and soprano saxophonist J. Spencer at Sweetwater's on Wednesday. Both are a mere 23 years old, but there's a fork in the road: Spencer's *Chimera* is the latest installment in the growing jazz/hip-hop hybrid (with a wee bit more pop mixed in than his predecessors); Reed's *It's All Right To Swing* is an aptly titled debut for the promising composer and Wynton Marsalis alum (since he hit voting age) who gets his inspiration from tradition but isn't, for instance, afraid to display his own sense of humor (i.e. "Boo Boo Strikes Again").

WHINE AND CHEESE: Consecutive hoopla parties took over the Grand on Tuesday—first for rastaman Tony Rebel's already critically lauded *Vibes Of The Times* (Chaos/Columbia) and then for NYC's much ballyhooed soul band Cooly's Hot Box (their album is forthcoming from Pay Day). Some glass clinking was also heard at Yardbird Suite for tenor saxman David Murray's latest (on Red Baron).

THIRTY YEARS HAD PASSED since Harry Belafonte had "Day-O"-ed a note in New York (other than several benefits such as UNICEF for Audrey Hepburn) until last week when he floored a capacity crowd at Avery Fisher Hall. You wouldn't know he'd been away—few performers in any genre can work a room like Belafonte, with his blend of authenticity, suaveté and humor, he isn't reluctant to tease a crowd: "You know why I haven't played New York in 30 years? You know why? Ah, I'll tell you later..." he grinned, leading his musicians through a slew of tunes including "Try To Remember," "Island In The Sun," "Jamaican Farewell" and the comical "Hole In The Bucket." He had the audience participate in "Matilda" and, of course, "Day-O." The generous program of well-varied songs included duets with singers Gina Breedlove and LaTonya Hall.

Belafonte told us of his early days: "My mom was half my size and from Jamaica, and she pleaded, 'Harry, *please* be a doctor or a lawyer, or *something*!' It wasn't until I bought her a home in Hollywood that she could handle the idea of showbiz. *Then* she started reading *Billboard* and *Variety* and she knew everything!" (Hey, what about *Cash Box*?)

The New York Times scolded him in their review of the show for only appealing to older people, but I can't imagine him doing a set of Pearl Jam songs. He's an original, and as **Yogi Berra** would probably say, "He is what he is." And he's sharing his good fortune with the informed gesture of directing money from the performances to the **Arthur Ashe Foun**dation. And the crowd, enthralled as they were even after two encores, unabashedly exuded the feeling of having gotten more than its money's worth. By Troy J. Augusto



Cash Box WEST COAST

The re-formed Steely Dan recently became the 50th musical act to be inducted into the Hollywood Rock Walk, joining such

Walk, joining such notables as Jimi Hendrix, Roy Orbison, Aerosmith, Little Richard and Willie Dixon. Seen here leaving their mark before the second of the group's two sold-out Greek Theater shows is, on the left, the band's Donald Fagen and Walter Becker, along with Becker's kids Sayan and Kawai. Efforts to remove the scowl from Fagen's face have thus far proved unsuccessful. The Rock Walk is located at 7425 Sunset.

THE ALWAYS FUN and exciting Concrete Marketing Foundations Forum was held recently at the Burbank Airport Hilton, much to the dismay, I'm sure, of the hotel's other guests and employees. Hard rock and heavy metal bands, fans and all sorts of industry types (press, label folk, managers, merchandisers, etc.) descended on the Valley for the annual event and the overall impression seemed to be one of utter irrelevance. While live performances from such bands as Eleven, L.A. faves Greta (the band's male singer wore a beautiful blue dress!), the Scorpions, Tad and KISS (they didn't play any hits!) were enjoyable, one has to wonder: exactly how much are we supposed to get out of industry-targeted panels that offered such important themes as marijuana in the music business; gossip in the rock world, chaired by RIP! ed Lonn Friend; and women's opportunities in the business (most of the industry people that I know are women)? Just wonderin'. Rock on, dude.

ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 20 the Moody Blues will be donating band memorabilia to the L.A. Hard Rock Cafe, including a cassette of the British group's breakthrough 1967 allbum *Days Of Future Passed* that's been on four NASA Space Shuttle missions, courtesy of astronaut and band fan Robert "Hoot" Gibson, who reports that the cassette has logged some 10 million miles in outer space travel. The Moodys will also play a short acoustic set at the Beverly Center restaurant around noon. After a pair of SoCal gigs this past weekend, the Moody Blues will play a Sept. 30 date at San Bernardino's Blockbuster Bowl.



Veteran metal band KISS recently lensed its contribution to the *Monday Night Football* series of music vids that are being used during the program's intro sequence, replacing that annoying Hank Williams, Jr. clip for "All My Rowdy Friends," which was used in recent years. During the filming, for the song "I Love It Loud," a nearby power generator burst into flames, threatening to not only explode but catch Paul Stanley's freshly crafted hairdo on fire. Thankfully, no injuries and little damage were reported. That's Gene Simmons, Stanley and Bruce Kulick (I to r) in the photo.



TALENT REVIEW

Steely Dan By Mark Albert

GREEK THEATRE, LOS ANGELES, CA—Here, under the stars on a warm September night at one of Southern California's



finest outdoor venues, Steely Dan principals Walter Becker and Donald Fagen returned to Los Angeles with a sparkling line-up of musicians and delivered a threehour-plus show to the absolute delight of this most appreciative sell-out audience.

Becker and Fagen & Company stopped touring nearly 20 years ago when they were still recording and producing an album a year during the '70s. As such, most of Steely Dan's material has never been performed live prior to this tour, and

Fagen sans Becker.

most of the thirtysomething-fiftysomething-aged fans probably never saw them perform two generations ago. Naturally there was much speculation about who would be playing, what songs would be played. Well, based on the audience response, the band and the concert exceeded even the highest expectations that these loyal fans had created through the years.

From the instrumental medley of "The Royal Scam" / "Bad Sneakers" / "Aja" that opened the show, through many favorites that spanned the group's seven studio albums, as well as material from Fagen's two solo LPs, *The Nightfly* and the current *Kamakiriad*, and two selections from a forthcoming Becker solo venture, the performance was one of consummate fulfillment in every way. Despite the fact that most of the songs were first recorded in the '70s, there was freshness and vitality in the superb musicianship, and in the arrangements which made these "oldies" as contemporary sounding as when they first rocked our ears via "Bodhisattva," "Black Friday" and "Reeling In The Years," or caressed our souls with the beautifully lush and haunting pieces such as "Home At Last," "Deacon Blues" and "Babylon Sisters." A gem of a show from some very incredible musicians.

TALENT REVIEW

Neil Young/Stone Temple Pilots/Blind Melon

By Troy J. Augusto



Neil Young

SPORTS ARENA, LOS ANGELES, CA—It seems that Neil Young can simply do no wrong these days. His *Unplugged* album for Warner Bros., released earlier this year, is one of the most thoroughly enjoyable sets yet issued under that MTV program's banner. He all but stole the show at this year's MTV Video Awards, jamming with Pearl Jam on his 'Rockin' In The Free World," and his current arena tour, with Booker T and the MG's as his backing band, is one of the most rousing excursions that Young has embarked on in years. Most of the more familiar material was rolled out early this evening, leaving lots of room for lesser known catalog tracks toward the end of his long set. The always moving "Like A Hurricane," a rippin' take on the angry "Southern Man" and "Down By The River," to name just a few, were highlights of the older songs, while "Rockin' In The Free World" and the title track from Young's current *Harvest Moon* album were standouts of the newer stuff.

While Neil in most any setting is bound to be a rewarding show, the inclusion of old faves Booker T and the MG's added a soulful atmosphere to the proceedings. Guitarist Steve Cropper and bassist Donald "Duck" Dunn both deserve individual applause for their bluesy contributions. (They even played "[Sitting On] The Dock Of The Bay," with Neil on vocals, a song that Cropper co-wrote.)

Second-billed and multi-platinum Atlantic act Stone Temple Pilots did little to live down its "Clone Temple Pilots" nickname, turning in a relatively enjoyable but completely unoriginal 50minute set of tunes from its smash debut album, *Core*. Hit tune "Plush," a vicious "Dead And Bloated" and new single "Secret Garden" were STP's brightest moments.

Opener Blind Melon continues its crusade of mass appeal dominance. Already sporting the best-selling rock album in the country (behind only Garth, Mariah and Billy), the Capitol-signed, organic alt-rockers are becoming one incredibly potent live attraction. Singer Shannon Hoon, seen not that long ago working the door at Ricky Rachtman's Cathouse, has exploded into a most mesmerizing and captivating frontman. His seemingly instinctive approach on stage makes him this year's big-man-on-musical-campus. Keep an eye on this man and this band.

Concerted Efforts



John Hiatt (I), seen here with A&M Records president/CEO AI Cafaro, recently performed a special industry showcase at A&M's Chaplin Soundstage in L.A. The show featured material from his new album, *Perfectly Good Guitar*, and was broadcast live via satellite to A&M's regional offices. Hiatt is currently on tour.



Mercury recording artists Tears For Fears have just embarked on a U.S. tour to support their current album, *Elemental*, and hit single, "Break It Down Again." Pictured (I-r) are: Josh Zieman, sr. director marketing, Mercury; Debra Baum, TFF manager; David Leach, sr. vp promotion, Mercury; Roland Orzabal, TFF; Ed Eckstine, president, Mercury; Larry Stessel, sr. vp/gm Mercury; and Bas Hartong, sr. vp international A&R.



FILM REVIEWS

True Romance

By John Goff



The romantics of *True Romance*, Patricia Arquette and Christian Slater **THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT** the lovers of *True Romance* that makes you root for them through the stormy action and even gives you a warm feeling as they literally walk off together into the sunset with their child at film's end. Maybe it's their simple-mindedness. Maybe it's the honesty with which they deal with each other. Maybe it's simply that, as working stiffs sitting in a theatre with an empty popcorn box we delight in seeing a pair of working stiffs with little to hope for out of life but with loving and live-and-let-live attitudes get the best of scuzzy, rich dopers (applause was given in the theatre when the baddies were blown away at general screening attended) and slip through the cracks of the System with a couple of nickles in their jeans to see at least *one* dream come true in their lifetime.

The teaming of director Tony Scott and a Quentin Tarantino script is potent. Casting has further enhanced the appeal and interest with some quirky but never uninteresting performances which amount to little more than cameos. The violence in this film is painful to watch, and the two most brutal sequences of the film—torture and death of Dennis Hopper and pounding of Patricia Arquette (both informationseeking beatings)— are pointedly needless within the context of the story, because in both cases *after* the damage and deeds are done, the perpetrator finds the information and the package they originally came for in full view. Had they only *looked* prior or had the victim only been willing enough to betray the trust and love of those they desired to protect *maybe* they could have saved themselves. Violence is inherent in some natures, simply a way of life and True Love can take anything, the points seem to be.

Scott's direction is relentless, visually and pacing-wise. The performances he has brought out are rich and never dull nor predictable, continuing the line of Tarantino's quirky take on the characters' traits of never quite being what they seem to be. Perhaps the only cliched characters in the piece are those producer-actor-flunky Hollywood types essayed by Saul Rubinek, Michael Rapaport and Bronson Pinchot, and even those are made interesting by the performers. Both Scott and Tarantino adhere to the feeling: be anything but **never** be dull.

The stickum that holds all this together are Christian Slater and Patricia Arquette as the young lovers, living in a violent world but finding gentleness within the sphere of togetherness they can create only when they are together. Love in an unlovely and non-loving world. Both approach their roles' cores simplistically, almost idealistically and make it work. These characters appear ideally matched.

Dennis Hopper is as solid as he's ever been as Slater's father. Gary Oldman takes a vicious turn as a drug-dealing murderer-pimp and Christopher Walken works splendidly off Hopper in one of those brutality sequences. Val Kilmer is almost unrecognizable as Elvis-like,

gold-lamed, mentor of Slater's mind while Brad Pitt as doped-out Hollywood type roomie of aspiring actor Rapaport provides some laid-back humor. Rubinek as the dope-dealing Hollywood producer and Pinchot as his flunky provide some chuckles along with cops Chris Penn and Tom Sizemore.

Music by Hans Zimmer offers interesting presaging of the film's ending and has paved the way for the couple's closing serenity and Jeffrey L. Kimball's photography is terrific. James G. Robinson and Gary Barber are executive producers for Morgan Creek Productions along with Bob and Harvey Weinstein and Stanley Margolis. Producers are Bill Unger, Steve Perry, Samuel Hadida with co-producers Don Edmonds and James W. Skotchdopole. Warner Bros. releases.

Eye Of The Stranger

By John Goff



The Stranger, David Heavener

A SILVER AWARD WINNER at the Houston International Film Festival (which makes the move next year to Atlanta, GA), *Eye Of The Stranger* is basically one man's tribute to Sergio Leone's westerns and Clint Eastwood, across the board from story and photographic style to character traits and music. Just a different era, different town, and different budget.

A lone stranger arrives in a near ghost town (from a hitched ride on an 18-wheeler here) with vengeance on his mind, cleans up the political corruption then hitches out on another 18-wheeler.

There are no surprises in the script or on the screen but there are a few sincere performances, some violence which the edge is taken off of with some squib net and blood pouches being easily seen, and the "Hero" with such a dark countenance often comes off more menace than the saviour the script speaks of him as.

The film is *A David Heavener Production* and Heavener hangs it all out there as writer-producer-director-star. As with any project where the head is spread too thin, it's the on-screen that suffers, and that's unfortunate. The low-budget independent is an endangered species in the entertainment field and needs to be seen and propagated. Hopefully, next time Heavener, the writer, will invest a bit more ingenuity or turn over the reins to a director whose attention is on *only* directing and allow his not inconsiderable presence to come full out on screen.

Martin Landau swaggers through the film as the adversarial, money-hungry mayor. Sally Kirkland carves out a touching portrait of a hungry-for-tenderness lady who lost her one true love. Stella Stevens is solid pro as the bought-off town doctor with the lost spirit. John Pleshette is fine as a bar owner, reluctant murderer tortured by memories. Don Swayze gives a fine showing as a sleazy deputy, providing some needed humor.

Heavener has his own following and is a strong draw overseas and on video here. This Hero Production marks his 12th feature. Silver Lake International Pictures releases.



