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Gene Watson: A "Singer's Singer"

Some say he's the most underrated singer in country music today, but Gene Watson is rating high on the charts as his new Step One single, "Glass Hearts," hits #53 on Cash Box's Top 100 Country Singles chart this week. Watson discusses his 20-year career with Richard McVey.

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Aladdin And Whitney Fly Off With Top Grammys



Whitney Houston

ALADDIN'S MAGIC CARPET swooped down through New York and the 36th annual Grammy Awards and flew off with a total of five which included Song of the Year while Whitney Houston's Bodyguard protected her enough from Disney's flying fabric to allow her to walk away with three. Following is a list of the top Grammy

awards of the evening:
RECORD OF THE YEAR: "I Will Always Love You," Whitney Houston; producer,

David Foster (Arista).

ALBUM OF THE YEAR: The Bodyguard— Original Soundtrack, Houston; producers, Foster, Narada Michael

Walden, L.A. Reid, Babyface, Houston & BeBe Winans (Arista).

SONG OF THE YEAR (SONGWRITER): "A Whole New World (Aladdin's Theme)," Alan Menken & Tim Rice (Columbia & Walt Disney)

NEW ARTIST: Toni Braxton (La Face Records).

POP VOCAL PERFORMANCE, FEMALE: "I Will Always Love You," Whitney Houston (Arista)

POP VOCAL PERFORMANCE, MALE: "If I Ever Lose My Faith In

You," Sting (A&M Records).

POP PERFORMANCE, DUO OR GROUP WITH VOCAL: "A Whole New World (Aladdin's Theme)," Peabo Bryson & Regina Belle (Columbia & Walt Disney)

ROCK VOCAL PERFORMANCE, SOLO: "I'd Do Anything For

Love (But I Won't Do That)," Meat Loaf (MCA).

ROCK PERFORMANCE, DUO OR GROUP WITH VOCAL:

"Livin' On The Edge," Aerosmith (Geffen).

HARD ROCK PERFORMANCE WITH VOCAL: "Plush" (from Core), Stone Temple Pilots (Atlantic).

ROCK SONG (SONGWRITER): "Runaway Train," David Pirner (Soul Asylum, Columbia).

ALTÉRNATIVE MUSIC ALBUM: Zooropa, U2 (Island).

R&B VOCAL PERFORMANCE, FEMALE: "Another Sad Love Song," Toni Braxton (La Face Records).

R&B VOCAL PERFORMANCE, MALE: "A Song For You," Ray Charles (Warner Bros).

R&B PERFORMANCE, DUO OR GROUP WITH VOCAL: "No Ordinary Love," Sade (Epic).

R&B SONG (SONGWRITER): "That's The Way Love Goes," Janet

Jackson, James Harris III & Terry Lewis (Virgin).

RAP SOLO PERFORMANCE: "Let Me Ride," Dr. Dre (Inter-

scope/Death Row) RAP PERFORMANCE, DUO OR GROUP: "Rebirth Of Slick (Cool

Like Dat)," Digable Planets (Pendulum/Elektra). COUNTRY VOCAL PERFORMANCE, FEMALE: "Passionate

Kisses," Mary-Chapin Carpenter (Columbia).

COUNTRY VOCAL PERFORMANCE, MALE: "Ain't That Lonely Yet," Dwight Yoakam (Reprise).

COUNTRY PERFORMANCE, DUO OR GROUP WITH VOCAL: "Hard Workin' Man," Brooks & Dunn (Arista).

COUNTRY VOCAL COLLABORATION: "Does He Love You," Reba McEntire & Linda Davis (MCA).

COUNTRY SONG (SONGWRITER): "Passionate Kisses," Lucinda Williams.

MUSICAL SHOW FIELD: The Who's Tommy—Original Cast Recording, producer, George Martin; composer/lyricist, Pete Townshend (RCA Victor).

INSTRUMENTAL COMPOSITION: "Forever In Love," Kenny G (Arista).

INSTRUMENTAL COMPOSITION, MOTION PICTURE OR TELEVISION: Aladdin, composer Alan Menken (Walt Disney Records.

SONG WRITTEN SPECIFICALLY FOR A MOTION PICTURE OR TELEVISION: "A Whole New World (Aladdin's Theme)," Alan Menken & Tim Rice, performed by Peabo Bryson & Regina Belle (Columbia & Walt Disney).





Casson



Durgan



Roberson



Beaman



Valensky



■ John Sykes has been named president of VH-1, replacing Ed Bennett, who resigned to pursue other interests. Sykes, who was



one of the original creators of MTV, joins VH-1 from EMI Music Publishing Worldwide, where he was executive vice president of talent acquisition and marketing. Elektra Entertainment has promoted Gary Casson to executive vice president, administration. He had been senior vice president, business affairs.

Jay Durgan has been tapped for the newly created position of senior vice president, international at A&M, Motown and Atlas Records. He joined A&M in 1985, and was most recently its vice president, international. ■ BMG International has appointed Lars Toft managing director, BMG Ariola A/S, Denmark. He comes to BMG after an extensive career in the

European music community, where he held senior

management positions at EMI and Warner Music International. Sony Music has announced several staff changes. Craig Sussman has been upped to senior vice president, business affairs: business development, West Coast. He has held a similar job since 1991. Jon Polk has been elevated to vice president, business affairs, West Coast. He has served as director of the department in New York since 1990. Michael Roberson has been appointed counsel. He was an associate in the NYC law firm of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett for five years. Sony's Columbia Records has promoted Vicky Batkin to vice president, television relations. She has been national director, television promotion at the company's West Coast office for two years.
Carolyn Beaman has been upped to

operations manager, R&B promotion at Arista

Records. Previously, she was an administrative

assistant to the vice president of the department.

Geffen Records has promoted Diane
Valensky to director of regional video promotion. She has been in the department since early 1993. ■ Marc Bension has been named executive vice president and chief operating officer of Ticketmaster Corp. He previously was president of MCA Concerts from 1981 until resigning earlier this year.

MCA Entertainment Services has promoted Larry Vallon to vice president. He will continue to oversee the booking of the Universal Amphitheatre. Also, MCA Music Entertainment Group has appointed Alex Melnyk to the newly created position of vice president, interactive media. Prior to joining MCA, she was executive producer/project development, Geismar & Groth Interactive. David Loiterton has been tapped director, BMG Music Publishing, Southeast Asia. He joins the pubbery from Hong Kong-based

MMA Music Group Ltd., where he was managing director.

Hardcastle Networks



JVC producer/songwriter Paul Hardcastle hosted a reception at L.A.'s Airport Marriott as part of the recent Urban Network Convention to showcase the release of his new album, *Hardcastle*, which contains the hit single, "Rainforest." The album will be released on March 15. Pictured (I-r) are: Hank Talbert, As One Consulting; Jeff Lunt, director of promotion, JVC; Cary Goldberg, director of public relations, JVC; Hardcastle; Denny Stillwell, label manager, JVC; Akira Taguchi, executive director, JVC; and George Albert, president and publisher of Cash Box.

By Ted Williams

Cash Box EAST COAST



Platinum Music Award winners (I-r): Sid Bernstein, George David Weiss, Phii Ramone, Paul Colby, Scott Muni with emcee Ken Dashow of WNEW-

THE PLATINUM MUSIC NETWORK held its Second Annual Platinum Music Awards recently at a luncheon at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers in NYC. The Awards, for "Achievement and Committment to Excellence," were presented to songwriters George David Weiss and Diane Warren (who was unable to attend), producer Phil Ramone, promoter Sid Bernstein, Bitter End Club owner Paul Colby and esteemed DJ Scott Muni.

On hand to help honor the awardees were a host of music business notables and artists including Richie Havens, Joan Jett and Roger Daltrey, who rushed over from rehearsals for last week's sold-out Carnegie Hall concerts.

Platinum president Steve Zuckerman stated, "It is our intention to say, 'Thank you' to those who have helped pave the way for the future of music and the well-being of the music community." A portion of the proceeds from the affair will be donated to benefit World Hunger Year.

LAST WEEK'S GRAMMY AWARDS provided all the drama, suspense, shock, exhiliration and humor that was expected. From awards going in bunches to Whitney Houston and Alan Menken, to the Legend Awards to Frank Sinatra and Curtis Mayfield, to the Lifetime Achievement Awards to Aretha Franklin, Bill Evans, Arthur Rubinstein and Norman Granz, the Academy paid tribute to the industry's best and brightest.

And then it was time to let the post-Grammy parties begin. The various company-sponsored parties were all hot tickets; and TV camera crews searched the night looking for the great and the near-great. Typical of the evening's affairs was the BMG-hosted party in the cafes surrounding the skating rink in Rockefeller Center. Amidst the opulent, lavish culinary spread, tight security and media crews, roamed industry bigwigs and artists. Just a few among those spotted were singers Vanessa Rubin, Garth Brooks, Taj Mahal and John Pizzarelli. There was musician/composer Yanni and his wife, actress Linda Evans, along with producer Brooks Arthur; and singer and former Miss America runner-up LaTonya Hall. There was figure skater Jojo Starbuck and perpetual party people Sylvia Syms and Robin Leach.

All of NYC swung. Sony hosted a party at the Metropolitan, MCA partied at the Four Seasons, and Capitol entertained Tony Bennett, show host Garry Shandling, Bonnie Raitt and Digable Planets. It was an evening to savor.

Despite rumors of an outlaw rave happening in the DeChirico room, the post-Grammy party at MOMA was a relatively staid event. Stargazers might have caught the aforementioned Bennett, Shandling, Raitt and Planets (making an appearance before celebrating their award at the MCA party), among others, mugging for the CNN crew or schmoozing in the top VIP lounge. Out of the scores of industry socialites interviewed, however, no one seemed to know who won! Still, the lavish buffet, champagne, and opportunity to ash all over the museum's permanent collection was not to be missed.

By Troy J. Augusto

Cash Box WEST COAST



The devil you say. Here's that evil, Satan-worshipping singer Glenn Danzig appearing with new Loveline host Riki Rachtman on KROQ's top-rated romance call-in program. Danzig was also presented with the station's coveted "Sideburns Of The Week" award at the end of the broadcast. Rumors that Whitney Houston got psyched-up for her Grammy Awards appearance by listening to Danzig's hit song "Mother" in the dressing room appear to be unfounded.

THE LONG-AWAITED DECISION in the counter lawsuit

filed by former Creedence Clerarwater Revival singer John Fogerty against Fantasy Music Publishing was rendered last week, with the U.S. Supreme Court overruling an earlier Ninth Circuit Court decision. Speaking for the unanimous majority in the ruling, Justice William Rehnquist said: "Because copyright law ultimately serves the purpose of enriching the general public through access to creative works, it is peculiarly important that the boundries of copyright law be demarcated as clearly as possible. To that end, defendants who seek to advance a variety of meritorious copyright defenses should be encouraged to litigate them to the same extent that plaintiffs are encouraged to litigate meritorious claims of infringement." In other words, one's financial situation shouldn't be a determining factor in whether a defendant can properly defend himself in a copyright case. Fogerty was earlier victorious in a lawsuit brought by Fantasy in 1988 which claimed that the singer infringed on the rights of the publisher when he recorded "The Old Man Down The Road," a song that Fantasy claimed borrowed significantly from "Run Through The Jungle," a CCR tune to which the company owns the rights. The decision is expected to impact players in both the Intellectual Property arena as well as in the computer industry.

DESPITE MULTIPLE DATES IN other major markets, it appears that Los Angeles will have to be happy with just one concert from Pink Floyd—April 16 at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. It was announced this week that the band's new album will be called The Division Bell and will now be released on April 5. More than one million tickets for the tour's first 22 sale dates have already been sold.

THE ON-AGAIN, OFF-AGAIN RIP Party is on again, this time for good. Appearing at the metal magazine's 7th annual shindig at the Palace on Sunday, March 30 will be headliner Pantera, as well as Prong, White Zombie, The Obsessed and others. Punk/speed semi-legends S.O.D. are expected to have a

reunion at the gig, which begins at 7:00 pm. **EXECUTIVE STAFFERS FROM GEFFEN** Records will be on hand March 10 when the Entertainment Publicists Professional Society holds a seminar from 7 - 9 pm at Le Mondrian Hotel at 8440 Sunset. Says moderator Cary Baker: "[Industry staffers are invited to] sit back and watch one of the hottest music marketing teams in the world hold a marketing meeting in front of our eyes." Admission for industry pros is \$7.50, free for EPPS members. Info at (818) 382-7700 x17

ACCLAIMED GUITAR LEGEND Tommy Tedesco was honored last week at L.A.'s Musician's Institute with a tribute saluting his many years in the music biz. Tedesco, whose work has appeared in such projects as M*A*S*H, Schindler's List, Bonanza, The Godfather, Green Acres and French Connection, was presented with an M.I. honorarium by composer John Williams, one of the many conductors with whom Tedesco has worked.



Jazz Notes



PLAYBOY JAZZ FEST: Some people will get a chance to celebrate Juneteenth Day this year at the 16th Playboy Jazz Festival set for Saturday, June 18 and Sunday, June 19 at the Hollywood Bowl. The sold-out audience will be treated to the usual mixture of mainstream jazz artists, fusion music and eclectic world beat musicians. Playboy Jazz veterans like Joe Williams, the Count Basie Orchestra, Wynton Marsalis and Earl Klugh will be joined this year by newcomers like Joshua Redman, Fourth World and Cassandra Wilson. Some ethnically flavored fireworks will be provided by the likes of Tito Puente's Golden Latin All-Stars and King Sunny Ade. There also is the usual full roster of artists set to appear in days preceding the event at a number of free community concerts.

Producer and associate producers for the event will once again be jazz maven George Wein and Darlene Chan For Playboy Jazz festivals and Playboy Prods., respectively. The irrepressible Bill Cosby will return as the master of ceremonies for the event, marking his 16th casting in this role. Other artists scheduled to appear include Lionel Hampton & The Golden Men of Jazz (including Louie Bellson and Harry "Sweets" Edison), pop/jazz group Spyro Gyra, Chicago-based jazz legend Ramsey Lewis, The David Sanborn Group, Pete Fountain, Elvin Jones Jazz Machine, the Marcus Roberts Trio and Russell Malone.

The free sets will commence on Friday, May 13 with the "Watts Senior Citizen Concert" at the Watts Labor Action Community Center and run through Friday, June 17 with a pair of concerts—"City Sounds; Jazz Downtown" and the "Jazz On Film With Mark Cantor" at the Pacific Design Center. Musicians as diverse as the Locke High School Jazz Band and the B-Sharp Jazz Quartet to Arsenio Hall Show musical director Michael Wolff and The Nedra Wheller Group will be featured at the free events.

There are no major upheavals in this year's bookings for the festival and related events, although Joshua Redman and Cassandra Wilson are generally considered bright young stars with distinct styles. As usual, producers Wein and Chan played it safe in hopes of continuing to attract the broadest possible audience over the two-day fest. It's something for everybody, like a buffet rather than a serious sit-down dinner.

Reviews



ROY HARGROVE & ANTONIO HART: The Tokyo Sessions (Novus/RCA NOV 01241 63164-2). Producers: Larry Clothier and Ikuyoshi Hirkawa.

Trumpeter Hargrove and saxophonist Hart are considered among the most ferocious of the current batch of young lions on the jazz scene. Paired here with a group of Japanese musicians, the band sticks to some tight arrangements (by Hargrove

and Hart) and are best represented by the solo work. But the sidemen, especially bassist Tomoyuki Shima, provide the proper sense of accompaniment allowing the frontman to breathe some engaging music through their instruments. From Oscar Pettiford's "Bohemia After Dark" through Kenny Dorham's "Lotus Blossom," there is some fine playing.

