

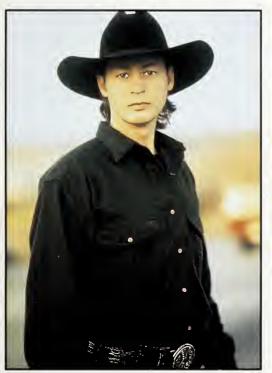
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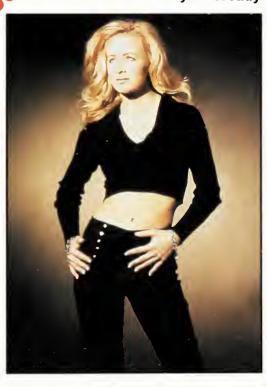




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Ledbetter Heights Kenny Wayne Shepherd (Revolution)

Cover Story

Fan Fair '96

lt's the time of year again when country music's finest two-step their stuff for the fans that make them stars. This edition of Fan Fair '96, held in Nashville features new, tried and tried & true artists from Alison Krauss, Tim McGraw and Vince Gill to the acts featured on this year's Fan Fair cover-Paul Brandt, Mindy McCready and the group Richocet. Cash Box Nashville editor Wendy Newcomer spoke with the artists about the ingredients leading to their success during the past year.

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Lyric Censors Renew Attack

William Bennett and C. Dolores Tucker, who in the past have challenged the recording industry to clean up its lyrical act, have been joined by a pair of U.S. senators in a renewed campaign against lyrics deemed objectionable. The newly-engergized coalition has established a list of artists and songs they've judged harmful to the nation's youth, created a war chest and plan to wage an ad campaign to alert parents and stockholders of companies that harbor the artists called offensive. Cash Box urban editor Peter Miro reports.

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Lead Story

MCA Records Revamps Black Music Division

Ken Wilson heads new executive team, David Harleston resigns.

By Peter Miro

THE BLACK MUSIC COLLECTIVE at Universal City, CA-based MCA Records is no more. As of June 4, it was retooled as the Black Music division, and will pursue its fortunes under a new executive team headed by industry veteran Ken Wilson, according to an announcement by Jay Boberg, MCA Records president.

Wilson assumes the post of president, Black Music division, MCA Records, and will oversee all aspects of its day-to-day operations. Completing the reorganized division's executive staff are Stanley Winslow, vp, urban promotion, Black Music; Kevin Bass, sr. director, administration & planning, Black Music; Irene Rivera-Gandia, dir. special projects, Black Music; and Pierre Bradshaw, mgr., A&R, Black Music.

As part of its strategy for building a label for the future, the label has accepted the resignations of David Harleston, sr. vp; long-time executive A.D. Washington, sr. vp, promotions & marketing; Marsha Thomas-Frye, vp promotions, East Coast; Nancy Taylor, vp; and Dyan Golden, dir. of administration for R&B promotions/marketing.

Commenting on the appointments, Boberg said, "MCA Records' Black Music division has been one of the crown jewels of our company, as well as the envy of the industry. We are dedicated to strengthening and expanding the division's decades-long tradition of excellence. I am confident that this reorganization will ensure the spirit and success of the Black Music division for many years to come.'

Veteran MCA Records' Black Music executives Hank Shocklee, sr. vp and Ashley Fox vp, marketing, remain in place to facilitate the goals of the revitalized Black Music division.

Wilson adds, "I am thrilled at the opportunity to be a player in bridging the gap between the illustrious past and the incredible future of Black music at MCA.

Wilson comes to MCA Records after more than six years with Columbia Records, most recently as vp, Black Music promotion. Earlier this year, he was honored by Impact magazine with its 1996 Executive of the Year Award.

MCA Records Black Music Division will continue to support acts and releases cultivated in its earlier incarnation as the Black Music Collective (under Harleston), and is reportedly looking at all kinds of

music to expand its successes. At present, its black artist roster includes Passion, Ruffa, Tasha, Rahsaan Patterson, Charisse Arrington, Al Green, Shai, Nonchalant and Immature. Sleek, svelte powerhouse Vesta Williams waits in the wings, her new album nearly finished. MCA-distributed Silas Records is grooming debut artist Jesse Powell.



Ken Wilson

News Briefs

COUNTERFEITERS COUNTERED: The biggest counterfeit cassette criminal action in the history of the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) culminated in a one-month trial which rendered guilty verdicts against four individuals in May. Yaser Allan of Philadelphia, his brothers Basem and Osama of Cedar Grove, New Jersey were convicted on charges of conspiracy, trafficking in counterfeit labels, copyright infringement, conspiracy to launder money and money laundering. Raymond Liess, Jr. of Richfield, NJ, a printer who produced counterfeit J-cards, was

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Williams





Untown Records has announced two top executive appointments, includ-ing Charles Warfield, Jr. to sr. vp/gm and Lewis Tucker being promoted to vp. Prior to joining the



MCA Music Entertainment Group label (which is under the umbrella of Universal Records), Warfield was vp/gm of WRKS-FM in New York, and before that spent 12 years at the Inner City Broadcasting Corp. and served as vp/gm at New York's WBLS-FM and WLIB-AM. Tucker had been national director of promotion at Uptown having joined the company four years ago as a regional promotions manager. In his new capacity he will oversee all promotional, marketing and publicity activities for Uptown. John Rotella has been appointed to vp of sales/field marketing for Polydor Records. Most recently West Coast regional director for Island Records, Rotella started at PolyGram in 1978 working his way through the distribution division as a field merchandiser then national sales rep. In 1988 he went to product management on the West Coast, and later joined PLG which represented Island, Polydor, London Records and several smaller labels.

Pat Blair has been named vp of copyright administration for the MCA Music Entertainment Group (MMEG). Blair will oversee song clearance and copyright registration of sound recordings and music videos in addition to mechanical, synchronization and new media licensing. She joined MCA in June, 1986 as assoc. dir. copyright administration before being upped to director in October, Prior to MCA, Blair was in the copyright department of what is know known as Warner/Chappell Music. Revolution Records has revamped its promotion department, naming Gary Poole and Gary Richards to national posts. Poole will spearhead Revolution's album and rock radio efforts. A veteran of on-air radio for several stations, he began his record industry career in 1994 at Restless Records where he was director of national rock/alternative/AAA promotion. He served in a similar capacity at Discovery Records. Washington, D.C.-native Richards, who will focus on alternative radio, comes from a music industry family, and began his own career at while in college. He has worked in promotion at labels such as RCA, American and East/West. He also manages American's God Lives Underwater. Roceania Williams has been promoted to manager of black music artist relations for Atlantic Records. Williams joined the label in 1994 as coordinator of media relations, after beginning her career at Def Jam Records, where she was an assistant in the publicity and artist development departments from 1990 until 1992. She held a similar role at Mercury Records where she eventually became coordinator of artist development and publicity in 1993. ■ Bob Garcia has been named director of product

development for A&M Records, where he will spear-

head the Backlot series, an in-house label to repackag-

ing classic recordings and greatest hits sets, as well as overseeing marketing developments for releases on A&M. Garcia joined the company 25 years ago as head of publicity and artist relations, later taking on the educational outreach programs, and has served as president of NARAS. **Capitol Records** has promoted **Tommy Daley** to national director of rock promotion, and upped Mike Snow to assoc. director of college promotion. Daley will work to secure and maintain airplay at the mainstream and active rock radio formats. For the past three years he has served as the label's assoc. dir. of college promotion. Snow assumes Daley's old post and will now oversee a staff of college reps working to develop alternative artists at the college format on a national level. He previously was a college rep working under Daley. Andrew Rauhauser has been appointed international director of new media group information technology for PolyGram International. In his new job, Rauhauser will work with PolyGram business units to coordinate development of interactive multimedia-based projects. He previously was director of planning for PolyGram Group Distribution, where he worked to develop a U.S. Internet site and Interactive New Release Book, a CD-ROM containing monthly information. He started with PolyGram in 1986 and joined PGD in 1989 as manager of technical operations.

MILSTRY BUZZ

By J.S. Gaer

EAST COAST



It's the season for Mellons — The 11th Annual Mellon PSFS Jazz Festival and a press conference was held at the Mellon Bank Center to announce this year's event, set for June 14-23 in and around the Philadelphia region. This year's Festival Honoree is Grover Washington, Jr. Pictured at the conference (I-r): George Wein, Festival Prods. president; Grover Washington, Jr.; Philadelphia Mayor Edward G. Rendell; and William J. Stallkamp, Mellon PSFS chairman/CEO.

WHAT WAS THAT NAME?: Not that long ago bands had monikers that were lucky to get above four letters. Now groups have chosen multisyllabic appellations that rival even the most psychedelic sixties names—Tonto's Ever Expanding Headband anyone? Two of this new breed were on display at Brownies on Monday the 3rd. Opening up was Neutral Milk Hotel from Colorado who, unbelievably, stated that this was their first real show. The quartet had more instruments up their sleeves than David Copperfield could ever hope to hide up his, including accordion, bow and guitar, and a saw. Though their tools may have been eclectic the music was catchy with some country twang in a mixture that owed a lot to different groups, but had its own very distinctive quality. Their set was marked by an unsuppressed enthusiasm that was definitely contagious. Their debut LP is On Avery Island out on Merge.

The Olivia Tremor Control were of another ilk. Though they have had an intertwining relationship with Neutral Milk Hotel, their path was trod with much quicker steps. Playing perfect mid-sixties inspired pop the TOTC had many heads bobbing in unison to their two-minute compositions. With a set-list that was as large as a telephone book there were a number of the crowd who were gasping for breath from the sheer amount of material that was available in such a short period of time. Their album, Dusk At Cubist Castle on Flydaddy, due out on July 9th shows their style by having twenty seven songs in seventy minutes. Almost a mosaic of small packages adding up to a whole that at times is too much to take in. Which goes to show that both of these groups didn't run out of creative steam when they came up with their names.

NOT JUST TALL AND DARK: How long can the present boom in Country & Western/Folk-inspired rock bands continue? If The Handsome Family have anything to say this trend is still breeding top dogs. Their Carrot Top Records long-player Milk And Scissors has a quality of sounding aged without any hint of staleness. This Chicago-based threesome swing between jaunty numbers and those that are sweetly droney and dirgey. One can almost picture the run-down beer house that has the group playing in the corner while the patrons are swinging their mugs to the songs of desperation. Rennie Sparks is able to make almost surrealistic lyrics appear crystal clear. One can get the gist without understanding what is actually being said. This is one clan that is far deeper than just skin level.

By Daina Darzin

WEST COAST

VH1 President John Sykes will be hon-ored with the 1996 City of Hope Spirit Awards later this year. Sykes was on hand for kick-off luncheons in Los Angeles and New York. In LA, he was joined by the City of Hope Music Industry Executive Board. tured are (I-r): Harold



Berkman, Music Express; Fredric D. Rosen, president/CEO, Ticketmaster; Bruce Resnikoff, exec. vp, special markets & products, MCA Music Entertainment Group; John Sykes; John Frankenheimer, Loeb & Loeb; Zach Horowitz, president, MIVIEG; and Tom Ross, Creative Artists Agency.

ON THAT NOTE: COMPOSING MUSIC FOR FILMS was the title of BMI's panel at the Seattle International Film Festival on June 6; panelists included legendary composer and songwriter Michael Kamen, The Police's Stewart Copeland, Track Factory president Tim Sexton, BMG vp of film and TV music Art Ford, and BM1 film/TV Relations vp Doreen Ringer Ross...Speaking of Seattle, it's about time to register for the second annual North By Northwest conference, to be held in Portland, OR, October 17-19. Events will include panels and workshops, a trade show, music festival and probably a couple of hoisted microbrew beers. (Yes, it is important to experience the local culture....)

MISCELLANEOUS SIGNS OF MUSICAL LIFE: San Francisco's cool and eclectic Hotel Triton just opened its Carlos Santana suite, the latest addition to the venue's popular designer suite collection. It includes hand painted angels on the ceiling and a meditation area, along with concert posters and photos of Santana's legendary career... Tracy Chapman played Keller High School near Dallas, TX. The concert is part of the grand prize won by 15-year old student Liberty Merriman in the Scholastic Write Lyrics Contest, sponsored by Elektra Entertainment, Microsoft and Warner Music Group...Legendary rock pioneer Carl Perkins, who kinda started the whole thang when he wrote "Blue Suede Shoes, "is already in The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, but as of June 11th, his handprints and signature also grace Hollywood's Rock-Walk...The Ramones celebrated their 20th (EEEK!) anniversary on June 5. In 1976 on that date, the perennial New York punkers' self-titled debut album entered the charts.

THE MTV MUSIC AWARDS turned out to be a star-studded-as-hell, high-glam event with Whitney Houston, Garbage, The Fugees included in the performers, while Laurence Fishburne, Jamie Lee Curtis, David Duchovny and Vanessa Williams, among many others, showed up to present...



DADA recently stopped by the KLOS Morning Show in support of its latest disc, El Subliminoso, leased on IRS Re-cords. DADA is currently touring in support of the new album ending up in LA at the Roxy on June 28th. "I Get High,"the first single, is currently hitting at Rev 105 in Mineapolis, KXPK

in Denver, KDGE in Dallas, Boston's WBCN and Providence's WBRU. (L-r., Mark (Mark & Brian, KLOS) Michael Gurley, Phil Leavitt, Gig, Joie Calio, DADA, Brian (Mark & Brian, KLOS) and Rob Weldon (west Coast regional promotion manager.)

Fan Fair '96

It's that time of year again—Fan Fair, Nashville's premier country music event, is underway. Amidst this year's heat, humidity and hot music are three equally hot acts whose careers have reached the boiling point in this summer of content. Cash Box presents the Fan Fair Class of '96.

Paul Brandt: Nursing His Success

By Wendy Newcomer



COUNTRY MUSIC ISN'T A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH. However, Reprise artist Paul Brandt is just as serious with his present musical career as he was in his previous career as a pediatric nurse. The Calgary, Alberta native worked at Alberta's Children's Hospital for two years before pursuing music full-time. He might still be there if it wasn't for a nationwide songwriting contest sponsored by SOCAN, the Canadian performance society. Brandt entered and won first place for the Best Original Canadian Country Song, "Calm Before The Storm." That award caught the attention of Warner Music Canada, who contacted Warner/Reprise Nashville's Paige Levy. Phone calls, visits to Canada and offers were all made-now

"Calm Before The Storm" is the title cut of Brandt's debut album.

Things all happened pretty quickly for this 23-year-old who didn't even listen to country music as a youth. The only music allowed in the Brandt home was gospel. When Brandt reached high school he was exposed to various pop and rock music and decided to try his hand at songwriting. "My songs came out sounding a lot more country than anything else," he says. "It's not really something that I could help. It just felt right to me; it suits who I am and my voice."

That "voice" is a deep baritone that can currently be heard on the radio singing "My Heart Has A History" (#17 and climbing on the *Cash Box* country singles chart). The other nine songs on Brandt's debut album showcase a rich, traditional sound as well—a sound that could have easily been "rocked up" by producer Josh Leo. Brandt was initially nervous about working with Leo, whose resume includes stints with Jimmy Buffett, Kim Carnes and most recently, Bad Company.

"He's known as more of a rocker here in town," Brandt says. "So I was kind of thinking, 'Is this gonna work? How could we possibly work this out?' And I walked in, and right away there was just a connection on a personal level. We talked for awhile and one of the first things he said was, 'Paul, I've gotta prove that I can do a country sounding record. I've gotta prove that to everybody here in town.' And for me, if someone says right from the start that they've got something to prove, it makes sense that they're going to be really working hard.''

The bond between producer and artist was immediate. "I would hear something that should be a bit different, and he'd change it and make it that way before I could even say anything," Brandt says. "We were really in tune with each other."