VIDEO REVIEWS

Miles Davis & Quincy Jones Live At Montreaux

By M.R. Martinez



LIKE A STAR GONE NOVA, this video performance by Miles Davis depicts the groundbreaking, seminal jazzist's last live performance July 8, 1991. The long-form video captures the music that made Davis an icon for those who followed him in the music, and also provides a glimpse at the intensity and humor of a man in the twilight of his mortal life on this planet. Quincy Jones guides a pair of orchestras and featured soloists through arrangements by Gil Evans of selections from three Davis classic

albums—*Miles Ahead, Porgy And Bess* and *Sketches Of Spain.* Testimony by Jones, Herbie Hancock, George Duke and others was also part of the presentation, which follows Davis through rehearsals, downtime and right into a performance well-received by the Montreaux audience. **Warner Reprise Video**.

Danzon

By John Goff



CANNES FILM FESTIVAL winner of the "Director's Fortnight Award" is this femme take on woman looking for love, finding a heated passion with a younger man but returning to what she is familiar with. This comes out of the macho bastion of Mexico, auteured by Maria Novaro. It's hard and gentle at the same time and features a touching central performance by Maria Rojo. Subtitles are easy to follow, though the feeling sometimes is lost in translation (as usual). Second viewing for full enjoyment is recommended. Also, don't let the cover art put you off, it's nothing like the implication given. Columbia TriStar Home Video.

Masters of Country Blues and R&B Revue

By M.R. Martinez



THE BLUES IS MORE THAN ART—it is history. Shanachie's decision to distribute performances licensed by YaZoo, captured visually by some largely lesser known, yet seminal, blues progenitors, captures the spirit of the music and some socio-historical context for how these artists forged their craftwork. Represented in a three-tape release are Lightnin' Hopkins and Roosevelt Sykes, Jesse Fuller and Elizabeth Cotten, and Big Joe Williams and Fred McDowell. A Live *Soul of R&B Revue*, featuring a cornucopia of artists, is an apt companion piece to the country blues masters series.

The three country blues offerings (all of which run between 50 and 60 minutes and are culled from varying sources) each serve to define the regional subtleties that emerged in each region where blues was the staple musical communication for black people. Lightnin' Hopkins' Texas roots are evident on the video featuring his music, the Mississippi Delta sounds of Big Joe Williams and Fred McDowell provide a glimpse of the musical identity of these men and the interview with Roosevelt Sykes gives narrative voice to the lineage from which drew his later widely imitated style. The R&B Revue features artists like Chuck Jackson, Cissy Houston, Billy Vera and Cornell Dupree on one hand, and more

TOP 30 VIDEO RENTALS

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2	UNFORGIVEN (Warner Home Video 12531)	2	3
3	A FEW GOOD MEN (Columbia TriStar Home Video 27893-5)	1	5
4	SCENT OF A WOMAN (MCA Universal home video 81283)	4	1
5	HOME ALONE 2 (Fox video 1989)	5	1
6	THE CRYING GAME (Live Home Video 69039)	7	3
7	MALCOLM X (Warner Home Video 12596)	8	3
8	BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA (Columbia TriStar Home Video 51413-5)	4	4
9	NOWHERE TO RUN (Columbia Tri-Star Home video 52373)	9	1
10	FOREVER YOUNG (Warner Home Video 12571)	5	15
11	LEAP OF FAITH (Paramount Home Video 32792)	6	3
12	BODY OF EVIDENCE (MGM/UA Home Video M10287)	10	5
13	SOMMERSBY (Warner home video 12649)	13	1
14	SNIPER (Columbia Tri-Star home video 70753)	14	1
15	LORENZO'S OIL (MCA/Universal Home Video 81290)	14	3
16	JENNIFER 8 (Paramount Pictures/Paramount Home Video 32495)	9	4
17	AMOS & ANDREW (Columbia TriStar Home Video 53263)	18	3
18	TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES (Columbia TriStar Home Video 52433)	11	4
19	ARMY OF DARKNESS (MCA Universal home video 81288)	19	1
20	UNTAMED HEART (MGM/UA home video M902813)	20	1
21	A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT (Columbia TriStar Home Video 51573)	12	7
22	THE DISTINGUISHED GENTLEMAN (Hollywood Home Video 1716)	13	7
23	PASSION FISH (Columbia Tri-Star home video 53283)	23	1
24	HOWARDS END (Columbia/Tristar 26773)	16	7
25	DAMAGE (New Line Home Video 75833)	15	5
26	B HOFFA (Fox Video 1991)	17	7
27	MATINEE (MCA/Universal Home Video 81481)	19	4
28	TOYS (Fox Video 1992)	20	6
29	UNDER SIEGE (Warner Home Video 12420)	21	12
30	PASSENGER 57 (Warner Home Video 12569)	22	7

jazz and modern music purveyors such as David Weckl and Richard Tee. The live performance was done at the Lonestar Roadhouse. Shanachie/YaZoo Home Video.

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By John Goff

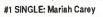
EVERYBODY'S "CROSS-PROMOTING" so let's Cross Column. Sort of a potpourri of Video, Film, TV and sales gimmicks that float across this desk: For the Aromatically-Minded New Line Home Video is cross-promoting with Benetton, teaming United Colors of Benetton's new perfume, Tribu, with the October 20 release of Three Of Hearts. There will be a 30-second spot at the head of the vidcassette showcasing the fragrance. New Line's also given retailers a "creative voice in the film industry" by allowing them to choose the story's ending for the tape. According to the latest results of New Line's retailer polling survey William Baldwin is losing out on getting the girl in this release version and a "more comedic ending" is favored. Can't think of a more comedic ending to creativity than retailer selection of story endings. How about just dipping the vidcassette in the fragrance? Maybe that way the aroma might cover the stench... TV's always been used to promo films but get this gimmick! MTV is supporting Warner Bros. upcoming Demolition Man, Sylvester Stallone, Wesley Snipes (is there anything he's not in this year?) starrer with a "Demolition Man Jam" contest where 50 "winners" will be flown to and accomodated in Louisville, KY for a three-day premiere bash. The topper? The Grand Prize winner, aided by Stallone and Snipes, will get to push the "giant detonator" which will "implode a real nine-story building!" Wow, Beavis, what a rush! Yeah, huh-huh-huh. Demolishing's cool... USA Network and Gramercy Pictures team up for USA: Up All Night Dazed And Confused. Dazed and confused? Dazed And Confused's on second and opens theatrically Sept. 24. USA: Up All Night's on first, every Friday. Watch it for further details on how to win a trip to NY and backstage passes to Broadway's Tommy-which has nothing to do with either show-and other goodies. Still dazed and confused? Me too...







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HIGH DEBUT: Def Leppard

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1 DREAMLOVER (Columbia 77080) Mariah Carey	2	4
2 IF (Virgin 12676)	6	6
3 RIGHT HERE (HUMAN NATURE) (RCA 62614) SWV	10	6
4 CAN'T HELP FALLING IN LOVE (Virgin 12653) UB40	1	10
o mili Advint of Dicklind (coundar rood)	13	4
6 WHOMP! THERE IT IS (Bellmark 79001) Tag Team		12
7 LATELY (Uptown/MCA 54652) Jodeci	7	12
8 RUNAWAY TRAIN (Columbia 74966)	4	11
WILL FOU BE THERE (FROM FREE WEET)(Epic Soundate / 1000)	12	6
10 ANOTHER SAD LOVE SONG (Laface/Virgin 2-4047) Toni Braxton	24	6
11 I GET AROUND/KEEP YA HEAD UP (Interscope 96036) Two Pac	27	9
12 I'M GONNA BE (500 MILES) (From Benny & Joon)		
(Chrysalis 21668) The Proclaimers	5	12
13 BABY, I'M YOURS (MCA 5457)	17	11
14 ONE LAST CRY (Mercury P880) Brian McKnight	14	9
15 BOOMI SHAKE THE ROOM (Jive 42108) . Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince	29	4
16 IF I HAD NO LOOT (Wing/Mercury 859056) Tony! Toni! Tone!		11
17 WHOOT, THERE IT IS (Wrap/Ichiban 0150) 95-South	16	11
18 ALRIGHT (Ruffhouse/Columbia 77103) Kriss Kross Featuring Supercat	18 20	4
19 CHECK YO SELF (Priority 53830) lce Cube Featuring Das Efx 20 CRYIN' (Geffen 19256) Aerosmith	20	4
21 RAIN (Mavrick 40988) Madonna	21	8
22 I DON'T WANNA FIGHT (Virgin 4KM-12652)	15	13
23 INSANE IN THE BRAINS (Ruffhouse/Columbia 77019) Crypress Hill	23	7
24 SWEAT (A LA LA LA LA LONG) (Big Beat/Atlantic 98429) Inner Circle	50	3
25 WHEN I FALL IN LOVE (Epic Soundtrack/Epic 77021)		
Celine Dion & Clive Griffin	37	5
26 HEY JEALOUSY (A&M 0242) Gin Blossoms	49	5
27 BREAK IT DOWN AGAIN (Mercuy 314514875) Tears For Fears	26 44	7
26 REASON TO BELIEVE (Warner Bros. 18427) Rod Stewart 29 WEAK (RCA 62521) SWV	44 11	2 16
29 WEAK (RCA 62521) SWV 30 SLAM (Chaos 74882) Onyx		12
31 THAT'S THE WAY LOVE GOES (Virgin 4KM 12650) Janet Jackson	19	21
32 OOH CHILD (Eastwest 98398) Dino	30	7
33 SOUL TO SQUEEZE ("From Concheads") (Warner Bros. 18401)		
	86	2
34 WHAT'S UP (Interscope 98430)	22	17
35 DAZZY DUKS (TMR 3089/Bellmark) Duice	35	29
36 SHOW ME LOVE (Big Beat 10118)	32	16
37 KNOCKIN' DA BOOTS (Luke 461)	34	17
38 I'LL NEVER GET OVER YOU (Arista 12518) Expose	31	20
39 ONE WOMAN (Giant 18606) Jade	39	10
40 RUFFNECK (Priority/Atlantic 98401)	41	6
41 DRE DAY (Atlantic 53827) Dr.Dre 42 TWO STEPS BEHIND (Columbia 77116) Def Leppard	43 DEF	11 BUT
43 HAVE I TOLD YOU LATELY (Warner Bros. 18511) Rod Stewart	33	16
44 HEY MR. D.J. (Flavor Unit/Epic 77121)	71	2
45 FIELDS OF GOLD (A&M 31458) Sting	25	12
46 CREEP (Captiol 44932)	42	9
47 WHAT IS LOVE (Arista 12575)	DE	BUT
48 SUNDAY MORNING (Reprise 18461) Earth Wind & Fire	81	2
49 VERY SPECIAL (Cold Chillin 18437)	53	7
50 SOMETHING IN YOUR EYES (MCA 54725) Bell Biv Devoe	60	1
51 CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF YOUR LOVE (Arista 1-2582) Taylor Dane 52 NO RAIN (Capitol 44939) Blind Melon	48 72	11 2
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53 I'D DO ANYTHING FOR LOVE (BUT I WON'T DO THAT)
(MCA 54625) Meatloaf DEBUT
54 I'M FREE (SBK 50434) Jon Secada 40 8
55 TOO MUCH INFORMATION (Capitol 44955) Duran Duran DEBUT
56 COME UNDONE (Capitol 44918)
58 MEGA MEDLY (Reprise 40982) Zapp & Roger 59 3 59 BETTER THAN YOU (Perspective/A&M 7430) Lisa Keith DEBUT
60 LOVE FOR LOVE (Big Beat/Atlantic 98382) Robin S. 57 2 61 WHAT'S UP DOC? (CAN WE ROCK) (Jive 42127)
62 EVERYBODY HURTS (Warner Bros 40995)
63 HAPPY (RCA 62538) Legacy Of Sound Featuring Meja 65 4
64 GIRL U FOR ME (Elektra 64643) Silk 46 10
65 RUN TO YOU (Arista 12581) Whitney Houston 38 10
66 CHATTAHOOCHEE (Arista 1-2573) Alan Jackson 45 7 67 COME BABY COME (Tommy Boy 7572) K-7 DEBUT
68 COME INSIDE (Atlantic 87317) Intro DEBUT
69 BELIEVE (Virgin 12662) Lenny Kravitz 47 7
70 DELICATE (Columbia 77128) Terence Trent D'Arby 85 2
71 IT'S FOR YOU(FROM "THE METEOR MAN") (Motown 2207). Shanice 55 6
72 STEP IT UP (Island 8624312) Stereo MC's 56 9
73 GET IT UP (LaFace/Epic Soundtrax/Epic 77059)
74 CHIEF ROCKA (Pendulum 64631) Lords Of The Underground 61 7
75 HEAVEN KNOWS (Epic 74996) Luther Vandross DEBUT
76 PINK CASHMERE (Paisley Park/Warner Bros.18371) Prince DEBUT
77 CRY NO MORE (MCA 54650) IID Extreme 64 12
78 I'M IN LUV (Mercury 862462)
79 THAT'S WHAT LITTLE GIRLS ARE MADE OF
(MCA 54625)
80 STAY FOREVER (Impact/MCA 54653) Joey Lawrence 54 6
81 SOMETHING'S GOIN' ON (Maverick/Sire/WB 18564) U.N.V. 66 12
82 THE WAYS OF THE WIND (Gee Street/Island/PLG 862 475) P.M. Dawn 51 5
83 WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN (Warner Bros. 18516) Little Texas 78 2
84 BAD BOYS (Big Beat/Atlantic 98426) Inner Circle 67 16
85 DON'T TAKE AWAY MY HEAVEN (A&M 0240) Aaron Neville 70 12
86 FREAK ME (Keia 64654/Elektra)
87 LICK U UP (Luke 163)
88 LOOKING THROUGH PATIENT EYES (Gee Street/Island 862024) . P.M. Dawn 68 20
89 REGRET (Warner Bros. 18586) New Order 80 11
90 LOVE IS (FROM "90210") (Giant 18630)
Vanessa Williams & Brian McKnight 69 34
91 EVEN A FOOL CAN SEE (Warner Bros. 18561) Peter Cetera 82 6
92 HERO (Atlantic 87360) 88 15
93 BY THE TIME THIS NIGHT IS OVER (Arista 07822)
94 GIRL, I'VE BEEN HURT (Eastwest 98438) Snow 83 14
95 I'M SO INTO YOU (RCA 62451)
96 DON'T WALK AWAY (Giant 186)
97 WIDE RIVER (Sailor/Polydor 859) Steve Miller Band 76 7
98 MORE AND MORE (Imago 25029) Captain Hollywood Project 63 15
99 IT'S ON (Tommy Boy 569) Naughty By Nature 79 7
100 THE BONNIE AND CLYDE THEME/IBWIN' WIT MY CREWIN' (EastWest
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MR. BIG: "Wild World" (Atlantic 5272) It's hard to know exactly what to make of Mr. Big. Here's a band whose members possess undeniable talent, particularly guitarist Paul Gilbert and super-basist Billy Sheehan, but whose recorded output has done little to affirm the members' skills. Possibly a case of too many world-class chefs in the school-house kitchen. The band is basically a commercial hard-rock crew, but its only success has come from a hit ballad, "To Be With You." Back to ballad-land again with a credible cover of the Cat Stevens classic.