TOP 30 JAZZ ALBUMS

CASH BOX • MARCH 12, 1994
1 BETWEEN THE SHEETS (Warner Bros. 45340) FOURPLAY 1 6
2 BREATHLESS (Arista 18646)
3 REED MY LIPS (GRP 9752) TOM SCOTT DEBUT
4 LUCKY MAN (Capitol 98392) DAVE KOZ 5 14
5 EAST RIVER DRIVE (Epic 47489) STANLEY CLARKE 2 6
6 WHERE IS LOVE (Sin-Drome 8900) BOBBY CALDWELL DEBUT
7 LOVE REMEMBERS (Warner Bros.26685) GEORGE BENSON 7 16
8 DREAMS BEYOND CONTROL (GRP 9714) SPYRO GYRA 6 5
9 SKY ISLANDS (GRP 9742)
A MAN AND A WOMAN, SAX AT THE MOVIES (Discovery 77006)
JAZZ AT THE MOVIES BAND DE6BUT
11 THE SUN DON'T LIE (PAR 60201) MARCUS MILLER 11 4
SAX-A-GO-GO (RCA 66248) CANDY DULFER DEBUT
13 SQUARE ONE (Morning Crew 1851) GARY TAYLOR DEBUT
14 YES, THEN YES (GRP 9755) NELSON RANGELL DEBUT
15 THE QUIET REVOLUTION (4th & Broadway/Island 444060) RONNY JORDAN DEBUT
16 THE ROAD TO YOU (Geffen 24601) PAT METHENY 8 13
17 WHEN SUMMER COMES (GRP 9724) GEORGE HOWARD 9 13
18 MAGIC THEATER (Earth Beat 42548) SHADOWFAX DEBUT
19 DRAGONFLY SUMMER (Reprise 45227) MICHAEL FRANKS 23 27
20 WES BOUND (GRP 9697) LEE RITENOUR 25 33
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THE JAZZ MASTERS FEATUREING PAUL HARDCASTLE 21 26
THE VERY BEST OF (Rhino/AG 71560) THE MANHATTAN TRANSFER DEBUT
23 NO ABSOLUTE TIME (Atlantic 82500) JEAN LUC-PONTY 22 10
24 DEVOTION (RCA 66321)
25 THREE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST (Warner Bros 45328)
BELA FLECK AND THE FLECKTONES 12 5
26 PAINT THE WORLD (GRP 9731) CHICK COREA ELEKTRIC BAND II 14 5
27 PROMENADE (Sin-drome 1807)
28 LET'S SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT (JVC 2025) TOM COSTER 13 5
29 WORTH WAITING FOR (Verve/Forecast 517 998) JEFF LORBER 16 26



■ STANLEY JORDAN: Bolero (Arista O7822 18703-2). Producers: Various.

Jordan continues to be an entertaining guitarist and has moved past the label of being a novelty that haunted him because of his unique playing style (he still taps the fretboard, but his straight playing demands more attention). He remains an eclectic performer through this collection, which features a multi-textured and sonically diverse version of the classic Ravel

composition "Bolero." His cover of the old Headhunter's chestnut "Chameleon" breaks no new ground, but it is lively and pays apt homage. He is also sharp on covers of the Thom Bell-Linda Creed classic "Betcha By Golly Wow" and the Jimi Hendrix ballad "Drifting."

30 LIVE IN L.A (GRP 9718) THE RIPPINGTONS 24 15



NEW YORK TOP 25

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1 LUNA (Sony Discos)	1	6
2 MI BUEN AMOR (Epic) GLORIA ESTEFAN	2	6
3 EL ULTIMO BESO (SoHo) MARC ANTHONY		6
4 HASTA EL FIN (WEA) LUIS MIGUEL		3
5 DONDE QUIERA (EMI-Latin) BARRIO BOYZZ		3
6 MUJER PEQUENA (Sony Discos) ROBERTO CARLOS		2
7 DETRAS MI VENTANA (Sony Discos) YURI		2
8 TE COMPRO TU NOVIA (Karen-BMG) RAMON ORLANDO		6
9 NIEVA, NIEVA (EMI Latin) PAULINA RUBIO		6
	10	6
11 OTRA COMO TU (BMG) EROS RAMAZZOTTI	11	6
12 EL MENEITO (TTH) J. ESTEBAN-PATRULLA	12	2
13 BUSCAME (Sony Discos) GILBERTO SANTA ROSA	13	6
14 BASTO UNA MIRADA (Vediscos) LOS TITANES	14	2
15 QUE HAY DE MALO (Sony Discos) JERRY RIVERA	15	6
16 SUAVE (WEA Latina) LUIS MIGUEL	16	6
17 EL DESDICHADO (Karen) HERMANOS ROSARIO	17	6
18 EL NEGRO (Rodven) VICTOR ROQUE-GRAN MANZAN	18	2
19 CARA DE NINO (Sony Tropical) JERRY RIVERA	19	2
20 LLEGO TU MARIDO (J&N) TOROS BAND	20	6
21 BABY QUIERO (Prime-BMG) VICO-C	21	2
22 CERCA DE TI (EMI Latin) BARRIO BOYZZ	22	6
23 YO BUSCO UNA MUJER (Sonero-RMM) MILES PENA	23	6
24 Y SON MENTIRAS (2 J's) HENRY HIERRO	24	6
25 SI TUVIERA TUS OJOS (Rodven) EDGAR JOEL	25	6

PUERTO RICO TOP 25

1 LUNA (Sony)	1	6
2 PARIENTES POBRE (Melody-Fonovisa) LUCERO	2	6
3 EN HORABUENA (Rodven)	3	6
4 CALIDO Y FRIO (Sony Discos) FRANCO DE VITA	4	6
5 ENAMORAME (MPI) TITO ROJAS	5	6
6 MI DOBLE TU (Rodven) MAGGIE CARLES	6	6
7 ANGEL CALIDO (EMI Latin) ALVARO TORREZ	7	2
8 DETRAS DE MI VENTANA (Sony Discos)YURI		6
9 HASTA EL FIN (WEA Latina) LUIS MIGUEL		3
10 POR AMOR A TI (Melody-Fonovisa)	10	2
11 QUE LASTIMA (EMI Latin) ALVARO TORRES	11	6
12 DONDE QUIERA (SBK-EMI) BARRIO BOYZZ-SELENA	12	2
13 MUCHACHO MALO (WEA Latina) OLGA TANON	13	6
14 Y TE VAS (EMI Latin) EDNITA NAZARIO	14	6
15 DONDE SE HA IDO (Sony Discos) LOURDES ROBLES	15	6
16 DESDICHADO (Karen-BMG) HERMANOS ROSARIO	16	6
17 VENDRAS LLORANDO (WEA Latina) OLGATANON	17	2
18 CARA DE NINO (Sony) JERRY RIVERA	18	2
19 LAS LLAVES DE MI (EMI Latin) LAS TRIPLETS	19	2
20 VOY A CONQUISTARTE (Sonero) JOHNNY RIVERA	20	2
21 QUE HAY DE MALO (Sony) JERRY RIVERA	21	6
22 A DONDE VOY (Elektra) LINDA RONDSTADT	22	2
23 BUSCAME (Sony Discos) GILBERTO SANTA ROSA	23	6
24 TODAVIA MIE AMA (Rodven) ALEX D'CASTRO	24	2
25 QUE MANERA DE (Sony) GILBERTO SANTA ROSA	25	2
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At The Grammys

By Rafael A. Charres



Gloria Estefan: The crowning (and gowning) glory

NEW YORK, NY-New York was smoldering with Grammy fever, the stars were in and the parties were on. "Did you get invited to the super Sony party at the Metropolitan Museum of Art?" "Do you think you could get me into MCA's dinner party at the Four Seasons?" "How about Capitol/EMI's gig? I hear Frank Sinatra is going to be there with Sir Charles [Koppelman]."

Everyone seems to surface for these excessive and frivolous festivities. This was the hottest ticket in town and all the companies were out to impress.

Speaking of impressions: I attended the BMI and NARAS Latin membership gathering, which was held at the trendy dinner club, B. Smith's. The incomparable Eddie Palmieri supplied the entertainment with an impressive signature set. Notables in attendance: Pat Baird

(BMI), Michael Greene (NARAS), Stix Hooper, Ralph Mercado. This was a celebration of sorts to endorse the industry's support and commitment to the Latin music genre. Later that evening, superstar Gloria Estefan was named Musicares "Person of the Year" at the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences' annual fundraising All-Star Gala Dinner, held at the Waldorf. In attendance were, of course, Gloria and Emilio Estefan, Arturo Sandoval, Sheila E., Tito Puente, NARAS president Mike Greene; chairs Dave Glew (chairman of Epic), Richard Palmese (MCA president) and Francis Preston (BMI CEO). A deserving tribute to a lady and artist who has unselfishly rallied for hurricane and earthquake victims relief efforts.

Grammy night turned out to be a fast and furious star-studded emporium of surprises. Bono's apropos remark after winning for Best Alternative Album, said; "We will continue to abuse the airwaves and f**k up the mainstream," set the stage for things to come. Back at the ranch, I couldn't understand why the Academy would have the nominated categories for Best Latin Album and Best Mexican/American Album hidden away with the pre-telecast portion of the program, which no one gets to see. If Greene and NARAS are sincere about their on-the-record statement, which amplified their commitment to the rapidly progressive Latin music genre, they need to re-examine their agenda and engineer a credible

For this to take place, they need to expand the Latin music categories to allow for equitable and accurate categorical nominations instead of clumping artists into generic and nondescript musical categories. And, above all, include the nominees and winners in the televised portion of the venue.

NARAS has to realize that there are close to 22,000,000 Hispanics in the U.S. alone and most, if not all, own television sets. I wonder if the Grammys become so big that it can totally overlook the #1 growth market in the Western Hemisphere? Michael, get with the program! Let me stop because I can go on for days on this subject.

The winner in category #44, for Best Latin Pop Album (Vocal or Instrumental): Luis Miguel for Aries (WEA Latina); beating out José Feliciano, Latin Street (Capitol/EMI Latin), Vikki Carr, Brindo A La Vida... (Sony Latin), Las Triplets, Algo Mas Que Amor (EMI Latin) and Maria Conchita Alonso, Imaginame (Sony Latin).

The winner in category #45, for Best Tropical Latin Album (Vocal or Instrumental) Gloria Estefan for Mi Tierra (Epic); edging out Celia Cruz, Azucar Negra (RMM/Sony), Juan Luis Guerra, Arieto (Karen/BMG), Willie Colon, Hecho En Puerto Rico (Sony Tropical), El Gran Combo De Puerto Rico, First Class International (Combo) and Luis Enrique, Dilema (Sony Tropical).

The winner in category #46, for Best Mexican/American Album (Vocal or Instrumental): Selena for Live (EMI-Latin); nosing out Little Joe, Que Paso? (Tejano Discos), Los Tigres Del Norte, La Garra De... (Fonovisa), Vicente Fernandez, Lastima Que Seas Ajena (Sony Discos), Santiago Jiminez, Corazon De Piedra (Water-

Cash Box would like to congratulate all of the nominees as well as the winners. P.S.: Selena and Gloria Estefan looked absolutely sensational in their gowns. They blew all the others a way!!! Gloria's gown, I was told, was especially designed for the occasion. Gown by Oscar DeLarenta, body by Gloria. WOW!!!

By Rafael A. Charres

THE LATIN FLIP-SIDE



Jorgé Mier enjoying his favorite magazine.

IMAGINE BEING 21 YEARS YOUNG, handsome and the program director of the #1/P1 Latin station in New York and the Northeast region. Jorgé Mier definitely knows how it feels to be the current hottest program director in the business today. Guiding the flagship of the SBS (Spanish Broadcasting System) chain to their best Arbitron numbers ever. This Puerto Rican-born, third-generation Latino has taken the broadcasting community by storm. Not since the heydays of Frankie Crocker and WBLS has there been such a resurgence of optimistic enthusiasm. I had the pleasure of interviewing this new kid on the block with surprising results.

"Because of my father's involvement in several radio stations," says Mier, "I've always been exposed to that environment. At 12, I was already helping out in the production department at

WBRQ-FM, San Juan, P.R.

By 16 he was holding down an air-shift at his dad's station. In Jorgé Mier fashion, soon after his 18th birthday, he was programming the entire station. Even though his station was up against substantial and established competition like WXTO and WHBS, Jorgé was able to manage a 1.8 share, which is about a 200,000 market.

"I quickly learned that Orlando was the total opposite of Miami," Mier states. "Only one in 20 are Cuban, the rest are Puerto Rican. I formatted 92% of our music to be Tropical/Salsa and 8% mixture of Anglo music. Although I believe heavily in integrating Anglo/R&B/Pop to maintain a balanced demographic format, I also realized that it would be very difficult due to the AM signal."

This successful experiment gave Jorgé a viable tool he felt could be utilized in a larger market like New York. "I even urged my father to consider buying a station in New York," Mier relates. "I was totally convinced that a bilingual format in New York City would grab a large share of the market, which are second- and third-generation Latinos. I wanted to compete against other Anglo

stations, not other Latin stations."

Well, as luck would have it, Jorgé received a phone call from Alfredo Alonso, newly appointed general manager of WSKQ in New York. "Mr. Alonso called me one day and asked me to submit an air-tape with a resumé," Jorgé says. "He was looking for a new on-air personality. I informed him that I was only interested in being considered for a program directorship. Because, if I was going to uproot my family from Florida to the Big Apple, it had to be for something substantial. I was interviewed by both Mr. Alonso and Raul Alarcon, Jr., owner of the broadcasting chain. They both were impressed and enthused with my ideas and the rest is history."

This gutsy program director came to WSKQ and, with some changes and new innovative additions, has turned things around a full 180 degrees. He has added such seasoned journeymen as Ricky Ricardo (WBLS and Hot 97) and Luis Jiminez (KQ105 S.J., P.R.) to pilot the all-important morning shift, "El Basilon De La Manana." The afternoon drive-time shift is navigated by none other than Paco Navarro (WKTU and Hot 97). These strategic nuances plus the addition of a bilingual format has taken the station from a dismal 1.9 to 2.6 market share in three short months. They're currently flirting with a possible 3.0, which Jorgé feels should be achievable by the next Arbitron book

"I can honestly say that 60% of our phone calls are from bilingual Hispanics," Mier claims, "with 50% of that being females between 18 to 34. That's why our methodology is working and producing results. Our listeners want to hear Marc Anthony, Culture Band, K-7, Jerry Rivera, Gloria Estefan and Janet Jackson. So, that's what we give them. The Hispanics in New York want their own identity. A sound that they can identify and relate to, which other stations fail to do. There hasn't been a station that would give them that before we arrived

I couldn't agree with him more. I, personally, am glad to see that there's a station that has initiated some foresight and the intelligence to add cultural diversity to their programming. Too many stations here in New York practice what I call Demographic Cultural Segregation, causing a tremendous void in our already socially anemic society. There is a very large buying power being overlooked by so many (pretenders to the throne) stations. And, in due time, stations that practice musical diversity instead of programming ambiguity will take their rightful place. I take my hat off to WSKQ-FM, Jorgé Mier, Alfredo Alonso and Raul Alarcon, Jr. for their courage and visionary programming initiatives. Guaranteed, you will be hearing a lot more from Jorgé Mier and company.