Someone else who is in tune with Brandt is country living legend Buck Owens, whom the young artist met during his radio tour. "I was tuning up, and all of a sudden I hear this voice coming from behind," Brandt says. "And I'm thinking, 'I know that voice from somewhere.' And I turned around and it was Buck Owens. He sat down and he stopped me between every single song. He asked me how I wrote the song. And he said, 'We don't get a lot of artists in here with a three-octave range.' He basically gave me a lot of advice and said if there was anything he could do for me, he'd love to do that," Brandt recalls. But the starstruck performer wasn't prepared for what happened later. When Brandt returned home to his Nashville apartment, he was greeted by a ringing phone. "I picked up, and it was Buck Owens. He phoned me at my place! He thanked me for coming by the station. I mean, what do you say to Buck when he calls you?!"

As a Canadian, Brandt is enjoying two times the success of most new artists. His debut single went number one in Canada and album sales are exceptionally high. Stateside, *Calm Before the Storm* is just beginning to gain ground. With such a strong debut, it won't be long until Brandt is giving *other* artists advice, a la

Buck Owens. But until then, he is reveling in his newfound lifestyle.

Brandt tells this interviewer about his trip to the Academy of Country Music Awards in May: "I was sitting there, and I'm looking through the audience. And right across from me is Garth Brooks and Sandy. And I'm looking up on the stage and it happened to be when Neal McCoy was up there presenting. We went to commercial and Neal looked down and said, 'Hcy Paul, how's it goin'? Good to see ya.' And just a year ago I was up in Calgary, getting ready to go to work and writing songs. But now, it's like I'm right in the middle of it. I really don't know how to describe it. It's just really cool.'

Mindy McCready: Breaking Heavenly Records

BNA'S NEWEST ARTIST, MINDY MCCREADY didn't need a legion of celestial beings to propel her debut single into the upper region of the Top 100. "Ten Thousand Angels" (also the album's title) has taken off quite nicely on its own for this Ft. Myers, Florida native. Currently, the single is #8 on the Cash Box country singles chart. McCready should know all about angels at this point in her career, for clearly help from above has made her meteoric rise and unique success story possible.

McCready's desire to be a country singer isn't necessarily unique. However, her lightning-quick path to stardom most definitely can be so called. When she arrived in Nashville at age 18, the young hopeful brought with her the only repre-



sentation of her voice she had—karaoke tapes. Not realizing Nashville's reputation of being at least a "seven-year town" (for aspiring artists), McCready gave herself one year to make it. "My mom's dream had been to attend college," McCready says. "So she really had her sights set on me getting a higher education, and 1 promised that if I didn't have anything going with my music in one calendar year, I'd come home and start college, studying pre-law."

A few months went by and McCready met legendary songwriter/producer Norro Wilson. When he heard her karaoke tapes, he promptly took them to his friend, producer David Malloy. Malloy was sufficiently impressed and began working with McCready for nearly a year in the studio, followed by a live audition for RCA/BNA label head Joe Galante. During that audition, McCready sang a song called ''Tell Me Something I Don't Know,'' which also appears on her debut album. Galante was sold, and McCready signed a record contract exactly 51 weeks after moving to Nashville.

Growing up in the McCready household, inspirational music was often the only music listened to. While learning from gospel influences such as Amy Grant, Sandi Patty and Twila Paris, McCready also took advantage of the country music found in the home of her aunt and uncle. "My uncle had one tape in his truck, and that was Alabama's *Feels So Right*. We listened to it all the time," McCready remembers.

The debut single from McCready has a title that might be misconstrued as religious. In fact, when a publisher initially pitched the song to the singer, she wouldn't tell her the title, for fear McCready might think it was a gospel tune. "The minute I heard the hook line I knew I was going to cut it," says McCready. "I didn't have any musical role models in my family, but my grandfather used to sing on the radio once in a while, and one of the songs he did was a Christian song called "Ten Thousand Angels." They are different songs, but both have strong meaning for me."

CASH BOX TOP 100 POP SINGLES

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This Week's #1: To Watch: Bone Thugs N' Harmony Jewel		
1 THA CROSSROADS		
(Ruthless/Relativity 6335) Bone Thugs N Harmony	1	6
2 GIVE ME ONE REASON (日ektra 64346) Tracy Chapman	2	12
3 ALWAYS BE MY BABY (Columbia 78276) Mariah Carey	3	12
4 YOU'RE THE ONE (RCA 64511)	6	8
5 BECAUSE YOU LOVED ME (FROM "UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL")		
(550 Music 78237)	5	15
6 FASTLOVE (DreamWorks 4874) George Michael	8	6
7 YOU'RE MAKIN' ME HIGH (LaFace 24161) Toni Braxton 8 THEME FROM MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE	49	2
(Mother 576671) Adam Clayton & Larry Mullen	16	4
9 SWEET DREAMS (RCA 64505) La Bouche 10 WHY I LOVE YOU SO MUCH (Rowdy/Arista 5072) Monica	14 DEE	11
11 INSENSITIVE (A&M 581274) Jann Arden	11	23
12 IRONIC (Maverick 17698) Alanis Morissette	9	13
13 OLD MAN & ME (WHEN I GET TO HEAVEN)	3	13
(Attantic 87074) Hootie & The Blowfish	4	7
MACARENA (BAYSIDE BOYS MIX) (A&M 581176) Los Del Rio	17	24
15 NOBODY KNOWS (LaFace/Arista 24115) The Tony Rich Project	10	21
18 GET ON UP (Uptown/MCA 3695) Jodeci	20	6
17 KEEP ON, KEEPIN' ON (FROM "SUNSET PARK")		
(Flavor Unit/East/Nest/EEG 64302) MC Lyte Feat. Xscape	7	13
18 TOUCH ME, TEASE ME (Def Jam 76552) Case	21	6
18 KISSIN' YOU (Bad Boy/Arista 79056)	23	8
20 C'MON 'N RIDE IT (THE TRAIN) (Big Beat/Atlantic 98083) Quad City DJ'S 21 TIL' I HEAR IT FROM YOU/FOLLOW YOU DOWN	30	15
(A&M 581380) Gin Blossoms	19	18
22 GET MONEY (Big Beat 98087) Junior M.A.F.I.A.	15	18
23 THE EARTH, THE SUN, THE RAIN (Giant 17654) Color Me Badd	13	6
WHO WILL SAVE YOUR SOUL (Atlantic 87151) Jewel	35	2
25 YOU (Uptown 56001)	26	5
26 BACK TO THE WORLD (Qwest 17629) Tevin Campbell 27 FLOOD (Silvertone 42342) Jars Of Clay	33	BUT 5
28 COUNT ON ME (FROM "WAITING TO EXHALE")	33	J
(Ansta 2976) Whitney Houston & Cece Winans	12	12
29 1,2,3,4 (SUMPIN' NEW) (Tommy Boy 7721) Coolio	18	20
30 SITTIN' UP IN MY ROOM (FROM "WAITING TO EXHALE")		
(Atlantic 07822) Brandy	22	22
31 PLEASE DONT GO (MCA 55158) Immature	31	4
32 DOWN LOW (NOBODY HAS TO KNOW)		
(Jive 41579) R. Kelly Feat. Ronald Isley	24	17
YOUR LOVING ARMS (Sire 64450) Billie Ray Martin	34	5
34 CHILDREN (Arista 1-3006) Robert Miles	37	5
35 UNTIL IT SLEEPS (⊟ektra 64276)		BUT
36 MISSING (Atlantic 87124) Everything But The Girl	28	34
37 JUST A GIRL (Trauma 98116) No Doubt	29	22
38 TRES DELINQUENTES (PMP/Loud 64526) Delinquent Habits 39 THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT US (Epic 78212) Michael Jackson	39	7 BUT
40 JEALOUSY (Elektra 9471) Natalie Merchant		BUT
41 ONLY YOU (Bad Boy/Arista 9060)	64	2
42 WONDER (Elektra 61745) Natalie Merchant	40	26
43 1979 (Virgin 38534)	41	21
44 CLOSER TO FREE (FROM "PARTY OF FIVE")		
(Slash 17674) Bodeans	25	15
45 WOO-HAH! GOT YOU ALL IN CHECK		
(Elektra 66050) Busta Rhymes	27	14

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46	A THIN LINE BETWEEN LOVE & HATE		
	(Jac-Mac/Warner Bros. 17699)	46	16
47	DOIN IT (Def Jam 76120) LL Cool J	36	16
48	COUNTING BLUE CARS (A&M 581462) Dishwalla	52	9
49	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	51	3
	REACH (Epic 78286)	50	9
	HAY (Pallas/Universal 56008) Crucial Conflict ALL THE THINGS (YOUR MAN WON'T DO)	53	3
32	(FROM "DONT BE A MENACE") (Island 854530) Joe	32	18
53	BE MY LOVER (RCA 64446) La Bouche	44	29
54	THE ONLY THING THAT LOOKS GOOD ON ME IS YOU		
	(A&M 581578) Bryan Adams	57	3
-	TWISTED (Elektra 66301) Keith Sweat	DEE	3UT
56	AIN'T NO NIGGA/DEAD PRESIDENTS (Roc-A-Fella/Priority 53233) Jay-Z Feat. Foxxy Brown	59	5
57	WRONG (Atlantic 87059) Everything But The Girl	61	2
	I'LL NEVER STOP LOVING YOU (Hollywood 164008) J'Son	62	3
59	THE WORLD I KNOW (Adamtic 87088) Collective Soul	48	28
60	NAME (Warner Bros. 17758) Goo Goo	56	35
61	RENEE (FROM "DONT BE A MENACE") (Island 854584) . Lost Boyz	45	12
62	YOU STILL TOUCH ME (A&M 581582) Sting	66	4
63 64	CAN'T GET YOU OFF MY MIND (Virgin 38535) Lenny Kravitz MACHINE HEAD (Trauma 98079)	63 38	12 6
65	5 O'CLOCK (MCA 55075) Nonchalant	43	15
66	WHO DO U LOVE (Arista 07822) Deborah Cox	47	20
67	I WANT TO COME OVER (Island 7136) Melissa Etheridge	65	18
68	RELEASE ME (Upstairs 0115) Angelina	68	12
69	SCAREY KISSES (Discovery 74528) Voice Of The Beehive	70	4
70	NOT GON' CRY (FROM "WAITING TO EXHALE")		
	(Arista 12957) Mary J. Blige	54	22
71 72	DON'T WANNA LOSE YOU (Mercury 1578) Lionel Richie	69 67	9
73	CHAINS (Epic 78281)	07	٥
	(Tommy Boy 7731)	73	2
74	IN THE MEANTIME		
	(HiFi/Sire 64303)	74	10
75	DON'T CRY (ZTT/Sire/Warner Bros. 7939) Seal	75	25
76	I WILL SURVIVE (RCA 64483) Chante Savage	71	18
77	SCARRED (Luther Campbell/Island 164000) Luke	58	7
78 79	LADY (EMI 58543)	76 78	17 11
80	WONDERWALL (Epic 67351)	77	21
81	AMISH PARADISE (Rock'N'Roil/Scotti 78061) Weird Al Yankovic	79	12
82	LIVE AND DIE FOR HIP HOP		
	(Ruffhouse/Columbia 78271) Kris Kross	60	7
83	ONLY HAPPY WHEN IT RAINS (Almo Sounds 89002) Garbage	80	14
84	FEELS SO GOOD (SHOW ME YOUR LOVE)		
85	(Universal 56004) Lina Santiago ONE MORE TRY (RCA 64533) Kristine W.	81 87	19 3
86	LUCKY LOVE (Arista 1-2979) Ace Of Base	86	16
87	ONE FOR THE MONEY (Motown 860512) Horace Brown	83	11
88	SHADOWBOXIN' (Geffen 19396) . Genius/GZA Feat. Method Man	85	99
89	GLYCERINE (Trauma 980884)	84	22
90	LETS LAY TOGETHER (Island 7165) The Isley Brothers	89	3
91	ESA NENA LINDA		
	(Groove Nation/Scotti Bros. 78065) Artie The 1 Man Party	88	10
92	SLOW JAMS (Quest 8104) Quincy Jones	92	13
93	PEACHES (Columbia 78524) The Presidents Of The United States Of America	90	14
94	LOVE DON'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE (Maverick 17714) Madonna	91	5
95	CAN'T HANG/DO YOU WANT TO (So So Def/Columbia 78263) Xscape	72	12
96	THE 13TH (Fiction/Elektra 64292) The Cure	94	5
97	HOOK (A&M 1176) Blues Traveler	96	32
98	CUMBERSOME (Mammoth/Adamtic 98111) Seven Mary Three	82	21
99	HOOP IN YO FACE (FROM "SUNSET PARK)	00	•
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Yankovic (Jobete/Black Bull/T-Boy/Boo-Daddy, ASCAP/Songs Of PolyGram/Madcastle/G's Only, BMI) (ARALC/Deez Nutz ASCAP) Daddy, ASCAP/Songs Of PolyGram/Madcastle/G's Only,BMD A THIN LINE BETWEEN LOVE & HATE R. Poindexter, R. Poindexter, J. Members (Coullion/Win Or A THIN LINE BETWEEN LOVE & HATE R. Pomkexter, R. Pomsexter, J. Members (Coullion/Wim Or Lose/Warner-Tamerlane, BMI). BACK TO THE WORLD N/A (N/A). BECAUSE YOU LOVED ME (FROM "UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL") D. Warrea (Realsongs, ASCAP). BE MY LOVER G. A. Saraf, A. Breiner M. Thornton, L. McCray (FMP/Edition Beam, Warner Chappell). CAN'T GET YOU OFF MY MIND L. Kravitz (Muss Bessie, ASCAP). CAN'T HANG/DO YOU WANT TO D. Simmons (Warner-Tamerlane/Boobs: Loo, BMI). CAN'T HANG/DO YOU WANT TO D. Simmons (Warner-Tamerlane/Boobse Loo,BMI) CHAINS T. Attras, S. Wertel, P. Reswick (Copyright Control) CHILDREN R. Comans (Jeity, MCTS) CLOSER TO FREE S. Llains, K. Morannan (Lia Mann, ASCAP) CONTN'N RIDE IT C. C. Lemonhead, J. McGowan, B. White (Ceejai/Sa-vette/Unichappell,BMI) COUNTING BLUE CARS Alexander, Browning, Kolarek, Richards, Pendergast (Mono Rau/Bigger Than Pennit Butter, ASCAP) COUNT ON ME Babybice, W. Houston (Mipoly-durtainer, ASCAP) COUNT ON ME Babybice, W. Houston (Nipoly-durtainer, ASCAP) COUNT ON ME Babybice, W. Houston (Nipoly-durtainer, ASCAP) CUMBERSOME J. Ross, J. Pollock, T. Morris (Seven Mary Three, BMI) CUMBERSOME J. Ross, J. Pollock, T. Morris (Seven Mary Three, BMI) DOIN IT LL. Cool, J. B. R. Simble, G. Jozes (Paulo Productions, ASCAP) DOWN LOW (NO BODY HAS TO KNOW) R. Kelly (Zonba, BMI) DON'T CRY Seal (SPZ, BMI) DON'T CRY Seal (SPZ,BMI) DON'T WANNA LOSE YOU J.Harns III,T. Lewis, L. Richie (EMI-April/Flyte Tyme New Perspective/LBR,ASCAP) DON'T WANNA LOSE YOU J. Harns III. T. Lewis, L. Richie (EMI-April/Flyte Tyme New Perspective/LBR, ASCAP) THE EARTH, THE SUN, THE RAIN E. Wolff, S. Bersa (Elliot Wolff/EMI Virgin, ASCAP/Stacy Persa/Chrysalis, BMI) ESA NENA LINDA DJ Juanto (AACUC/putha /Fates, ASCAP) FASTLOVE G. Michael (Dick Leaby/Charpell/ASCAP) FEELS SO GOOD J. C. Logez (Lemon/Sony Sorag, BMI/HL) FLOOD D. Hazelme (Bridgebuilders/Pogo Stick/Brentwood Music, BMI). FOREVER MORE N.M. Wilden, P. Johnson, S. J. Dakora (W.B. Gratunde Sty/Hackley, ASCAP/Who Dat/Eringn, BMI) GET MONEY N. Big, Lialie Kim, L. Poner, B. Bedford, R. Ayers, R. Stripfan (Big Poppa Music/E. Z. EL/PE/Afi Music, ASCAP/Unicas, BMI) GET ON UP M. Daban, K. Ci.Jodo (EMI April/Dalvin DeGrate/LBN/loel Haiky, ASCAP) GIVE ME ONE REASON T. Cloptum (EMI April/Dalvin Persakht, ASCAP/HL) GLYCERINE G. Rossdale (Mad Dog Wirston/Warner Tamerlaine/Truly Soothing Elevator Music, BMI) HAY W. Martin, M. King, C. Johnson, R. Leventon (Sallap-Flac/Bridgepon, BMI) HOOP IN YO FACE S. W. A. T. Team (Cecap, BMI) HOOK J. Popper (Blues Traveler/Irving BMI/WBM) HOOP IN YO FACE S.W.A. T. Tem. 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(Realsongs, ASCAP/Foreign Import Prod. /Publishing line, BMI) SCARY KISES T. Bynn, P. Vettexe. SWEET DREAMS G.A. Saraf, M. Sommez, M. Thomton, R. Haynes (Songs Of Logic/Warner-Tamerlane/PMP,BML/Neue Well, CEMA. THEME FROM MISSION:IMPOSSIBLE L. Schiffin (Bruin, BMD). THEME FROM MISSION:IMPOSSIBLE L. Schiffin (Bruin, BMD). THE ONLY THING... B. Adams, R. J. Lange (Badams/Zomba, ASCAP). TLI: THEAR IT FROM YOU/FOLLOW YOU DOWN J. Valenzucha, R. Wilson, M. Crenshaw, S. Johnson, B. Leen, P. Rhodes (Borneville Salt Fata/Rule Corps. AWB/Amalgamated Consolklated, ASCAP/Bug/New Regency/New Enterprises/You Sand Dever BMD). TOUCH ME, TEASE ME C.Woodard, M.J. Blige, M. Hooten, K. Kornegay, D. Young, Schooly D (MCA/Chyna TOUCH ME, TEASE ME C. Woodard, M. J. Blige, M. Hooten, K. Kornegay, D. Young, Schooly D. (MCA/Chyna Doll/Comm at Ya/Wamer Chappell/Zomba, ASCAP) TRES DELINQUENTES I Martun, D. Thomas, A. Martinez, S. Zachoff. (Memory Lost/Black Wax/Graveyard Shift/Almo, ASCAP) TWISTED K. Sweat, E. McCam, Kut Klose. (N/A) UNTIL IT SLEEPS Hetfield, Ulrich. (Creeping Death, ASCAP) WHO DO U LOVE V. Benford, L. Campell. II. (Grandington/Art & Rythm Inc. /Zomba, ASCAP) WHO WILL SAVE YOUR SOUL Jewel. (Wiggt). Tooth, ASCAP). WHY ILOVE YOU SO MUCH D. Sirmons. (Wamer-Tamerlane/Boobie-Loo, BMI) WONDER N. Merchant. (Indian Love Bride, ASCAP). WONDERWALL. N. Gallahger. (Sony Songs/U.K.), Limited, BMI) WOO-HAIL! GOT YOU ALL IN CHECK T. Smith, R. Smith, (Tziah's/Sadyaba, BMI) THE WORLD I KNOW E. Roland. (Roland Leniz/Wamer Chappell, BMI) THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT US. M. Jackson. (Mijac/Wamer Tamerkine, BMI). WRONG. B. Watt, T. Thom. (Sony). THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT US M Jackson (Mijac/wamer ramerane_dom) WRONG B.Wait, Thom (Sony) YOU Heavy D., R Burrell, V. Herbert, C. King (Soul On Soul/EMI April/Three Boyz From Newark/Burrell/Wamer Chappell, ASCAP) YOU'RE LOVING ARMS B.R.Martin, D. Harrow (EMI Virgin/EMI 10/Warrier Chappell, ASCAP/HL/WBM) YOU'RE HOTH G. M. HIGH Baby face, B. Wilson (Groove 78/Ahmo/ASCAP/Ecaf/Sony Songs, BMI) YOU'RE THE ONE Allstar, A. Martin, I. Mattas, T. Johnson, C. Gamble (Al's Street/Almo /Sallandra/One Ole Cheto Ho/WBWouder Woman Sings, ASCAP/Warner-Chappell, PRS) VOLUSTILL TOLICH ME Stine (Resental Arvirus, BMI) YOU STILL TOUCH ME Sting (Regatta/Irving, BMI)