RADIOHEAD: "Stop Whispering" (Capitol 79243) From the British bunch that brought us that fabulous tune o' angst, "Creep," comes another fine cut from the quartet's quite excellent *Pablo Honey* record. Practicing what they preach, the band starts the cut in restrained fashion, building toward a loud and powerful finish. The song's also one of the highlights of Radiohead's live show, so modern rock radio listeners in cities that the band has already played in may well recognize it. The band's a priority at Capitol, so expect a big push from Gersh and the gang.

■ SAIGON KICK: "I Love You" (Third Stone 5287) Despite the accompanying photo, this Florida-based bunch, with the recent departure of former frontman Matt Kramer, is now a three-picce band. Guitarist Jason Bieler, who has always added his share of vocals anyway, is now also the group's singer, a spot he easily slips into. This one, the first single from the band's forthcoming album, is a pretty rock ballad that could easily slip into a majority of the playlists that reported the band's previous hit, "Love Is On The Way." Bieler shines, both on acoustic guitar and dreamy vocals.



■ DIE KRUPPS: "Enter Sandman" (Hollywood 10373)



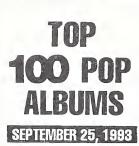
10373) Is the world ready for an industrial Metallica tribute record? Should it be? Ready or not, here comes German techno gang Die Krupps with the first cut from its *A Tribute To Metallica*, a slightly recognizable take on that band's biggest hit, "Enter Sandman." Discovered by Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich while on tour in Europe, Die Krupps (named after an infamous German steel mill) has a long underground history back home, but is just now looking for worldwide acclaim. Better try again this one lacks much reason to exist.

PICK OF THE WEEK



MARC COHN: "The Rainy Season" (Atlantic 5251) The title track from Cohn's fine (and relatively undiscovered) current album is a smoldering blues number that frames quite nicely his rich and husky vocals. Jazzy rhythms, gospel voices, rollicking piano and Mark's disciplined singing style all add effective juice to this adult-targeted track that might also have a future at Top 40 radio, though that may be a bit of a longshot. Radio promo disc holds a preferable edit version that eliminates some mid-song instrumentation. Cohn's sold-out club tour has done little for his commercial standing. It's time to get this guy on an arena tour where lots of folks who didn't know they liked him can be made aware.









TO WATCH: Breeders



HIGH DEBUT: John Hiatt

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1 MUSIC BOX (Columbia 53205) MARIAH CAREY 2 RIVER OF DREAMS (Columbia 53003) BILLY JOEL 3 BLIND MELON (Capitol 96585) BLIND MELON (Capitol 96585) 4 IN PIECES (Liberty 80857) GARTH BROOKS	. 1	2 5 10 2
 5 HUMAN WHEELS (Mercury 518088) JOHN MELLENCAMP 6 SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE (Epic 53764) SOUNDTRACK 		3UT 7
7 janet (Virgin 12650) JANET JACKSON		13
8 CORE (Atlantic 82418) STONE TEMPLE PILOTS		31
9 BLACK SUNDAY (Ruffhouse/Columbia 53931) CYPRESS HILL		5
10 PROMISES AND LIES (Virgin 88229)	7	5
11 THE BODYGUARD (Arista/BMG 18699)(P6) SOUNDTRACK	8	37
12 GET A GRIP (Geffen 24455) AEROSMITH	10	17
13 UNPLUGGED AND SEATED (Warner Bros 45289) ROD STEWART	11	11
14 TONI BRAXTON (LaFace/Arista 26007) TONI BRAXTON	26	6
15 SIAMESE DREAM (Virgin 88267) SMASHING PUMPKINS	18	5
16 IT'S ABOUT TIME (RCA 66074)	17 15	29 29
17 GRAVE DATCERS UNION (Columbia 48898)	12	29
19 THE WORLD IS YOURS (Rap-A-Lot/Priority 53861) SCARFACE	13	3
20 ARE YOU GONNA GO MY WAY (Virgin 86984) LENNY KRAVITZ	25	24
21 FOR THE COOL IN YOU (Epic 53558) BABYFACE	14	3
22 SONS OF SOUL (Wing/Mercury 514933) TONY! TON!! TONE!	35	8
23 TEN SUMMONER'S TALES (A&M 31454 0070) STING	21	24
24 BREATHLESS (Arista/BMG 18646)(P2) KENNY G	20	33
25 TEN (Epic 47857)(P4)	34	87
26 BIGGER, BETTER, FASTER, MORE (Interscope/AG 92112)	~~	
4 NON BLONDES	23	16
27 BACDAFUCUP (RAL/Chaos/Columbia 53302) ONYX 28 PERFECTLY GOOD GUITAR (A&M 540135) JOHN HIATT	27 DEF	17 311T
29 POCKET FULL OF KRYPTONITE (Epic 47309)(P) SPIN DOCTORS		51
30 A LOT ABOUT LIVIN' (AND A LITTLE ABOUT LOVE)		•••
(Arista/BMG 18711) ALAN JACKSON	24	10
31 BACK TO BROADWAY (Columbia 44189) BARBARA STREISAND	16	7
32 THE CHRONIC (Death Row/Interscope 57128/Priority) DR. DRE	32	44
33 BARNEY'S FAVORITES VOL.1 (SBK 27115) BARNEY	DEI	BUT
34 DA BOMB (Ruffhouse/Columbia 57278)	33	4
35 LIVE (Columbia 47056) JAMES TAYLOR	38	4
36 NEW MISERABLE EXPERIENCE (A&M 544039) GIN BLOSSOMS 37 LAST ACTION HERO (Columbia 57127)	30 31	5 9
37 LAST ACTION HERO (Columbia 57127) SOUNDTRACK 38 BACK TO BASICS(Warner Bros 9-45297) MAZE	31 28	3
39 TELL ME WHY (Curb/MCA 10529)	20 39	14
40 IT WON'T BE THE LAST (Mercury 514758) BILLY RAY CYRUS	36	7
41 PABLO HONEY (Capitol 81409)	37	9
42 NO TIME TO KILL (RCA 66239)	40	4
43 WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT (SOUNDTRACK)		
(VIRGIN 88189)	42	9
44 MENACE II SOCIETY (Jive/MCA 41509) SOUNDTRACK	41	10
45 DURAN DURAN (Capitol CD 798876-2) DURAN DURAN	44	25
46 UNPLUGGED (Reprise 45024)(P3) ERIC CLAPTON	43	49
47 GRAND TOUR (A&M 0086)	50	5
48 SUNSHINE ON LEITH (Chryslis 21668) THE PROCLAIMERS	46	9
49 LOVE DELUXE (Epic 53178)(P)	49	35 2
51 EVERYBODY ELSE IS DOING IT SO WHY CANT WE	66	2

(Island/PLG 514156)	58	4
52 LIFE'S A DANCE (Atlantic 82420) JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY	51	30
53 AMERICAN CEASAR (VIRGIN 39002) IGGY POP	DEE	BUT
54 STRICTLY 4 MY N.I.G.G.A.Z(Interscope 92209) TWO-PAC	74	7
55 KEROSENE HAT (Virgin 39012) CRACKER	DEE	BUT
56 FREE WILLY (Soundtrax/Epic 57280) SOUNDTRACK	45	5
57 LA SEXORCISTO (Geffen 24460) WHITE ZOMBIE	60	2
58 MI TIERRA (Epic 53807)	48	8
59 DANGEROUS (Epic 45400)(P4) MICHAEL JACKSON	53	88
60 ELEMENTAL (Mercury 514275) TEARS FOR FEARS	47	8
61 WHOOMP! (THERE IT IS) (Life/Bellmark 78000) TAG TEAM	52	5
	54 ·	101
63 CALL OF THE WILD (RCA 66251) AARON TIPPIN	55	4
64 NEVER LET ME GO (Epic 53231) LUTHER VANDROSS	57	11
65 CONFEDERATE RAILROAD (Atlantic 82335) . CONFEDERATE RAILROAD	70	26
66 BRIAN MCKNIGHT (Mercury 848605) BRIAN MCKNIGHT	56	20
67 EVOLUTION (Fontana/Mercury 514965) OLETA ADAMS	97	4
68 JON SECADA (SBK 98845)(P) JON SECADA	62	53
69 UNDERTOW (Zoo 11052)	69	4
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70 DEBUT (Elektra 61468) BJORK	59	3
71 THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT COLLECTION	~~	~
(Columbia 53230)	29	2
72 MTV PARTY TO GO VOL. 3 (Tommy Boy 1074) VARIOUS ARTISTS	65	8
73 IF I EVER FALL IN LOVE (Gasoline Alley 10762/MCA)SHAI	63	31
74 THE PREDATOR (Priority 57185)	84	36
75 DIRT (Columbia 52475)(P)	64	42
76 PURE COUNTRY (SOUNDTRACK) (MCA 10651)(P) GEORGE STRAIT	67	45
77 POETIC JUSTICE (Epic Soundtrack/Epic 57131) SOUNDTRACK	68	7
78 THIS TIME (Reprise 4/2 45241) DWIGHT YOAKAM	72	22
79 IT'S YOUR CALL (MCA 10673) ⁴	71	30
80 HARD WORKIN' MAN (Arísta/BMG 18716) BROOKS & DUNN	76	23
81 DEVINE COLLECTION (Atlantic 82497) BETTE MIDLER	73	8
82 BETWEEN THE SHEETS (Warner Bros 45340) FOURPLAY	61	3
83 MTV PARTY TO GO VOLUME 4 (Tommy Boy 1075) VARIOUS ARTISTS	77	7
84 SOME GAVE ALL (Mercury 510635)(P5) BILLY RAY CYRUS	75	63
85 IN MY TIME (Private Music 82106)	79	19
86 AUTOMATIC FOR THE PEOPLE (Warner Bros. 45138) R.E.M.	DEE	BUT
87 LOSE CONTROL (Keia/Elektra 611394)	80	29
88 FEVER FOR DA FLAVOR (Luke 126) H-TOWN	85	18
89 A BRIDGE I DIDN'T BURN (Columbia 48992) RICKY VAN SHELTON	DEE	3UT
90 UNPLUGGED (Reprise/Warner Bros 45310)	90	11
91 KAMAKIRIAD (Reprise 45230) DONALD FAGEN	81	12
92 RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE (Epic 52959)		
	82	5
93 77 XD A LOOK (Elektra 61496) NATALIE COLE	86	9
94 ALIBIS (Atlantic 82483/AG) TRACY LAWRENCE	83	21
95 PORK SODA (Interscope 92257) PRIMUS	91	17
96 BIG TIME (Warner Bros. 45276) LITTLE TEXAS	88	4
97 SOUL DANCING (Arista/BMG 18705)(P)	92	6
98 OUR TIME IN EDEN (Elektra 61385)	98	44
99 HEARTBREAKER (Capitol 89740)	99	
100 JUST ANOTHER BAND FROM EAST L.A (Slash/Warner Bros 45367)	33	5
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THERAPY?: Hats Off To The Insane (A&M 540 139) ■ THERAPY?: Hats Off To The Insane (A&M 540139) After the unexpected success of Therapy?'s first U.S. album Nurse last year, the offbeat metal band fills the void until its next proper record by packaging together two U.K.-only e.p. releases from earlier this year, as well as a previously unreleased cut, namely "Opal Mantra." The band's approach, which combines elements of early punk, techno samples and '90s post-grunge metal, is uni-que and seems bound to catapult the Irish trio into the hard-rock spotlight come the next album. Play "Speedball" and "Screamanger" loudly.





LIVINGSTON TAYLOR: Our Turn To Dance (Vanguard 79469)

guard 79469) The folkier of the two singing Taylor brothers, Liv has always taken the commercial backseat to big brother James, seemingly content to occasionally release a new record ("Our Turn To Dance" is Liv's eighth in 23 years) and mount a yearly club-and-theater tour. This new album, like most of his previous, tackles a wide range of styles and moods, though none stray far from Livingston's trademark rootsy base. The frisky "Vaca-tion," the self-defining wisdom of "It's My Job," and "My Father's Eyes" deserve A/C respect.

MORPHINE: Cure For Pain (Rykodisc 10262) How low can you go? Pretty low if, as a three-piece rock band, you employ only baritone sax, a custom two-string bass and drums, with barely a guitar within earshot. That's the tack taken by Boston-based Morphine, a quirky and evocative group fronted by Mark Sandman, former leader of the sadly underappreciated Hub band Treat Her Right. Save for the occasional six-string, like on the dreamy "In Spite Of Me," this one's bereft of guitar, which, beyond the oddity of it all, helps make this band and album a pair of winners. and album a pair of winners.



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COUNTING CROWS: August And Everything After (DGC 24528)



After (DGC 24528) There's a definite buzz building around this rootsy Bay-area-based rock band, and with good reason. The Count-ing Crows' first album, one of the freshest debuts to come out of either of David Geffen's labels in quite a while, is a surprisingly deep and involving collection, thanks main-ly to singer/songwriter Adam Duritz, whose lyrical vision and dynamic vocal command gives the band a captivating and hypnotic edge. Lead radio track "A Mur-der Of One" strikes a nerve, as does the sad "Time And Time Again" and the tragic "Round Here."