LOS ANGELES TOP 25

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1 LUNA (Sony)	1	6
2 LOS MACHOS (Fonovisa) BANDA MACHOS	2	6
3 LA LOCA (Rodven) LOS FUGITIVOS	3	6
4 ESE LOCO SOY YO(FONOVISA)LIBERACION	4	6
5 DETRAS DE MI VENTANA (Sony)YURI	5	3
6 UNA TARDE FUE (AFG-Sigma) LOS TEMERARIOS	6	6
7 DESAIRES (BMG) ROCIO DURCAL	7	6
8 EL JUEGO ES TUYO (EMI-Latin)	8	3
9 SI TU TE VAS (Sony) LOS DINNOS	9	6
10 TU INGRATITUD (Fonovisa) LOS BUKIS	10	6
11 AUNQUE NO ME (Fonovisa) BRONCO	11	2
12 DONDE QUIERA (SBK-EMI) BARRIO BOYZZ-SELENA	12	2
13 MI BUEN AMOR (Epic) GLORIA ESTEFAN	13	2
14 MI FRACASO (EMI Latin)	14	2
15 REINA Y CENICIENTA (Fonovisa)	15	6
16 NO VIVIRE (Elektra)	16	2
17 DOS MUJERES, UN CAMINO (Fonovisa) BRONCO	17	6
18 A DONDE VOY (Elektra) LINDA RONDSTADT	18	2
19 EL NUMERO UNO (Melody) LUCERO	19	5
20 PAPA SIN CATSUP (BMG-Ariola) GLORIA TREVI	20	2
21 TE ME VAS AL DIABLO (Sony) V.FERNANDEZ	21	6
22 ENTRE EL AMOR (Sony) RICKY MARTIN	22	6
23 COSAS (Andrea) SUPERBANDIDO	23	6
24 EL ONCEAVO (Lina) ARKANGEL	24	6
25 GRACIAS (Sony) LA MAFIA	25	6

MIAMI TOP 25

1 LUNA (Sony)	1	6
2 EL ULTIMO BESO (SoHo) MARC ANTHONY	2	6
3 MI BUEN AMOR (Epic)	3	6
4 DETRAS DE MI VENTANA (Sony) YURI	4	6
5 SOY GUAJIRO (Sony) WILLY CHIRINO	5	6
6 LA SEXY (Kubaney)	6	2
7 MUCHACHO MALO (WEA Latina) OLGA TANON	7	6
8 QUE HAY DE MALO (Sony) JERRY RIVERA	8	6
9 DONDE QUIERA (SBK-EMI) BARRIO BOYZZ-SELENA	9	2
	10	6
	11	2
	12	6
13 LLEGO TU MARIDO (J&N) TOROS BAND	13	6
14 MORENA VEN (Karen-BMG) HERMANOS ROSARIO	14	6
15 SUAVE (WEA Latina) LUIS MIGUEL	15	6
	16	2
17 TE COMPRO TU NOVIA (Karen) RAMON ORLANDO	17	2
18 CERCA DE TI (EMI Latin) BARRIO BOYZZ		
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	20	6
	21	2
	22	6
	23	6
	24	6
	25	6



FILM REVIEW

Greedy

By John Goff



Does this remind anyone else of a flock of vultures hanging over an expiring carcass?

SCREENWRITERS LOWELL GANZ & BABALOO MANDEL

have concocted a wicked look at present day society's worship of the Mega-Dollar utilizing a family as a representative microcosm, and they're definitely on the mark with their aim, most of the time. It gets a little complicated with the central manipulation a bit past the halfway mark but the point is made: damn near everybody has a fluctuating bottom line as to what they'll do to secure a loot-for-life inheritance. You couldn't find a whole honest heart in this group with a microscope and a genetic map-but if you want to talk serial numbers and dead presidents, now you're talking business.

Ganz & Mandel may partially attribute their inspiration for the Imagine Entertainment presentation/Brian Grazer production/Jonathan Lynn film/Universal Pictures release (those lead-in credits get clumsier all the time, don't they?) to Charles Dickens and Martin Chuzzlewitt but their chosen family name, McTeague, is undoubtedly derived from the Frank Norris classic of the same name; and title, Greedy, on loan from Erich Von Stroheim's silent masterpiece filming of Norris' novel under the title of Greed. Look for a healthy inheritance from boxoffice family here; there's probably gonna be an awful lot of audience empathy incurred. It's human

Jonathan Lynn directs and takes a humorous acting turn as valet to crude multi-millionaire head of the family, Kirk Douglas. He keeps the pace frenetic, the better to gloss over the questionable complications and lets his cast have fun.

And it's a fun cast with Douglas having a ball putting this crew of drooling bonepickers through their salivating paces. As the man with the money and a block against being able to accept that someone could love him, Douglas (never a deft hand at light comedy) confidently walks a fine line here playing the obvious comedy while his on-screen history and persona of tough guy adds a muscular subtext to the character which works very well.

The bridge between greed and human being able to love the manipulative old man is handled well by Michael J. Fox. His love interest, and the only character impervious to the money game, is Nancy Travis who seems to be getting a lock on this type of role; the sweet but strong, unspoiled support. Olivia d'Abo plays a pizza delivery girl cum nurse (?) to the old man and she's gorgeous in cut-offs. Phil Hartman is a standout as a money-grubbing lawyer and nephew of McTeague. Ed Begley, Jr. makes a fine suck-up as does Jere Burns, who looks like a direct descendent of Douglas. Siobhan Fallon takes a fine turn as Hartman's drunk wife.

Nostalgic opening with Jimmy Durante performing "Inka Dinka Doo" with Harry James and his orchestra is wonderful and sets up the Fox character's ultimate fall to greed with both panache and a touch of sadness.

Executive producers were David T. Friendly and George Folsey, Jr. Brian Grazer produced.

Sugar Hill

By M.R. Martinez



Wesley Snipes and Michael Wright play brothers in 20th Century Fox's Sugar Hill.

GANGSTER MOVIES WITH ETHNIC SUBTEXT are not new. But this sometimes shocking, sometimes insightful and sometimes predictable film brings into focus how generations of African-Americans are woven into the underbelly of the underworld, become local neighborhood heroes and how they might try to break the cycle of pain that makes the gangsta sub-culture, the on-screen culture so seductive. Unlike his character in the boxoffice successful New Jack City, Wesley Snipes works a different nuance of the New York City, big-time drug dealer. There are reasons revealed—from the opening scene on that are meant to illuminate as well as entertain. Death, greed and destruction are a big part of New Jack City. But in Sugar Hill, the reasons that one member of a family can embrace the dingy dream deferred and another can look up from the lemmings and sheep to see the sun are somewhat fleshed out by the cast of this archetypal conflict. Cain and Abel. Abraham and Isaac. Thor and Loki.

Snipes plays the young Harlemite subject to change while Michael Wright (in a performance that crests at going over the top) plays his older, growth-blunted brother. Snipes' Roemello Skuggs and Wright's older brother Raynathan watch their mother overdose one morning as they prepare for school. They are grade school-aged and both ultimately traumatized by that event. They are also deeply affected by the almost repressed knowledge that their father (Clarence Williams III) hath brought this blight on the family as the money and drug-skimming dealer of the local mafioso chief. Roemello adapts a more analytical approach to what has happened and continues to excell as a student, while Raynathan wallows in the swill that is the life of Harlem. Sympathy for dad comes for Roemello as he watches his father brutalized when the drug money comes up short. He kills the main heavy, makes his bones, crosses over from privileged potential and leads the family drug business to new heights.

When he meets Melissa (played with flip aplomb by Theresa Randle), the union sows the seeds of change in Roemello and serves as the catalyst for the rift between the brothers. That plot development and the subsequent fall-out distinguish this film from New Jack City. Nothing stopped Snipes' character in the former film. He was hellbent on being a dope dealer. In this film there was something, Snipes' Roemello was a better groomed hood. He had goals and aspirations that transcended the streets. And he was about to complete his vengeance trek, killing the drug godfather played by Abe Vigoda. Barry Michael Cooper, who also wrote the New Jack City script, looks for more redemption in this story and seems to nearly grasp this accomplishment.

The climax of this film is a bit predictable, but there is the epilog which gives the audience a sense of the hope that Roemello sought as he extricates himself from the underworld life that had forged his character.

Director Leon Ichaso and director of photography Bojan Bazelli peep out a gorgeous visual aura with the help of production designer Michael Helmy, costume designer Eduardo Castro, and the music of Terence Blanchard serves as apt sonic filament throughout. This film was produced by Rudy Langlais and Gregory Brown.

VIDEO REVIEWS

The Fugitive

By John Goff



IF YOU THINK HARRISON FORD did some running in *The Fugitive*, watch the rush on this one at vid outlets. Still in theatres, a it is a "Best Picture" nominee in Oscar contention (one of seven total nominations). This is the first time a contender has been released in vid form—and priced for sell-through, \$24.96, at that—before the hyped Oscar event. It's one helluva movie with strong performances, direction, screenplay, action and the best example of music scoring for the screen, by James Newton Howard, you're going to find anywhere. **Warner Home Video**.

The Story Of Qiu Ju

By J.G.



VENICE FILM FESTIVAL Best Picture and Best Actress winner *The Story Of Qiu Ju* is a touching and funny look at a Chinese peasant woman searching for justice. Its simple story sports a universal appeal and its star, Gong Li, has a magical face; one of those that cameras love. The rental of this is worth it simply for that. Translation for subtitles is solid, easy to follow with only a few clumsy phrases. Best for a two-watch; one to follow the story and the second just to appreciate how an actress and camera love one another. Columbia Tristar Home Video.

Jersey Girl

By J.G.



THE TONE OF JERSEY GIRL is as soft and sweet as its star Jami Gertz. You're on her side from frame 1. You want to see her get what she wants (and stay sweet through the hurt), and she wants a life outside Jersey. We also know from frame 1 she's right where she oughta be so the problem is, how to get it to come to her. It does, in the form of Dylan McDermott. Gina Wendkos' story is delightful, if a touch predictable—this girl has to get the boy—with dialogue that rings with authenticity, charming characters you can feel for and like, good performances and smooth direction. You'll feel good settling in for a romantic evening with your significant other...and a kleenex or two. Columbia Tristar Home Video.

Airborne

By J.G.



A GANDHI-ESQUE SURFER teen-type dude is transported from sunny California to snowy Ohio and wins respect through smiling through adversity and rollerblading. He lives life by paying close attention to his "wave" dreams—like, this dude is transcendent, man. Airborne is aimed at airheads with more hormones than head but the target audience should eat it up, and they're the ones with the \$. Lots of rollerblading action that could come under fire should anyone take a notion to imitate. They didn't from the big screen but who knows what can happen being able to see it several times in home, with time for the images and actions to sink in. Oh, wow, Man! Too Cool! Splat! Warner Home Video.

TOP 25 VIDEO RENTALS

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1 THE FIRM (Paramount Home Video 32523)
2 SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE (Columbia/TriStar Home Video 52413)
3 CLIFFHANGER (Columbia Tristar Home Video 52233)
4 RISING SUN (Fox Video 8520)
5 GUILTY AS SIN (Touchstone Home Video 2009)
6 DAVE (Warner Bros. Home Video 12962)
7 DRAGON: THE BRUCE LEE STORY (MCA/Universal Home Video 81480)
8 INDECENT PROPOSAL (Paramount Home Video 32453)
9 SLIVER (Paramount Home Video 32722)
10 HOT SHOTS! PART DEUX (Fox Video 8507)
11 HOCUS POCUS (Hollywood Home Video 2144)
12 FREE WILLY (Warner Home Video 18000)
13 GROUNDHOG DAY (Columbia TriStar Home Video 52293-5)
14 TRUE ROMANCE (Warner Home Video 13158)
15 DENNIS THE MENACE (Warner Home Video 17000)
16 SCENT OF A WOMAN (MCA Universal Home Video 81283)
17 WARLOCK 2: THE ARMAGEDDON (Vidmark Entertainment 5514)
18 LIFE WITH MIKEY (Touchstone Home Video 2010)
19 POSSE (PolyGram Home Video 4400881153)
20 THE SANDLOT (Fox Video 8500)
21 THREE OF HEARTS (New Line/Columbia TriStar Home Video 76043)
22 POINT OF NO RETURN (Warner Home Video 12819)
23 BORN YESTERDAY (Hollywood Home Video 1744)
24 LOST IN YONKERS (Columbia TriStar Home Video 53663)
25 BODIES, REST & MOTION (Columbia/TriStar Home Video 52223)

VID BIZ

By John Goff

WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK? A trend? Releasing Oscarnominated films to Home Video before the payoff. Most oddsmakers are laying off the winner to be Schindler's List and, as far as I'm aware, there hasn't beee a whisper of List in the Home Vid field. But Warner's The Fugitive is jumping out far ahead of the others and that's already proven to have legs of steel—forget the Super guy, a wuss—this is going to be a monster. I don't believe The Fugitive has anything to lose, and I also believe it would be just as big on VHS no matter when it's released. Only this way, Warner Home Video division is getting some worldwide FREE publicity. It's going to be interesting to see the figure\$ on this play. Poised on the edge of the platform for the plunge into the HV Olympics pool are Remains Of The Day and What's Love Got To Do With It but neither with the play of that running man... New Line Home Video and Columbia Tristar Home Video are releasing a 25th Anniversary edition of The Lion In Winter. It's been digitally remastered and is presented in letterbox format featuring the Oscar-winning portrayal of Eleanor of Aguitaine by Katharine Hepburn, nominated Peter O'Toole in his prime as King Henry II, Anthony Hopkins in his screen debut as Prince Richard the Lionhearted and Timothy Dalton as King Philip of France. With the screenplay by James Goldman and a John Barry score, it's delicious.

CASH BOX CHARTS

TOP 100 POP SINGLES

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#1 SINGLE: Celine Dion



TO WATCH: T. Petty/Heartbreakers



HIGH DEBUT: Mariah Carey

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				NEVER KEEPING SECRETS (Epic 77264) Babyface	20	8
	ALL FOR LOVE (A&M 0476) Bryan Adams/Rod Stewart/Sting			GOODY GOODY (Fever/RAL/Chaos 77157) Lisette Melendez	48	2
	WITHOUT YOU (Columbia 77358) Mariah Carey			B CRY FOR YOU (Uptown/MCA 54723) Jodeci	22	11
	SHOOP (Next Plateau/London 857314) Salt-N-Pepa			7 KEEP YA HEAD UP (Inerscope 98345)	21	14
	BREATHE AGAIN (LaFace/Arista 24054) Toni Braxton		_ ~	B ALL ABOUT SOUL (Columbia 77254) Billy Joel	31	12
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	SO MUCH IN LOVE (Blitzz/Atlantic 87271)		T 63	3 JUST KICKIN'IT (SoSo Def/Columbia 77120) Xscape	33	18
			64	4 DAUGTHER (Epic Z-K53136)	36	9
			2 65	5 HEY MR. D.J. (Flavor Unit/Epic 77121)	35	20
	NOW AND FOREVER (Capital 58005) Richard Marx		_ ଗେ	BETCHA'LL NEVER FIND (RCA 62652) Chantay Savage	69	2
	AGAIN (Virgin 38404)			7 TIME AND CHANCE (Giant 18339) Color Me Badd	38	12
				U SEND ME SWINGIN' (Perspective/A&M 7439) Mint Condition	77	2
	GROOVE THANG (Motown 2228) Zhane		61	9 WHAT IS LOVE (Arista 12575)	39	19
_	SAID I LOVED YOUBUT I LIED (Columbia 77260) Michael Bolton		2 70	DREAMLOVER (Columbia 77080)	42	16
	CHOOSE (Giant 18720)		7	1 SEX ME (Jive 42161)	50	14
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	AMAZING (Geffen 19264)	DEBU	_ 7	3 NEVER SHOULD'VE LET YOU GO (Jive 42178) HI-Five	43	15
	WHOMP! THERE IT IS (Bellmark 79001)		7	4 I LOVE MUSIC (FROM "CARLITO'S WAY")		
	· · ·			(Epic Soundtrax/Epic 77286)	67	2
_	CAN WE TALK (Owest/Warner Bros. 18346) Tevin Campbell BUMP N' GRIND (Jive 42207)		7	5 STAY (FAR AWAY, SO CLOSE,!)(Island/PLG/N/A)	57	9
	ALL THAT SHE WANTS (Arista 12614) Ace of Base			6 THE RIVER OF DREAMS (Columbia 77086) Billy Joel	44	22
	(LAY YOUR HEAD ON MY) PILLOW (Wing/Mercury 858 260)	-	7	7 GOD (Atlantic 85687)	DE	TUE
		70	2 7	6 CRYIN' (Geffen 19256)	54	21
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		30 1		O HIGHER GROUND (Virgin 12687)	55	15
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-	U.N.I.T.Y (Motown 2225) Queen Latifah			2 SWEAT (A LA LA LA LA LONG) (Big Beat/Atlantic 98429) Inner Circle	59	19
	I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW (Chaos 7720)	25 1		3 IF (Virgin 12676) Janet Jackson	65	25
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38	MISS YOU IN A HEARTBEAT (Mercury 858 080) Def Leopard	37 1		7 REALLY DOE (Priority 53843)		10
39	HAVING A PARTY (Warner Bros. 18424) Rod Stewart	45	2 8			
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PRINCE: "The Most Beautiful Girl In The World" (NPG/Bellmark 72514)

(NPG/Bellmark 72514)

Never one to sit idly by, Prince returns after a short sabbatical with this new funky single, released through a new deal with Al Bell's Bellmark Records (which recently scored a hit with Tag Team's "Whoomp (There It Is)." Already making waves at Urban and top-40 radio, this keyboard-heavy, lushly produced track breaks no new ground for Prince, but looks like a sure bet for chart success. Expect to hear this song of female worship at the junior prom come lune. junior prom come June.