SINGLES REVIEWS By Daina Darzin

KRISTINE W: "One More Try" (RCA RADV 66842-2)

Club fave Kristine W has a gorgeous, throaty voice and this lush, soulful dance track is already popular in New York City clubs through a Junior Vasquez remix, along with airplay on NY's WKTU and Philly's WIOQ. RCA is promoting "One More Try" to both clubs and mainstream radio simultaneously. Kristine W has a flashy personality—she's a former Miss Washington and a longtime Vegas performer who's recently done fashion shoots for *Elle* and *Harper's Bazaar*—and seems poised to break out of the club circuit (if RuPaul were a real girl...).



GREAT WHITE: "My World" (Imago 72787-23005-2)

Sometimes, you gotta give a band credit for just not giving up. A long struggling group before they went platinum with easy-going '80s metal discs like *Once Bitten*, Great White was thoroughly, um, (forgive me) harpooned by the grunge wave, but have steadfastly kept putting out records. This seriously-minded midtempo tune of the band's *Let It Rock*, with its hazy, metal-lite groove and downbeat vibe may or may not do anything to change the group's fortunes. (Is this a good time in Great White's career to put out a song with the lyrics, "My world is hanging on a line...my world's colder every day..."?)



■ PETE DROGE & THE SINNERS: "Mr. Jade" (American 2-43085-A)

Pete Droge's hit single, "If You Don't Love Me (I'll Kill Myself)" (which appeared on the soundtracks of *Outbreak and Dumb And Dumber*) made him an up-and-comer to be reckoned with. This, the first single off his new *Find A Door* disc, should please all those new fans he picked up opening for Tom Petty, Melissa Ethridge and Sheryl Crow last year. A

loose-limbed, catchy rocker about the nature of love, happiness and the spiritually unfulfilling nature of BMWs, "Mr. Jade" could find a home at rock stations across the board.

■ THE SUNSHINE CLUB: "Rainy Day Friend" (Roswell Records 001)

A promising indie release that's already getting college radio play in its local Bay Area, "Rainy Day Friend" by the Sunshine Club has been accurately described as a cross between Neil Young and Nico. The latter shows up primarily in Denise Bon Giovanni's moody, breathy, effortless vocals, the former in the ensemble's darkly emotional, folky sound. A right-on-target alternative track that could work on softer formats as well, off the band's debut disc, Visit To A Small Planet

PICK OF THE WEEK

NADA SURF: "Popular" (Elektra PRCD 9531-2)

An ironic, funny, heart-rending treatise on the pain and angst of teenage popularity, Nada Surf's "Popular" is a novelty hit waiting to happen, mixing deadpan spoken verses with deeply grunge/reverb-damaged but still



anthemic chorus. "Being attractive is the most important thing there is if you want to catch the biggest fish in your pond," declares Matthew Caws, voice dripping with sarcasm. He then goes on to advise listeners to compliment the star football player on his article in the school paper. (The spoken-word lyrics are apparently straight out of a '60s teenage etiquette book) Produced by Ric Ocasek, this is the most distinctive and memorable alterna - track to come along since Dishwalla's "Counting Blue Cars."

CASH BOX TOP 100 POP ALBUMS

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46 MR. SMITH (RAL/Def Jam 523845) LL Cool		27		DIL

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47 48	MOODSMOMENTS (Uptown 53004)	36	2
	(Island 524187) Tracy Bonham	49	6
49	DANCE MIX USA VOL 4 (Quality 6747) Various Artists	44	11
50	LOST GENERATION (Virgin 41583) Shyheim	DEE	BUT
51	UNDISPUTED ATTITUDE (Warner Bros. 43072) Slayer	DEE	BUT
52 53	THE RESURRECTION (Rap-A-Lot/Noo Trybe 41555) Geto Boys WHATCHA LOOKIN' 4	42	10
	(Gospo Centric 72127) Kirk Franklin & Family	62	6
54	GARBAGE (Almo Sounds/Geffen 80004) Garbage	63	14
55	THE COMING (Elektra/EEG 61742) Busta Rhymes	45	12
56	WILD MOOD SWINGS (Elektra/Fiction 61744) The Cure	38	4
57	MERCURY FALLING (A&M 540483) Sting	50	11
58	PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES		
59	(Sony 67291) Presidents Of The United States WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO ME?	54	40
	(Warner Bros. 46151)	59	16
60	KILLA KALI (Jive 41577)	48	6
61	ELECTRICLARRYLAND (Capitol 29842) Butthole Surfers	57	3
62	RELISH (Blue Gorilla/Mercury 526699) Joan Osborne	52	29
63	ICE CREAM MAN (No Limit/Priority 53978) Master P	55	7
64	AMERICAN STANDARD (Mammoth/Atlantic 92633) Seven Mary Three	64	22
65	ANTHOLOGY 2 (Apple/Capitol 34448) The Beatles	53	9
65	SPARKLE AND FADE (Tim Kerr/Capitol 30929) Everclear	51	21
67	CLUB MIX '96 VOL 1 (Cold Front/K-Tel 6218) Various Artists	61	15
68	THE HITS (Liberty 29689) Garth Brooks	77	76
69	WORDS (Laface/Arista 26222) \dots The Tony Rich Project	65	20
70	FRESH HORSES (Capitol/Nashville 32080) Garth Brooks	56	26
71	UNCLE LUKE (Luther Campbell/Island 61000) Luke	58	3
72	SEAL (ZTT/Sire/Wamer Bros.45415) Seal	68	85
73	COLLECTIVE SOUL (Atlantic/AG 82745) Collective Soul	66	62
74	FOUR (A&M 54026) Blues Traveler	69	71
75	MISS THANG (Rowdy/Arista 37006) Monica	81	43
76	CRAZYSEXYCOOL (LaFace/Arista 26009) TLC	75	79
77	THE MEMORY OF TREES (Reprise/Warner Bros. 46106) Enya	76	24
78	MTV BUZZ BIN (Mammoth/AG 92672) Various Artists	71	4
79	BRAVEHEART (London 448295) Soundtrack	79	11
80	A BOY NAMED GOO (Warner Bros. 45750) Goo Goo Dolls	82	16
81	BLUE MOON (A&M 531192) Toby Keith	78	7
82	TOTAL (Bad Boy/Arista 73006)	89	14
83	FOMA (MCA 11209) The Nixons	73	7
84		87	121
85	BROWN SUGAR (EMI 32629) D'Angelo	80	43
86	GREATEST HITS (Capitol 30334) Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band	86	41
87	BETWEEN NOW & FOREVER (Asylum/WEA 61880) Bryan White	83	10
88	LOUDER THAN WORDS (Mercury 31453) Lionel Richie	74	7
89	FIRST ROUND KNOCKOUT (Triple X 51226) Dr. Dre	60	2
90	ALICE IN CHAINS (Columbia 67248) Alice In Chains	94	28
91	UNDER THE TABLE AND DREAMING	٠.	
	(RCA 66449) Dave Matthews Band	91	75
92	LAY IT DOWN (Geffen 24952) Cowboy Junkies	70	14
93	JOCK JAMS VOL. 1 (Tommy Boy 1137) Various Artists	84	40
94	ONE HOT MINUTE (Warner Bros. 45733) Red Hot Chili Peppers	90	36
95	LIVING UNDER JUNE (A&M 540336) Jann Arden	95	7
97	I LOVE TO TELL:25 TIMELESS HYMNS		
	(Sparrow 51440)	E-EN	TRY
98	A THIN LINE BETWEEN LOVE & HATE		
	(Warner Bros. 46134)	88	15
98	ALL I WANT (Curb 77800)	92	35
99	REVELATIONS (MCA 11090) Wynonna	98	16
100	DILATE (Righteous Babe 008) Ani DiFranco	72	2

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ZAKK WYLDE: Book of Shadows (Geffen GEFD-A-24964)

Zakk Wylde was discovered by Ozzy Osbourne and joined his band when he was still a teenager (and still works with the veteran metalhead, performing and co-writing most of the tracks on Osbourne's recent platinum Ozzmosis). However, like his last Geffen band, Pride & Glory, Wylde's solo debut goes for a more rootsy, goodole-rock-n-roll vibe, with a surprising emphasis on spare, folksy ballads like "Way Beyond Empty," (which, swear to God, could be played on a mainand Hell" is a relaxed, Hootie

& the Blowfish-style rocker. This is a disc that probably won't appeal to Wylde's Ozzified metal-guitar-hero fans, but could find a substantial audience among the neo-roots crowd.

■ GRANT LEE BUFFALO: Copperopolis (Slash/Reprise 9 46250-2)

A fiercely imaginative swirl of interesting instruments (including vibraphone, violin and reed instruments) and cleverly reconfigured influences, from soul,

stream country station). The first single, "Between Heaven

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to folk to grunge to, um, Grant Lee Buffalo music. A piano-backed ballad. "The Bridge," is sad and plaintive, representative of the gentle, gloomy, literate vibe that permeates this release, the band's third.

■ VARIOUS ARTISTS: MOM: Music For Our Mother Ocean (Interscope INTD900621

A good cause and a really fun record, MOM is surf rock gettin' together to save the actual surf. (Proceeds from the disc go to Surfrider, an organization dedicated to preserving oceans and beaches.) Everyone from Soundgarden to the Ramones to Chris Isaak let loose for this enthusiastic, high-energy collection that's a shredder's ideal beach record. Standouts in a line-up that's impressively heavy-weight (Pearl Jam, Everclear, Beastie Boys) include Silverchair's frantic, punky take on "Surfin' Bird," Reverend Horton Heat's rockabilly-from-hell original, "I Can't Surf," and Helmet's "Army of Me" a haze of industrial fury, like a more pumped-up version of early PiL.

RED FIVE: Flash (Interscope INT3P-6011)

A spirited blast of power pop that many critics count as L.A.'s Best Not-Famous-Yet Band, Red Five has a high energy charm that ranges from the "Pipeline" gone-wrong revved-up fury of "Gasoline" to the ominously percussive, Joy Division-y "Low," replete with deceptively pretty harmonies. Red Five are on this year's skater-fest, the Warped Tour, putting them in front of a near-perfect audience. Overall, Flash is a percolating, finely crafted pleasure.



PICK OF THE WEEK



■ ME'SHELL NDEGE'OCELLO: Peace Beyond Passion (Maverick 2-46033-A)

Many artists cross over to different musical genres, but it takes great talent to wind them together in a style that forges its own hard-to-define path. R&B/jazz/pop/rock/funk/ambient/rap/etc. phenomenon (not to mention killer bassist), Me'shell Ndege'ocello follows up her Grammy-nominated, critically-acclaimed 1993 debut, Plantation Lullabies in fine style. "The Way" lets smoky, jazzy melodies and vocals intertwine, soar and finally settle down to a easy groove, "God Shiva" adds an electronic, almost psychedelic edge while "Ecclesiastes: Free My Heart," adopts a dark, pulse behind Ndege 'ocello's consistently thoughtful and literate rap. Never one to shy away from controversy, her first single from the disc, "Leviticus: faggot," mixes jaunty, lush rhythms with lyrics about gay-bashing, a stunning mix of tough thoughts and gorgeous string arrangements compliments of Paul Riser, who contributed to '70s hits like the Temptations' "Papa Was a Rolling Stone."