BIG COUNTRY: The Buffalo Skinners (Fox/RCA 66294)

66294) This record marks the return to American shores for this Scottish rock band which first scored with its debut alb, "In A Big Country," a gold platter that included the hits "The Crossing" and the title track. The band's fourth U.S. release (sixth overall) picks up where the older material left off, full of the band's trademark dual-guitar sound and charged, socio-political lyrics. The album begins to wear a bit thin as it progresses, but early tracks like "Seven Waves" and single "The One I Love" mark a very welcome return.





■ **THE SAMPLES:** The Last Drag (W.A.R.? 60005) These guys give new meaning to the old punk phrase, "Do it yourself," endlessly touring the country and releas-ing, through friend Rob Gordon's W.A.R.? label, their own records. As the band's self-generated fortunes con-tinue to grow, so too does the quality of its music. The Last Drag is a comfortable and quite listenable collection that treads Eagles/Police/C.S.N. turf without insulting the memory of its influences. "Still Water," the lonely "Misery" and the wonderfully dynamic "Darkside" are worth a listen.

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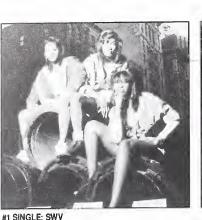


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■ JOHN MELLENCAMP: Human Wheels (Mercury 518 088) Producers: John Mellencamp, Malcomn Burn, David Leonard and Michael Wanchic The best album of Mellencamp's inconsistent but always challenging career is a riveting and ultra-accessible collection that deftly combines John's always effective love for the great American psyche, much of which is rooted in discouragement and frustration, and a rich, almost-gospel hopefulness, what he calls "gypsy music," with the album's final vision far exceeding its individual moments. The record's brightest lights are the title track, a song whose treated vocals mask its universal message of hope, and 'To The River," a tale of unexpected redemption that would give hope to even the most destitute. Mellencam p's recorded output seems much more important in hindsight, sort of like a road map to such a welcome destination as "Human Wheels."









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REVIEWS by M.R. Martinez

JEVETTA STEELE: Here It Is (Columbia CK

53900). Producers: Various. Serious music in this woman's voice, yes there is. Armed with a collection of strong songs, equally strong production and tasteful delivery of the lyrical content, Ms. Steele is here with a package that should distinguish her from the rung of female artists that rely on vocal acrobatics and aerobics—and not musicality—to get their point across. Splendid selections include the opening track, "All In Time"; "Where Do We Go From Here," the title track and "Calling You," a cover on which she serves up a soulful treatment.



ME-2-U: *Me-2-U* (RCA 07863 66266-2). Producers: Various.

Various. The comparisons to acts like the platinum-plus Boyz II Men are inevitable (especially on a track like the opener, "Alone Wit U"). There's fresh post-New Jack production quality evident over much of this 10-track album. The five-part harmonies are tightly rendered, and the vocal arrangements are seamless on nearly every track. This act could easily join labelmates SWV as a cornerstone for. RCA's in-house R&B roster. Other notable tracks include "Love" and "Me-2-U."

NINJAMAN: Run Come Test (RAS 3118). Producer: Henry Lawes.

Henry Lawes. Even with the formidable presence of Jamaican super sessionmen Sly Dunbar, Röbbie Shakœpeare, guitarist Gitzy and keyboardist Clive Hunt, the emphasis on this roots dancehall record is the chant. Ninjaman, a favorite of the hardcore dancehall fan, serves up a collection of alternately deep roots and more accessible sounds. He is joined by fellow chanters Cocoa Tea, Distruction and Nazzy. But it's the Ninjaman bustin' chomps all over this disc.





POONANNY:*Poonanny Be Still* (Waldoxy WCD 2801). Producers: Tommy Couch, Jr., Paul Lee & Poonanny.

Describing the subject matter of this eight-cut collection seems almost uneccessary. The guy's name is Poonanny. So what do you think these songs are about—double entendre aside? The titles on this bluesy version of a Marvin Sease or Millie Jackson record include "Strokin'," "Poonanny Be Still," and "Clean Out Your Dresser." You can actually hear some real blues riffin' on this short, sweet album. But if you go by the name of Joe Poonanny, then your blues are all about eatin' at the "Y."

PICK OF THE WEEK



EARTH, WIND AND FIRE: Millennium (Reprise 9 45274-2). Producer: Maurice White.

Maurice White. Maurice White is back at the helm of one of the most important pop/R&B bands of the '70s. He's joined by EWF alum Verdine White (his bass-playing brother), Andrew Woolfolk on saxophones, Ralph Johnson on percussions and Philip Bailey serving up his distinctive vocals. All of this means that there is a palpable sonic linkage between the EWF of its halcyon days and this latest incarnation. The opening three to five tracks could have been culled from those early years. But "Divine" opens the gateway to a glimpse of musical and production sensibilities that have been refined. A fine return.





Rhino Records, the label that keeps reissues, compilation packages and vintage music in the pipeline, recently entered a distribution agreement with BET Direct, a subsidiary of Black Entertainment Television (BET)—which claims a first as a black-owned company traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Rhino, which will license, produce and manufacture audio product for the BET On Music label, has already bowed *BET On Music's Soul Hits Vol. 1: The Best Soul of the '80s* (See item below). Pictured at Rhino's Los Angeles HQ are (I-r): Bob Emmer, Rhino executive vp; Robert Johnson, BET Holdings president/CEO; Janis Thomas, BET Direct president; and Mark Pinkus, Rhino director of licensing.

GO DIRECT, YOUNG MAN: The launch of BET Direct's BET On Music label through Rhino is a promising venture. Already availabe through direct-to-consumer marketing is *BET On Music's Soul Hits Volume 1: The Best Soul of the '80s*, and planned for the fourth quarter is *BET On Music's The Soul of Christmas.* Set for a February release is *BET On Music's Contemporary Gospel.* The compilations will be sold exclusively through BET's cablecast to viewers. Each audience buyer will receive a BET On Music catalog featuring upcoming releases. The two-CD/two-cassette *Soul...* collection features 24-tracks at \$24.95 and \$19.95, respectively, and features music by the **Pointer Sisters, Kool & The Gang, The Time** and **Aretha Franklin**. Also forthcoming under the BET/Rhino pact is a Christmas collection and a compilation of contemporary gospel.

EXPO IN BLACK: The entertainment industry maintained a solid presence during the **Black Expo USA** (Sept. 11-12 at the Los Angeles Convention Center). In addition to performance by artists such as **Immature**, **Real Seduction**, MC Spice, Sweet N' Lo, Wayne Johnson and Four Sure, among others, seminars over the two days featured showbiz lawyers, record executives and film execs. Among record company people on hand were Ernie Singleton, head of MCA Records Black Music Division, Miller London, senior vp of A&M Records; Andre Fischer, vp of A&R at MCA; Demette Guidry, senior director of Black Music promotion, Columbia; and Pat Shields, promotion director, Warner Bros. Radio stations and program producers such as Bailey Broadcasting, KJLH, The Beat and KGFJ all sponsored booths, and The Beat and KJLH broadcast from the cavernous exhibit floor at the Convention Center.

BLUES DANCE: Flair Records, the blues-based label distributed by Virgin Records, will be releasing *My Sweet Little Angel* featuring 21 tracks by master bluesman **B.B. King**. The cuts comprising this collection, were culled from sessions held from 1956 to 1959. And Virgin's active blues label, **Pointblank**, will be releasing on Oct. 5 *Collins Mix* by the inimitable **Albert Collins**, who recently, with backing band the **Icebreakers**, launched a national tour with the **Robert Cray Band**.

TOP 75 R&B ALBUMS

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1	THE WORLD IS YOURS (Rap-A-Lot/Priority 53861)		63 2
2	BACK TO BASICS (Warner Bros. 45297) Maze Featuring		DEBUT
3	FOR THE COOL IN YOU (Epic 53558)		DEBUT
4	BLACK SUNDAY (Ruffhouse/Columbia 53931)	Cypress Hill	1 20
5	TONI BRAXTON (LaFace/Arista 6007)	Toni Braxton	33
6	SONS OF SOUL (Wings/Mercury 514933)	. Tony!Toni!Tone!	56
7	DA BOMB (Ruffhouse/Columbia 57278)	Kris Kross	22
8	janet (Virgin 87825)	. Janet Jackson	4 13
9	MENACE II SOCIETY (Jive 41509)		6 10
10	THE CHRONIC (Priority 57128)		10 31
11	IT'S ABOUT TIME (RCA 66074)		9 26
12	BACDAFUCUP (RAL/Chaos 53302)		14 16
13	POETIC JUSTICE (Epic 57131)	Soundtrack	75
14	THE BODYGUARD (Original Motion Picture Soundt	rack)	
	Arista 18699)		15 34
	HEARTBREAKER (EMI/ERG 89740)		8 3
16	INTRO (Atlantic 82463)	Intro	13 13
17	THE UNTOLD TRUTH (Rowdy/Arista 37002)	Illegal	DEBUT
18	LOVE DELUXE (Epic 74734)	Sade	16 36
19	BRIAN MCKNIGHT (Mercury 848605)	Brian McKnight	18 9
20	BETWEEN THE SHEETS (Warner Bros. 45340)	Fourplay	DEBUT
21	NEVER LET ME GO (Epic 53231)	Luther Vandross	11 9
22	STRICKLY 4 MY N.I.G.G.A.Z. (Interscope 92209)		12 22
23	FOR REAL THO' (Atlantic 82462)		25 18
24	BORN GANGSTAZ (DJ West/Chaos/Columbia 52903)		20 9
25	LOVE'S THE PLACE TO BE (Mercury 518086)		23 2
26	BREATHLESS (Arista 18646)		22 34
27	AIN'T NO OTHER (First Priority 92230)		26 6
	VOICE OFF JAMAICA (Mercury 518013)		33 2
29	SOMETHING'S GOIN' ON (Mavrick/Warner Bros. 45287)		21 5
	21 & OVER (Loud/RCA 66280)		DEBUT
31		(Vrigin 88189)	
		Tina Turner	17 7
32	EVOLUTION (Fontana/Mercury 5114965)		19 2
	EVERYTHING (Mercury 518016)		DEBUT
	LOSE CONTROL (Elektra 61394)		24 25
35	THE NEW BREED (Wrap/Ichiban 8120)		28 12
36	HERE COME THE LORDS (Pendulum/Elektra 61415)		
	Lords Of T	he Underground	31 13
37	WHOOMP! (THERE IT IS) (Life/Bellmark 78000)		36 3
38	PROVACATIVE (Motown 374636355)		30 9
39	FEVER FOR DA FLAVOR (Luke 126)		27 14
40	HOOTIE MAC (MCA 10682)	Bell Biy Devoe	38 5
41	JAZZMATAZZ VOLUME 1 (Chrysalis 21998)	Gun	29 11
	ALL OUT (Qwest/Warner Bros.452113)	. The Winans	DEBUT
43	TILL DEATH DO US PART (Priority 57183)		35 25
44	IF I EVER FALL IN LOVE (Gasoline 10762)		39 30
45	WHEN SUMMER COMES (GPR 9724)	George Howard	44 3
46	RUFFTOWN BEHAVIOR (Luke 202)	Poison Clan	DEBUT
47	DANGEROUS (Epic 45400)		32 86
48	SHOW ME LOVE (Big Beat/Atlantic 82509)		42 3
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	THE PREDATOR (Priority 57185)	Stanley Clarke	DEBUT
50	EAST RIVER DRIVE (Epic 47489)		
51	TAKE A LOOK (Elektra 61496)		
52	14 SHOTS TO THE DOME (Def Jam 53325)		41 15
53	GUAD CITY KNOCK (Wrap/Ichiban 8117)		40 12
54	RIGORMORTIZ (Rap-A-Lot/Priority 53862)		
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The partnership of Tuff Break/A&M Records was recently launched during a gala celebration of performance. The L.A. hip-hop community received copies of the Intelligent Hoodlum's Ip Saga Of A Hoodlum and Dred Scott's debut single, "Nutin' Ta Lose." The Hoodlum's work was previously featured on the A&M soundtrack release to the Mario Van Peeble's western Posse. Pictured during the soiree in the back row are (I-r): Domino (Dred Scott homeboy); Baby Dred of Tuff Break artists Babalu Bad Boys; Rick Stone, sr. vp of pop promotions, A&M; George Clements, Touchdown Management; Str8-G, Tuff Break artist; Baldoo of Tuff Break's Bubalu Bad Boys; Al Cafaro, A&M president; and Evan Forster, Tuff Break label director. Pictured kneeling are (I-r): Gumby, Str8-G's homie; Todd Rubenstein, Str8-G's manager; Miller London, sr. vp of urban promotion/marketing, A&M; and Dred Scott of Tuff Break.

SOUND NIBBLES: Let's party! You had to employ your commando skills to get into a dinner party setting that marked the launch of Tuff Break Records, the new hip hop permutation of A&M Records. Just about all the Tuff stuff comes through the PolyGram Distribution pipeline. And Miller London, sr. vp of A&M's urban promotion/marketing, calls them an important part of the A&M universe. Some 500 people were invited to the party, nearly a 1,000 (according to the hype index) showed up. Southern-style buffet was the culinary draw, making some points with this new A&M-based company was another attraction and getting acquainted with the new label's players was another important part of the plan...Before the end of September, September 28 to be exact, KRS-One, aka Kris Parker, will be releasing his solo debut album on Jive Records outside the Boogie Down Productions galaxy. The album is dubbed Return To The Boom Bap. The single from this package,"Outta Here," has already jumped out. The first track is produced by DJ Premier, who helps KRS-One unfold an autobiographical story about the seminal man's history in hip-hop. In addition to DJ Premier, Kid Capri, Showbiz and KRS himself are producing tracks on the album...Writer/director/comedian/actor Rusty Cundieff is bowing his first feature film, Fear Of A Black Hat, a rap "mockumentary" that satirizes the hip-hop music industry unmercifully. It follows the travails of fictitious rap group Niggaz With Hats, and sends up hip-hop classics like "My Adidas" by Run D.M.C. and LL Cool J's "Mama Said Knock You Out." Cundieff, who is a stand-up comedy regular at spots such as Los Angeles' Laugh Factory and Comedy Act Theatre, wrote the screenplay to House Party II and appeared in Robert Townsend's Hollywood Shuffle, Spike Lee's School Daze and the daytime soaper Days Of Our Lives.