MR. BIG: "Ain't Seen Love Like That" (Atlantic

It's becoming hard to remember that the members of Mr. Big are some of the most talented rock musicians going, particularly when the people running the band's affairs continue to insist on releasing ballad after sappy ballad. It's almost enough to make the band and its fans wish that "To Be With You" wasn't the worldwide smash that it was. This one is very radio-ready and will probably perform well, but boys, do us a favor and release another

TRIBE: "Supercollider" (Slash 6607)
Boston alternative faves look again for deserved airplay attention with this unique and slightly twisted track from its current Sleeper set. Soaring femme vocals, sharp guitar slices, steady rhythms and out-of-the-ordinary lyrics make for a great add for modern rockers, ambitious album stations and even brave ton-40s with aggressive album stations and even brave top-40s with aggressive nighttime programming. After years of touring and an impressive catalog of songs, this band's earned its chance.





■ BLACKGIRL: "Krazy" (Kaper/RCA 62665)

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Following the surprising success of labelmates SWV comes Blackgirl, a harder-edged version of that chart-topping trio. Blackgirl (Nycolia Turman, Pamela Copeland and Rochelle Stuart) dropped from the Atlanta music scene and owe much of the credit for their sound to producer Derek Allen whose fresh style gives the girls a unique and infectious flow. Sort of a mix between pop vocal groups (like SWV) and MC Lyte, a radio-ready tune perfect for Spring weather.

PICK OF THE WEEK



BONNIE RAITT: "Love Sneakin' Up On You" (Capitol 79325)

From Raitt's fine, soon-to-be-released new album, Longing In Their Hearts, comes this familiar (already) sounding tune, thick with Bonnie's trademark raspy, heart-tugging vocals and her always tasty blues guitar licks. After a long, underappreciated early career making traditional blues records that few people ever heard, the lady has settled nicely into a consistent, albeit risk-free groove, each album a storehouse of potential hits. It seems that there are few radio formats at this point without room for Ms. Raitt, with AC and AAA stations already on this tune and Album and top-40 sure to follow.

TOP 100 POP **ALBUMS**

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#1 ALBUM: Counting Crows



TO WATCH: Sarah McLauchlan



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HIGH DEBUT: Aretha Franklin

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	23	REALITY BITES (RCA 66264) SOUNDTRACK	43	2	200	THE BEAVIS & BUTT-HEAD EXPERIENCE (Geffen 24613)			
	24	GET A GRIP (Gelfen 24455)	21	29		BEAVIS & BUTT-HEAD	57	6	
	25	BAT OUT OF HELL II : BACK INTO HELL (MCA 10699) MEAT LOAF	22	24	74	LA SEXORCISTO : DEVIL MUSIC VOL. 1 (Geffen 24460) WHITE ZOMBIE			
	26	THE ONE THING (Columbia 53567) MICHAEL BOLTON	24	6	75	BLIND MELON (Capitol 96585) BLIND MELON	70	22	
	27	CORE (Atlantic 82418) STONE TEMPLE PILOTS	28	44		DOGMAN (Atlantic 82558) KING'S X		5	
	28	THE BODYGUARD (Arista/BMG 18699)(P6) SOUNDTRACK	29	51	77	GREATIST HITS (1980-94) (Arista 18722) ARETHA FRANKLIN	DEF	TUE	
ı	29	I'M READY (Owest/Warner Bros 45388) TEVIN CAMPBELL	31	9		IN PIECES (Liberty 80857) GARTH BROOKS			
	30		26	5		GREATEST HITS VOL TWO (MCA 10906) REBA MCENTIRE		12	
	31	NEW MISERABLE EXPERIENCE (A&M 544039) GIN BLOSSOMS	27	18	80	PALE SUN, CRESCENT MOON (RCA 66344) COWBOY JUNKIES	84	2	
	32	IN UTERO (DGC/Geffen 24607) NIRVANA	25	12	81	SPAGHETTI INCIDENT? (Geffen 24617) GUNS N' ROSES	62	6	
	33	LAST SPLASH (4AD/Elektra 61508) THE BREEDERS	30	15	82	ALL THE GREATIST HITS (Reprise/Warner Bros 45143) . ZAPP & ROGER	81	8	
1	34	THE PIANO (EGW 88274)SOUNDTRACK	38	9	83	BOTH SIDES (Atlantic 82550) PHIL COLLINS	80	9	
	35	RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE (Epic 52959)				BLACK REIGN (Motown 6370) QUEEN LATIFA		3UT	
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1	37	ANTENNA (RCA 66317)		7		TUESDAY NIGHT MUSIC CLUB (A&M 31454) SHERYL CROW		4	
	38	KICKIN' IT UP (Atlantic 82420) JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMEREY	33	4		LOSER (Virgin 55643)		5	
			40	10		DOOKIE (Reprise/WB 45529)			
		SAME OLD BULLSHIT (Capitol 89843) BEASTIE BOYS		3	90	HIPS AND MAKERS (Sire/WB 45413) KRISTIN HERSH	DEF	3UT	
1	41	SHAQ DIESEL (Jive 41529) SHAQUILLE O'NEAL	48	9	91	THIS TIME (Reprise/WB 45241) DWIGHT YOAKAM	. 85	24	
П	_	DOMINO (Outburst/Chaos/Columbia 57701)	39	8		PROMISES AND LIES (Virgin 88229)			
1			65	2	-	ENTER THE WU-TANG (36 Chambers) () WU TANG CLAN			
	44 45			15		COME ON FEEL THE LEMONHEADS (Atlantic 82537) LEMONHEADS			
	46			5		CLAY WALKER (Giant/Warner Bros 24511)			
	40			9		IT'S ABOUT TIME (RCA 66074) SWV		43	
1	48	(INTO THE LABYRINTH (4AD/Warner Bros. 45384) DEAD CAN DANCE		4	
	-	COMMON THREAD: THE SONGS OF THE EAGLES	72	•		BLACK SUNDAY (Ruffhouse/Columbia 53931)		16	,
		(Giant/WB 24531)	35	10		MY FUNKY VALENTINE (Pacific Jazz/Capital 72438) CHET BAKER		4	
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THE OTHER TWO: The Other Two & You (Qwest 45140)

lt looks like innovative techno band New Order's day has come and gone, but that doesn't seem to be slow ing down the four members of the Brit band. With ing down the four members of the Brit band. With Bernard Summers concentrating on his group Electronic and Peter Hook his band Revenge, that leaves the other two, Stephan Morris and Gillian Gilbert. Loose, informal-sounding debut from the duo will appeal to most N.O. fans; the alb's a pleasant, if hollow, combo of airy synth stylings and crafty instruments. strumentals.



■ THE YOUNG DUBLINERS: Rocky Road (Scotti Bros. 75420)

Six-song e.p. from Los Angeles-by-way-of-Ireland Six-song e.p. from Los Angeles-by-way-or-freland folk-rockers is a pleasing and refreshing debut from a band seemingly ready to explode out of L.A.'s nurturing, though limiting, Irish coffee-house scene. A tasty mix here of traditional Gaelic styles, pop/rock structures and folky textures results in a hearty musical brew that will endear itself to fans of Luka Bloom, Van Morrison and even Jethro Tull. Band features Andre Previn's daughter, Lovely.

■ VARGA: Prototype (Zoo 11071)
Heavy Canadian crew Varga started as a straight metal outfit, influenced by Slayer, Judas Priest and the like, but has spread its sound out to incorporate rap vocals, industrial-styled rhythmic assaults and funky, groove-filled jams. Fronted by vocalist/bassist Joe Varga, the four-piece now fits into the Pantera/Anthrax/Biohazard world of metal acts fusing various styles into an original, contempory sound. Top cut is fiery "Freeze Don't Move."



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■ ANIMAL BAG: Offering (Stardog/Mercury 514-

When North Carolina's Animal Bag was signed to Mercury in 1992, execs from the label saw the band Mercury in 1992, execs from the label saw the band perform an acoustic showcase and immediately suggested that the foursome make an unplugged record. After touring for all of '93, the band finally found time to do just that, laying down seven songs in the living room of producer Kon Day's house. The result is a provocative, surprisingly flexible collection that shows a rock band with as much heart as muscle.



■ FRENTE: Labour Of Love (Mammoth 0056)

One of Australia's most promising young bands is Frente, a jazzy, anti-rock folk quartet that appears ready to conquer America next. Led by the doll-like voice of elfin singer Angie Hart, Frente's U.S. debut is rich with spirited pop hooks, pretty melodies and Hart's Edie Brickell/Joni Mitchell vocals. Despite multivist Simon Austin's obtained to the conduction of the c guitarist Simon Austin's obvious gift for songwriting, the band offers two cover tunes, including New Order's "Bizarre Love Triangle." A fine bow.

■ MANTISSA: Mossy God (Polydor 519-534)
Another up-and-coming band from Down Under is Mantissa, an Aussie-born, rock-fusion quintet now living in New York. Produced by the always reliable

Terry Date (Soundgarden, Screaming Trees, Pantera), Mossy God is an ambitious collection, layered thick with lots of heavy grooves, heavy drums (Date paid special attention to the drum sound, it seems) and heavy themes. Top tracks include "Land Of The Living" and grinding first single "Mary Mary."





■ PETER BLAKELY: The Pale Horse (Giant

Atlantic Records prez Ahmet Ertegun called Blakely the best white soul singer he's ever heard, and this is from a man who counts the careers of Robert Plant. Mick Jagger and Roger Daltrey among his label's accomplishments. High praise, certainly, but justified nonetheless. With Prince protege David Z as his recording partner, Peter's soulful tenor shines with the warmth of his influences, including Marvin Gaye, the singer whose grace first inspired him.

PICK OF THE WEEK



■ SARAH MCLACHLAN: Fumbling Towards Ecstasy (Arista 18725) Producer: Pierre Marchand

Third album from Vancouver-based McLachlan more than delivers on the breathtaking promises made on her *Solace* alb of '92. Sounding more confident, relaxed and optimistic this time out, Sarah's songs of heartache and hope, struggle and liberation all possess a soulful, almost gospel quality that keeps her spirit lingering in the mind of the listener long after the music has ended. And, after being accused of languishing in unbalanced despair on previous efforts, McLachlan stirs a bit of humor and silliness into the mix here, a dynamic addition that further enhances her bold, affecting visions.

CASH BOX CHARTS

TOP 100 R&B SINGLES

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#1 SINGLE: R. Kelly



TO WATCH: Babyface



HIGH DEBUT: Snoop Doggy Dogg

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	BUMP N' GRIND (Jive 42207) R. Kelly	1	2	54 YOU DON'T LOVE ME (NO NO NO) (Big Beat/Atlantic 98311) . Dawn Penn	DEBUT
	2 WHAT A MAN (Next Plateau/London/PLG 857390) Salt-N-Pepa w/En Vogue	3	4	55 TIME AND CHANCE (Giant/Reprise 18339) Color me Badd	31 8
	3 GROOVE THANG (Motown 2228) Zhane	4	5	56 ZUNGA ZENG (Tommy Boy 599)	DEBUT
	4 I'M IN THE MOOD (A&M 0460) CeCe Peniston	8	5	57 WHAT'S MY NAME? (Death Row/Interscope 98340) Snoop Doggy Dogg	35 6
	5 U SEND ME SWINGIN' (Perspective/A&M 7439) Mint Condition	6	6	58 LET ME LOVE YOU (Gasoline Alley/MCA 54788) ii D Extreme	DEBUT
	6 UNDERSTANDING (So So Del/Columbia 77335) Xscape	2	5	59 HERO (Columbia 77224) Mariah Carey	37 10
	7 (LAY YOUR HEAD ON MY) PILLOW(Wing/Mercury 858 260) Tony!Ton!!Tone!	5	5		57 2
	S CRY FOR YOU (Uptown/MCA 54723) Jodeci		7		61 3
	9 CAN WE TALK (Owest/Warner Bros. 18346) Tevin Campbell		11	62 EGO TRIPPIN'(PART TWO) (Tommy Boy 595) De La Soul	
	10 BECAUSE OF LOVE (Virgin 38422) Janet Jackson		3	63 COMIN' ON STRONG (EastWest 98334) Sudden Change	
	GIN AND JUICE (Death Row/Interscope/Atlantic 98318) Snoop Doggy Dogg		Л	64 JUST KICKIN'IT (So So Del/Columbia 77119) Xscape	
-		10	8	65 WAS IT SOMTHING (RCA 62806) Freddie Jackson	
	13 NEVER KEEPING SECRETS (Epic 77217) Babyface	20	9	66. HEY D.J.(From "Me Vida Loca") (Mercury 858402)	,
	14 SO MUCH IN LOVE (Blitzz/Atlantic 87271)	DEBL	JΤ	Lighter Shade Of Brown	DEBUT
	15 STAY (EM/ERG 58065)		4	67 KEEP YA HEAD UP (Interscope/Atlantic 98345) 2-Pac	40 9
	16 NEVER FORGET YOU (Columbia 77358) Mariah Carey	16	2	68 DREAM ON DREAMER (Delecious Viny/EastWest 98321)	
	17 IT'S ALL GOOD (Giant/Reprise 18271) Hammer	23	3	Brand New Heavies	DEBUT
	18 CANTALOOP (FLIP FANTASIA) (Blue Note/Capital 44945) US3	28	2	69 RIGHT HERE (Human Nature)/Downtown (RCA 62614) SWV	42 19
	19 RIBBON IN THE SKY (Atlantic 87269) intro	19	2	70 THE ONE FOR ME (Mercury 862740) Joe	50 8
	20 IF THAT'S YOUR BOYFRIEND (Maverick/Sire/Reprise 18326)			71 IT AIN'T HARD TO TELL (Columbia 77385) NAS	
			3	72 C.R.E.A.M. (CASH RULES EVERYTHIMG AROUND ME)(Loud/RCA 6276	
	BELIEVE IN LOVE (Elektra 64574) Teddy Pendergrass		2	WU TANG CLAN	DEBUT
	22 YOU'RE ALWAYS ON MY MIND (RCA 62738) SWV		6	73 SEX ME (Jive 42161)	51 9
	23 QUIET TIME TO PLAY (Motown 2236) Johnny Gill		4	74 LOOKING FOR MR.DO RIGHT (Giant/Reprise 18429) Jade	53 12
	24 YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY (Uptown/MCA 54701) Mary J. Bilge		6	75 AGAIN (Virgin 38404) Janet Jackson	
	25 I'M OUTSTANDING (Jive 42201) Shaquille O'Neal		3	78 COME INSIDE (Atlantic 87317) intro	
	26 BELIEVE THAT (Owest/WB 18252) Keith Washington	26	5	77 CAPS GETY PEELED (Assault/Big Beat/AG 98331) DFC/MC EiHT	
	27 WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN (MCA 54783) Jody Watley	13	5	7S BABY I WANNA (Luke 173)	
	28 AND OUR FEELINGS (Epic 77394) Babyface	47	2	79 SLOW AND EASY (Reprise 18315) Zapp & Roger	
	29 BETCHA'LL NEVER FIND (RCA 62652) Chantay Savage	17	8	80 WE CAME TO MOVE YA (EastWest 98352) FMOB	
	THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN THE WORLD (NPG/Bellmark 728210)Ce			S1 AWARD TOUR (Jive 42187) Tribe Called Quest	
	31 PLAYER'S BALL (LaFace/Arista 24060)		3	S2 HEY MR. D.J. (Flavor/Epic 77121) Zhane	
	32 FAMILY AFFAIR (FROM "ADAM'S FAMILY VALUES") (Shabba Bardon:	2)18	5		
	33 PROCESS OF ELIMINATION (Epic 77288) Eric Gable		5	83 MAKE LOVE EASY (RCA 62704) Freddie Jackson	
	SKIP TO MY LU (Pendulum/ERG 58094) Lisa Lisa	36	4	84 WHO'S THE MACK (MCA 54773) Ralph Tresvant	
	35 GANGSTA LEAN (Capitol 58048)	22	35	85 (I KNOW I GOT) SKILLS (Jive 42177) Shaquille O'Neal	
	36 THE MORNING AFTER (Warner Bros. 18349) Maze	24	8	86 DREAMLOVER (Columbia 77080)	
į	37 NEVER SHOULD HAVE LET YOU GO (Jive 42178) Hi-Five	27	11	87 ANOTHER SAD LOVE SONG (Laface/Arista 24047) Toni Braxton	66 21
1	TREAT U RITE (Elektra 64562) Angela Winbush	45	2	88 YOUR LOVE KEEPS WORKING ON ME (MCA 54744) Jody Watley	67 10
	39 SHOOP (Next Plateu/London 857314) Salt-N-Pepa	29	12	S9 SPEND THE NIGHT (Reprise 18324) Earth, Wind & Fire	69 7
	40 A DEEPER LOVE (From Sister Act II) (Arista 12651) . Aretha Franklin	43	3	90 IT ALL COMES DOWN TO THE MONEY (RAL/Chaos/Columbia 77168)	
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REVIEWS by M.R. Martinez