CASH BOX TOP 100 URBAN SINGLES

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To Watch: Michael Jackson

	Monica Michael Jackson	n	
2	WHY I LOVE YOU SO MUCH (Rowdy/Arista 5072) Monica YOU'RE MAKIN' ME HIGH/LET IT FLOW	2	2
	(LaFace 24160)	7	2
	THA CROSSROADS		-
	(Ruthless/Relativity 6635) Bone Thugs N Harmony	1	5
5	YOU'RE THE ONE (RCA 64511)	3	10
	(Def Jam/Mercury 854620) Case Feat. Foxxy Brown	6	20
6 7	GET ON UP (Uptown/MCA 3695)	5	5
	(Flavor Unit/East/Nest/EEG 64302) MC Lyte Feat. Xscape	4	14
8	KISSIN' YOU (Bad Boy/Arista 79056)	8	8
	YOU (Uptown/Universal 56001)	10	5
10	ALL THE THINGS (YOUR MAN WON'T DO)	_	40
	(FROM "DONT BE A MENACE") (Island 854530) Joe	9	18
11	GET MONEY (Big Beat 98087) Junior M.A.F.I.A.	13	20
	HOUSE KEEPER (MJJ 78274) Men Of Vizion	16	8
13 1 4	ALWAYS BE MY BABY (Columbia 66700) Mariah Carey	14	11
14	DOWN LOW (NOBODY HAS TO KNOW) (Jive 42373) R. Kelly Feat. Ronald Isley	11	15
15	ONLY YOU (Bad Boy/Arista 9060)	27	2
	COUNT ON ME (FROM "WAITING TO EXHALE")		_
	(Arista 2976) Whitney Houston & Cece Winans GET YOUR THING OFF	15	12
	(EastWest/EEG 64285) Eddie & Gerald Levert	17	2
10	(Roc-A-Fella/Priority 53233)	21	13
19	AIN'T NOBODY/KISSING YOU (Bad Boy/Arista 9055) Faith	12	10
	THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT US (Epic 78212) Michael Jackson	43	2
	HAY (Pallas/Universal 56008) Crucial Conflict	33	5
22	PLEASE DONT GO (MCA 55158) Immature	19	8
23	LADY (EMI 258543) D'Angelo	22	17
24	A THIN LINE BETWEEN LOVE & HATE		• •
	(Jac-Mac/Warner Bros. 17699)	23	19
25	LETS LAY TOGETHER (Island 7165) The Isley Brothers	25	12
26	5 O'CLOCK (MCA 55075) Nonchalant	24	16
27	DOIN IT (Def Jam/RAL/Island 576120) LL Cool J	28	14
28	NEVER TOO BUSY (Columbia 67125) Kenny Lattimore	32	7
29	C'MON 'N RIDE IT (THE TRAIN)		
	(Big Beat/Attantic 98083) Quad City DJ'S	30	15
30	SLOW JAMS (Qwest 8104) Quincy Jones	20	13
31	I WILL SURVIVE (RCA 64492) Chantay Savage	31	17
32	CAN'T HANG/DO YOU WANT TO (So So Def/Columbia 78263) . Xscape	29	16
33	ONE FOR THE MONEY (Motown 860512) Horace Brown	34	11
34	RENEE (FROM "DONT BE A MENACE") (Island 854584) . Lost Boyz	36	12
35	DON'T WANNA LOSE YOU (Mercury 1578) Lionel Richie	35	30
36	IT'S YOU THAT'S ON MY MIND (Virgin 38542) Quindon	37	5
37	WOO- HAH! GOT YOU ALL IN CHECK (Elektra 66050) Busta Rhymes	26	15
38	FOREVER MORE (Work Group 78297) Puff Johnson	38	5
	SCARRED (Luther Campbell/Island 164000) Luke	47	8
40	PARTY 2 NITE (Motown 860514) Ladael	42	3
-	IN THE HOOD (LaFace 4127) Donell Jones	50	2
42	SITTIN' UP IN MY ROOM (Atlantic 07822) Brandy	39	18
43	THE WORLD IS A GHETTO (Rap-A-Lot/Virgin 38544) Geto Boys	40	6

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44 45 46	EVER SINCE YOU WENT AWAY (Big Beat/Attantic 98112) Art N' Soul TWISTED (Elektra 66301)	41 DEE	18 3UT
	(Arista 12957)	44	21
47	NOBODY KNOWS (LaFace/Arista 4115) The Tony Rich Project	45	22
48	WHO DO U LOVE (Arista 07822) Deborah Cox	46	22
49	LIVE AND DIE FOR HIP HOP (Ruffhouse/Columbia 78271) Kris Kross	52	9
50	1,2,3,4 (SUMPIN' NEW) (Tommy Boy 7721) Coolio	51	14
	I GIVE IN (Sin-Drome 1206) Bobby Caldwell	54	6
	HE'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH (Perspective 587526) Solo	55	5
	BRING IT ON (Columbia 78273) Kino Watson	65	8
55	FOR THE LOVE OF YOU (Atlantic 87061) Jordan Hill IF I KNEW THEN (WHAT I KNOW NOW)	61	4
56	(Gasoline Alley/MCA 55140)	60	
57	(Arista 5052)	53	37
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59	TRES DELINQUENTS (PMP/Loud 64526) Delinquent Habits	59	5
60	WHERE DO U WANT ME TO PUT IT (Perspective587512) Solo	56	25
61	NO MORE GAMES	30	23
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62	CAJUN MOON (Bluemoon/Atlantic 98071) Randy Crawford	62	3
63	I DON'T WANNA BE ALONE (Gasoline Alley/MCA 55178) Shai	58	7
64	DON'T YOU WORRY (MCA 55094) Ruffa Feat. Tasha	68	2
65	MR. ICE CREAM MAN (Limit/Priority 53218) Master P	64	11
66	ALL I NEED (Silas/MCA 55136) Jesse Poweil	66	18
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	(Duck Down/Priority 53232) Heltah Skeltah		BUT
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	(Island 854538) Mona Lisa Feat. Lost Boyz	71	18
70	LET ME CLEAR MY THROAT (CLR 5218) DJ Kool I'LL DO ANYTHING FOR YOU	72	11
	(Perspective 587542)	85	2
72	SHADOWBOXIN' (Geffen 19396) . Genius/GZA Feat, Method Man	73	12
	OREGANO FLOW (Critique 15571) Digital Underground	86	5
74	STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN (StepSun/Interscope 98086) Pure Soul	70	18
75	BECAUSE YOU LOVED ME (FROM "UP CLOSE & PERSONAL")		
	(550 Music 78237)	49	3
76	SOUL FOOD (Laface/Arista 24147) Goodie Mob	74	15
77	TIL THE COPS COME KNOCKIN' (Columbia 78275) Maxwell	78	5
78 79	EVERYDAY & EVERYNIGHT (Loud/RCA 6489) Yvette Michelle HOOP IN YO FACE (FROM "SUNSET PARK)	75	19
	(Flavor Unit/EastWest/EEG 6431)	79	10
80	PAIN I FEEL (Fader/Mercury 127056) Blahzay Blahzay	DE	3UT
81	HOW DO YOU TELL THE ONE (Virgin 38543) After 7	63	7
82	JOURNEY (Pookie/Interscope 97002) Otis & Shugg	80	8
83	HAVE I NEVER (Laface/Arista 4136) A Few Good Men	81	17
84	NASTY DANCER/WHITE HORSE (Wrap/Ichiban 349) Kilo	84	18
85	IF HEADZ ONLY KNEW (Pendulum/EMI 58549) Heather B.	88	6
86	ENVY/FIREWATER (Violator/Relativity 1546) Fat Joe	87	13
87	NO ONE ELSE (Arista 79043)	48	27
88	WISH (SBK/EMI 58556) The Barrio Boyzz		BUT
89	WIND BENEATH MY WINGS (EastWest 95122) Eddie & Gerald Levert	92	17
90	WHY YOU TREAT ME SO BAD (Virgin 38529) Shaggy Feat. Grand Puba	89	13
91	SCENT OF ATTRACTION (550 Music 78257) Patra With Aaron Hall	77	13
92	YOU AND YOU AND YOU		
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93	I MUST STAND (Rhyme Syndicate/Priority 53210)	93	3
94	HUSTLER'S THEME (Profile 7449) Smoothe Da Hustler	90	10 12
95 96	WHAT DID I DO TO YOU (EastWest 64323) Terry Ellis E.M.B.R.A.C.E.(DA DA DAH DAH)	91	12
	(Laface/Arista 4148) Society Of Soul	94	5
97	KEEP TRYIN' (Epic 78197) Groove Theory	83	20
98	DON'T RUSH (Elektra 64324) Silk	76	12
99	GIVE ME THE NIGHT (Bluemoon/Attantic 98090) Randy Crawford	95	19

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Blackwood/Help The Bear BMI)	60
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ASCAP/Songs Of PolyGram, BMI) YOU Heavy D., R. Burrell, V. Herbert, C. King	90
(Soul On Soul/EMI April/Three Boyz From Newark/Burrell/Warner Chappell, ASCAP)	. 9
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YOU'RE THE ONE AllistrA Martin, L'Matins, T. Johnson, C. Gamble (Al's Street/Almo
Sailandra/One Ole Ghetto Ho/WB/Wonder Woman Sings, ASCAP/Wamer-Chappell, PRS)

ALBUM REVIEWS By Peter Miro

■ VARIOUS ARTISTS: Ghetto Classics-The Nervous Mix Tape (Nervous NRV20200-2) Producers: Various/Mixed by DJ Mister Cee from The Flip Squad.

New York-based Nervous Records reaps long mileage with its Ghetto Classics series, a non-stop, take-no-prisoners urban beat collage of hip hop/dancehall selections mixed by DJ Mister Cee of The Flip Squad, interspersed with boisterous vocal hype by Fish Lover of the Crimson League. A breathless, scattershot rhythmic barrage



transports the listener to the dim environs of a people-packed dance club for a rollicking night of ghetto style fun. It replicates a sea of bodies in a dim, cavernous underground atmosphere tuned to the rocket science to which a pair of skillfully worked turntables are capable. Roaring loudest on this collection is the gravelly growl of Mad Lion hooked up with KRS-ONE on "Own Destiny," "Real Ting," and "Double Trouble," which features Brenda K. Starr sweetening that Teddy Pendergrass vibe to a dancehall bounce.

VARIOUS ARTISTS: Eddle The Soundtrack (314-524 243-2) Producers: Hiriam Hicks & Kathy Nelson.

Whoopi Goldberg's role as a New York Knicks fan-turned-coach gets a musical blast from this soundtrack, mainly from leadoff cut "It's All The Way Live (Now)" a cover of the Lakeside hit that Coolio molds into a custom fit just as he did with their "Fantastic Voyage." "Punch Drunk" by House Of Pain packs a penetrating drum kick to pace its "B-boy bravado." Jodeci have a potential chart warmer with midtempo cut "After Last Night." Dru Hill, and Island Records artist NNeka lend work out on slow jams "Say It Again" and "Tell Me." Darcus and J'Son further the harmonious vibe on their offerings, "Say That You're Ready," and "Rain Falls." Radio will weed out the clunkers, but Coolio won't be one of them.

TOO \$HORT: Gettin' It (album number ten) (Jive 01241-415-2 LFCDP-6026) Producers: Randy Austin, Ant Banks, Shorty B, Spearhead X, M.C. Breed, Colin Wolfe, DJ Flash.

His eminence \$hort Dog has dictated an audio memoir for his swan song CD, making sure those who haven't been privvy to the intrigues in his life motivating his retirement get the STRAIGHT SCOOP, so if you didn't know, you will on "That's Why." As he goes out "straight macking" sipping gin and juice he stresses that his contribution to the street lexicon, "Beeyatch!" has become contagiously grafted onto other rap productions (It's a programmed sample by Ice Cube on the new Uncle Luke LP). "Never Talk Down" combines groovy rhythms with the abject lyrics of Rappin' 4-Tay and M.C. Breed. Wanna know why he disses women? How he "appreciates" them? Check out "Nasty Rhymes." Females know what they're getting up front. That's why he gets love. Short's enduring strengths are his strong attention to production, audio clarity, his laid back, funky grooves and his unabashed declarations. "Pimp Me," "Buy You Some," and "Bad Ways" are fodder for his numerous undergound disciples. A CD for rap archives.

PICK OF THE WEEK



MONIFAH: Moods...Moments (Uptown/Universal UPTD-53004) Producers: Heavy D, Alfred Antoine, Andre Evans, Red Hot Lover Tone, Kip Collins, William "Spaceman" Patterson.

Imagine growing old listening to Uptown/Universal artist Monifah. It would be a remarkable journey tracking her maturity over time, seeing how she's blasting out the box with her present day material. Executive producer Heavy D had the savvy to muster a squad of audio confectioners to package this sweet, black Godiva choco-

late drop, ear candy for pop and R&B audiences everywhere. Monifah is a strong soul stylist who puts oomph! into every lyric she sings. This project contains her debut single "You," but the seduction doesn't stop there. "Don't Waste My Time" marries her presence to elegant harmonies and a sample of "Superman Lover," by the late Johnny "Guitar" Watson. How many soul singers can work a jazz-laced trumpet arrangement, then switch back to a "New Jill" twist? Monifah does so fluidly on "Lay With You." She's grounded in street funk in a big way with "I Miss You," but retains her distinctive euphony as she shits musical gears for her ballads and midtempo cuts. "You've Got My Heart" another highly caloric component of this LP. Crossover potential is strong with "You Should Have Told Me." "Jesus Is Love," featuring the Boys Choir Of Harlem supplies a dose of gospel goosebumps. Uptown plays it verrrry semhmart with Monifah's richly appointed debut.