TOP 30 HIP-HOP ALBUMS

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	THE CHRONIC (Death Row/Interscope 57128/Priority) Dr. Dre BACDAFUCUP (RAL/Chaos 53302) Onyx 12 INCHES OF SNOW (Atco EastWest 92207/AG) Snow BORN GANGSTAZ (DJ West/Chaos/Columbia 52903) Boss THE BLISS ALBUM (Gee Street 514517) P.M. Dawn THE PREDATOR (Priority 57185) Ice Cube 19 NAUGHTY III (Torryng Boy 1069) Naughty By Nature 14 SHOTS TO THE DOME (Del Jam/Columbia 53323) LL Cool J 3 YEARS 5 MONTHS & 2 DAYS IN THE LIFE OF(Chrysalis 21929)	3 2 4 6 7 5 10	34 8 18 10 26 17 10
		9	18
11	NINE YARDS (Next Plateau/FFRR 1012) Paperboy	12	16
12	UPTOWN MTV UNPLUGGED (Uptown/MCA 1085) Various Artists	DEE	ШΤ
13	GUAD CITY KNOCK (Wrap/Ichiban 8117)	16	
14	STRICKLY 4 MY N.I.G.G.A.Z. (Interscope 92209) 2Pac	14	17
15	TILL DEATH DO US PART (Rap-A-Lot 53818)	11	14
16	DOWN WITH THE KING (Profile 1440)		6
17	BIZARRE RIDE II (Delecious Vinyl 92222) The Pharcyde	15	3
18	JAZZMATAZZ VOLUME 1 (Chrysalis/ERG 21998)	15	3 1
19	LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR (Cold Chillin'/WB 45128)Big Daddy Kane		1
19 20	, , ,	13	3
	CONNECTED (Geo Street/Island/PG 14061) Stereo Mc's	19	Ċ,
21	REACHIN'(A NEW REFUTATION OF TIME AND SPACE)		
	(Pendulum/Elektra 61414)Digable Planets	17	1
22	HARD OR SMOOTH (MCA 10566) Wreckx-N-Effect	21	29
23	WHICH DUBLE U B (Immortal/Epic 53212) FunkDoobiest	20	5
24	BANGEN' ON WAX (Dangerous/Pump/Quality 19138) Bloods & Crips	22	14
25	OOOOOOOHHHON THE TLC TIP (Laface/Arista 26003) TLC	25	1
26	BASS: THE FINAL FRONTIER (Magic/CDG 9413) D.J. Magic Mike	23	1
27	HERE COME THE LORDS (Pendulum/Elektra 61415)		
		27	1
28	THE NEW BREED (Wrap/Ichiban 8120) MC Breed	DEE	JUT
29	TOTALLY CROSSED OUT (Ruffhouse/Columbia 48710) Kris Kross	28	63
30	WHO'S THE MAN (Uptown/MCA 10794)	24	7
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TOP 30 RAP SINGLES

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1 RUFFNECK 2 PINK COOK	(First Priority/Atlantic 98401)	3	6
	Columbia)		7
3 INSANE IN	THE BRAIN/WHEN THE ST(Ruffhouse/Columbia 77019)	·	
		1	6
4 CHECK YO	SELF(Priority 53830)	7	2
5 CHEIF ROCI	KA (Pendulum/Elektra 66302) Lords Of The Underground	4	6
6 ALRIGHT(R	uffhouse/Columbia 77103)	9	2
7 GRAND GR	OOVE(Tuffbreak /A&M 0082) Intelligent Hoodlum	11	2
	LL(Rap-a-lot/Priority 53831)	14	2
	UND/KEEP YA HEAD UP (Interscope/Atlantic 96036) 2Pad	5	4
		DEB	UT
	MINE (Wrap/Ichiban 93154) MC Breed	15	3
	ANTED/HED RUSH(East/West 96042) Knucklehedz	18	3
	TROOPER/ALL I THINK (Warner Bros 40764) Jungle Brothers	2	10
	aos/Columbia 77081)		
15 IBWIN' WIT	MY CREW/BONNIE & CLYDE (EastWest 96054) Yo Yo		9
		17	2
	KE (Epic 77026)	DEB	-
	Y'ALL (Chemistry/Mercury 862314) Poizon Posse	DED	501
	CIAL/STOP SHAMMIN (Cold chillin/Reprise 18437)	DEB	лит
	Chaos/Columbia 74882		25
20 WHOOT, TH	IERE IT IS (Wrap/Ichiban 0150	13	11
21 WHOOMP!	(THERE IT IS) (Life/Bellmark 7900) Tag Team	20	7
22 WHAT'S UP	DOC (Jive 42164) Fu-schnickens w/Shaquille O'Neal	22	12
ROLL W/TH	HE FLAVOR (MCA 54623) Young Black Teenagers	DEE	BUT
	E ME NO BAMMER (In-a-minute 8001) R.B.L. Posse		
	RN YOU ON (Cold Chillin/Reprise 18542) , Biz Markie	10	6
	R THE BLVD. (Psychotic 1203) Rodney O & Joe Cooley	16	4
	RIP IT UP (Ruffhouse/Columbia 74764), Lin Que	21	5
		23	4
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	DEEP (Rap-A-Lot/Priority 53823)	24	14
30 EUPHORIA	(Inderoc 0202)	19	3

INTERNATIONAL



UK

By Mick Green



Mariah Carey: Grabs top album spot

NEXT WEEK SEES our northern town of Manchester becoming the place where most of the professionals in the music industry in Britain will be heading because there are two major radio conferences taking place called "In The City" and "Music Radio '93."

Up to 2,000 delegates are expected to register—twice the number of last year—for "In The City" and this really is a chance for unsigned acts to showcase because no less than 150 would-be stars have been chosen to appear at official showcases during the five days and these were selected from more than 1,000 tapes sent to the A&R committee.

The way this conference has grown is quite remarkable. Last year only 18 bands without deals showcased and of those 14 ended up in being signed for either recording or publishing deals. The most successful of these has to be **The Auteurs** who have been nominated for this year's *Mercury Prize*.

Overall some 270 acts will appear somewhere *In The City* and those announced that already are on labels include **St. Etienne**, **Pele** and **Smashing Pumpkins**.

In addition to the live acts the five days are full of panels that cover everything involved with radio and the music industry. But, as we all know, you can talk all you want to no avail unless those actually making the music strike the right chord.

TOP OF THE POPS: TOTP is our longest running, most influential and probably the best TV marketing tool that music has in Britain but it has been announced that it will be revamped by **BBC1** controller **Alan Yentob**. His reasons? "Music is more fragmented, the top singles charts are not what they were, so it needs to be given new life." As of yet it is not clear what changes the new format will bring in.

IT ALL "ADS" UP: Many artists are given a new lease of life when some advertising agency picks on one of their old releases to help sell the product on TV advertisements, and these are not always for glossy products. For example **Mungo Jerry**'s 1970 hit "In The Summertime" is being used in a government Anti Drink-Driving Campaign because it uses the words "Have a drink, have a drive/Go out and see what you can find."

Maynards confectionery has dipped back to 1958 to find Lord Rockinghams XI and "Hoots Mon" to use on their Wine Gums advertisement and then again to 1970 for The Pipkins' "Gimme That Ding" to promote the taste of Just Fruits.

It was in 1963 that **Johnny Cash** scored with "Ring Of Fire" and **Levi's** is currently using it and **MFI** (a home-care company) latched on to "Just My Imagination" by **The Temptations** to highlight their current products.

Classical music abounds in several advertisements and **Frankie Avalon**'s hit from 1959, "Venus," is used on the soundtrack of **Cussons Pearl** soap commercial. In the past, several songs used this way have charted and it will be interesting to see if any of the current crop do.

IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE: Pirate copies of **Disney's** *Jungle Book* have been known to appear from time to time in Britain and this may be the reason that Disney has finally agreed that the video will officially be released October 28 and, with major campaigns already announced, it is predicted that it will top *Cinderella*'s two million sales last Christmas.

CHARTS: Culture Beat's "Mr. Vain" sits securely at the top of our Singles charts and is the first single to do so in 30 years without appearing on seven-inch vinyl. **Sony** stuck to their guns and released it only in three formats. Their view being: "If a single has got it, it will sell." There is now some talk about whether other majors will follow this lead and whether they could actually cut singles down to two formats?

The next question for **Culture Beat** is, what happens next? "Mr. Vain" may end up being one of this year's biggest hits, but have they got a follow- up? The '90s are proving very tough for acts in the singles charts and it does not automatically follow that the next release scores at all.

You only have to look at the careers of Shaggy and Ace Of Base to see that. Shaggy had a Number One with "Oh Carolina" but "Soon Be Done" couldn't even make Top 40; Ace Of Base did a little better with "Wheel Of Fortune," peaking at #20 but that is not in the same league as "All That She Wants."

Not that Ace have really too much to worry about in Europe because they had four different songs in the Top 10 in various European countries. The "Wheel Of Fortune" turned for them in Switzerland; Austria was clearly "Waiting For Magic"; they made a "Happy Nation" in both Germany and Austria; and Italy, Spain and France, along with Britain clearly said that's "All That She Wants." Now you are talking international!

This week 22 new singles appear in our charts and the rush is led by **Nirvana** who jump straight into the #5 spot—their highest ever debut—with "Heart-Shaped Box." Other Top 20 debuts are "Boom! Shake The Room" by **Jazzy Jeff & Fresh Prince** at #12 and "Sometimes" by **James** at #18.

In the Album section *Promises And Lies* by UB40 is finally pushed off the pole position by the debut of *Music Box* by Mariah Carey. Next highest new entry is Breeders at #5 with *Last Splash*. Just outside the Top 10 at #11 is the Original London Cast of *Sunset Boulevard* and Pogues hold down the #20 spot with *Waiting For Herb*.

The only other newcomers to this chart are **Jason Donovan**'s *All Around The World* at #27 and the surprise entry of **John Hiatt**'s *Perfectly Good Guitar*. After being a cult figure for a number of years, John has had a good 1993 with cuts on plenty of other artists' albums including the very successful one by **Nanci Griffith**.



LABEL SPOTLIGHT

Arista Nashville's ''Three-Legged Stool''

By Brad Hogue

WITH 13 CMA NOMINATIONS to their credit this year alone, Arista Records Nashville has emerged as a prime contender in the field of country music. In 1989, when Clive Davis chose Tim DuBois to establish a Nashville office for Arista Records, DuBois had never worked for a record company. He faced the challenge of starting from ground zero and going head-to-head with corporate giants who had dominated the country music market for generations. Now, 14 million records, 20 #1 singles, and a dozen gold, platinum, double- and tripleplatinum albums later, the wisdom of Davis' decision is apparent. DuBois refers to Arista's circle of music industry power as "the threelegged stool." In a recent interview, Arista Nashville president Tim DuBois, vice president of marketing and sales Mike Dungan, and vice president of promotion and artist development Allen Butler discussed their once fledgeling label with *Cash Box*.

Cash Box: You've attributed much of Arista's success to teamwork. Tell me a little about that teamwork and about your working relationship with Mike Dungan & Allen Butler.



Tim DuBois



Mike Dungan



Allen Butler

Tim DuBois: I've often described us as the three-legged stool. They are obviously more than my employees, they're my partners. We have a good healthy respect for one another and we also have a good healthy disrespect. We feel free to argue and to challenge and to talk. They're the best—both of them. My whole staff is my secret weapon. We've just got the best staff in the world. Somehow together we always manage to work things out. We try very very hard not to be empire builders, but to try to be generalists and think of the job of Arista Records. Nobody gets off the hook when their little department thing is done. The only time we get off the hook is when we have a success and we sell a lot of albums. We like to all feel like we play a part in every step along the way. It's very much a joint effort and very much teamwork

Mike Dungan: We know each other's job. We constantly keep each other in check. Also, we've very sensitive to each other's plight and to the problems that we have. I think that works very well. It's been dramatically different than any other experience I've had in this industry.

C.B.: What takes up most of your time?

M.D.: Management is a big part of all our lives. Sometimes it's even bigger than we would like it to be. One of the things that makes us a successful record company I think is the fact that we are a family—not only the people that work here—but we really feel like for the most part the artists are part of the family, and their family is a part of our family. That

means their management, everybody from the receptionist at the management company to the president. We take their phone calls right away and work with them at every step—consult with them at every step—just because we own rights to their artist's music, that doesn't mean we take liberties with that. That takes a tremendous amount of time. There are moments when, quite honestly you'll wish that it wasn't that way, but as soon as you realize what the alternative is, to be just a cold, calculated music machine, you quickly realize why we do it the way we do it.

Allen Butler: You've got two options. You can either be partners or adversaries and we choose to be partners with our acts and our managers. For us, that works the best although at times it becomes very personal for all of us. In the long term, it's still a win-win situation for both sides. Whenever you have different parties involved in a career decision making process, obviously this business is not a science, everybody has their opinion on what's best for everybody involved. You're never going to get a consensus when you have more than one person making a decision. That's just part of doing business.

C.B.: What's the most important element of breaking a new artist to radio, and what changes are we seeing at radio currently?

T.D.: It all boils down to having great songs, adequate set-up, showing the commitment of the label to the artist—and that's all starting with the assumption that you have a great act to begin with. We went through a period during the '80s where country radio was very artist-driven and then in the early '90s went through a shakedown of the system when radio became very very record-oriented. A lot of the artists who had been names in our format just kind of went away. What we're seeing now as we move into 1994 is that new generation of names that came along in '90, '91 and '92 beginning to have that same kind of respect at radio with radio trying to find a place to play all those people they made stars during the early '90s.

A.B.: I think the longer "in-advance set-up" that you have the time to set the project up to image the artist and to let radio become comfortable with them and their music, the better off you are. Obviously as the industry heats up and you become busier and busier, those windows get smaller and smaller. With the deluge of new artists in this format over the last four years, radio's just having to deal with a lot more talent than they ever had in the past. It makes it more difficult for us as a label to immediately create an image and a distinct personality for any new act, and that's something that you have to do. You have to make them different from anything else out there but at the same time you can't make them so different that radio feels threatened or uncomfortable with them. It's a kind of balancing act.

C.B.: Do you think there is a danger of overexposure in country music today?