HARD 2 OBTAIN: Ism & Blues (Atlantic 82514-2). Producers: Various.

With apt use of samples, recognizable riffs and some some-With apt use of samples, recognizable riffs and some some-times clever mic play, this trio finds some distinction. The clever word play of "Babble On" (Babylon) with its rather straight-ahead groove runs apt counterpart against "Heels Without Souls," another word play that makes def use of Monk Higgins' "Black Fox." This is a gritty collection, some-thing evident on "Sh*t We Do" and "Parkyard Lingo." A special treat on this album is "No Batter Swing," which fea-tures a sample of "Tails Out" by Willie Mitchell. The beat is on





■ FUGGEES (TRANZLATOR CREW): Blunted On Reality (Ruffhouse/Columbia CK 57462). Producers:

Straight up poetry readings, diverse rap and dancehall-in-fluenced mic flow with a combination of dramatic production and bombastic music riding atop phat grooves comprise this 17-track package. There's a refreshing sense of musicality apparent throughout the album. Interspersed liberally apparent inroughout the album. Interspersed liberally throughout are interludes and vignettes that give character to the collection. Some tracks of note include "Nappy Head," "Recharge," "Vocab" (which features some soothing acoustic guitar) and "How Hard Is It?" and "Some Seek Stardom."

THE SOTO KOTO BAND: Mandingo Beat (Higher Octave Music HOMCD 7060). Producer: M. Oko Drammeh.

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The follow-up to its debut on Higher Octave is more diverse, less frenetic, but no less "Gumbay." The hypnotic African rhythms are spiced with more Caribbean and flamenco flavors and there's more accessible musicality throughout the album. But you still want to move, to dance, to shake or bob some part of your anatomy when you listen. M. Oko Drammeh is back at the helm of this production, which features some rousing vocals and songwriting by Paps Touray. While most of this music is vocalized in native tongues, the lyricism remains compelling.





■ VARIOUS ARTISTS: Plug In + Turn On (Instinct EX-267-2). Producers: Various.

In the growing universe of techno pop, diversity is always better. This two-disk package is perhaps the best at mixing the straight BPM-driven dance music and the more ethereal, straight Bi'M-diven dance music and the more ethereal, ambient style that is becoming all the rage in underground clubs. The "Trance" or dance side is paced by the work of Omicron ("The Pill [Cycle High]), "Brasilia" by Cabaret Voltaire and Mother Noise ("Again In Dust"). The ambient side covers more atmospheric work by many of the same acts. But "Hovering Glows" by Terre Thaemlitz and "Ture (Beautiful Mix)" by GTO are standouts.

PICK OF THE WEEK



■ THE JAZZHOLE: The Jazzhole (Bluemoon R2 79194). Producers: Various.

Like the old British sound systems, several new hip-hop groups have intricately woven in acid house and jazz into the mix. This amalgam of new York artists have brought a number of musical sensibilities to the table. Because of the size and diversity of this group, seldom does this package bore. "Bumrush The Jazzhole" featuring female chanter Ronnie Russ and Forward Motion with Ahmed Best are standouts on the rap tip, but musically, co-producer Marlon Saunders and instrumentalists/co-producers Kevin Disimone, Warren Rosenstein and John Bondal all provide curple number. and John Pondel all provide supple nuances.

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THE RHYTHM



Interscope Records and Blackstreet, featuring production wiz Teddy Riley, are ready to swing with a debut album in late Spring 1994. Riley and the crew recently visited the interscope offices to get the marketing and promotion troops fired up. Pictured are (I-r): Step Johnson, Interscope, Mike Concepcion, CEO, Grand Jury Entertainment; Marc Benesch, Interscope; John McClain, senior vp, Interscope; Riley; Chauncey Hannibal, Blackstreet; Donna Moore, Riley's assistant; Howard Gelger, Interscope; Levi Little, Blackstreet; Steve Berman, Interscope; and David Hollister, Blackstreet.

SAMPLES: This Day In African-American Music by Ted Holland is a decent primer for those who want a handy coffeetable top book that is attractive and offers a mixture of interesting facts and trivia about this music. The 176-page book serves up some biographies of important musicians, a list of milestones that have shaped African-American music and selected discographic information on certain artists. While this is an attractive package, the book offers no startling revelations that other collections have contained. However, many of the basic facts, figures and information on personalities now can be found in one place... Big Time Blues Prods. will be hosting its Eighth Annual Blues Harmonica Blowdown, at Redondo Beach, CA's The Strand on Saturday March 19. Harmonica players will be on hand from blues bastions from as far away as Chicago. Some of those scheduled to be on stage include Carey Bell, Harmonica Fats and Blind Joe Lucas... And while on the topic of blues, let's speak about the Queen of Blue R&B, Millie Jackson. Jackson has been on the road in the musical comedy Young Man, Older Woman since January, when the play's tour jumped off in St. Louis. The play closed in Milwaukee on Feb. 20, but the tour has commenced anew and is booked through May 28, where she will perform in Philadelphia... There are some who feel that Toni Braxton's win during the 36th annual Grammy Awards for the Best R&B Vocal, Female was a travesty because of Aretha Franklin's nomination in this category. People also have commented that Tevin Campbell and Babyface Edmunds should have been given more consideration in the R&B Male Vocal category, which earned Ray Charles a trophy. The selection of Digable Planets as best rap group and Dr. Dre in the solo rap category seemed to be more cogent... Performing rights organization BMI presented its Lifetime Achievement Award to R&B pioneer Curtis Mayfield during a special luncheon co-sponsored by Warner Bros. Records. The award preceded the special presentation to Mayfield during the Grammys.



Mable John (center) and Bill "Honky Tonk" Doggett (r) are still a hot item of discussion after 34 years because they are jointly being honored by the Rhythm & Blues Foundation 1994 Pioneer Awards. Pictured above in a 1960 photo with John's legendary brother, the late Little Willie John, Mable is autographing a copy of her first Tamla/Motown release, "Who Wouldn't Love a Man Like That." The success of that song led to Mable recording for Stax Records, where she cut the legendary song "Your Good Thing (is About To Come To An End)."

TOP 75 R&B ALBUMS

TOP 15 R&B ALBUMS	
CASH BOX • MARCH 12, 1994	
12 PLAY (Jive 41527)	
2 DIARY OF A MAD BAND (Uptown/MCA 10915) Jodecl 3 DOGGY STYLE (Death Row/Interscope 92279) Snoop Doggy Dogg	2 5 4 8
4 TONI BRAXTON (LaFace/Arista 6007) Toni Braxton	
5 BACK AT YOUR ASS FOR THE NINE-4 (Luke 207)	DEBUT
6 LETHAL INJECTION (Priority 53876)	5 7
7 I'M READY (Qwest/Warner Bros. 45388) Tevin Campbell	6 10
8 HUMMIN' COMIN' AT CHA (SoSo Def/Columbia 57107) Xscape 9 PRONOUNCED JAH-NAY (Motown 6369) Zhane	7 10 DEBUT
10 VERY NECESSARY (Next Plateau/London 828392) Salt-N-Pepa	8 9
11 MUSIC BOX (Columbia 53205)	11 13
13 GET IN WHERE YA FIT IN (Jive 41526) Too Short	16 10.
BLACK REIGN (Motown 6370)	17 6 12 10
16 MIDNIGHT MARAUDERS (Jive 41490) A Tribe Called Quest	21 9
17 janet (Virgin 87825)	14 26 22 10
19 BACK TO BASICS (Warner Bros. 45297) Maze Featuring Frankle Beverly	24 14
20 DOMINO (Outburst/RAL/Chaos 57701)	
21 ENTER THE WU-TANG (36 CHAMBERS) (Loud 66336) . Wu-Tang Clan 22 SONS OF SOUL (Wings/Mercury 514933) Tony! Toni! Tone!	23 9 15 19
23 THE TRUTH (MCA 10810)	25 10
24 SHAQ DIESEL (Jive 41529) Shaquille O'Neal 25 BREATHLESS (Arista 18646) Kenny G	19 7 47 46
26 EAR TO THE STREET (Scarface/Priority 53877) Conclous Daughters	29 4
27 HAND ON THE TORCH (Blue Note/Capital 80883)	31 5 26 8
29 HERE IT IS (RCA 66318) Freddie Jackson	10 3
30 SHOCK OF THE HOUR (Ruthless/Relativity 5505) M.C. Ren	27 9 28 43
31 THE CHRONIC (Priority 57128)	20 43
33 BLACK SUNDAY (Ruffhouse/Columbia 53931) Cypress Hill	32 31
34 OLD SCHOOL (Thump 4010) Various Artists 35 LOVE DELUXE (Epic 74734) Sade	36 4 30 49
36 IT'S ABOUT TIME (RCA 66074) SWV	33 39
37 187 HE WROTE (Jive 41513)	34 11 35 5
38 IT'S GOIN' DOWN (MCA 10889)	37 15
SOMETHING TO BLAZE TO (Trak 72576) Top Authority	58 2
41 FEAR ITSELF (Jive 41520)	18 2 38 5
43 INTRO (Atlantic 82463) Intro	40 25
44 COMIN' OUT HARD (Suave 0001) Eightball & MJG 45 THE BODYGUARD (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)	46 3
(Arista 18699)	41 47
46 A VEIW TO KILL (EMI 80919) Shadz Of Lingo 47 A LITTLE MORE MAGIC (Elektra 61497) Teddy Pendergrass	63 11
48 GANGSTA LEAN (Capitol 81445) DRS	42 9
49 STRAIGHT UP SEWASIDE (EastWest 92265)	43 8 49 22
50 PROVACATIVE (Motown 6355) Johnny Gill STRICKLY 4 MY N.I.G.G.A.Z. (Interscope 92209) 2 PAC	44 35
52 NO PRESSURE (Chaos/Columbia 57460) Erick Sermon	48 10
53 RETURN OF THE BOOM BAP (Jive 41517)	45 12 39 11
55 PROCESS OF ELIMINATION (Epic 52996) Eric Gable	50 4
PLANTATION LULLABIES (Maverick/Sire/Warner Bros. 45333)	DEBUT
57 INTIMACY (MCA 10947) Jody Watley	51 8
58 FADANUF FA ERYBODY!! (Rap-A-LovPriority 53866) Odd Squad 59 TALKIN' SHIT (EastWest 92289)	DEBUT 52 12
60 SWING BATTA SWING (Tommy Boy 1071)	54 4
91 QUEEN OF THE PACK (Epic 53763)	69 4 61 5
62 RIGHT BACK AT CHA (Gasoline Alley 10945/MCA)	55 4
64 GAS CHAMBER (Awol 719)	53 3
THE QUIET REVOLUTION (4th & Broadway/Island 444060) Ronny Jordan 66 MENACE TO SOCIETY (Jive 41509) Soundtrack	DEBUT 56 3
67 ENTA DA STAGE (Wreck/Nervous 2002) Black Moon	57 9
66 MIKI SINGS BILLIE-A TRIBUTE TO BILLIE HOLIDAY (Giant/Reprise 24521)	59 4
69 BRIAN MCKNIGHT (Mercury 848605) Brian McKnight	62 22
70 SISTER ACT II: BACK IN THE HABIT (Hollywood/Elektra 61562)	
71 STRAIGHT FROM DA STREETS (Priority 53885) Various Artists	60 4 66 2
72 EVERYTHING (Mercury 518016)	64 13
73 YOU MAKE IT EASY (Owest/Warner Bros.45336) Keith Washington 74 TRUE TO LIFE (Columbia 53453) Lisette Melendez	65 12 67 3
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By M.R. Martinez

THE RHYME



Motown Records executive vice president of creative affairs, Steve McKeever (seated, center), recently gave testimony on gansgta rap lyrics during a U.S. Senate Juvenile Justice subcommittee hearing in Washington, D.C. The hearing, called by Sen. Carol Mosely Braun (D-iL) was the second such gathering convered in February. Also testifying during the hearing was Hilary Rosen, executive vice president of the Recording Industry Assn. of America. Further hearings are planned to promote dialogue on this issue.

IT'S DIFFICULT TO DESCRIBE in words what is essentially a poets' night out on the town in West Hollywood. Coffee houses are not the only place you find the new wave of poets, if you hang out at Santa Monica Blvd.'s Troubadour. There was anger, humor, a total lack of subtlety and, in varying degrees, revelations. At the top of this more than three-hour odyssey into artists' personal revelations was Reg. E. Gaines, a New York kid who made them sit on the floor. And they did until his acerbic minimalist music hip-hop was too much to bear. Then there was the "O.G." Gil Scott Heron, who demonstrated his ability to be timeless. He had people talking back at him like he was a preacher in church.