TOP 75 URBAN ALBUMS

101 / 5 UNDAIN ALDUMS	
CASH BOX • JUNE 15, 1996	
MISSION TO PLEASE (Island 524214) The Isley Brothers	3 3
2 GETTIN'IT (ALBUM NUMBER 10) (Jive 41584) Too Short	24 2
3 THE SCORE (Ruffhouse/Columbia 67147) Fugees 4 THE RESURRECTION (Rap-A-Lot/Noo Trybe 41555) Geto Boys	1 16 5 9
5 SUNSET PARK	
(Flavor Unit/East/Vest/EEG 61904)	2 7 50 2
7 ALL EYEZ ON ME (Death Row/Interscope 24204) 2Pac	8 16
8 NEW BEGINNING (RCA 66487) SW	4 7 10 25
9 R. KELLY (Jive 41579)	12 43
11 WHATCHA LOOKIN' 4	6 6
(Gospo Centric 72127) Kirk Franklin & Family 12 UNCLE LUKE (Luther Campbl/Island 61000) Luke	11 2
13 KILLA KALI (Jive 41577) Celly Cel	7 5
14 ICE CREAM MAN (Priority 53978)	13 13 14 26
16 THE COMING (Elektra 61742) Busta Rhymes	15 10
17 MISS THANG (Rowdy/Arista 37006) Monica	17 41
18 A THIN LINE BETWEEN LOVE AND HATE (Warner Bros. 46134) Soundtrack	16 16
19 1ST ROUND KNOCKOUT (Triple X 51226) DR.Dre	DEBUT 18 30
20 DAY DREAM (Columbia 66700) Mariah Carey MAXWELL'S URBAN HANG SUITE (Columbia 66434) Maxwell	25 8
LET ME CLEAR MY THROAT (CLR 7209) D.J. Kool	26 10
23 UNTOUCHABLE (Relativity 1505)	19 7 9 5
25 INSOMNIA: THE ERICK SERMON COMPILATION ALBUM	
(Interscope 90060) Various Artists 26 BROWN SUGAR (EMI 232629) D'Angelo	21 5 22 45
27 MR. SMITH (RAL/Def Jam 523845) LL Cool J	23 25
28 TOTAL (Arista 73006)	27 16
29 LOUDER THAN WORDS (Mercury 31453) Lionel Richie 30 Q'S JOOK JOINT (Qwest 45875) Quincy Jones	28 7 33 25
31 DEATH THREATZ (Enic 67139) MC Eiht	20 7
KENNY LATTIMORE (Columbia 67125) Kenny Lattimore 33 UNTIL THE DAY (MCA 11265) Nonchalant	42 2 32 35
34 SOUL SURVIVOR (Sin-Drome 8910) Bobby Caldwell	DEBUT
35 ONCE UPON A TIME IN AMERICA (Profile 1467)	29 6
36 SOLO (Perspective 49017)	30 36
37 THE GREAT WHITE HYPE (Epic 67636) Soundtrack	31 5
38 GANGSTA'S PARADISE (Tommy Boy 1141) Coolio 39 THE VILLIAN IN BLACK (Ruthless 5544) MC Ren	35 27 36 8
40 WORDS (LaFace/Arista 26222) The Tony Rich Project	37 20
41 KOLLAGE (Chrysalis/EMI 35484) Bahamadia	39 8 40 2
42 TO DA BEAT CH'ALL (Wrap/Ichiban 8154)	40 2 41 44
44 THE SHOW, THE AFTER PARTY, THE HOTEL	45 44
(Uptown 11258)	DEBUT
46 LIQUID SWORDS (Geffen 24813) GeniusGZA	38 29
47 FAITH (Arista 73003) Faith Evans 48 DOGG FOOD (Death Row/Interscope/Priority 50546) Tha Dogg Pound	43 37 46 26
49 CELL BLOCK COMPILATION (Priority 50556) Various Artists	47 10
50 SOUL FOOD (La Face/Arista 26018)	48 28
51 NOW & FOREVER (Giant/Warner Bros. 24622) Color Me Badd 52 DONT BE A MENACE TO SOUTH CENTRAL	44 2
(Island 524146) Soundtrack	49 20
53 MIND OF MYSTIKAL (Big Boy 41581) Mystikal 54 I WILL SURVIVE: DOIN' IT MY WAY	51 35
(RCA 66775)	52 12
55 GREATEST HITS (Right Stuff/Capitol 30800)	53 41 34 7
57 OFF PAROLE (Chrysalis/EMI 35509) Rappin' 4-Tay	54 11
58 FATHER & SON (Elektra 61859) Eddie & Gerald Levert	55 33
59 WE GOT IT (MCA 11385) Immature 60 YOUNG, RICH AND DANGEROUS (Ruffhouse/Columbia 67441) Kris Kross	56 24 57 21
61 ON TOP OF THE WORLD (Relativity 1521) EightBall & MJG	58 29
62 FUNKMASTER FLEX: 60 MINUTES OF FUNK (Loud/RCA 66805) Various Artists	59 27
63 ESHAM (Reel Life 1040) Dead Flowerz	60 3
64 NAKED AND TRUE (Blue Moon/AG 92662) Randy Crawford 65 I'M HERE FOR YOU (Perspective 549022) Ann Nesby	61 6 DEBUT
66 DEAD PRESIDENTS VOL.II (Underworld/Capitol 35818) Soundtrack	62 8
67 SA DEUCE (EastWest 61891) Sa Deuce	63 4
68 CRAZYSEXYCOOL (LaFace/Arista 26009)	64 76
(Gospo-Centric 72119) Kirk Franklin & Family	65 74
70 PLEASE TAKE ME (Jive 41535) Marvin Sease 71 CONSPIRACY (Undeas/Big Beat/AG 92614) Junior M.A.F.I.A.	72 6 68 38
72 ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT (GRP 9839) George Howard	67 13
73 MOODS (Mercury 528755)	69 27
(Ruthless/Relativity 5504) Eazy E	71 18
75 ERANDY (Atlantic 82610) Brandy	74 82

THE RHYTHM



Color Me Badd recently completed a video shoot in Burbank, CA for "The Earth. The Sun, The Rain," the first single off their new album Now and Forever produced by Narada Michael Walden. The video was directed by Paul Anderson, of Mortal Kombat renown, and features a montage of special effects and vivid imagery. Pictured are (I-r): Mark Calderon & Bryan Abrams of Color Me Badd; Richard Gitlin, Warner Bros Records; Paul Anderson; Sam Watters, Kevin "KT" Thornton, Color Me Badd.

RESPLENDENT IN WHITE GARB, Mercury recording artist Brian McKnight led an emotive, fanfare-filled salute to U.S. Olympic decathelete Jackie Joyner-Kersee at West Hollywood's House Of Blues, June 4. Accompanying himself on piano, McKnight serenaded the taut, trim, greyhound-sleek track & field star, who perched attentively next to him on a barstool clad in a black suit with mid thigh hemline. Her modest demeanor gave way to giddy elation at McKnight's acrobatic vocal runs. The event marked the launch of House Of Blues Sports, Inc., a joint venture originated by Andre Farr and House Of Blues founder/CEO Issac Tigrett. Their partnership is a marriage of sports-related merchandising, entertainment, and special events planning, and will supply 85% of the entertainment at the '96 Olympics in Atlanta. Farr emceed the presentation, with an assist from noted trial attorney Johnnie Cochran. Joyner-Kersee will provide motivational talks for children as part of her involvement with the sports/entertainment entity, and will compete for a spot on her fourth Olympic team later this month.

Also on the bill was Motown recording artists, Imprompt2, who got a rise from the audience with their choral skills.

McKnight's set was brief, but spirited, capped with a downtempo version of "Keep It On The Down Low." One of the rare talents performing today who can both sing and play the piano well, McKnight is currently enrolled in acting classes and is penning a film script for Walt Disney Productions. The balladeer is earnestly preparing for a transition to film. He remarked that he's being selective about what he reads, when asked what roles he'd like to play. When rhetorically pressed as to whether "Maxine," the 5'9" licentious beauty who desired a sexual liason in "Keep it On the Down Low" was based on a real experience, McKnight says her name was inspired by a Donald Fagan tune, and the approach for love on the sly was equally fictitious, but not unheard of based on stories shared by male acquaintances. He will release his new LP in progress by year's end, in the wake of the popularity of his last ballad-rich project. "People know me for the ballads," he tells Cash Box. "God gave me that gift, to move people with my songs." Ladies in the house were heard lamenting that his set was all too brief, so his gift remains a hot commodity

MEN OF VIZION the MJJ Music quintet of "Housekeeper" repute are confirmed as the opening act on three high profile summer tours; including R. Kelly, Diana Ross and Immature. Their debut LP Personal arrives in stores June 18. Tour dates are as follows: Forrest Hills, New York w/Diana Ross (6/7), Charlotte, NC w/Immature (6/8); Memphis, TN (w/Immature (6/9); remaining dates with R. Kelly—Tupolo, MS (7/5); Milwaukee, WI (7/6); Virginia Beach, VA (7/12); Charlotte, NC (7/13); Charleston, SC (7/14); Detroit, MI (7/17-18); Raleigh, NC ((7/20) New York, NY ((7/26-

ADDRHYTHM: Motown Records exec Cassandra Mills will head that label's new soundtrack division, tapping a wellspring of songs from current and classic artists. Mills shepherded soundtrack projects while president of Irving Azoff's former Giant Records black music division, whose New Jack City soundtrack impacted the market strongly.

THE RHYME



Whodini and producer Jermaine Dupri pause from recording Whodini's sixth album, entitled Six, to be released by So So Def Recordings in July. Pictured are (front, 1-t): Jermaine Dupri, Grandmaster Dee; (rear, 1-t): Jalil, Estacy.

BATTLE LINES
HAVE BEEN
DRAWN in the
sand, and now it's

time to see who blinks. Coalition forces recently arrayed in Washington, D.C. have targeted "obscene music" that in their view, "celebrates rape, murder, promiscuity, racism, and abuse of women and children." Principals are William Bennett of Empower America, C. Dolores Tucker of the National Political Congress of Black Women, U.S. Senators Joe Lieberman, (D) CT., and Sam Nunn (D) GA. In a continuation of their activism on this issue, which resulted in stepped up visibility of the RIAA Parental Advisory logo in the packaging of recorded music (in effect since 1985), the collective has launched a stepped up campaign to pressure major music companies to purge "pornographic rap and rock" from their catalogs.

The coalition is purchasing national and local advertising spots that will urge parents and citizens to protest obscene music, and includes a "petition hotline" for them to call. On the opposite side, the enemy alliance perceived in this conflict consists of Time Warner, BMG, PolyGram, Thorn EMI and Sony corporations, with a jaundiced eye being kept on MCA to boot. These conglomerates are considered to be purveyors of "blatantly obscene" lyrics, and numbers furnished to Cash Box by Empower America state that the targeted majors underwrite product accounting for more than 70% of the marketplace. Samples of objectionable lyrics supplied by Empower America and NPCOBW, Inc. are undeniably replete with profanity, references to misogyny, gang war, gang rape, illegal drug use, alcohol abuse, homocide, etc. A few of the artists cited include 2Pac Shakur(Death Row), Wu Tang Clan (Loud), Too \$hort (Jive), The Notorious B.I.G.(Bad Boy), Geto Boys (Rap-A-Lot), Tha Dogg Pound (Death Row), Rappin' 4-Tay (Chrysalis), Gravediggaz (Island), Bone Thugs-N-Harmony (Ruthless), Cypress Hill (Ruffhouse), MC Ren (Ruffhouse), MC Eiht (Epic Street), Onyx (Def Jam), Dove Shack (Rush), Junior M.A.F.I.A. (Big Beat), Ol' Dirty Bastard (Elektra) Lords Of Acid (American), and RBX (Premeditated). Their fatalistic orations reflect an alienated subculture, of which Tucker states, "Our kids are growing up to emulate the gangsta image. It has reached such a low level that all standards of decency have been abandoned.

Responding to the campaign, RIAA president/ĆOO Hilary Rosen said, "While part of a record company's responsibility is to ensure that the warning sticker is used with parental concerns in mind, another aspect is its First Amendment right to produce and distribute a wide diversity of artistic views and expressions." She also challenged "today's lyric vigilantes to become true youth advocates by empowering them economically, socially, and politically." By allowing the voices of a few self-appointed moral guardians to impose their musical tastes on all Americans, we're simply finding scapegoats instead of solutions."

Priority artist Ice T who was dropped from the Warner Bros. label after political/stockholder backlash for his "Cop Killer" song, said in an interview that "Corporate America cannot be in the business of black rage." 40 Acres And A Mule recording artists Success N' Effect say in their lyrics that the hip hop ban is sought in order to eliminate "a nigga's way of gettin paid."

All art is relative, shaped by the milieu which spawned it. If political entities are disturbed by the narratives generated by a segment of their society, it's because the picture is that of an underlayer fending for itself. The face of Dorian Gray as today's generation is frightening because America is disturbed by its reflection in the mirror. Gladiators died in ancient Rome for centuries before the practice was finally halted in the third century A.D. The world's first novel. The Iliad graphically depicts the body count racked up by plundering Greek "heroes" during the Trojan War Malcolm X once said "Violence is as endemic to America as apple pie." That idea could be extended to the human condition in general. Try policing that.

TOP 25 RAP SINGLES

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THA CROSSROADS (Ruthless 6335) Bone Thugs N Harmony	1	7
2 GET MONEY (Big Beat 98087) Junior M.A.F.I.A.	2	22
3 KEEP ON, KEEPIN' ON		
(Flavor Unit/EastWest 64302) MC Lyte Feat. Xscape	4	14
4 DEAD PRESIDENTS (Roc-A-Fella 53233) Jay-Z	3	12
5 HAY (Pallas 56008)	7	4
6 RENEE (FROM "DONT BE A MENACE") (Island 854584) . Lost Boyz	5	11
C'MON 'N RIDE IT (THE TRAIN)		
(Quadrasounds/Big Beat/AG 98083) Quad City DJ'S	8	13
8 SCARRED (Luther Campbell/Island 164000) Luke	10	8
9 5 O'CLOCK (MCA 55075) Nonchalant	6	16
10 HANG EM' HIGH (Loud/RCA 64561) Sadat X	DEB	UT
11 DOIN IT (Def Jam/RAL/Island 5761) LL Cool J.	9	14
12 WOO-HAHII GOT YOU ALL IN CHECK		
(⊟ektra 64335)	11	14
13 THE WORLD IS A GHETTO (Rap-A-Lot/Virgin 38544) Geto Boys	12	6
14 DELINQUENT HABITS (PMP/Loud/RCA 64526) Tres Delinquentes	14	5
15 OREGANO FLOW (Critique 15571) Digital Underground	DEE	BUT
16 IT'S ALL THE WAY LIVE (NOW) (FROM "EDDIE")		
(Tommy Boy 7731)	19	2
17 MR. ICE CREAM MAN (No Limit/Priority 53218) Master P	17	11
18 LIVE AND DIE FOR HIP HOP		
(Ruffhouse/Columbia 7827) Kris Kross	15	7
19 SHADOWBOXIN' (Geffen 19396) Genius/GZA Feat. Method Man	16	12
20 TOUCH ME, TEASE ME (Def Jam 76552) Case	24	5
PAIN I FEEL (Mercury 0564)	23	2
22 I MUST STAND (Rhyme Syndicat/Priority 5321) lce-T	13	3
23 IF HEADZ ONLY KNEW (Pendulum/EMI 58549) Heather B.	25	2
24 BOOM BIDDY BYE BYE (Ruffhouse/Columbia 78339) Cypress Hill	DEE	BUT
25 WHERE I'M FROM (MCA 55097) Passion	DEE	BUT

Urban Singles Reviews

By Peter Miro

■ FACEMOB: "The Other Side" (Interface/Rap A Lot/Noo Trybe DPRO-11065) Producers: James A. Smith, Brad Jordan.

Mr. Scarface launches his protégés with a twang and a bang on this street narrative, characterized by in-the pocket verbal flows about life on the other side of the law. Contains radio, a cappella and instrumental tracks. Bound to garner notice among rap exponents.

■ IMMATURE: "Please Don't Go" (MCA MCA5P-3746) Producers: Chris Stokes, Claudio Cueni, Hank Shocklee.

Striking layers of effects pace this rakish ballad, given a lush electronic twist on the "Roger(Troutman)Remix," sustained piano overture on the steppeddown "Old School Classical Remix," and a robotic soul "Zappapella" remix. From the We Got It Again LP. It's actually quite pleasant.

■ SADAT X: "Stages and Lights" (Loud/RCA RDJ 64560-2) Producers: Showbiz, Sadat X, Dante Ross, Matt Life, Schott Free

Get with the throbbing bassline and gentle cymbal tap on this excerpt from Sadat X's forthcoming LP Wild Cowboys. This single is an easygoing jam from the rap kingdom. A discussion of fame and its pitfalls.



Blues Editorial & Reviews

Isn't Anybody or Anything Special Anymore?

By John Rhys

ONCE UPON A TIME there was a man, Thomas Alva Edison, a brilliant inventor. He invented lots of amazing things. One, the *Cylinder Phonograph*, was *very* special...Or was it?

Across the Atlantic Ocean in Germany another man, Emile Berliner, invented something he thought was special ealled the *Gramophone*.

What a coincidence! Both were made of wax but Edison's Cylinder was...well, cylindrical...round, and Berliner's was flat. But they both could store sounds and both men said to their friends, "We can save sound, if it doesn't get too hot. Just think what we'll be able to do with these things!"

Edison and Berliner thought about special things; education, teaching the blind, storing information relating to famous and historical events! They thought about the myriad things they *could* record, so what was the first thing that *was* recorded, besides gibberish, 1 mean?—a silly little song called "Mary Had A Little Lamb." The first musical reproduction had been made.

Without realizing it, Tom & Emile invented the record business

How could they know that, down the pike, Al Jolson, Billie Holliday, Elvis Presley, Morris Levy, Milt Salstone, Clive Davis, The Beatles and God Lives Underwater would leap onto the front pages of publications like *Cash Box* and *Billboard, Record World* and *Hits* via their special inventions, thereby spawning yet another industry—Trade Magazines.

Now, along comes this Marconi guy with his "something special"—Radio! Radio transmitters allowed stations to send sounds to millions of homes with receivers. People were hearing all kinds of great music. A person could pick and choose from dozens of transmitters playing various types of sounds. From these varied sounds coming off the radio he could then select the type he would like to own, run to a store and buy these wax discs for his own home enjoyment.