T.D.: I think you have to be careful. I think there is for the first time ever in country music a danger of overexposure. Because country's hot right now and because we have 24-hour video channels and TNN, for the first time ever if an artist chose to do everything offered to them I think that we could have the same kind of phenomena that you have in the pop music world where an artist can be incredibly hot for about a year then the public just gets sick of them. The commercialization and the endorsements—I think you have to be careful with that. Most smart managers realize that already. This never used to be a problem in country music because you just couldn't get enough national exposure. The national media just wasn't interested.

C.B.: Will you sign more acts in the future and what are your plans for expansion?

T.D.: We're still committed to the idea of a small label and a lot of effort behind what we sign. If we were to grow roster-wise, we would probably grow with a second promotion and A&R staff. That's one thing we've considered at times. In the future you might see Arista grow into a two-roster label.

C.B.: On what would the second label concentrate?

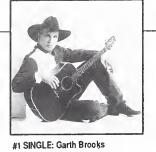
T.D.: More of the same.

C.B.: What is the most satisfying part of your position?

T.D.: I'm very proud of the fact that we do what we do with a tremendous amount of integrity. We're all committed to doing *right* and letting music be the force that drives us. I take a lot of satisfaction in that. Also, the impact that we've had to start from zero and become a company that has affected so many people's lives—both on the staff and on the roster—it is very gratifying to stand back and look at the family we've built. It's a strange atmosphere over here. We have a lot of fun. I know somebody who said, "This is more like a college fraternity house than a record label." It's very high-pressure, and there are some days when you wouldn't want to be here, but for the most part, it is very satisfying and everybody digs in and has a great time with what we do.

CASH BOX CHARTS





TO WATCH: Alabama #28



HIGH DEBUT: Mark Collie #45



Total Weeks 🔻

#1 INDIE: Bobby Hood #60

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Garth Brooks	3	7
2 HOLDIN' HEAVEN (MCA 54659) Tracy Byrd	4	14
3 ONLY LOVE (Curb/MCA 54689)	6	10
4 PROP ME UP BESIDE THE JUKEBOX (IF I DIE) (Epic 77071)		
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5 WORKING MAN'S PH.D (RCA 66251) Aaron Tippin		13
6 LOOKING OUT FOR NUMBER ONE (Warner Bros. 18463) Travis Tritt		10
7 ONE MORE LAST CHANCE (MCA 54715) Vince Gill	11	8
8 A COWBOY'S BORN WITH A BROKEN HEART (Curb 1038)		
Boy Howdy		15
9 WHAT'S IT TO YOU (Giant 24511-2) Clay Walker		11
10 IN THE HEART OF A WOMAN (Mercury 934) Billy Ray Cyrus	1	12
IF I DIDN'T LOVE YOU (Arista 2578)	12	13
12 LET GO (Asylum 61554-2) Brother Pheips	15	12
13 NO TIME TO KILL (RCA 66239)	17	6
14 BEER AND BONES (Atlantic 28420) John Michael Montgomery	14	12
15 EASY COME, EASY GO (MCA 54717) George Strait	16	5
16 THIS ROMEO AIN'T GOT JULIE YET (Arista 2580) Diamond Rio	18	9
HE AIN'T WORTH MISSING (Mercury 918) Toby Keith	21	11
18 NOTHIN' BUT THE WHEEL (Epic 77076) Patty Loveless	19	11
19 JUST LIKE THE WEATHER (Liberty 79763) Suzy Bogguss	20	8
20 DOES HE LOVE YOU (MCA 54719) Reba McEntire with Linda Davis	24 22	4
21 TRASHY WOMEN (Atlantic 82335) Confederate Railroad	22	9
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26 SHE USED TO BE MINE (Arista 2602) Brooks & Dunn	29	3
27 THANK GOD FOR YOU (Curb 77574)		12
28 RECKLESS (RCA 66296)	35	2
29 I FELL IN THE WATER (BNA 62621) John Anderson	32	4
30 ON THE ROAD (Arista 2588) Lee Roy Parnell	31	6
31 ALMOST GOODBYE (MCA 54718) Mark Chesnutt	34	3
32 DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR MAN IS (Arista 2606) Pam Tillis	37	4
33 I'M NOT BUILT THAT WAY (Liberty 79797) Billy Dean	39	5
34 MY BABY LOVES ME (RCA 66299)	38	7
35 QUEEN OF MY DOUBLE WIDE TRAILER (Mercury 969)Sammy Kershaw	36	7
36 THE GRAND TOUR (A&M 34154) Aaron Neville	41	7
37 MASTER OF ILLUSION (Step One 466) Clinton Gregory	41	2
38 A COUPLE OF GOOD YEARS LEFT (Columbia 77130)		
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CHRIS ISAAK "Solitary Man" (Reprise CDX Vol. #64)

Vol. #64) Looks like everyone wants a piece of country radio! Chris Isaak indeed does a fine job covering Neal Diamond's "Solitary Man," but strangely enough, I've never seen him on TNN or CMT before. Given the success of Dwight Yoakam's recent epic, "A Thousand Miles From Nowhere," this forlorn tune just might garner some airplay on cutting-edge country stations. Good stuff! Erik Jacobson produced.



■ EVANGELINE "Still Loving You" (MCA/Margaritaville MCA5P-54747)

They made quite an impressive debut last year, and Jimmy Buffet's wisdom in signing Evangeline to his Margaritaville label is quite apparent. Written by Stephen Allen Davis, "Still Loving You" presents vivid visual images of unrequited love and longing. Produced by Justin Neibank and Michael Utley of Carel Paofer fame, the track is a rimed for wulti for Coral Reefer fame, the track is primed for multi-format airplay with vocals out front where they should be. Reminiscent of K.T. Oslin. From their forthcoming release, *French Quarter Moon*. Cool tune!

RADNEY FOSTER "Hammer And Nails"

(Arista ASCD-2608) Good follow-up! "Hammer & Nails" sees Radney getting strong vocally and rowdy on guitar. Written by Foster with Cindy Bullens, this upbeat barroom stomper was produced well by Steve Fishell & Foster. Multi-talented guy, huh? Look for this one to catch radia/c attention and keen it for a ubile Aristo's had radio's attention and keep it for a while. Arista's had some good luck this year with Radney, so drive it on home. From *Del Rio, TX* 1959.



MATTHEWS WRIGHT & KING "One Of

maintews wright & King "One Of These Days" (Columbia CSK 77180)
From Dream Seekers, "One Of These Days" provides more of that M.W.K. group harmony to which we're becoming accustomed. Written by Billy Livsey & Don Schlitz, the tune delves into selfless rediscovery and happily presents an otherwise sadder subject. "One of these days I won't cry all night over you..." Produced by Randy Scruggs. Excellent track!

PICK OF THE WEEK



CHARLIE FLOYD "I've Fallen In Love (And I Can't Get Up)" (Liberty DPRO-79001)

It's a rare week when all those reviewed deserve *Pick of the Week* honors, but Charlie Floyd rises to the top this time with ''I've Fallen In Love (And I Can't Get Up).'' Written by Ronnie Samoset & Craig Wiseman and interpreted perfect-ly by Liberty's latest hunk, this is a honky-tonk stomp ready for the dance halls. Country radio's gonna love it. Wear it out; it's a hit! Jimmy Bowen & Clyde Brooke produce Brooks produce.



TOP 75 COUNTRY ALBUMS

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TO WATCH: Alan Jackson #2

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1	IN PIECES (Liberty 80857)	1	2
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3	IT WON'T BE THE LAST (Mercury 514758) Billy Ray Cyrus	3	12
	TELL ME WHY (Curb/MCA 10822)(P)	4	17
5	NO TIME TO KILL (RCA 66239)	5	8
6	PURE COUNTRY (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)		
(1	MCA 10651)(P2) George Strait	6	48
7	HARD WORKIN' MAN (Arista 18716)(P) Brooks & Dunn	7	29
8	THIS TIME (Reprise/Warner Bros. 45241-2)(P) Dwight Yoakam	8	25 12
9	ALMOST GOODBYE (MCA 10851)	10	31
10	CONFEDERATE RAILROAD (Atlantic 82335)(G) Confederate Railroad CALL OF THE WILD (RCA 66251)	18	4
11	LIFE'S A DANCE (Atlantic 82420)(P) John Michael Montgomery	11	30
12	IT'S YOUR CALL (MCA 10673)(P2) Reba McEntire	13	36
14	BIC TIME (Margar Bras 45276)	14	16
15	WIND IN THE WIRE (Warner Bros. 45319)	15	3
16	ALIBIS (Atlantic 82483)(P) Tracy Lawrence OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN (Curb 77626) Sawyer Brown	16	26
17	OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN (Curb 77626) Sawyer Brown	24 20	4
18	A BRIDGE I DIDN'T BURN (Columbia 48992) Ricky Van Shelton	19	154
19	NO FENCES (Liberty 93866)(P10)	12	59
20	THE CHASE (I have 00740)(P) Gath Brooks	21	50
22	THE CHASE (Liberty 98743)(P5) Garth Brooks RED & RIO GRANDE (BNA 66133) Doug Supernaw	31	11
23	SOLID GROUND (BNA 66232) John Anderson	23	12
24	SOLID GROUND (BNA 66232) John Anderson FINAL TOUCHES (MCA)		BUT
25	I STILL BELIEVE IN YOU (MCA 10630)(P) Vince Gill	25	51
26	TOBY KEITH (Mercury 514421)	17	19
27	CLAY WALKER (Giant 24511-2) Clay Walker	33 22	3
	UNDER THE KUDZU (RCA 07863) Shenandoah	27	104
29	BRAND NEW MAN (Arista 18658)(P3) Brooks & Dunn HONKY TONK ATTITUDE (Columbia 530021) Joe Diffie	44	19
31	ONLY WHAT I FEEL (Epic 53226)	34	20
32	HEARTS IN ARMOR (MCA 10641)(P)	29	49
33	SOME GAVE ALL (Mercury 3145)(P7) Billy Hay Cyrus	36	66
34	WATCH ME (BNA 66047)(G)	37	45
35	t-r-o-u-b-l-e (Warner Bros. 45048)(P)	35	- 54
36	ROPIN' THE WIND (Liberty 96330)(P9) Garth Brooks	28	
37	LITTLE LOVE LETTERS (Giant 24499) Carlene Carter	26	11
38	WYNONNA (Curb/MCA 10529)(P3) Wynonna GARTH BROOKS (Liberty 90897)(P4) Garth Brooks	32 39	74 210
39	IN THIS LIFE (Epic 48983)(G) Collin Raye	39 50	
41	HAUNTED HEART (Mercury 14332) Sammy Kershaw	41	26
42	HAUNTED HEART (Mercury 14332)	42	2
43	SPINNING AROUND THE SUN (Elektra 61502) Jimmie Dale Gilmore	43	
	THE GRAND TOUR (A&M) Aaron Neville	47	
45	LET GO (Asylum 61544) Brother Phelps	30	
46 47	SLOW DANCING WITH THE MOON (Columbia 53199)(G) . Dolly Parton AMERICAN PRIDE (RCA 66044)(P)	38 45	
47	DON'T ROCK THE JUKEBOX (Arista 8681)(P2) Alan Jackson	48	118
49	GREATEST HITS 1990-1992 (Liberty 81367) Tanya Tucker	49	19
50	FROM THE HEART (Epic 45303)(G) Doug Stone	54	- 54
51	TEMPTATION (Morgan Creek 20018)	40	
52	DRIVE (Arista 18691)	51	6
53	MARK COLLIE (MCA 10658)	53	
54	DEL RIO, TX 1959 (Arista 18713)	52	
55	WHERE THERE'S SMOKE (Columbia 52980) Gibson/Miller Band	46	
56 57	SONGS FROM AN AGING SEX BOMB (RCA 56227) K.T. Oslin HOMEWARD LOOKING ANGEL (Arists 19640)(G)	56 57	
57 58	HOMEWARD LOOKING ANGEL (Arista 18649)(G) Pam Tills JOSHUA JUDGES RUTH (Curb/MCA 10475) Lyle Lovett	57	
59	TRUE BELIEVER (Liberty 80805) Ronnie Milsap	55	-
60	UNDER THIS OLD HAT (Liberty 80892) Chris LeDoux	60	
61	ACROSS THE BORDERLINE (Columbia 52752) Willie Nelson	61	24
62	READ BETWEEN THE LINES (RCA 61129)(P) Aaron Tippin	62	79
63	CAFE ON THE CORNER (Curb/Capitol 77574) Sawyer Brown	63	
64	SURE LOVE (Curb 77581)	64	
65	CAN'T RUN FROM YOURSELF (Liberty 98987)(G) Tanya Tucker	65	
66 67	GREATEST HITS (MCA 10653) Patty Loveless	66 59	
68	OTHER VOICES OTHER ROOMS (Elektra 61464) Nanci Griffith IT'S ALL ABOUT TO CHANGE (Warner Bros. 26589)(P2) Travis Tritt	59 68	
69	SEMINOLE WIND (BNA 61029)(P) John Anderson	69	
70	BIG IRON HORSES (RCA 66049)	70	
71	TRACY BYRD (MCA 10649) Tracy Byrd	71	
72	WHAT COMES NATURALLY (Mercury 314514-710) Ronna Reeves	72	61
	KELLY WILLIS (MCA 10789)	73	
	FIRE IN THE DARK (Liberty/SBK 98947) Billy Dean	74	
/5	FOR MY BROKEN HEART (MCA 10400)(P2) Reba McEntire	1	5_96



ALL IN THE FAMILY: RCA Records recently held a party in honor of Aaron Tippin to celebrate the platinum certification of his album *Read Between The Lines* and the release of Tippin's third album *Call Of The Wild*. As a special surprise, Tippin's mother and daughter were flown in for the occasion to present Tippin with his platinum award. Pictured (I-r) are: Mary Tippin, Aaron's mother; daughter Charla Tippin; Tippin; and Thom Schuyler, vice president Nashville operations, RCA Records. (Photo Credit: Don Putnam)



WONDERING WY? Curb/MCA artist Wynonna just entered the country music record books as the first female artist to have a studio album certified triple platinum. Her Curb/MCA debut, *Wynonna*, released in March of '92, has been certified by the R.I.A.A. for sales in excess of three million units. Pictured (I-r) backstage after her recent performance at Nashville's Starwood Amphitheater are: Tony Brown, president, MCA Records/Nashville; Wynonna; Bruce Hinton, chairman, MCA Records/Nashville; Ken Stilts, her manager. (Photo Credit: Beth Gwinn)



SUN DAY: It was a special evening for Darryl & Don Ellis when the Epic duo were asked to appear at the Grand Ole Opry the same day their second release, Day In The Sun, hit stores nationwide. Pictured (I-r) backstage at the Opry are: Manager Terry Cline; Darryl Ellis; Opry member Jim Ed Brown; Opry senior veepee and GM Hal Durham; Don Ellis; and Rob Dalton, director of national promotion for Epic Nashville.