In between these extremes, John S. Hall showed how the insignificant and personal could become the Kata of self-discovery. And Maggie Estep's rage became a comedic underscore for love relationships. But the connective tissue of these salivating arpeggios was the connection these artists had with so many current musical sensibilities.

If hip-hop jazz has a coffee-house hero, it will have to be Gaines, whose Mercury Records album, *Please Don't Take My Air Jordans*, is chock-full of heavy African-American metal. Even if you don't care about his stories of painful self-realization, you have to like his scat style and the soft support of his backing band. His play on Jimi Hendrix, being different—and African-American and in more pain is compelling. Then there's Maggie, who comes grunge-style to the party, raging against the male machine. She's more feminine than feminist. She might have been born in New Jersey, but Estep knows the road less traveled. Jack Kerouac must be tossing and turning, wherever he is. John S. Hall needs a life. But if you listen to his presentation, you know that he lives to perform it on stage, especially if there's a Martin Scorsese movie playing in a nearby film arthouse.

Then there was the master. Gil Scott Heron. He seemed just a little buzzed. and it worked when he performed a track from his forthcoming TVT album, which relied heavily on the refrain, "Tomorrow." It was about his reported recent addictions and his salvation. Dreadlocked percussionist Larry MacDonald gave simple and marvelous support to Heron's simple and pedantic Fender Rhodes playing. But then Heron got busy when he busted a poem on war and peace. His show was about the blues, deep and uncompromising. It was something that each of the artists accomplished in varying degrees. MTV has Gaines, Estep and Hall on the road with this show, with artists like Heron backing. They will need some church at every stop.

TOP 25 RAP SINGLES

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GIN & JUICE (Death Row/Interscope 98318) Snoop Doggy Dogg DEBU	T
2 WHATTA MAN (Next Plateau/London/PLG 857 390) Salt-N-Pepa/En Vogue 1	3
3 DUNKIE BUTT (Street Life/Scotti Bros.)	4
4 IT'S ALL GOOD (Giant/Reprise 22606) Hammer DEBU	П
5 I'M OUTSTANDING (Jive 42201) Shaquille O'Neal DEBU	JΤ
6 CANTALOOP (FLIP FANTASIA) (Blue Note/Capital 44945) US3 6	3
7 PLAYER'S BALL (Laface/Arista 2-4060) Outkast DEBU	Л
8 U.N.I.T.Y. (Motown 3225)	6
9 GETTO JAM (Outburst/Ral 77297)	6
10 WHOOMP! (THERE IT IS) (Life/Bellmark 79001) Tag Team 9	3
11 KEEP YA HEAD UP (Interscope 98345) 2-Pac 7	8
12 YOU KNOW HOW WE DO IT (Priority 53847) lce Cube DEBL	Л
13 FAMILY AFFAIR (Atlas/PLG 855 232) Shabba Ranks 13	3
MASS APPEAL (Chrysalis/ERG 5811) Gang Starr DEBU	Л
15 CAPS GET PEELED (Assault/Big Beat 98331) DFC DEBU	Л
16 ON AND ON (Virgin 38415) Shyheim DEBU	JT
17 AWARD TOUR (Jive 42187) A Tribe Called Quest 12	4
MONEY IN THE GHETTO (Jive 42195) Too Short DEBU	JT
HEY D.J. (Mercury 858 402) Lighter Shade Of Brown DEBU	JT
20 REALLY DOE (Priority 53876)	31
21 IT AIN'T HARD TO TELL (Columbia 77385) NAS DEBU	JT
22 (I KNOW I GOT)SKILLZ (Jive 42177) Shaquille O'Neal 8	6
23 SOUND OF DA POLICE (Jive 42192) KRS-One 17	3
24 HUMP WIT'IT (Wrap/lchiban 187)	4
25 C.R.E.A.M. (Loud/RCA 62766)	JT

RAP SINGLE REVIEWS

By Dr. Bayyan

■ J.G.: "Put Down The Guns" (Gasoline Alley Gas5p-2873).

This group is more than a front on this lilting, midtempo mic play that bags on young black-on-black, inner-city gunplay. A phat beat provides the anchor for this groovy groove. The mic play is alternately urgent and soothing. The radio version will be easy to program, while the street mix spices it up with a little more jazz influence.

■ LESHAUN: "Wide Open" (Tommy Boy TBCD 582).

This is essentially a love story about a woman openin' a young man's nose and other anatomy so wide that he's sprung beyond control. The five versions of this track don't vary greatly and radio might have their pick of the litter. Well, maybe not the album version. Backed with "The Drill," this can make mixed shows lists easy.

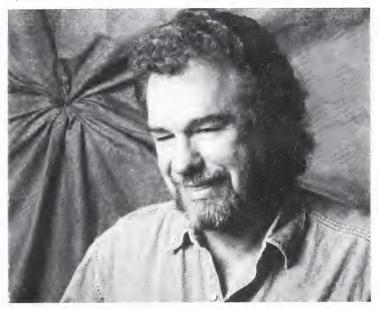
■ YG'Z: "Ghetto Celebs" (Reprise PRO-CD-6764).

This single will be a stretch for radio, even though the objectionable language has been scrubbed from two versions. But all you really have to do is insert the most logical word and—there it is. It's all about the dubious nature of ghetto heroes, gettin' your props, while out changin' who you are.

COVER STORY

Gene Watson: A "Singer's Singer"

By Richard McVey



Gene Watson

PROBABLY THE MOST UNDERATED SINGER in country music today, Gene Watson, known to those in the music industry as "a singer's singer," was born in Palestine, Texas in 1943, as one of seven children of an itinerant sawmill worker and crop picker. Raised on manual labor, Watson had to quit school in the ninth grade to help support his family. He married his wife, Mattie Louise, at age 17 and later became an auto-body worker to support her and their two children. Watson's first shot at singing began during the '60s when he started singing at Houston honky-tonks for \$15 a night. A constantly growing circle of admirers led to recording contracts with regional labels and in 1974, his single "Love In The Hot Afternoon" was picked up for national distribution by Capitol Records, kicking off one of his many national hits.

Watson went on to spend periods of time at Capitol, MCA, Epic and Warner Bros., and has now settled in at Step One Records and released an album entitled, *Uncharted Mind*. Making no apologies, Watson says, "I didn't spend much time in the studio. I'm not like a lot of people. Once I run through a song, I pretty well know if it's mine or not. We finished the album up, as far as my part goes, in about four sessions. In fact some of the songs on this album I had never tried to sing until we got into the studio. Of course, Ray Pennington [the album's producer and SOR executive] goes back in there and puts the finishing touches on it."

As Pennington states, "Gene is such a great singer. Working with him isn't like work, it's like having a good time. He's a lot of fun and I'm glad we've got him."

Watson says of his experience with Pennington, "He's an idealist. He comes up with great ideas and if I come up with any ideas I can confront him with them. We are both open-minded and professional enough to appreciate each other so we work great together. He's also great at picking a hit song, so if he hands me some tapes I know that there's material worth listening to."

To find just the right songs for the album, Watson explains, "We listened to demos for probably a couple of months. We would listen to

songs until we would literaly just get sick. You might find one out of three or four tapes or sometimes listen for three straight days to tapes of different writers and not get a thing. We were looking for Gene Watson songs, that's what you have to be critical about. I try to tell you a life story. Something that's happened to you or someone you've seen or known of. I try to tell stories people can identify with."

As far as his favorite song goes, Watson relates, "I don't pick favorites. I have the final decision on all my material, and I feel like picking a favorite song would be like picking one of your kids as your favorite. But don't get me wrong, there are some you like better than others."

Although Watson has had his share of success, he believes the most important thing in his career to be "consistency. That's what I've always wanted from the first time I signed my first major recording contract. I was more interested in consistency than anything else. If I was going to be a well-known artist, I would much rather be a consistent top-five or top-ten aritst than have two consecutive number one songs in my whole career."

Unfortunately, consistency hasn't always followed Watson as he tells of a lowpoint in his career. "I've had different lowpoints," he says. "In fact, I've thought seriously about giving it up. But after it came out and the fans heard about it, I really caught a lot of flak because the fans were so devout. I've probably been down as low in the last three or four years than I've ever been down during my career. But thanks to Ray Pennington, SOR, and my manager, I feel like I'm on the rise again. It's like a brand new beginning."

Watson adds, "This is the first album with Step One and they are some of the greatest people I've worked with. At last I've got some people that are working as hard as I am and giving me the recognition I deserve and trying to help me. I don't know how to feel because I don't think I've ever had that. When I was with Capitol Records I had Glen Campbell standing there with 'Rhinestone Cowboy.' Then I went to MCA and had George Strait standing over me. So I went to Epic and had the whole world standing over me and later to Warner Bros....and that blew out the window. I've never had this much attention. I tell you, I feel like a kid with a new toy. It's great."

When it comes to Watson's performances, which he openly admits to not rehearsing, practicing, or even warming up for, he claims, "I'm not one of these guys who will sing 10 songs in a row. I like to sing a song, feel the audience out, know what they want to hear and then give it to them. I like to talk between songs and build up the songs so by that time I don't have to intro the song because the people know the name of it. I never plan a show. My band judges from the way I talk to the audience what the next song is going to be. It makes it a little rough on them sometimes, but it keeps them on their toes, too."

Watson, who would like to spend 75 percent of his time on the road, says, "I like the road. It's a way of life. I like to go out a couple of weeks and then come back in. However, you have to respect the road. You have to take care of yourself and get all the rest you can because the road will kill you if you let it."

Even though Watson's career has brought him a great deal of success with hits like, "Farewell Party," "Fourteen Carat Mind," "Paper Rosie," "Speak Softly," "One Sided Conversation," "Should I Come Home" and many more, he still doesn't consider himself a star. "I understand that I'm well-known and a lot of people might consider me a star, but I think that's kind of a cliche. A lot of people say they want to be a star. They're beautiful to look at but you can't touch them and I'm a people person. I like to meet people and touch hands. I still sign autographs, and I'm no better or worse than who I'm talking to. It's a job for me and I have fun at it. I don't know of any job that I could have more fun at."

COUNTRY MUSIC

Increase In Full-Time Country Stations

By Richard McVey

NASHVILLE—According to the 1994 Country Music Association Country Radio Directory, the number of full-time Country radio stations in the United States and Canada has jumped to 2,427, making this the fifth straight increase since 1989.

The 1994 CMA Country Radio Directory was compiled in partner-ship with M Street Journal, the organization which tracks formats of all radio stations. This year's directory was expanded to include a new section which lists over 40 Country syndicators and program suppliers across the U.S. and Canada.

CMA executive director Ed Benson said, "Radio is the backbone of the industry because it connects the creators to the consumers. With the increased number of stations programming this format, CMA has taken every possible measure to assure that the annual CMA Country Radio Directory is the most accurate, informative source of its kind concentrating on Country radio, America's most listened-to format."

When the first Country radio list was published in 1961, only 81 were full-time country stations. By 1975, that figure jumped to over 1,000.

New Weekly Radio Series, Country HitMakers, To Launch In April

NASHVILLE—Country HitMakers, a new one-hour weekly Country radio program, will premiere nationally on April 4. The program will be produced by Ron Huntsman Entertainment Marketing Inc. (RHEM) and will give listeners an inside look at the music and lifestyles of today's country stars.

The show will be hosted by Nashville's WSIX on-air personality Hoss Burns and will contain a variety of today's country music as well as several in-depth lifestyle and music features from Country's brightest stars. Some of the rotating and recurring feature segments will include: "Unplugged" Acoustic Performances; Racing (NASCAR); Horizon and New Artist Spotlights; Outdoors activities; CD Premieres or Spotlights; Country Dance; Unique Creative Collaborations; Musical Influences; and Entertainment News.

Ron Huntsman, president of RHEM said, "The Country HitMaker format will help stations provide their listeners with exclusive hitcentered profiles and features direct from today's Country stars without varying from music-intensive programming."

CMA Creates An International Representative Team

NASHVILLE—The Country Music Association has established a team of European representatives based in the UK/Ireland, Benelux and Germany/Switzerland/Austria territories, beginning March 1. According to the CMA, the move comes as a way to more directly serve key international regions.

The new appointments include Tony Rounce for the UK/Ireland (headquartered in London); Fritz Portner for the GSA territory (Zurich); and Karen Holt for Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg (Utrecht, Holland). A Scandinavian representative will be appointed later this year.

Reporting to the CMA's Nashville-based international director Jeff Green, their responsibilities will include communication and coordination with artists, record company executives, radio/TV stations, retailers, concert promoters, booking agents, publicists, trade/consumer press, clubs, music publishers, performing rights societies, artist managers and tour coordinators.

"We are grateful to have attracted these talented professionals to CMA's staff," Green says. "Fritz, Tony and Karen bring a wide range of experience, contacts and localized knowledge to the industry. Their appointments will surely advance the many CMA initiatives now underway to broaden Country Music's popularity worldwide."

In Other News...

The newest facet of FANFEST '94, taking place May 4-7 at the Los Angeles County Fair and Exposition Complex, is the addition of a national songwriting contest. The winners of the contest will be announced after April 15 and will be selected by a panel of judges from the music industry, including professional songwriters. Prizes range from \$5,000 for first place to receiving a free trip or tickets to the event.

Branson will kick off its 1994 season, March 10-13, with four days of live performances as the Second Annual Americana Branson Jam takes the stage of the Grand Palace. The event will be produced by the Americana Television Network and will be hosted by Jim Stafford and comedian Yakov Smirnoff. Artists scheduled to appear include: Mel Tillis, Mickey Gilley, Bob Eubanks, Tony Orlando, the Lennon Sisters, Shoji Tabuchi, the Osmonds, the Presleys, Charley Pride, Moe Bandy, John Davidson, Louise Mandrell and Boxcar Willie.

Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards was in Nashville recently to record duets with George Jones for his new MCA album. They were also joined by Rolling Stones saxman Bobby Keys.

Lyricist Marilyn Bergman was unanimously elected president of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers by the ASCAP Board of Directors in Los Angeles. Bergman's election follows on the heels of composer Morton Gould's decision to step down as president.

Two new Miller Lite television commercials will star the country music duo Brooks & Dunn. Earlier this year, the duo signed an agreement with Miller Lite that includes sponsorship of their 1994 concert tour, appearances by the singers in commercials and the use of their likenesses in promotional material.

Martha White Foods will return to its historical musical roots as sponsors of Martha White Bluegrass Night at the Ryman, taking place at the Ryman Auditorium every Tuesday, June 14-August 30.

The Nashville Network (TNN) has postponed the debut of its new series, *The Legends of Country Music*, originally slated for March 28, due to scheduling conflicts that have delayed production. The series will now premiere in the fall. Hosted by George Jones, Tammy Wynette and Willie Nelson, each host will present seven shows in which they invite their favorite artists to perform with them and talk about their music.

On behalf of the Academy of Country Music's Board of Directors, Bill Boyd, executive director of the organization, announced that this year, for the first time, the Academy will honor Country Music's Talent Buyer/Promoter of the Year. The winner of the award will be recognized at the upcoming 29th Annual Academy of Country Music Awards on May 3 at the Universal Amphitheatre in California.

Trinity Broadcasting Network, a California-based religious broadcasting network is buying Music Village U.S.A and may turn the country complex in Hendersonville, TN into a gospel music theme park, according to a local spokesman. TBN is currently in negotiations to purchase the property and is also considering acquiring Twitty City as well.