The trade magazines used to play an important part in the promotion and sales of newly recorded sounds by trascking what was being sold and getting played on that radio contraption, and they made the people who ran these new organizations—let's call them Moguls and Record Companies—feel proud and important. These record company people paid the trade magazines lots of money for space on paper which sang the praises of the important new sounds they'd put on wax ("Waxes To Watch"), which would then bring in even more money. The record companies also promoted their music to radio and bought air time so they could be heard through this medium.

Times were good. Oh happy day! Everybody did well.

But just when people through it couldn't get better, down the airwaves floated "Personality Radio," where insane men and women, with insane names like "The Geeter With The Heater" and others got on the radio and did insane things. Such Merriment!

Then a very smart man from Dallas, Texas came along to put "order" to everything. His name was Gordon McLendon, and he invented something called "format" programming. Ahhh, welcome "Tiger Radio."

And now, business really started to boom.

Things were so good that thousands of small record companies grew world-wide. There was special music for every special kind of person and every special culture. For decades the water rose and things went swimmingly. Small companies became large companies. Large companies bought up small companies and became Corporations. Buying up the competition became the BIG FISH concept.

You could grow very rich if you were successful at capturing sounds musicians created and that many people enjoyed. So it seemed like a relatively easy thing to do, certainly better than digging ditches or cleaning windows. It seemed so easy that more and more people decided to have more and more musicians create more and more sounds to store on more and more discs, which were, by this time by the way, plastic!

Pretty soon the discs began to pile up all over the place. Corporations had to build giant storage areas called "warehouses" in which to keep them till they were sent out and sold.

But then the retailers and distributors, middle men for the record companies, found they had more than the buyers would shell out the money for and they began sending them *back* to the companies who made them. Imagine—discs coming back instead of money. Company grins turned down into corporate frowns. They had come to depend on monetary compensation to operate the huge organizations they had built

You see, what had happened was: they'd lost sight of the fact that less was actually more. Too bad for the moguls, the A&R men, the veeps, CEOs, promoters and *all* those lawyers, they began strangling on their lack of foresight and greed and were blinded to the fact that the human spirit is finely woven through with the music of life. They hadn't reasoned that human beings can inherently tell the

Top 25 Blues Albums

JUNE 15, 1996		٧.
1 LEDBETTER HEIGHTS (Giant 24621) Kenny Wayne Shepherd	1	16
2 THE REAL DEAL LIVE (Silvertone 41543) Buddy Guy	2	6
3 ALLIGATOR 25TH ANNIVERSARY (Alligator 1101) Various Artists	3	4
4 PLEASE TAKE ME (Jive 41585 Marvin Sease	5	6
5 PHANTOM BLUES (Private 82139) Taj Mahal	6	12
6 GREATEST HITS (Epic EK-66217) Stevie Ray Vaughan	7	16
7 ACE IN THE HOLE (Ace 2006) Willy Clayton	4	14
8 A LONG WAY HOME (Verve 529465) Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown	8	
6		
9 BLUES FOR GREENY (Charisma 4050) Gary Moore	12	4
10 KEB MO (Epic 57863) Keb Mo	10	14
11 A MAN AMONGST MEN (Code Blue 82896 AG) Bo Diddley	DE	BUT
12 YA THINK I'D KNOW BETTER (Blind Pig 5033) Coco Montoya	15	2
13 BLUES (MCA 11060) Jimi Hendrix	14	8
14 ONE MONKEY DON'T STOP NO SHOW		
(Valdoxy 2813)	19	4
15 RHYTHM AND GROOVE (Pointblank 41494) Roy Rogers	18	4
16 GOOD LOVE (Malaco 7480) Johnny Taylor DEBUT		
17 SAD STREET (Malaco MCD 7478) Bobby Blue Bland	13	16
18 SLAMMIN' ON THE WEST SIDE		
(Telarc 83389) Luther Guitar Jr. Johnson	23	2
19 HOT BISCUITS (House Of Blues 87008) Various Artists	17	4
20 GRATEFUL HEART: BLUES AND BALLADS		
(Bullseye 9565) Ronnie Earl And The Broadcasters	16	10
21 TURN IT ON (Bullseye 9566) Roomful Of Blues	21	14
22 DUKE'S BLUES (Pointblank 41344) Duke Robillard	20	16
23 CLEANING HOUSE (Alligator 4840) Saffire	25	2
24 HOUSE OF LOVE (Paula 9005) Carl Sims Return 14		
25 TEXAS SOUL (Black Top 1131) W.C. Clark	24	2

difference between the real thing and a placebo, a single sparkling diamond or a handful of ground glass.

Remember Edison, Berliner and Marconi?...Look up there; on that cloud with the silver lining? See their feet dancing? Hear the laughter? Listen 'specially hard and you'll hear them all agree that everyone, up and down the line, should have thought "first," of *Principles before Personalitie\$*.

Love, JR.

Album Reviews

John Rhys

THE MUDDY WATERS TRIBUTE BAND: You're Gonna Miss Me (When I'm Dead And Gone) (Telarc CD 83335) Producer: John Snyder

An excellent tribute to the ever listenable Mr. McKinley Morganfield aka Muddy Waters, this CD has all the feel and none of the BS so many other people have claimed in their so-called "Chicago" blues albums. Recorded over a two year period in more studios than we have space to recall, this album sounds as though it might have been done in one day at one of the infamous Chess brothers sessions where Phil and Leonard would insist that an album be recorded in one day, and so it was. There is a cohesiveness to this CD that works, and the production is sparse and lean, leaving an open and laid back feeling which is imperative in duplicating the Chicago sound. The Tribute Band consists of: drums and vocal by Willie "Big Eyes" Smith; guitar and vocal, Luther "Guitar Jr." Johnson; piano, Joe Willie "Pinetop" Perkins; bass, Calvin "Fuzz" Jones; guitar and vocal, "Steady Rollin'" Bob Margolin, and on harmonica, Jerry Portnoy. There's more! Special guests include Gregg Allman, James Cotton, Buddy Guy, Levon Helm, KoKo Taylor, Junior Wells, and Peter Wolf. Check out "I Don't Know Why", "Going To Main Street", and "Muddy's Shuffle." You'll be glad you did.



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Carving Niche In U.S. Market The Goal of CMP

By M.R. Martine:

REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS mark a lengthy trans-Atlantic conversation with Graham Lawson, chief operator for UK/Germany-based CMP (Creative Music Productions) Records, the label whose roster transcends genre demarcations and hopes to carve out a solid niche in the genre-rigid U.S. Lawson, while recognizing the difficulty his stable of eclectic artists will have taking off on radio airwaves, and understanding the space race in ailing U.S. retail outlets in the country, outlined for *Cash Box* plans for exposing the six releases coming from CMP, positioning them in retail

and consequently collecting new fans for the largely progressive jazz/world music artists that inhabit the label, owned by German industrialist Kurt Renker, and which began to thrive commercially when Lawson took over in 1992.

CMP's artists and Lawson may have laid the foundation last year when four of its albums landed in the top 10 fusion albums list in the 1995 year-end of Tower Records' *Pulse!* magazine.

"Firstly, we have a small label and only expect to sell somewhere

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around 200,000 units for all our releases," says Lawson, a former artist management and telecommunications executive. "We realize we're going into a market that is crowded, where sales have been flat. But we feel we have artists and a program that will help us hit our mark.'

Lawson, who is based in London in offices that overlook the Thames River, says he is excited about prospects and that through CMP's U.S. distributor, Passport, he hopes to ignite the same spark of enthusiasm among retailers.

A multi-pronged attack on core retail outlets, major chains and mass merchandisers was developed by Lawson and company. In May, CMP serviced a sampler CD featuring selections by the six artists being released through CMP and its World Series. Featured on the sampler is progressive music by Jack Bruce, Andy Summer, Michael Shrieve, David Torn, Mick Karn and Trilok Gurtu. The company offered the sampler to early bird retail accounts and offered five percent off the new titles and 15 percent off the 70 title catalog. CMP also offers a buyer's reference guide featuring the label's release line-up and bar codes for easy ordering. And there were free, expensive shirts sent to the first 50 retailers that order as an incentive to help promote the product in-store.

Free co-op advertising to attract people into the stores and touring in the U.S. that would peak the interest of an undiscovered nation of fans is also part of the promotional/marketing mix, Lawson says.

He believes the artists and their music will ultimately sell the recorded

"Clearing U.S. dates for our artists is the ultimate challenge," Lawson says. "They all have full diaries, including major European tours."

He believes touring in conjunction with the retail promotion in the U.S. eircumvents the relative scarceness of promotional avenues for such music.

He acknowledges that, "Sadly, American radio play is sparse for this kind of music. There are maybe 10 (broadcast) shows in all the United States that would give this music any extensive airplay. We've got artists like lack Bruce and Andy Summers playing more adventurous music that the (radio) formats that have supported them in the past are inclined to play now. And juzz stations have changed, and (laughing) I might be unkind in saying that some of what they play is like elevator music. They're into strict formatting.

Lawson says that he is challenged by the goal of attracting younger eonsumers to the music. "Those who've grown up on grunge rock or alternative rock, when we've been able to attract them to the shows, have been absolutely ecstatic and have enjoyed the finesse of the players.

Another challenge Lawson relishes is "bringing younger talent into the label." The company plans to launch CMP Karakter as a market conduit for its contemporary rock artists, "I can't wait to find the next John McLaughlin,"

Launching or redefining ventures is nothing new for Lawson, who started out as an artist manager in 1971 after years as a fan. In 1981, he eschewed the music business to break ground in the telecommunications business. When Lawson was brought to the attention of CMP's Renker in late 1992 by Mike Shrieve (with whom he had worked on the Island Records Go project), the label had languished well below earnings of 50k per annum, releasing records for artists such as Trilok Gurtu and Kidsi Erguner.

"CMP has built a state of the art, 32-track studio in the Cologne Valley. beautiful country where the artists were encouraged to explore. After all, operation expense was not that great," Lawson says. But the music entreprenurial spirit in Lawson led him to stress marketing and wage a campaign to reposition the profile of CMP artists.

"This is a great job," Lawson says. "I'm working with some exciting artists, helping to expose their music and bring that music to their supporters and potential new fans."

Indie Execs

■ Nina K. Easton, president of the newly-opened companies NMC Records and Music & Media, Inc. has announced a series of appointments. Melissa M. Koran has been named director of operations for both companies. Formerly Easton's executive assistant at lehiban Records, Koran was special projects coordinator for Jazziz Magazine. Tara Murphy has been named director ereative affairs & media relations for both companies, she comes to the new job after a stint as press & publicity manager for lehiban the past two years. Bruce Negrin will serve as director of radio promotion for NMC. Negrin was previously national director of radio promotion and marketing for Wild Pitch Records in New York, and Jne Giucastro will be the director of elub/dance promotion for NMC. The club owner/DI has a strong background in club and pool promotion, having worked on three singles by Deep Forest and the current single by Ratpack.



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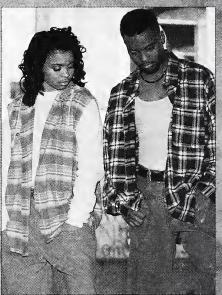




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News From The United Kingdom, Ireland & Europe

By Hal Levy

TOP UK SINGLES: Still roaring in the number one spot is Baddiel/Skinner/The Lightning Seeds' "Three Lions." Newcomer Fugees' "Killing Me Softly" takes second prize pushing Gina G's "Ooh Aah...Just A Little Bit" down to three. Hanging onto four is Tony Rich Project's "Nobody Knows" while "Mysterious Girl" moves Peter Andre/Bubbler Ranx up to five. Louise was "Naked" when she arrived on six and Celine Dion's "Because You Loved Me" comes from lower on the charts to seven. JK's "There's Nothing I Won't Do" pushes down to eight while Robert Miles' "Fables" comes onto the charts at nine and Mark Morrison's "Return Of The Mack" rounds out the charts at ten.

The UK's top album is still George Michael's Older with Top Music Video going to Live Cast Recording—Les Miserables. Top Sale Video remains Timon & Pumbaa and Top Rental Video is Goldeneye. Toy Story is still the UK's top Mega Drive rental and Super Nintendo's rental remains Donkey Kong Country 2 Top CD-ROM is U.S. Gold's Duke Nukem 3D.

Looking at books, *Keeper of Genesis* heads the hardback general list, while Jeffrey Archer's *The Fourth Estate* is the fiction leader. Nobel-winner Seamus Heaney's *The Spirit Level* is top general paperback and Joanna Trollope's *The Best of Friends* leads the paperback fiction list.

In Europe, Robert Miles' Children tops the list in France, Austria and Sweden while Michael Jackson's "They Don't Care About Us" heads the list in Croatia. Take That's "How Deep Is Your Love" brings cheer to Lithuania and Macedonia while Fool's Garden's "Lemon Tree" blooms in Norway, Iceland and Latvia. George Michael is in for "Fastlove" in Spain and Yugoslavia while Los Del Rio's "Macarena" tops in Germany. Livin' Joy's "Don't Stop Movin" is moving in Italy while Metallica's "Until It Sleeps" is awake in Finland.

Eros Ramazzotti hits the bigtime with his album *Dove C'E Musica* topping it in Germany, Switzerland and Italy while George Michael's *Older* still seems ahead in Holland, Denmark, France, Sweden, Spain and Austria. Alanis Morissette's *Jagged Little Pill* is still dropping in Ireland.

DOWN DOWN: Thorn EM1 at £17.94 is down 0.3% and **Rank Organization**'s £5.17 is down 1.5%. **PolyGram** at NLf 101.20 (£38.70) is down 1.4%.

MUSICAL CHAIRS: Hugh Jenkins, former head of Prudential Portfolio Managers, the UK's largest institutional investor, is set to become chairman of Thorn next year, following the demerger later this year of Thorn EMI. Current chairman, Sir Colin Southgate, has said he would leave the Thorn board, but continue as head of EMI, at the end of the 1997 annual general meeting of the company. Jenkins has been a non-exclusive board member of Thorn EMI. Joining the board will be Paul Preston, CEO of McDonald's UK.

MEANWHILE UP THE LADDER comes Christopher Lameignere who will be the new director of Epic France a division of Sony Music France. Before joining Epic in 1991, he was head of artistic direction at EM1 France. TAKE THAT: And he did. Former Take That's Gary Barlow won The Most Performed Work Award and The Best Selling Song Title for his "Back For Good" at the Ivor Novello Ceremony, one of the UK's most prestigious music awards. Seal picked up The International Hit of the Year for "Kiss From A Rose" and Oasis' Noel Gallagher and Blur's Damon Albarn shared The Songwriter of the Year.

VINILKOSMO KOMPIL means a rock music compilation in Esperanto and that's also the name of a new 15-track CD in Esperanto with contributions from bands around the world.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX: According to the sex, about 13% of UK adults over 16 have purchased at least one album from a record club or mail-order company in 1995. While 14% males were purchasers, only 11% of women were on the list. The 25-34 age group had the highest proportion of buyers, but the 35-55 year-olds were the biggest buyers. One-third of mail order customers got six to ten albums in the year, but the various introductory offers, which sometimes offer five for the price of one, must be taken into consideration of those reporting buying six to ten albums.

UNCHARTED: Set to be heard by a record number of people is the Internet's "Euro Football Mania," which is the official anthem of the European Soccer Championships. Status Quo bass player, John Edwards, wrote the tune for the Vauxhall-sponsored Internet site, which will feature team statistics, reports and updates. "Euro Football Mania" is reported to be the first song commissioned specifically for the Internet.

HAND JOB: The UK's new Channel 5 is required to re-tune some nine million VCRs as part of the terms of receiving their broadcast license. There were hopes that Pace Mico Technology's new plug-in would be able to do the re-tuning without it having to be done manually by Channel 5 employees, a task that would require some 6,000 people to do the job. However, the plug-in has run into some bugs and probably won't be ready in time for C5B to meet its deadline.

ALL THAT JAZZ—MOO MOO: July's Montreaux Jazz Festival's opening night features jazz musicians from Niger in Africa. However, instead of their fees being paid into Swiss bank accounts, the musicians will be paid back home in cows, the basis of wealth in that country.