Cash Box

COUNTRY

RADIO

By Brad Hogue

High Debuts

1. MARK COLLIE—"Something's Gonna Change Her Mind"—(MCA)—#45 2. ALAN JACKSON—"Mercury Blues"—(Arista)—#50

Most Active

- 1. ALABAMA—"Reckless"—(RCA)—#28 2. JOE DIFFIE—"Prop Me Up Beside The Jukebox"—(Epic)—#4 3. BILLY DEAN—"I'm Not Built That Way"—(Liberty)—#33 4. CLINTON GREGORY—"Master Of Illusion"—(Step One)—#37 5. MARY-CHAPIN CARPENTER—"The Bug"—(Columbia)—#25

POWERFUL ON THE PLAYLIST—Garth Brooks moves into the #1 position once again on the Cash Box Top 100 Country Singles chart this week as his latest single, "Ain't Goin' Down, moves up two from last week's position. Alabama was most active this week, or should I say, most "Reckless," taking their latest up seven spots to rest at #28. Moving six forward with "Prop Me Up Beside The Jukebox" is **Joe Diffie** at #4. Other six-place steppers include Billy Dean's "I'm Not Built That Way," up to #33, and Clinton Gregory's "Master Of Illusion," up to #37. Mary-Chapin Carpenter takes "The Bug" five fast ones to rest in the #25 spot this week.



MCA recording artist Tracy Byrd (r) will be profiled on The Interstate Radio Network during the month of September. The program feature was produced by Ron Huntsman (I), Entertainment Marketing. **RADIO NEWS**—Beginning in October, *Cash Box* will profile a feature DJ of the Month from either a small, medium, or large radio market. If you know an exceptional jock who puts much into his/her job and deserves some attention, don't hesitate to contact Nashville Editor Brad Hogue or Robin Hess in charts to make a recommendation. (615) 329-2898.

CMA Horizon Award Nominee Sammy Kershaw will showcase music from his second Mercury Nashville album, Haunted Heart, this month with an appearance on Entertainment Radio Network's "Live From The Roxy." Kershaw will star on the September 21 broadcast, a 90-minute program live via satellite originating in the 425-seat Roxy Theater.

LOOKING AHEAD

(Listed are major label single releases which have not yet debuted on the Top 100 Country Singles Chart, but are receiving reports.)
GBSON/MILLER—"Small Price" (Epic)
RICK TREVINO—"Just Enough Rope" (Columbia)
JOHN BERRY—"Kiss Me In The Car" (Liberty)
RONNA REEVES—"He's My Weakness" (Mercury)
Hickwart 101 "Your Baky You" (Liberty)

- 5. Highway 101-"You Baby You" (Liberty)

CMT Top Ten Video Countdown

1. Sawyer Brown Thank God For You (Curb)
2. Wynonna Only Love (MCA)
3. Joe Diffie Prop Me Up Beside The Jukebox (Epic)
4. Vince Gill One More Last Chance (MCA)
5. Aaron Tippin Working Man's PH.D (RCA)
6. Tracy Byrd Holdin' Heaven (MCA)
7. Clay Walker What's It To You (Giant)
8. Brother Phelps Let Go (Asylum)
9. Steve Wariner If I Didn't Love You (Arista)
10. Billy Ray Cyrus In The Heart Of A Woman (Mercury)
-Compliments of CMT video countdown, week ending Sept. 15, 1993.

INDIE CHART ACTION—Lead-

ing the Cash Box independents this week is Bobby Hood on the Belltunes label with "Lost In The



Neon Lights" up five big spots to rest at #60. Congratulations to Mr. Hood! Up four places for the Rockin' J label to #66 is Norris Stewart with "Rhythm & Booze." Also moving four forward is Chris Shook's "Hello Earth" on the Platinum Plus label, coming in this week at #68.

INDIE FEATURE PICK

Shaun Nielsen "The Boy From Tupelo" (Tribute PSI3593 CD)

Elvis is back in Nashville! Shaun Nielsen's rendition of "The Boy From Tupelo" indeed conjures images of the gone-but-notforgotten King, and E.P. producer Felton Jarvis calls Shaun Elvis' favorite singer. Nostalgic indeed but worth a spin.



"Elvis' favorite singer" according to Felton Jarvis (Elvis' Producer)



"The Boy From Tupelo"

on Tribute Records 615-824-3000

National Promotion: Chuck Dixon 615-754-7492 James Williams 615-264-3456

COVER STORY

MARTINA MCBRIDE: The Way That She Is

By Brad Hogue

S HE ARRIVED IN NASHVILLE JUST THREE YEARS AGO. Now, with the release of her sophomore RCA album, *The Way That I Am*, Martina McBride has once again *arrived*. And if songs from *The Way That I Am* are any indication of songs to come, her destination is undoubtedly music industry stardom.



It started in 1990 when McBride and her husband John decided to move from the flatlands of Kansas to the middle Tennessee metropolis known as Music City. Wasting no time at all they made demos and began circulating them while John and his sound company took to the road with the likes of Charlie Daniels, Ricky Van Shelton, and finally, Garth Brooks.

Charlie Daniels, Ricky Van Shelton, and finally, Garth Brooks. By early 1991, Martina, in order to spend more time with John, joined him on the road and sold T-shirts for Brooks for nine months prior to securing a record deal with RCA in June 1991. Her RCA debut, *The Time Has Come*, won critical and commercial acclaim and spawned three hit singles and videos— "The Time Has Come," "Cheap Whiskey," and "That's Me." With her contract secured, Garth Brooks continued his loyal support by offering her the opening spot on over 75 shows on his sold-out tour lasting until December of 1992. This introduced McBride to over a million potential fans.

"It was either sink or swim," McBride recently told *Cash Box*. "For about the first month and a half it was so new to me, and I felt that pressure. I would come off the stage and say to John, 'God! This is too hard! This is too much pressure!' I realized that I loved singing, but I didn't realize I had to entertain these people. Talking to the audience was actually the hardest part for me. Now, after the Garth tour is over and I've done other shows with different audiences, I feel more confident as an entertainer."

USA Today agreed, saying "Put Martina McBride on the short list of top female stars." In the *Chicago Tribune*, "This is no run-of-the-mill female vocalist. McBride's talents are such that they may do some readjusting of a Nashville market whose sales are heavily dominated by males." In *Cash Box*'s review: "McBride's vocal prowess is nothing short of phenomenal."

With reviews like these, McBride has obviously engaged the critic's ear. She currently has another hit single and video on her hands, "My Baby Loves Me," written by Gretchen Peters. The subsequent release of *The Way That I Am* reveals a more worldly, more introspective, and considering the well-defined image she has currently adopted, a more fun-loving Martina. Emerging from what she freely admits was a neophyte artistic shell—new on the Nashville scene—she is today a more secure singer. "When I was making this album," McBride relates, "I felt a lot more confident. I knew what to expect. I wasn't so naive. The first time out, I was really concerned with being taken seriously as an artist. I looked for songs that had a lot to say. I'm not sure I didn't go over the line with the first album. Maybe it was too serious. This album has a better balance."

The album with a better balance will be supported in part with lots of tour dates this year, and McBride may even find herself back in the big shows. Plans are currently underway for McBride to participate in "A Girls Night Out," touring with superstar acts Reba McEntire and Lorrie Morgan. Details were unavailable at presstime, but word on The Row is that the tour will take place from October '93 and continue until January '94.



CAMERA FRIENDLY? Martina on location for the video shoot for "My Baby Loves Me." Shot in Nashville, directed by Steven Goldman and produced by Cynthia Biedermann for Planet Nashville, the video features real couples reinforcing the message of the lyrics.

CHRISTIAN COUNTRY

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

BUDDY GREENE: New Songs For New Friends

By Kathleen A. Ervin



TRYING TO GRAB ON and hold on to the collective marketing mind of the Christian music industry is not exactly an easy thing to do where categories are well defined and music stylistically seems to fit more formula than experimentation. But for the past seven years Buddy Greene and his five- album catalog—*Buddy Greene, Praise Harmonica, Slice of Life, Sojourner's Song* and his latest *Buddy Greene Live with Friends*—have been quietly putting out product and trying to find a niche that pleases both the public and the industry—not to mention Greene's eclectic musical goals.

But this is not unfamiliar territory for Greene who was doing country in '86 before country was the hot buzz for the secular music industry—forget the Christian music industry. *Buddy Greene* was a one of a kind album and although it seems humorous to picture the soft-spoken Green as a radical, a man before his time—there he was doing country music because it felt right and sounded good. But as is typical, mavericks aren't always rewarded, especially in this part of the music industry and although his albums have sold consistently and Green was (and is) a regular on the tour circuit, marketing and music couldn't meet half way, but they sure tried.

"It was 1990," Greene states, "and I was at Word Records trying to work on the follow-up album to *Sojourner's Song*. It was ironic because about that time Mid South, Paul Overstreet and Ricky Skaggs were beginning to make a splash in Christian circles. And here I was having done country but being more eclectic than ever and happy to be that way. The hoops that I had to climb through were just too narrow. You know... make the song country, but not too country. Add a little pop but not toooo

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1 A REASON TO LIVE (Word 9258603)	3	8
2 OVER YOU (Star Song 8189)	5	8
3 LONG LOOK (Word 9361609) Sandi Patti	4	6
4 WALK ON BY (Sparrow 51327)	1	8
5 GOT ME GOING (Benson 29874)	13	3
6 HE IS ABLE (Warner Alliance 4146)	2	7
7 STEP BY STEP (Myrrh 6953386) Bryan Duncan 1	14	2
8 KEEP MY MIND (Sparrow 51343) Margaret Becker 1	10	3
9 HEAVEN IN COUNTING ON YOU (Word 929460x) Ray Boltz	7	5
10 STEADY ME (Sparrow 1344) Out of the Grey	8	6
11 WHEN IT COMES TO LIVIN' (Benson 29602)	6	5
12 WANNA BE (Myrrh 6925382) First Call	9	8
13 THE GREATEST LOVE (Word 4228625) Phil Driscoll 1	12	5
14 STILL CALLED TODAY (Sparrow 79546) Steven Curtis Chapman 1	18	1
15 MIDNIGHT OIL (Star Song SGD3044) Phillips, Craig & Dean 1	16	2
16 INNOCENT EYES (Sparrow 51327) Susan Ashton 1	15	2
17 TRADEWIND (Warner Alliance)	19	1
18 THE SEA OF FORGETFULNESS (DaySpring) Helen Baylor 2	22	1
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30 STONG LOVE (Star Song 8251) Newsboys	25	9

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1 NO ONE WORSHIPS THERE ANYMORE (Homeland 5139) . Bruce Hayne	s 1	8
2 PARDON ME, I'VE BEEN PARDONED (Manuel MFBC4) Manuel Family Ban	d 2	8
3 CRAZY 'BOUT JESUS (Expression 2004)	d 6	6
4 FORGOTTEN FRIENDS (Expression 2001) Ken Hollowa	y 5	8
5 BURN BRIDGE BURN (Independent) Cross Countr		7
6 ALL OF THIS AND HEAVEN TOO (His Productions) Don Vinso		8
7 LET'S GET THE DEVIL OUT OF HERE (Kings Day 12692) . Judy Deramu	s 8	8
8 OH! I WANT TO SEE HIM (Psalms Ministries 107) Susan Luchsinge		8
9 GOD'S NEVER TOO LATE (Gospel Choice 1005) Del Way		8
10 THE MIDDLE MAN (Heartwrite 71192)		8
11 MAMA'S PRAYS (Intersound 7011)		8
12 EACH STEP I TAKE (Morning Star) Fox Brothers		8
13 AMERICA IN GOD WE TRUST (Victory) Bill Holcomb		8
14 WELL DONE (Damascus) Terry Lee Goffee		i 8
15 PRAY PRAY PRAY (Circuit Rider) W.C. Taylor		8
16 THEY SEE MY DADDY IN ME (Homeland 9073) . Margo Smith and Holly		8
17 I HEARD ABOUT A STONE (Some Dawning) Kevin Spencer		5 8
18 DIAMONDS FROM DUST (Dovesong) Pam Walker) 3
19 THERE BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD (Word 9357) . Paul Overstreet		8
20 WAY DOWN DEEP (Homeland)) 4
21 BLESSINGS COME IN DIFFERENT COLORS (His Productions)		
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22 A VERY SPECIAL GRACE (Homeland 5136) Walt Mills	17	7 8
23 ALL I WANT, ALL I NEED (Expression)	24	1 3
24 GLORY BOUND (His Ministry) Brian Elliott		92
25 ONLY YOU (His Ministry) Destiny A.D.		BUT
26 LOVE IS AN UPHILL CLIMB (Benson) Vince Wilcox	30) 2
27 ONE OF THESE DAYS (Heartlook) Rivers & Owens	23	38
28 DEEP WELL (Calvary)		55
29 IN HIS WILL THERE IS A WAY (Riversong 02862) Jeff & Sheri Easter		58
30 LET MY FAITH BEGIN TO MOVE (Homeland) Billy Walker		38



CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN

Contemporary Christian News

TRUE LOVE: The Baptist Sunday School Board and Interl'inc have



launched a year-long nationwide campaign titled "True Love Waits" aimed at encouraging teenagers and college students to remain sexually abstinent until marriage. Highlighted in this campaign is involvement of many well-known Christian recording artists.

Christian recording artists. The artists, DC Talk, Petra, De-Garmo & Key, Kenny Marks, Newsboys, Lisa Bevill, Geoff Moore, and Code of Ethics, have endorsed the campaign which is supported by a variety of denominations and religious

orgainizations across the nation. As a part of the campaign, thousands of young people from across the country already have signed covenants promising to remain abstinent until they marry.