BENEFIT BRINGS TOGETHER INTERESTING DUO—Carl Perkins (I) recently rehearsed with world-renowned planist Lorin Hollander (r) for what could easily be called a "first of its kind" jam session. The two were preparing for their show to take place later that night in Jackson, TN to benefit the Music For Esteem program, which is designed to reach children who live in or around high-risk crime areas through music.



#1 SINGLE: Brooks & Dunn



TO WATCH: Sawyer Brown #39



HIGH DEBUT: Clint Black #45



#1 INDIE: Gene Watson #53

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2 TRYIN' TO GET OVER YOU (MCA 54706) Vince Gill		8	(Mercury 1000)	4 ∩	15
3 T.L.C. A.S.A.P. (RCA 07863)		10	52 NO MORE CRYIN' (MCA 54761) McBride & the Ride		13
			53 GLASS HEARTS (Step One 472) Gene Watson		3
4 I'VE GOT IT MADE (BNA 62709-2) John Anderson		11	54 SAWMILL ROAD (Arista 2610) Diamond Rio		_
5 HE THINKS HE'LL KEEP HER (Columbia 77316) Mary-Chapin Carpenter		10	55 FOR YOUR LOVE (Liberty 79014)		8
6 THEY ASKED ABOUT YOU (MCA 54769) Reba McEntire			56 LOVE ME ALL OVER (Belitune)		4
7 NO DOUBT ABOUT IT (Atlantic) Neal McCoy		9	57_STATE OF MIND (RCA 66239)		14
9 GOODBYE SAYS IT ALL (Arista) Blackhawk			- I bette		16
9 THAT'S MY STORY (Epic 53952) Collin Raye		11		56	15
10 STANDING OUTSIDE THE FIRE (Liberty 79023) Garth Brooks	11	7		55	
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12 LIFE #9 (RCA)	14	8	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	67	4
13 MY LOVE (Warner Bros.) Little Texas	16	7			
14 I'M HOLDING MY OWN (Arista) Lee Roy Parnell	15	8	63 A WHOLE LOT OF YOU (Step One) Ashley Evans		5
15 I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW (MCA 54768) Mark Chesnuti		11	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	69	3
16 WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS (Liberty 79018) Tanya Tucker		7	65 IN LIKE A LION (Platinum Plus)		
17 HEY CINDERELLA (Liberty 79008) Suzy Bogguss		11			17
16 IF THE GOOD DIE YOUNG (Atlantic) Tracy Lawrence		5	67 YOU DON'T KNOW (Platinum Plus) Paula inman		6
19 IF IT WASN'T FOR HER I WOULDN'T HAVE YOU (Giant 6447)			68 I WANT TO BE LOVED LIKE THAT (RCA 78063) Shenandoah	61	19
	18	12		63	10
20 I CAN'T REACH HER ANYMORE (Mercury) Sammy Kershaw		7			18
21 WORDS BY HEART (Mercury 1101) Billy Ray Cyrus		5	71 LIVE UNTIL I DIE (Giant 6559)		
22 TAKE IT EASY (from Common Thread: Giant 24531-2)		6	72 STARS GET IN YOUR EYES (JMC) Larry Hamilton	65	10
23 WHERE WAS I (Columbia 48992) Ricky Van Shelton		7	73 CERTIFIED MAN (Song-1) Todd Pulse	77	3
24 ROCK BOTTOM (MCA)		3	74 FAST AS YOU (Reprise/Warner Bros.45241-2) Dwight Yoakam	68	19
25 PIECE OF MY HEART (Warner Bros.18265) Faith Hill		4	75 IF YOU'RE TEMPTATION (Platinum Plus)	82	2
26 BETTER YOUR HEART THAN MINE (MCA 54786) Trisha Yearwood		5	76 AIN'T GOT TIME (Song-1) Amy Leigh Presley		
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		5	77 THE CALL OF THE WILD (RCA 66251) Aaron Tippin	73	19
			78 THE BOYS & ME (Curb 1062) Sawyer Brown	72	19
28 IF BUBBA CAN DANCE (RCA 66267)		3	79 SOMEBODY NEW (Mercury 1008) Billy Ray Cyrus	75	19
29 RED & THE RIO GRANDE (BNA 63757-2) Doug Supernaw		5	80 IT JUST AIN'T RIGHT (Sabtech/Andre Romare) Johnny B	84	2
30 KISS ME I'M GONE (MCA5P-54777)		6	81 DASH BETWEEN THE NUMBERS (Song-1) Jim Fullen	85	3
31 STONE COLD COUNTRY (Epic 77355) Gibson/Miller Band		7	82 WORTH EVERY MILE (Warner Bros. 5048) Travis Tritt	78	17
32 ADDICTED TO A DOLLAR (Epic 77375) Doug Stone		2	83 I'M FALLIN AGAIN (Platinum Plus) Paul Finger	87	2
WHAT A CRYING SHAME (MCA 10961) The Mavericks	34	5	84 I DON'T CALL HIM DADDY (BNA 62638) Doug Supernaw	74	21
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35 I LOVE YOU 'CAUSE I WANT TO (Giant 18625) Carlene Carter		5	87 WILD ONE (Warner Bros. 18411) Faith Hill	76	19
36 YOUR LOVE AMAZES ME (Liberty 80472) John Berry		4	88 THE SONG REMEMBERS WHEN (MCA 54734) Trisha Yearwood	80	20
37 I'D LIKE TO HAVE THAT ONE BACK (MCA 10907) George Strait		12	89 IN LOVE WITH A MARRIED MAN (Platinum Plus) Frieda Hirsch	DE	BUT
38 HONKY TONK SUPERMAN (RCA 07863)		4	90 WHY DON'T THAT TELEPHONE RING (MCA 10649) Tracy Byrd		
39 OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN (Curb 77626) Sawyer Brown	50	2	91 SOON (Liberty 79830)		
40 WHERE DO I FIT IN THE PICTURE (Giant 24511) Clay Walker	46	2	92 MY SECOND HOME (Atlantic 82483) Tracy Lawrence		
HONKY TONK CROWD (Columbia 77373) Rick Trevino	45	3	93 MERCURY BLUES (Arista 18711)		
42 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN (Arista 2643) Dude Mowrey	43	3	94 SOMEPLACE FAR AWAY (Curb 1065) Hal Ketchum		
43 I SWEAR (Atlantic) John Michael Montgomery	23	12	95 KISS ME IN THE CAR (Liberty 79000) John Berry		
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45 A GOOD RUN OF BAD LUCK (RCA)			97 AMERICAN HONKY TONK BAR ASSOCIATION (Liberty 79006)	-	. •
46 YOU WILL (Epic77271) Patty Loveless				95	19
47 MY OWN BACKYARD (Epic 77380) Joe Diffie			98 GOD BLESSED TEXAS (Warner Bros. 45276) Little Texas		
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49 SHE NEVER CRIED (Atlantic) Confederate Railroad			100 SHE USED TO BE MINE (Arista 2602) Brooks & Dunn		
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■ GEORGE JONES WITH SAMMY KER-SHAW "Never Bit A Bullet Like This" (MCA 10910)

The second release off Jones' High-Tech Redneck, this fast-paced tune features a collaboration with Mercury recording artist Sammy Kershaw. Jones' vocal influence comes to light as the duo blends amazingly similar vocals on this sure-fire hit written by Jim Foster and Mike Peterson.





■ LORRIE MORGAN "My Night To Howl" (BNA 62767-2)

Morgan, as the title implies, starts this upbeat single off with a "howl." Unfortunately, that was the best part. Off her upcoming War Paint album, "My Night To Howl" has Morgan's great vocals, but that's all. The song says nothing new lyrically.

■ BILLY DEAN "Once In A While" (Liberty 79025)
Dean uses what got him here, an incredible ability to sing a ballad. "Once In A While," off the movie soundtrack, 8 Seconds, is just another feather in Dean's cap. Expect the success from his gold album Fire In The Dark and hit single "We Just Disagree" to continue with this single.





■ WILLIE NELSON "Afraid" (Justice 1601-2)

Off Nelson's Moonlight Becomes You album, this slow-paced single is a return to an earlier time for Nelson. The song offers a classical, more traditional sound than today's country music. Nelson's voice is as strong as ever on "Afraid," but I don't see today's country stations giving it much airplay.

PICK OF THE WEEK



■ CONWAY TWITTY AND SAM MOORE "Rainy Night In Georgia" (MCA 5P-2974)

The first release off the *Rhythm*, *Country & Blues* album, which pairs country and R&B artists together, this single highlights the soulful voices of both Twitty and Moore. The tune, made famous by Brook Benton in 1970, unites Twitty's low, scratchy voice with Moore's higher smoother voice in what is destined to become a classic.



COUNTRY ALBUMS

TOP 75 COUNTRY ALBUMS

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#1 ALBUM John M. Montgomery





TO WATCH: Neal McCoy #22

LICKIN' IT UP (Atlantic 82559) John Michael Montgomery COMMON THREAD: THE SONGS OF THE EAGLES (Giant 24531-2)(P2)	1	5
Various Artists	2	16
3 GREATEST HITS VOL. II (MCA 10906)(P2)	7	19 72
5 HONKY TONK ANGELS (Columbia 53414)(G)	′	14
6 A LOT ABOUT LIVIN' (AND A LITTLE 'BOUT LOVE)	5	15
(Arista 18711)(P3)	8	67
7 COME ON COME ON (Columbia 48881)(P) Mary-Chapin Carpenter	4	80
8 HARK WORKIN' MAN (Arista 18716)(P2) Brooks & Dunn	11	50
9 THIS TIME (Reprise/Warner Bros. 45241-2)(P) Dwight Yoakam 10 BIG TIME (Warner Bros. 45276)(G) Little Texas	10	46 37
11 CLAY WALKER (Giant 24511-2)(G)	6	24
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	14	5
15 TAKE ME AS I AM (Warner Bros. 45389) Faith Hill	16	9
	20 Dee	40
	12	38
19 NO TIME TO KILL (RCA 66239)(P) Clint Black	15	29
20 CONFEDERATE RAILROAD (Atlantic 82335)(P) Confederate Railroad	17 21	52 6
21 SHE'D GIVE ANYTHING (Curb 77656)	29	3
23 WHAT A CRYING SHAME (MCA 10961) The Mavericks	18	3
24 LIFE'S A DANCE (Atlantic 82420)(P) John Michael Montgomery 25 8 SECONDS (MOVIE SOUNDTRACK (MCA 10927) Various Artists	25 31	51 3
	28	175
27 ALMOST GOODBYE (MCA 10851)(G) Mark Chesnutt	22	33
28 SOMETHING UP MY SLEEVE (Liberty 89261) Suzy Bogguss 29 TOBY KEITH (Mercury 514421)(G) Toby Keith	23 24	19 40
30 THE SONG REMEMBERS WHEN (MCA 10911)(G) Trisha Yearwood	26	15
31 HIGH-TECH REDNECK (MCA)	30	10
32 PURE COUNTRY (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack) (MCA 10651)(P2)	27	70
33 BRAND NEW MAN (Arista 18658)(P3) Brooks & Dunn 3	33	125
	32 36	12 231
36 SOON (Liberty 89048)	38	16
37 HAUNTED HEART (Mercury 14332)(G)	39 34	47 16
39 TRIBUTE TO THE MUSIC OF BOB WILLS (Liberty 81470)	34	10
	35 37	14 25
40 CALL OF THE WILD (RCA 66251)(G)		25
	40	95
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HLSR EXPANDS-Four-time championship cowboy Ty Murray; Tracy Lawrence; Don Jordan, the president of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; Mark Chesnutt; and CMA director Ed Benson (I-r) spoke at the CMA building in Nashville to announce the expansion of the HLSR to include a pay-per-view special. in addition, HLSR performers will be featured in a syndicated radio concert series.



CAMP MAKES FIRST SOLO APPEARANCE ON OPRY-Warner/Reprise artist Shawn Camp (I) is welcomed by Opry legend, Porter Wagoner. Camp performed "Fallin' Never Felt So Good," during a recent appearance on the Grand Ole Opry for the first time as a solo artist.



ON THE SET OF BOGGUSS' COMMERCIAL—Liberty recording artist Suzy Bogguss is pictured on the set of her commercial for the "Somthing Up My Sleeve" Sweepstakes. Three grand prize winners will accompany Bogguss to London and be guests at Garth Brooks' first concert performance at Wembley Stadium, along with a \$500 shopping spree.



COUNTRY MUSIC

High Debuts

Cash Box COUNTRY **RADIO**

1. CLINT BLACK-"A Good Run Of Bad Luck"-(RCA)-#45

2. JOE DIFFIE—"In My Own BackYard"—(Epic)—#47

Most Active

1. SAWYER BROWN-"Outskirts Of Town"-(Curb)-#39

2. DWIGHT YOAKAM—"Try Not To Look So Pretty"—(Reprise/Warner Bros.)—

3. TRACY LAWRENCE-"If The Good Die Young"-(Atlantic)-#18

4. SHENANDOAH-"If Bubba Can Dance"-(RCA)-#28

5. CLAY WALKER-"Where Do I Fit In The Picture"-(Giant)-#40

POWERFUL ON THE PLAYLIST—The Cash Box Top 100 Country Singles chart is topped off this week by Brooks & Dunn's latest, "Rock My World (Little Country Girl)." The chart this week shows moderate movement and only two debuts. Sawyer Brown leads the way in the most movement category, moving up 11 spots to #39 with "Outskirts Of Town." Following close behind is Dwight Yoakam moving up 10 spots to #34 with 'Try Not To Look So Pretty.' Tracy Lawrence continues to rise, up seven spots to #18 with "If The Good Die Young." Shenandoah moves up seven spots also to #28 with ~~~~~~"If Bubba Can Dance." The last big mover in the Top 50 is Clay Walker with ~"Where Do 1 Fit In The Picture" moving up six to #40. Two debuts can be seen in this week's Top 50. Clint Black nudges out Joe Diffie for the highest debut with "A Good Run Of Bad Luck" at #45. Diffie follows close behind at #47 with his single "In My Own BackYard."

Songwriters Of The Week: Bill LaBounty and Steve O'Brien wrote the number-one single "Rock My World (Little Country

RADIO NEWS—WMZQ held an event to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital via a 1-800 number, collected on-site donations through a silent auction, T-shirts and sweatshirt sales, and fishbowl collections to raise more than \$360,000. According to last year's figures, the station raised 75 percent more than in 1993. 'The WMZQ listeners are so caring for these kids at St. Jude," said WMZQ operations manager Gary Mc-Cartie.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

- 1. In My Next Life—Merle Haggard (Curb)
- 2. Closing Time—Radney Foster (Arista)
- 3. Young Love—Twister Alley (Mercury)

CMT Top Ten Video Countdown

- 1. Neal McCoy No Doubt About It (Atlantic) 2. Mary-Chapin Carpenter He Thinks He'll Keep Her (Columbia) 3. Brooks & Dunn . Rock My World (Little Country Girl) (Arista) 4. Alan Jackson (Who Says) You Can't Have It All (Arista) 5. Vince Gill Tryin' To Get Over You (MCA) 6. Martina McBride Life #9 (RCA) 7. Blackhawk Goodbye Says It All (Arista)
- 8. Collin Raye That's My Story (Epic) 9. Lee Roy Parnell I'm Holding My Own (Arista)
- 10. Little Texas My Love (Warner Bros.)
- -Compliments of CMT video countdown, week ending March 2, 1994.