MORE MOO MOO: U.S. ice cream makers, Ben & Jerry have come up with a way to fight the Mad Cow Disease. They've rented a herd of cattle at £25 per cow per week to wear billboards advertising their products. The herd, pastured next to one of the UK's busiest freeways are expected to get lots of drive-by looks.

NO SWEAT: That's the goal of the World Health Organization in regards to nightclubs. Researchers have found that even with good ventilation, after one hour's dancing, the average dancer's body temperatures can reach 101 and lose a quart of sweat. If they continue dancing, body temperatures could go as high as 104. The WHO is calling for guidelines for clubs, calling for better ventilation and drinking water, to avoid dangers to patrons. There have been reports of venues where watertaps and air conditioning have been turned off in order to increase sales of bottled water. The report doesn't deal with Ecstacy, which also increases the need for fluids.

THE DANCE OF DEATH is what the International Conference of Dance Music, which opens in Rimini, Italy, is calling the Italian dance scene. More than 2,000 deaths in the past five years have been linked to the dance scene, but not within the venues, but outside, in auto accidents. Young Italians often drive up to 160 miles from one rave to another and with the fast music, drink and drugs, they tend to excessive speeds leading to what some newspapers call "the Saturday night massacres." To slow down the dancers, some clubs have been ending their nights with so-called "Dream Music," slower, melodic tunes, rather than the fast and repetitive house music.

THE DANCE OF LIFE: Dance music in Northern Ireland has been bringing together Catholics and Protestants in a non-political, non-religious and spontaneous scene. While some groups have attempted segregated venues, people attending raves just ignore the differences between themselves and go for the music and enjoyment.

MISSION POSSIBLE: U2's take from PolyGram's Mission: Impossible soundtrack album is expected to bring in big bucks. Usually bands receive only about half of the royalties from a soundtrack album than they would from a release directly through their label. However, groups with clout often get a higher percentage. Mission: Impossible is U2's fifth soundtrack album. BETTING HIGH, but not too high. British Airways isn't only gambling on their passengers, but their passengers are also gambling on BA. BA has introduced a Boeing 747, which seats 400 passengers, that will also serve as a casino in the sky. Those over 18 will, with a credit card, be able to access a video gambling machine that plays poker, roulette and blackjack. Jackpots will be credited to the card, with pictures and sounds of coins showing where the money is going. Loss limit is set for £150 in first and business class, £75 in economy. If the casino catches on, BA expects most of their international flights to participate. Swissair is expected to introduce their own system this fall and other airlines are also looking into entering the field.

ITALIAN FLOAT: Roland Europe, the Italian electronic music instrument manufacturer will float about 39% of its capital in the Milan stock market. Roland Europe, a subsidiary of the Japanese electronic keyboard manufacturer, Roland Corporation, last year sold more than 170,000 musical instruments.

LET'S MAKE A MOVIE: The UK's Channel 4, which produced the Cannes Palme d'Or winner, Secrets And Lies, is to spend up to £100 million over the next four years on British feature films. With expected added funds from co-production deals, Films Channel Four expect to come out with some 80 new films.

WATCH YOUR 'ASH', which is the first Irish pop group to hit the British charts with their debut album. Neither U2 nor The Cranberries were able to do that on their first albums.



Hollywood's Rock A Crumbler

By John Goff



Connery & Cage, looking for (a) a way off the rock?, or (b) out of the picture?

SEAN CONNERY, NICOLAS CAGE, ED HARRIS, wow! Power, quirky, solidity. Alcatraz—The Rock. Action! Don Simpson and Jerry Bruckheimer! Can't lose....Wellil, not if you're looking for some pretty mindless action; enough patches from other movies sewn together to make the whole seem like some sort of Frankenstein's monster-creation. After a while you begin looking for the genesis film, or TV commercial in the case of a few lines, of a scene. But ultimately, it's done in by writers David Weisberg & Douglas S. Cook and Mark Rosner and director Michael Bay tiptoeing away from their very promising premise, obfuscating the intent by

blowing up everything in sight in order to divert attention from their set-up and eventually bowing their heads to whimper it off onto another trail.

General Ed Harris takes control of Alcatraz with rockets and lethal gas in order to get recognition for U.S. troops who died without being honored or even acknowledged by the U.S. Government. Noble intent. He threatens to annihilate San Francisco unless the demands are met. A bit off center. The mission, Sean and Nicolas, should you accept...Sorry, wrong movie...break into Alcatraz (Connery, a federal prisoner held without being charged for 30 years, is the only man ever to escape The Rock so he gets a pardon—another government lie—if he leads the elite team.

But first, since we're in San Francisco, let's have a...what?...Right, car chase. If you're making a movie in SF you gotta have a chase. But not just any chase. Let's blow up half the city, derail a cable car, have a five or six car pile up with car flips and rolls. And let's have Connery lead that too, in a Hum vee. After all, he hasn't been behind the wheel of anything in the 30 years he's been imprisoned. Well, sure he gets away...almost. FBI chemical warfare specialist idiot-savant Nicolas Cage can figure where he's going from his car phone; but we'll make audiences forget Bullitt ever existed. And so what if it's purely gratuitous.

And on the rock there's a Quentin Tarantino *Reservoir Dogs* everybody-aiming-pistols-at-everybody-else scene. Have a little *Top Gun*; an impaling, haven't seen one of those in a couple months. Sean can poke fun at his secret service James Bond days as a younger spy. And here's a priceless line: have a Marine say to Marine General Harris, "Let's be all we can be, sir." Ah hell, nobody'll remember it was an Army line from a TV commercial.

Got the idea?

The firepower is red hot and LOTS of it. Bay does a credible John Woo impression...several times; pays homage to Steven Spielberg and *Indiana Jones* with an underground cart-on-rails-out-of-control chase. It'll assault your visual and aural senses excellently, satisfy all cravings for violence. It'll make a bundle. Quickly, with the opening legs elements, but it should fall off quickly also.

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Top 15 Weekly Film Grosses

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RANK/TITLE	DISTRIBUTOR	WEEK	SCREENS	WKND TOTAL	AVG	TOTAL
1. Mission: Impossible	Paramount	2	3,012	\$21,629,362	\$7,181	\$107,154,708
2. Twister	Warner Bros.	4	2,808	\$17,112,505	\$6,094	\$168,873,442
3. Dragonheart	Universal	1	2,130	\$15,027,150	\$7,055	\$15,027,150
4. Eddie	Buena Vista	1	1,989	\$8,041,972	\$4,043	\$8,041,972
5. The Arrival	Orion	1	1,693	\$4,806,763	\$2,839	\$4,806,763
6. Spy Hard	Buena Vista	2	2,319	\$4,321,588	\$1,864	\$16,817,835
7. Flipper	Universal	3	2,281	\$1,916,040	\$840	\$13,238,265
8. The Truth About Cats & Dogs	20th Century Fox	6	1,174	\$1,179,937	\$1,005	\$29,710,306
9. The Craft	Columbia	5	1,375	\$1,012,512	\$736	\$21,550,068
10. Toy Story	Buena Vista	28	766	\$933,144	\$1,218	\$187,890,719
11. The Birdcage	MGM/UA	13	767	\$605,039	\$789	\$119,650,185
12. Primal Fear	Paramount	9	789	\$592,420	\$751	\$53,891,394
13. Executive Decision	Warner Bros.	12	479	\$414,990	\$866	\$55,719,707
14. Cold Comfort Farm	Gramercy	4	64	\$411,281	\$6,426	\$1,070,742
15. Mr. Holland's Opus	Buena Vista	20	349	\$330,694	\$948	\$80,062,354
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Domestic box-office, which includes USA and Canada for the weekend of May 31-June2, totaled \$78,335,397, breaking down to a \$3,561 per-screen average off a total of 21,995 screens, giving a combined total of \$883,505,610. (Courtesy Entertainment Data, Inc.)



VIDEO REVIEWS

Grumpier Old Men

By John Goff



OVER THE HILL at...well, whatever age? As Burgess Meredith might say in his Grumpy and Grumpier character, "Stick it up your..." Yes, he's back as Jack Lemmon's randy father, chasing—and catching—Sophia Loren's mother. They're a delight. So are Lemmon and Walter Matthau. O.k., so maybe things get a little 'cutesy' sometime. So what! These guys aren't consumed with prostatitis, dropsy, calcium deposits, hemmorhoids, gout or whatever other illness du jour cutesy writers feel like visiting on any character over 30. You think there's not beauty after that age? Take a good look at Ann-Margret and Sophia Loren. Lemmon and Matthau are only grumpy because it's fun to be. Enjoy! (Warner Home Video).

Bed Of Roses

By J.G.

ONCE YOU GET BEYOND PUBERTY you're bound to carry a 'ghost' or two into a relationship. The Christian Slater and Marry Stuart Masterson characters in Bed Of Roses dutifully carry them into their near mystical courtship here. Writer/director Michael Goldenberg languidly reveals the relationship development here like...well, like pulling petals from a rose—not to be confused with un-layering an onion—and the aroma is sweet, feelings touching. Everyone searches for the magical love affair, the partner. Sometimes all that simply drops without a search and it's frightening when we're presented with it, which is what happens here. This is one to watch with a loving involvement. Sweet, touching, magical at moments. Very romantic. (New Line Home Video).



Painted Hero

By J.G.

DWIGHT YOAKAM steps out from behind his guitar and into the rodeo bull ring here for a star acting turn. The country tunesmith/singer has been a promising support actor in several other projects (Roswell & Red Rock West), and has moved behind the camera, directing his own music videos lately—and shows even more promise there. His moody-broody mien doesn't have enough strength or sub-thought behind it to hold up as a central focus, but it's good to see he's putting himself on the line to learn. Terry Benedict

Film (Continued)

Connery isn't fooling anyone. He knows what he's in and collects a star/actor's payday as well as that of an exec producer. Cage brings his special quirky approach to a role which was unraveling before credits. Harris starts strong but is left hanging out to dry in a role with no payoff. David Morse makes the mistake of thinking he was supposed to care about what's going on around him. William Forsythe and John Spencer slime things up nicely as a high government official and FBI director. All the others simply need to look stealthy.

Richard Francis-Bruce had a helluva time editing. John Schwartzman makes the most out of the Alcatraz locations with his camerawork and Nick Glennie-Smith and Hans Zimmer push the music relentlessly.

Don Simpson and Jerry Bruckheimer produced. William Stuart, Connery and Louis A. Stroller executive produced. The film is "dedicated in loving memory to Don Simpson."

(co-producer/writer/director)'s script is pretty predictable, characters clichéd but the rodeo sequences have the ring of actuality to them. Action outside the ring tends to be forced and poorly staged. Cindy Pickett and Bo Hopkins offer the strong support here. (Cabin Fever Entertainment, Inc.)

Vid Biz

By John Goff

MOVIN' ON UP: Deborah Mitchell has been promoted to the post of executive director of marketing for Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, announced TCFHE president Bob DeLellis. Mitchell moved up from her position of marketing director, where she's been since 1994. She'll continue to develop and execute sell-through and rental home video marketing campaigns and strategies...New York-based independent video company Kultur/White Star has retained HWH Public Relations to manage a new PR program for the company, announced K/WS president Dennis Hedlund...Keep on keepin' on...

JUNE-MOON-SPOON-ROMANCE, O.K ?: Well, isn't that what goes through most people's heads when the summer sun thaws out the winter/spring thick running sap and sets the classic chase in motion? And Paramount Home Video is firing off a double-barrelled roman candle on a summer's eve for the romantics, releasing the studio's \$53 million grossing lush update/re-make Sabrina starring Julia Ormond and Harrison Ford and the original classic with Audrey Hepburn and Bogie. The latter leads off the irresistable trio (irresistable at \$44.85) with the irresistable umbrella title of The Audrey Hepburn Collection and is filled out with Breakfast At Tiffany's and Roman Holiday. I gotta tell you, I wasn't prepared to like the new Sabrina when I went to the theatre but came away a fan-of both versions. Now, you make the call..





The two Sabrinas and Linuses: Bogart & Hepburn and Ormond & Ford.

ELSEWHERE OUT THERE are some laughs with Leslie Nielsen hosting ABC Video' release of World's Funniest Commercials, culled from it's previous airing on ABC-TV Network...PolyGram Video offers out The Addiction, a non 12-step program tale of vampires in New York—as if anyone would notice a bit of sucked blood there. You can look for an interesting twist though, considering Abel Ferrara directed and the lovely and fascinating Annabella Sciorra is a vampire. Here, Annabella. Take my neck...MCA Universal Home Video's kicking out Jean-Claude Van Damme doing Sudden Death as a centerpiece. Wrapped around that is their June Low Price Collection featuring Beastmaster III: The Eye of Braxus, Coupe de Ville, Cry-Baby, Dracula (the 1979 Frank Langella-starring version), Fahrenheit 451, the delightful, classic, James Stewart-starring Harvey, John Carpenter's re-make of The Thing, Slaughter of the Innocents, Tough and Deadly and Ring of Steel...And Orion Home Video looks hard at the action market with action guru-director John Woo pulling the artillery triggers with a John Woo Collection made up of Hard Boiled and The Killer. On a more serious note Orion and Fox Lorber arc presenting a pair of imports: the critically acclaimed A Hungarian Fairy Tale and My Life and Times With Antonin Artaud from France and director Gerard Mordillat... Till next time, enjoy...



REVIEWS By Héctor Reséndez



TITO PUENTE, JR. AND THE LATIN RHYTHM CREW: Guarachando (EMI Latin, 35599) Producer: Tito Puente, Jr. HIP-HOP/URBAN/DANCE.

The sons and daughters of legends have always had a tough time living up to the image of their famous parents. For Tito Puente, Jr., however, he's too busy having the experience of his life to fret about such trivialities. On his album, Guarachando,

T.P., Jr., reveals the gutsy vision and relentless creative drive of his percussive pappy. Fcatured is a new mix of the dance hit, "Oye Como Va," originally written by senior T.P. Yet, the dominant touch remains with the son and his new age posse. Touches by Salsa world's vocalists, India and Cali Aleman, certainly lend a perfect addition to this fine production.

CHERITO: Love & Kisses (RMM, 82012) Producer: Ralph Mercado. TROPICAL-SALSA.

This is a fine compilation album of singer Cherito called *Love & Kisses*. The sensual yet electrifying side of this salsa vocalist is expressed in the seven selections. From the opening number "Nunca Tuve Un Amor Asi" to the now classic "Always," fans will enjoy all of fine tunes as a great addition to their collection.



● ■ BENNY: Uno (WEA Latina, 12412) Producer: Memo Mendez Guiu and Benny.



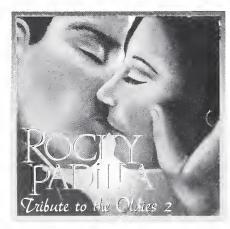
Singer-composer Benny offers ten very original and refreshing songs on his album Uno (One). His vocal style is dynamic and versatile, enabling him to master swinging rock numbers as easily as a sweet ballad. Hailing from a family of musicians and rock singers in Mexico, Benny spares no excuses in crediting his talent to his parental line-

age. Likewise, the 26 year-old's third album reflects a touching tribute to various forms of rock n' roll, from traditional to contemporary. Check out "Cielo" or "Sin Ti" and you'll have no doubt though that Benny has a renaissance spirit about him.

PICK OF THE WEEK

ROCKY PADILLA: TRIBUTE TO THE OLDIES 2 (Thump, 9946) Producers: Bill Walker and Alberto Lopez. POP/TROPI-CAL.

Take a walk down memory lane with Rocky Padilla and his Tribute to the Oldies 2. The trip will really seem like a slow cruise down Whittier Blvd. But, wow!, What a ride! This young vocalist will send chills up and down your oldies-riddled spine with a



such solid Gold gems like "To Be With You," "Crei," "Sad Girl," "Dichoso" and "To Say I Love You." (The latter is hauntingly similar to the late Ralfi Pagan's version). Padilla certainly has no difficulty demonstrating his talent as a fine interpreter of these classic ballads from yesteryear. This is one album that's easily destined to reach several generations of music lovers.