In addition, **Genevox Music Group**, the musical arm of the Baptist Sunday School Board, and Interl'inc are providing a 10-song cassette including **Michael W. Smith**'s "Old Enough to Know" and **Petra**'s "Love," songs that thematically focus on God's original design for sexuality.

"Music is the language of today's youth," states Allen Weed, president of Interl'inc. "The latest studies show that the average teen will listen to four hours of music everyday. The majority is listening to mainstream secular music which has a message that is in direct conflict with the biblical view of sexuality."

Continues Weed, "The Christian artists on *True Love Waits* are great role models for kids today. We believe getting the tape in the hands of teens who make the *True Love Waits* pledge will serve not only as a positive reminder of their promise, but as an encouragement to keep it."

Although the tape will be made available thorugh CBA bookstores on the first quarter of 1994, *True Love Waits* may now be ordered from the Baptist School Board's customer service at (800) 725-3300.



True Love Waits press conference in Nashville kicks off the year-long campaign. Pictured (I-r): Mark Blakenship, president of Geneovox; Allen Weed, president Interl'inc; and John Sclitt of Petra.



THE GANG'S ALL HERE: Artist and staff gathering at the *True Love Waits* press conference. Front row (I-r): Barry Blaze, Geoff Moore, Roscoe Meek, Greg Harrington, Geoff Barkely, and Ronny Cates. Middle row: Dr. Jimmy Draper, Richard Ross, Mark Blakenship, Allen Weed, John Schlitt, Michael Tate, Lisa Bevill, and Eddie DeGarmo. Back Row: Duncan Phillips, Peter Furler, Kenny Marks, John James, Jody Davis, Kevin Mills, and Louie Weaver.

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Rich Mullins

By Joseph Stanley

REUNION RECORDING ARTIST RICH MULLINS has teamed up with producer Reed Arvin and an all-star cast of musicians to create



his upcoming (October 5) release, A Liturgy, A Legacy, And A Ragamuffin Band, a recording quite unlike anything that has ever been done before.

The concept of the "ragamuffin band" was born out of Mullins' desire to create an album of highest merit that was more than just another slickly produced studio album. To achieve that, instead of hiring the usual "perfect" studio musicians to come in and record their individual parts, Mullins and Arvin pulled together a group

of "ragamuffin" artist/musician friends for a recording retreat in South Bend, Indiana, and involved them in every aspect of the recording project.

The term "ragamuffin" was coined by Brennan Manning, author of *The Ragamuffin Gospel*, to refer to imperfect Christians—the fact that we're all sinners in need of grace. The concept is woven thematically throughout the new recording project, which is in itself a look at how the various perspectives of our lives blend with the rituals of our faith.

The Ragamuffin Band is comprised of Billy Crockett (acoustic guitars), Rick Elias (electric and acoustic guitars), Jimmy A (electric guitar, acoustic guitar, mandolin), Danny O'Lannerghty (electric and acoustic basses), Chris McHugh (drums), Erik Darken (percussion), Lee Lundgren (squeezebox, hooter, organ), Mullins (hammered dulcimer, piano), Beaker (lap dulcimer), and Arvin (piano, keys). Mullins' collaboration with these musicians has given the album a more personal, richer (no pun intended), diverse sound than Mullins' previous releases.

"The Liturgy" portion of this album, cuts 2-6, develops the concept of the liturgical aspects of worship: proclamation, praise, confession of sin, affirmation of faith and celebration of grace. These songs of liturgy include "Creed," his version of the Apostles' Creed sung with the hammered dulcimer; "Peace (A Communion Blessing From St. Joseph Square)," a song originating from his old neighborhood, nicknamed St. Joseph Square; and "Hold Me Jesus," a poignant ballad asking for divine comfort. ("Hold Me Jesus" is also the first radio single.

"The Legacy," cuts 7-12, addresses issues and ideas handed down from the past that play themselves out in the history of America, thus, "The Legacy" of faith that has been passed down in this country in the past two-and-a-quarter centuries. Mullins sings of this legacy in "I Carry On," a song inspired by his French ancestors, who were teenage orphans who stowed away on a boat for America; "Land Of My Sojourn," is a song about what America might one day be like; the legacy of Christmas is explored in "You Gotta Get Up (Christmas Song)." Also a part of "The Legacy" is a bit of the modern-day legacy, Mullins' version of "How To Grow Up Big And Strong," written by the late Mark Heard.

This intermingling of Liturgy and Legacy makes for a non-traditional album in Mullins' own inimitable style, weaving a broad, beautiful tapestry of Christianity in America as seen through the eyes of one of its most well-traveled citizens.

As a part of the event that is "A Liturgy, A Legacy, and A Ragamuffin Band," Reunion will partner with Questar/Multnomah Publishers in their reissue of **The Ragamuffin Gospel** by Brennan Manning. Mullins will write the forward for the new reprint of the book and will accompany Manning on a promotional tour.



CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN

Kathleen Ervin Joins Cash Box

NASHVILLE—Kathleen Ervin, former managing editor of *The CCM Update*, joins the Nashville *Cash Box* staff as contributing editor of the Contemporary Christian music and Christian Country columns.

Ervin, who currently operates her own freelance marketing and promotions firm, other interests..., will oversee all editorial and charting information for the sections. *Cash Box* Nashville is happy to be working with Kathy.



MORE GOLD AND PLATINUM FOR SANDI: Roland Lundy, president of Word Records and Music (I) and Jerry Weimer, executive vice president of Word Records and Music present a platinum award for *Morning Like This* and a gold award for *Another Time, Another Place* to Sandi Patti before her appearance on *Nashville Now*.



SALEM COMMUNICATION ACQUIRES CBN RADIO: An agreement has been reached between Salem Radio Network, Inc. (a division of SCC) and Broadcast Equities, parent company of the CBN Radio Network to acquire the rights to all CBN religious radio network operations effective September 1, 1993. Pictured (I-r): Stuart Epperson, Salem Broadcasting chairman of the board and co-owner; Mark Barth, president of United States Media Coorporation; and Shirley Thornton, general manager of CBN Radio and Standard News.



GETTING BACK TO BASICS: 4HIM closed the final banquet of the 1993 Christian Booksellers Convention in Atlanta, GA with the help of a few friends and a challenge to get back to "The Basics of Life." Pictured (I-r): Marty Magehee, 4HIM; Mark Harris, 4HIM; Twila Paris; Max Lucado; Sandi Patti; Andy Chrisman and Kirk Sullivan of 4HIM.

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much. We just coudn't find the songs to make the album that Word and I wanted.

"I finally put together this project—*Buddy Greene & Friends Live*—on my own. It was a chance to get out the songs that were in my heart and do a benefit project for Nashville's Salama Urban Ministry. Salama is a leadership development program working in the inner city of Nashville."

When asked what he thinks about the Christian Country scene, Greene pauses then answers. "I'm a little confused about it to be honest. There's a lot of noise being made about it but there does seem to be—I don't know if resistence is the right word. It seems like the powers that be seem to be more concerned with what's already working—AC, inspirational, those formats. To them Christian Country is the long-lost cousin that shows up on your back porch and now you gotta figure out where to put him.

"Christian music tends to imitate whatever trend is going on in the secular market. I don't mean to sound cynical but country music is having its heyday in the world, especially our country. You've got young people who think it's hip. Even Garth Brooks is cool. It's a wild time. There's a lot of people in the industry who are thinking, 'Wow, we need to tap into this someway and wrap a Christian message around country music.'

"You know everybody is saying that now is a good time for Chrisitan Country. Well, I think it has always been a good time for Christian Country. I was out there on the road playing it as early as 1986. People would come to me after a show saying, 'You know I don't like country music but this sure is great! You don't hear enough of this...' And all it was, was country music with a Christian message. In some ways Christian country is long overdue, but now it's trendy and acceptable.

"As for me as a musician...I'm not authentically country. I wasn't raised on it but always thought that I've been a part of the scene and am glad to be a part of it. Over the past seven years that I've been doing this I've introduced a long line of influences into my music—country, bluegrass, folk, rhythm and blues—and for me it all seems to make sense on an album, if not a marketing plan.

"I listen to an artist like Garth Brooks and he's doing a lot of styles and that's making him more accessible to the culture. I don't see the same willingness to do that in Christian Country. The music stylistically seems to have a more narrow definition—a problem that we continue to have in this industry whether we're talking about Christian Country or Christian rock. We try to keep things as simplified as possible. Maybe it's the marketing people. You know they need to slap a label and categorize instead of trying to push the boundaries. Maybe it's us trying to give people what we think they want."

Balancing the fine line between what the artist wants and what the industry needs has always been Greene's dilemma. But if this new project is any indication Greene will continue to do what he does best, regardless of a musical label that's given to him.



NAMA Releases Latest Operating Ratio Report

CHICAGO—The 1993 Operating Ratio Report, published by the National Automatic Merchandising Association, is currently available for purchase. Vending companies that participated in both the 1992 and 1993 surveys reported that last year's operating profit margins increased to 3.0% from 1.5%, while sales declined 7.7%.

Management Foresight, a unit of Arthur Andersen & Company, compiled the statistics for the new report from 325 members, which is the largest group ever to participate in the survey. The group represented combined vending sales of \$1.68 billion for 1992. The 1993 Operating Ratio Report contains a wealth of data and

The 1993 Operating Ratio Report contains a wealth of data and financial information that is of great value to the members of the vending industry. NAMA has been conducting this survey (the only one of its kind) for 46 years and it represents operating results and key financial data of vending operators.

"In addition to its widespread use by owners and managers of vending/contract foodservice companies wishing to compare their company's performance with others their size, the report is frequently used in legislative and regulatory matters, business valuations, contract negotiations and numerous applications," explained James A. Rost, NAMA president.

The cost of the report is \$100 for NAMA members. The price for non-members is \$250, however, \$150 of that may be applied toward full-year membership dues by those who are eligible to join NAMA and who do so within 60 days of purchase.

To order, contact Joann Bussman at NAMA headquarters, 20 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 3500, Chicago, IL 60606-3102 or phone 312-246-0370. FAX number is 312-704-4140.

ALG To Intro Two New Games At AMOA Expo '93

CHICAGO—American Laser Games will introduce two new games at the October AMOA show in Anaheim, California. The models are *Drug Wars*, the factory's latest fast-paced, cinema-motion game; and *Shoot Out At Old Tucson*, which features a new hardware system that will provide the excitement of cinema action at a lower cost than deluxe arcade models.

Drug Wars is the seventh game produced by American Laser Games. The interactive cinema quality of the video has outstanding cinematography, special effects and stunts that will captivate players. The game's scenario involves the player in increasingly difficult encounters with the henchmen of an evil drug lord.

"As American Laser Games has grown, we have found ways to make our movielike games increasingly more polished, exciting and action-packed," stated Stan Jarocki, vice president of marketing and sales at ALG. "In my mind, *Drug Wars* is our best presentation to date, bar none!"

Drug Wars will be available on the factory's noted video-disc game technology, in 50-inch, 33-inch and 25-inch screen models with twoplayer capacity. It is also available as a conversion kit to refresh older ALG games that operators already have in operation.

Shoot Out At Old Tucson runs on a new high-performance technology hardware system which puts the thrill of cinema action game-playing into the more affordable price range of traditional video game units. The new hardware differentiates this game from previous ALG games in that live-action, full-motion characters can be superimposed over different static backgrounds. Moving characters can also be altered, such as horses of different colors and other changes. As noted by Jarocki, "The new hardware system that runs Shoot Out At Old Tucson puts the high-grossing, live-action games that we are known for into a more affordable, traditional video game price range for the operator."

Game play is set in and around the Tucson of the Old West and the player's goal is to get from one end of the town to the other, alive. Along the way, an unpredictable collection of drifters, bad guys and sharpshooters appear to challenge the player's skill. The game abounds in target-shooting opportunities and thrilling stunts. Shoot Out... is housed in a 25-inch cabinet with one or two-player options. The hardware system is based on the combined full-motion expertise of American Laser Games with hardware technology licensed for the arcade market from the 3DO Company.

Further information may be obtained through factory distributors or by contacting American Laser Games, 4801 Lincoln Road NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109.

For a first-hand view of the new pieces, visit the American Laser Games exhibit in Booths 913-916 at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, California during AMOA Expo '93.

NSM-America Moves

CHICAGO—Effective September 1, NSM-America, Inc. has relocated to more spacious facilities at 1158 Tower Lane, Bensenville, Illinois 60106. New phone number is 708-860-5100; FAX number is 708-860-5144.

AAMA Issues "What's Hot In Coin-Op?" Chart

CHICAGO—The American Amusement Machine Association, via a national survey of industry distributors, has compiled a "What's Hot In Coin-Op?" chart, which is based on earnings in three equipment categories: "Video," "Pinball" and "Variety Piece." Going a step further, each individual chart represents a Variety of locations including convenience stores, amusement centers, bowling centers, night club/bars, pizza parlor/restaurants and recreation centers.

The charts are geared to apprise locations of the earnings potential of coin-operated equipment and encourage them to contact their local operator for installation.

[^] Current plans call for AAMA to update these charts on a monthly basis. *Cash Box* will be inserting them in our coin-op section as frequently as possible.

Following is the current set of "What's Hot In Coin-Op?" charts for the month of August:

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Video:

<u>NBA Jam</u> (Midway) <u>Samurai Shodown</u> (SNK) <u>Mortal Kombat</u> (Midway) <u>Virtua Racing</u> (SEGA) <u>Lethal Enforcer</u> (Konami)

Pinball:

Addams Family (Bally) <u>Twilight Zone</u> (Williams) <u>Jurassic Park</u> (Data East)

Variety Piece:

<u>Skee-Ball</u> (Skee-Ball) <u>Rock -n- Bowl</u> (Bromley)

National survey of distributors of coin-operated amusement equipment August 1993 Listed below are the top earning pieces in convenience stores:

Video:

<u>NBA Jam</u> (Midway) <u>Samurai Shodown</u> (SNK) <u>Mortal Kombat</u> (Midway) <u>Street Fighter II--</u> <u>Champion Edition</u> (CAPCOM) Lethal Enforcer (Konami)

Pinball:

<u>Twilight Zone</u> (Williams) <u>Jurassic Park</u> (Data East)

Variety Piece:

<u>Crane</u>

National survey of distributors of coin-operated amusement equipment August 1993



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