INDIE CHART ACTION—This was certainly another busy week for the independents. Fifteen independents in all are climbing the Top 100 Cash Box chart. Leading the Cash Box independents for the COUNTRY INDIE

second week is Gene Watson on the SOR label with "Glass Hearts." The single climbs five spots to #53 on the chart. Bobby Hood with "Love Me All Over" was again the second-highest indie moving up four spots to #56. The Geezinslaws move up five spots to #62 with "I Wish I Had A Job To Shove." Rounding out the movers this week, Jeff Allen with "Lonelyville" moves to #64, Tony Haan with "In Like A Lion" moves to #65, Paula Inman with "You Don't Know" moves to #67, Todd Pulse moves to #73, Chris Ridge moves to #75, Amy Leigh Presley moves to #76, Johny B moves to #80, Jim Fullen moves to #81, Paul Finger moves to #83 and Michael Wampler moves to #85. Only two independents debut this week: Carmen Marie with "Juke-Box Jumpin" at #86 and Frieda Hirsch with "In Love With A Married Man" at #89.

INDIE REVIEW



Chris Ridge

■ CHRIS RIDGE "If You're Temptation" (Platinum Plus)

Ridge makes a strong showing with this single. "If You're Temptation" stands firm with a great hook: "If you're temptation/How can I resist?" Ridge's high voice articulates this song of "temptation" well.

BOBBY HOOD

On CDX # 74

"Love Me All Over"

Written by Bobby Hood

Producer: Jim Congleton

Executive Producer: Calvin Guenther



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POSITIVE COUNTRY

Postive Country News Box

Susie Luchsinger Named Spokesperson for Spencer Clothing



Pictured at the filming of the TV commercial for Spencer's (i-r) are: Charley Redmond, manager; Honey Rowe, vice president, Spencers; Luchsinger; Paul Luchsinger; Jamye Benik, president of Crossingham Ad Agency; and Stephen Yake, producer.

Susie Luchsinger has been named the spokesperson for Spencer's clothing Company, a 67-year-old clothing manufacturer based in Mt. Airy, NC.

Spencer's is launching a major nationwide ad campaign with Luchsinger and her family featuring a western theme and focusing on family values. A 30-second TV commercial, produced by Stephen Yake, will be shown on Country Music Television (CMT), The Nashville Network (TNN), and The Family Channel throughout March and April.

Daywind Announces Creation of Thoroughbred Records

Thoroughbred Records has been created to serve the needs of the Christian country and bluegrass artists through its sister-label Daywind with distribution by New Day Christian distributors.

In Other News...

The Clarks have signed a recording agreement with Thoroughbred Records in Nashville.

Bluegrass gospel group, The Principals, have signed a recording agreement with Daywind.



Bruce Haynes was presented a plaque to commemorate his #1 single "Heavenly High" in Cash Box. Pictured (i-r): Darrell Turner, director of radio promotions for Cheyenne Records; Todd Payne, A&R for Cheyenne; Haynes; and Niles Borop, president of Centergy Music Group.

POSITIVE COUNTRY

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1 IT RUNS IN THE BLOOD (Ransom-Brentwood) Ken Holloway	1	6
2 THE PEN IS STILL IN THE AUTHOR'S HAND (Manuel)		
	1	9
3 MADE UP HEART (Morning Star) Fox Brothers	3	10
4 I SAW HIM IN YOUR EYES (Integrity)	4	14
5 IF I'D KNOWN THEN (Word/Epic)	5	13
6 ALIVE AND WELL (Cheyenne) Steve Gattin	12	2
7 COVERED IN RED (Heartlook) Rivers & Owens	6	30
8 I DON'T LOVE YOU LIKE I USED TO (Integrity) Susie Luchsinger	10	3
9 NEW STEP (Cheyenne)	16	2
10 DYING TO LIVE (Cheyenne)	25	2
11 NO LIMIT (Riversong) Jeff & Sheri Easter	9	12
12 I WILL BE HERE (Sparrow) Steven Curtis Chapman	13	5
13 I'LL NEVER BE OVER THE HILL (Calvary) Hinsons	17	5
14 TAKE MINE (Cheyenne)	7	20
15 FAN THE FLAME (Heartwrite) David Patillo	8	12
16 FIFTEEN HUNDRED MILES (Melody Mountain) Betty Jean Robinson	24	5
17 HEAVENLY HIGH (Cheyenne) Bruce Haynes	11	21
18 JESUS IS THE REASON (Custom) Cross Country	14	11
19 A TREE DON'T GROW NO TALLER (Kings Day 12692) Judy Deramus	18	7
20 SOMEBODY'S ANSWER TO PRAYER (Word) Bruce Carroli	19	5
21 REVIVAL IS COMING (Victory) Billy Holcomb	15	19
22 PLANS TO LEAVE (Heartwrite) David Patillo	DEI	3UT
23 WAITING FOR YOUR LOVE TO COME DOWN (Sparrow) Susan Ashton	23	7
24 LET HIM ASK IN FAITH (Integrity) John Wesley Ryles	26	2
25 I'M GOING HOME (Tall Texan) Billy Walker	28	6
26 WE'LL GO TO THE WELL (Word) Mid South	DEI	BUT
27 FROM HER CHAIR (New Heart) High Caliber	31	5
28 LOVE CAN CARRY (Cheyenne) Steve Gatlin	33	17
29 FOOTSTEPS OF THE LORD (Tima) Johnny Harra	27	6
30 RUN AWAY DEVIL (Obadiah) Bill Sowda	30	3
31 CHILD OF THE LIGHT (Cheyenne)	34	21
32 WIN THIS WAR (His Productions) Tim Fields	21	12
33 SEEDS (Mercury) Kathy Mattea	32	12
34 GO DOWN MOSES (Circuit Rider) W.C. Taylor	20	15
35 CALVARY'S THE REASON WHY(Gospel Choice) Dei Way	35	10
36 EVERYDAY MIRACLES (Dovesong) Pam Walker	36	4
37 THAT LITTLE CHURCH ON THE CORNER (His Ministries) im Carruthers	37	3
38 THREE RUSTY NAILS (HIS Productions) Don Vinson	22	5
39 GOOD FEELING GOING HOME (Rain Records)		
	30	6

40 THERE IS AN ANSWER (Tima) Don Richmond 39 5

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN

Contemporary Christian News Box

Amy Grant Honored With Pax Christi Award



Amy Grant

COLLEGEVILLE,

MN—Amy Grant will be honored with the prestigious Pax Christi Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, May 1.

The selection of Grant as the 1994 Pax Christi recipient helps link Benedictine values to contemporary Christian life by recognizing Grant's commitment to Christian faith and service to others. "We are honored to present the Pax Christi Award to Amy Grant," stated Dietrich Reinhart O.S.B., president, Saint

John's University. "The Christian values she incorporates into her life and music career have reached millions of young people. She is a contemporary Christian role model for today's generation."

Grant is the third woman and ninth layperson to receive the Pax Christi Award which has been awarded since 1963. The purpose of the award is to honor those who have distinguished themselves by espousing a profound and earnest zeal of Christian ideals. As part of the ceremony Grant will be the featured soloist in a choral concert and will be joined by her longtime friend and songwriting partner, Michael W. Smith.

The Pax Christi ceremony and concert will be broadcast nationally on American Public Radio affiliates on Sunday, May 8.

In Other News...

AristoMedia has announced the completion and distribution of the company's "Report on the Status of Christian Video Outlets." Included in the report are details on outlets that play Christian/Gospel videos.

Tilley and Associates announced the creation of an exclusive booking division, the Vanguard Entertainment Agency. Vanguard's staff will include veteran agents Scott Huie, Kelli Sellers and Jeff Gregg.

Brentwood Music announced the formation of a new budget-line music label dubbed **Bee Line Records**. The division will be launched in April.

Intersound announced that it has signed praise and worship artist Danny Chambers. Chambers' first release, Forever Faithful, is scheduled for a March release.

Michael Card launched a 31-city 'Joy in the Journey' tour February 19 in Augusta, GA. The tour, a musical retrospective of Card's career, coincides with the release of Card's Joy in the Journey-Ten Years of Greatest Hits

Geoff Moore's "Live To Tell" has been chosen as the theme song for DC/LA'94, a superconference sponsored by Youth for Christ.

Sparrow Communications Group has expanded the company's A&R and publishing departments. Steve Rice has been promoted from manager, A&R and publishing administration to vice president, A&R and publishing administration. Craig Dunnagan, formerly copyright administrator, has been named manager of publishing administration.

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1 I SURRENDER ALL (Reunion)	1	7
2 LIVE TO TELL (ForeFront)	6	7
3 MARKS OF THE CROSS (DaySpring)	4	6
4 GOD IS IN CONTROL (Star Song) Twila Paris	2	7
5 THAT KIND OF LOVE (Vireo)	3	6
6 PRESS ON (Benson) Billy Sprague	11	6
7 WHERE DO I GO (Reunion) Ashley Cleveland & Gary Chapman	10	7
8 REMEMBER (Sparrow) Susan Ashton	8	5
9 I KNOW A LOVE (Benson)	9	6
10 SAY THE NAME (Sparrow) Margaret Becker	5	7
11 MIND, BODY, HEART & SOUL (Warner Alliance) Bob Carlisle	12	7
12 WELCOME TO OUR WORLD (Benson) East To West	14	6
13 A BEAUTIFUL PLACE (DaySpring) Wayne Watson	13	7
14 A WING AND A PRAYER (Star Song) Brian Barrett	13	5
15 ONE MORE BROKEN HEART (Word) Point of Grace	7	7
16 GIVIN' IT UP FOR YOU (Benson)	19	3
17_WRECKING BALL (Berson)	16	6
18 HERE IN AMERICA (Reunion) Rich Mullins	20	2
19 WITHOUT YOU WITH ME(Intersound) Ji Lim	18	3
20 GOD KNOWS (Benson) Angeio & Veronica	17	6
21 GLORY TO GOD (Sparrow) Steve Green	32	2
22 WALK INTO FREEDOM(Star Song) Allison Durham	28	3
23 NEVER LOOK BACK(Berson) Degarmo & Key	30	3
24 CLOSER TO THE FIRE (Reunion) Michael James	23	7
25 CHORUS OF FAITH (Sparrow) Michael Card	32	2
26 MORE THAN A FRIEND (DaySpring) Helen Baylor	22	7
27 STANDING IN THE GAP (Word) Babbie Mason	26	7
28 MY WORLD VIEW(ForeFront) Audio Adrenaline	31	3
29 EVIDENCE OF LOVE (Myrrh) First Call	36	2
30 THE MOTHER & THE BRIDE(Metro One) Crystal Lewis	27	7
31 SAVIOR (Warner Alliance)	34	2
32 I'LL BE LOVING YOU (Giant) David & the Giants	25	2
3S LOVE'S THE KEY (Benson) Billy & Sarah Gaines	21	2
34_LOVE WILL NEVER DIE (Warner Alliance) The Winans	24	3
35 REST IN ME (Sparrow)	37	7
36 FROM THIS MOMENT ON (Benson) Newsong	38	2
37 ONE VOICE (Benson)	29	3
36 IN THE HANDS OF GOD (Warner Alliance) Steve Camp	35	2
39 HELLO FOREVER (Pakaderm) Scott Springer	40	7

40 BE STILL (Word) Legend Seven 39

ICMOA Invites State Legislators To ACME '94

CHICAGO—For the past many months the possibility of riverboats in Chicago has received extensive mass media exposure and the issue is expected to be addressed at the spring legislative session in Springfield. Needless to say, area operators are hopeful that video gaming will have a place on the agenda.

With the Illinois state primaries preceding the opening of the ACME convention by just two days, the Illinois Coin Machine Operators Association is urging operators to contact their senators and representatives and invite them to the show. Attending ACME '94 will provide better insight as to the equipment, the manufacturers and the coin-op industry as a whole and might, perhaps, convince legislators with negative thoughts about gaming to keep an open mind—and at the same time have some fun playing all of the games that will be on the exhibit floor.

The proximity of the Rosemont/O'Hare Exposition Center (ACME'S convention site) to O'Hare airport is a plus factor for convincing legislators to either stop by en route or stay over for a few days following the primary.

ICMOA will arrange for guest badges and other accommodations. Premier Technology has offered the use of its hospitality suite for legislators.

'What's Hot In Coin-Op' Update

CHICAGO—The American Amusement Machine Association (AAMA) regularly surveys industry distributors throughout the nation to compile a "What's Hot In Coin-Op" chart, based on earnings in three equipment categories: Video, Pinball and Variety Piece (or Other). These charts have been appearing in *Cash Box* since their inception in August of '93. Following is the latest update, representing the month of January '94:

Listed below are the top earning pieces in Convenience Stores:

Video:

Mortal Kombat II
(Midway)

NBA Jam (Midway)

Mortal Kombat (Midway)

Super StreetFighter CE
(Capcom)

Samurai Showdown
(SNK)

Pinball:
<u>Iudge Dredd</u> (Williams)
<u>Star Trek</u> (Williams)

Other: Watch Crane (Smart) Listed below are the top earning pieces in Night Club and Bars:

Video:

NBA Jam (Midway)

Lethal Enforcers
(Konami)

Run & Gun (Konami)

Pinball: <u>Star Trek</u> (Williams) <u>Tee'd Off</u> (Premier)

Other:
Pool Table
Full Court Frenzy (I.C.E.)

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San Antonio Is The Place For AMOA Expo '94!

CHICAGO—The dates are September 22-24; the site is the San Antonio Convention Center; the event is the 1994 Amusement & Music Operators Association annual convention which, for the first time, is being held in the Lone Star State!

Show dates fall on a Thursday, Friday and Saturday. More than 1,000 booths are expected to be sold for AMOA Expo '94, where the latest in computer technologies, pinball games, video games, CD jukeboxes, electronic darts, pool tables, cranes, redemption equipment, plush and supplies, gaming equipment, coin counters/validators, cigarette vending equipment, kiddie rides and related products, accessories and services will be featured.

In addition to the all-encompassing exhibition, a full lineup of educational seminars, addressing a variety of technical and management topics pertinent to the coin-op industry will be held.

The San Antonio Convention Center is located on San Antonio's world famous River Walk, a renowned tourist attraction that reflects the rich and diverse history of the city.

Information will soon be mailed to prospective exhibitors. This coming Spring, attendee registration, housing and program information will be mailed to the trade.

Tami Norbert-Paulsen is chairperson of the Expo '94 planning committee. Chairing the various sub-committees are: Arnie Aronovitz of Apple Vending in Philadelphia—Awards; Alan Deutschmann of A.L.D. Services in St. Charles, MO—Banquet Seating; William Stone of Stone Amusement in Tullahoma, TN—Educational Seminars; Doug Gapter of Gapter Amusement in Cheyenne, WY—Exhibits; Gene Winstead of American Amusement Arcades in Minneapolis—Hesch Scholarship Foundation Promotion; Jim Reed of Patton Vending in Modesto, CA—Registration; and R.A. Green III of Rosemary Coin Machines in Myrtle Beach, SC—Stage Show.

New York To Host Virtual Reality Forum

CHICAGO—Virtual Reality Entertainment Forum '94 will take place April 5, 6 and 7 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City, with a format geared to the applications of virtual reality in entertainment, advertising and marketing. More than 50 speakers will be on hand to discuss the latest developments and applications for this growing technology.

In addition, over 25 hands-on exhibits will be featured, hosted by such firms as Virtual Images, Inc., Ascension Technology Corporation, In Video Systems, BioControl Systems, Inc., Virtus Corporation, among others, who will present their best and most innovative concepts. Video Entertainment Forum '94 is being produced by Sig-Advanced Applications, Inc. (publisher of *Virtual Reality Systems* magazine).

The cost for registration is \$495 (prior to March 28, 1994) and \$595 if you register after this date.

For further information contact Sig-Advanced Applications, Inc., 1562 First Ave., Suite 286, New York, NY 10028 or phone 212-717-1318. FAX number is 212-861-0588/89.

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