TOP 40 LATIN ALBUMS

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ARTIST	TITLE	CATEGOR	RY LABEL
1 Victor Manuelle	Hay Que Ponsi	Alma Troj	pical Sony
2 Cristian	El Deseo De Oi	ir Tu Voz Pop	Fonovisa
3 La Mafia	Un Millon de R	osas Pop-Tejar	o Sony
4 Ricky Martin	A Medio Vivir	Рор	Sony
6 Gloria Estefan	Abriendo Puer	tas Tropical	Sony
6 Marc Anthony	Todo A Su Tier	mpo Salsa	Soho Latin
7 Luis Miguel	En Concierto	Рор	WEA Latina
8 Enrique Iglesia:	s Enrique Iglesia	s Pop	Fonovisa
9 Thalia	En Extais	Рор	EMI Capitol
10 Los Sabrosos	P'Aqui Y Pa' Li	levar Merengue	e MP
11 David Lee Garz	a Algo Diferente	Tejano	EMI Latin
12 José José	Mujeriego	Рор	BMG
13 Julio Iglesias	La Carretera	Рор	Sony
14 Los Temerarios	S Camino Del Ar	nor Regional	AFG Sigma
15 Tito Rojas	Por Derecho P	ropio Salsa	MP
16 Soda	Stereo Suenos	Stereo Rock	BMG
17 Mana	Cuando Los A	ngeles Lloran Rock	WEA
18 Mazz	Sólo Para Tí	Tejano	EMI Latin
19 Grupo	Niche Etnia	Salsa	SDI
20 Donato y Estefa	ano Mar Adentro	Pop	Sony
21 Manny Manuel	Rey de Corazo	nes Merengu	e Merengazo
22 Willie Crespo	Tresen el Amo	or Salsa	BMG
23 Rocio Durcal	Hay Amores	Pop	BMG
24 Bobby Pulido	Desvelado	Tejano	EMI Latin
26 Tito Nieves	Un Tipo Comú	n Salsa	RMM
26 Los Tucanes de	e Tijuana Mundo de Am	or Mexican	EMI Capitol
27 Lorenzo Anton	io Tributo 2	Pop	WEA Latina
28 Bronco	Rompiendo Ba	arreras Regional	Fonovisa
29 Soraya	En Esta Noche	Рор	Polydor
30 Pedro Fernand	ez Pedro Fernand	dez Regional	Polygram
31 llegales	llegales	Tropical	вмс
32 Giro	Loco Corazón	Salsa	SDI
33 Yolandita Mong	ge Tú,Tů,Tů,Tů	Pop	WEA Latina
34 Puerto Rican P	ower El de mas pod	er Salsa	MP
35 Boys II Men	Yo Te Voy A A	mar Pop	Polygram
36 Domingo Quiño	ones Mi Meta	Salsa	RMM
37 Juan Gabriel	El Mexico Que	Nos Fue Pop	вме
38 Los Bukis	Por Amor A M	i Pueblo Pop	Fonovisa
39 Toño Rosario	Quiero Volver	Merengu	e WEA Latina
40 Fobia	Amor Chiquito	Rock	BMG

Chart composed from rankings received from panel members (all not listed). Susy Records -909-627-6327; Reyes Records-306-641-6686; Manhattan Latin Music-212-663-4608; Abbey Road-310-404-5661; Latino Jukebox-714-895-3200; A&A Music Enterprises-213-265-4678; Lobo Prods.-415-468-4542.

News From U.S. & Latin America

By Hector Resendez

THE LATIN LOWDOWN

EDITOR'S NOTE: While visiting Mexico City recently, journalist Deroy Murdock spotted a rare musical treat: a performance by one of the finest Cuban jazz bands, Irakere, who will be appearing at the Playboy Jazz Festival in Los Angeles June 16. The New York-based Murdock was in Mexico on a fact-finding mission sponsored by the Fairfax, Virginia-based Atlas Economic Research Foundation where he serves as an Adjunct Fellow. The following is an eyewitness account as filed by Murdock.

IRAKERE AT CHAPULTEPEC: As dusk approaches, Cuban jazz and salsa sensation Irakere is on stage beside a duck-filled lake in Chapultepec Park. The combo, once home to Latin jazz legends Paquito D'Rivera and Arturo Sandoval, is performing outdoors as part of a winter cultural festival called "Presencia de Cuba en Casa del Lago" commemorating the centennial of the death of Cuban patriot Jose Marti. This Friday afternoon, about 600 energetic and highly appreciative fans exult as Irakere's pianist and musical director Jesus Chucho Valdes' fingers joyously dance across his keyboard on one solo after another.

The band's rich sound and intricate rhythms are spiced with the beat of drummer Enrique Pla and the accents of conguero El Negron and timbalero Jose Melendez. During the swinging tune "Cualquiera Baila," Melendez delivers a particularly fiery solo. With his arms gyrating in every direction, he knocks over a microphone stand, sending the mortified sound man jumping to his feet.

Myra Caridad Valdes, Chucho's sister, joins her brother on stage for a mellow duet. The bolero Mayra sings showcases her strong, crisp voice and impressive range and vibrato. The rest of the band leaps in after her voice scales an especially precipitous peak.

The band weaves Cuban and Brazilian textures on "Chorino." On this selection, Irakere shrivels from an octet to a jazz trio with Chucho accompained by bassist Carlos del Puerto and Pla on drums. Faster than a speed boat, Chucho leads his piano and two sidemen from rapidly-paced passages across slower bridges and back again, all with stunning precision. After del Puerto's elaborate bass solo, the trio glides into a traditional be-bop interlude seemingly on loan from the Village Vanguard, circa 1960. "Chorino" gradually intensifies, humidifies and, once again, grows fully Latin.

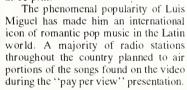
Irakere wraps up with a lively salsa number called "Un Hombre Casado" with Leo Vera on lead vocals and Mayra Caridad Valdes and Carlos Manuel Pruneda on background vocals. The three singers make the festive tune even more fun by twirling in unison, a la Motown. After encoring with a magma-hot salsa selection called "El Volcan del Caribe," Irakere concludes its engagement and sticks around to greet fans and autograph their concert posters.

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"It's been ten years since their last performance in Mexico," says Casa del Lago director Raymundo Figueroa backstage. "This is their triumphant return".

LUIS MIGUEL ON PAY PER VIEW: Hot on the heels of his hit double album, *El Concierto* (The Concert), mega-idol **Luis Miguel**'s two-hour show was recently offered on local cable stations via its distributor, **Request 1**. The live concert, *Luis Miguel Concert*, filmed in Mexico and Argentina, was

broadcast on June 7, at 9 p.m. and again at 11 p.m.



Luis Miguel.

EMI LATIN'S JOSE BEHAR FETED AS FATHER OF THE YEAR: EMI Latin's president, Jose Behar, was selected this past week as one of six men to receive recognition as Fathers of the Year. The event was held on Tuesday, June 11 at the Father's

Day Council West Coast's 22nd Annual awards luncheon at the Century Plaza Hotel in Century City. This year's gala luncheon was hosted by former Father of the Year and television star Monty Hall. A special performance by EMI Latin recording artist Barrio Boyzz highlighted the entertainment portion of the luncheon.

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convicted of conspiracy and counterfeiting charges.

Jessie Abad, the RIAA's regional anti-piracy counsel said, "We are pleased to be able to bring closure to a case that may have cost the legitimate recording industry up to \$96 million in displaced sales, based solely on blank cassettes acquired by the defendants."

U.S. District Judge Marjorie O. Rendell set sentencing for early fall. Basem and Osama Allan, and Liess remain free pending sentencing. Yaser Allan remains in federal custody.

MU\$IC MAKE\$ \$\$\$: The U.S. musical products industry gained record revenues in 1995 with over \$5.47 billion in sales, accounting for more than 42 percent of the \$13 billion worldwide industry sales, according to the 1996 edition of *Music USA*, the annual statistical report published by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM).

According to the report, U.S. musical products industry recorded a 10% increase from 1994 growing 39% from \$3.93 billion to the current high of \$5.47 billion.

Guitar and amplifiers led the field of 38 product categories posting dollar gains ranging from 1% to 43%. Fretted instruments advanced 23% in dollar volume from '94 to \$696.3 million. Electric guitars enjoyed a \$387.5 million boom representing a 38% gain while acoustic guitars held fairly steady at \$308.7 million. Strings advanced 14% to \$115.8 million. Drum kits and hardware sales advanced 10% to \$195.5 million; home studio recording units gained 9% with \$141 million, and the school market also increased, accounting for \$560.6 million in sales.

GREENE DISCOVERS AWARDS: National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences, Inc. (NARAS) president/CEO Michael Greene will be one of nine blue ribbon panel judges at the fifth annual Discover Card Tribute Award ceremony honoring high school juniors for their accomplishments in and out of the classroom. This year's awards will be presented June 25 in Washington, DC.

Nearly \$4.5 million has been made available in scholarships since Discover Card and the American Association of School Administrators began the Tribute Award program in 1992. Each year close to 500 scholarships are offered which enable recipients on both the state and national levels to pursue their studies. It is the largest corporate high school scholarship program of its kind in the nation.

FEDS FIND FOR TICKETMASTER: Federal court judge Stephen Limbaugh in St. Louis has dismissed a sweeping class-action suit against Ticketmaster, ruling that consumers have no grounds to pursue anti-trust claims against the company.

The case was a consolidation of 16 class-action suits brought against Ticketmaster, nationally, over several years. The plaintiffs sought monetary and punitive damages, claiming that Ticketmaster's exclusive ticketing contracts are anti-consumer. In the May 31 ruling Judge Limbaugh stated that

plaintiffs had no legal ground to pursue such a complaint against Ticketmaster, thereby establishing a legal precedent for future cases.



Award winning renaissance man Quincy Jones was recently presented with the French Ministry of Culture's "Distinguished Arts & Letters Award" during a promotional trip to Paris in support of his album q's Jook Joint on Qwest/Warner Records. Jones first came to the City of Lights in 1963 at age 19 as a trumpet player in Lionel Hampton's Band, and in 1991 received the Republic of France's "Legion d' Hon-neur." Jones is pictured above (right) with United Ambassador France, Pamela Harriman

CASH BOX TOP 100 COUNTRY SINGLES

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This Week's #1: Highest Debut: George Strait Pam Tillis		
BLUE CLEAR SKY (MCA 11428) George Strait	1	10
2 I THINK ABOUT YOU (Epic 67033) Collin Raye 3 I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO LOVE YOU ANYMORE	2	1;
(Asylum)	4	14
DOES THAT BLUE MOON EVER SHINE ON YOU		
(A&M Nashville 531192) Toby Keith	6	14
5 IF I WERE YOU (Mercury 526991) Terri Clark	7	14
6 TIME MARCHES ON (Atlantic)	8	10
7 HOME (Arista)	10	4-
8 TEN THOUSAND ANGELS (BNA) Mindy McCready	9 12	17 12
9 EVERY TIME I GET AROUND YOU (MCA 11423) . David Lee Murphy	11	14
10 HIGH LONESOME SOUND (MCA 11422) Vince Gill HOLDIN' ONTO SOMETHING (MCG/Curb) Jeff Carson	13	1;
12 STARTING OVER AGAIN (MCA 11264) Reba McEntire	16	1
13 HEAVEN HELP MY HEART (Curb/MCA 11090) Wynonna	14	٠,
14 NO ONE NEEDS TO KNOW (Mercury 522886) Shania Twain	17	
15 TREAT HER RIGHT (Curb) Sawyer Brown	18	1
16 MEANT TO BE (Mercury 528893) Sammy Kershaw	19	12
17 MY HEART HAS A HISTORY (Reprise 46180) Paul Brandt	21	12
18 A THOUSAND TIMES A DAY (Epic 67269) Patty Loveless	22	
19 DADDY'S MONEY (Columbia 67223) Ricochet	24	-
20 PHONES ARE RINGIN' ALL OVER TOWN		
(RCA 66509) Martina McBride	23	9
DON'T GET ME STARTED (Decca 11424) Rhett Akins	26	10
22 MY MARIA (Arista) Brooks & Dunn	5	10
THAT'S WHAT I GET FOR LOVIN' YOU (Arista) Diamond Rio	27	•
HONKY TONKIN'S WHAT I DO BEST		
(MCA 11429) Marty Stuart & Travis Tritt	25	8
25 IT'S WHAT I DO (Capitol Nashville) Billy Dean	3	19
26 BY MY SIDE (BNA 66847) Lorrie Morgan & Jon Randall	28	8
BLUE (MCG/Curb) LeAnn Rimes	38	2
28 ON A GOOD NIGHT (Columbia) Wade Hayes	29	
29 LOVE STORY IN THE MAKING (Arista) Linda Davis	30	8
ONLY ON DAYS THAT END IN "Y" (Giant 8195) Clay Walker	34	;
THERE'S A GIRL IN TEXAS (Capitol Nashville) Trace Adkins	32	1
32 THEN YOU CAN TELL ME GOODBYE (Atlantic) Neal McCoy	33	•
SAY I (RCA 66525)	37	
GIVIN' WATER TO A DROWNING MAN (Career) Lee Roy Parnell	35	4
35 BACK IN YOUR ARMS AGAIN (BNA 66906) Kenny Chesney	36	5
36 WRONG PLACE, WRONG TIME (Decca 11261) Mark Chesnutt	39	;
4 TO 1 IN ATLANTA (MCA 11242) Tracy Byrd	40	;
38 ALMOST A MEMORY NOW (Arista) BlackHawk	15	16
39 I DON'T THINK I WILL (Epic 67069) James Bonamy	42	4
TO RUNNIN' AWAY WITH MY HEART (BNA 66642) Lonestar	43	2
CIRCLE OF FRIENDS (Warner Bros. 17639) David Ball	44	
WORKIN' IT OUT (Giant 17650) Daryle Singletary	45	
LEARNING AS YOU GO (Columbia 78329) Rick Trevino	49	2
IT'S LONELY OUT THERE (Arista) Pam Tillis	DE	BU.
SEE YA (Atlantic 82911) Confederate Railroad	47	;

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	WILD AT HEART (RCA 66742) Lari White	48	2
	JACOB'S LADDER (Mercury 532116) Mark Wills I THINK WE'RE ON TO SOMETHING	DEB	101
	(Capitol Nashville)	54	3
	EVERYTHING I OWN (RCA 66740) Aaron Tippin	57	2
	CHECK PLEASE (Almo 80007) Paul Jefferson	52	3
51	GIVE ME SOME WHEELS (Capitol Nashville) Suzy Bogguss	63	2
52	CATS IN THE CRADLE (Atlantic) Ricky Skaggs	41	8
53	SOMEONE ELSE'S DREAM (Warmer Bros. 45872) Faith Hill	20	16
54		DEB	
55	THE CHANGE (Capitol Nashville 32080) Garth Brooks	31	10
56	STRANGER IN YOUR EYES (Epic 66965) Ken Mellons	46	4
57	HEADS CAROLINA, TAILS CALIFORINA (Curb) Jo Dee Messina	50	19
58	BREAKING HEARTS AND TAKING NAMES (Curb) David Kersh	58	6
59		DEE	-
60	ALL I WHAT IS A LIFE (Curb) Tim McGraw	53	15
61	YOU WIN MY LOVE (Mercury 522866) Shania Twain	59	16
62		64	4
63		DEE	
64	LONG AS I LIVE (Atlantic) John Michael Montgomery	51	15
65	ALL YOU EVER DO IS BRING ME DOWN		
_	(MCA 11257)	55	20
66		67	6
67	C-O-U-N-T-R-Y (Epic 67405) Joe Diffie	56	14
68	MAN OVERBOARD (SOR 503)	66	5
69	PICTURE PERFECT (Warner Bros. 17663) The Sky Kings	60	9
70	THINKIN' STRAIT (Magnatone) Rich McCready	61	7
71	FIFTY-FIFTY (Mercury 528437) Keith Stegall	62	5
72		DEE	
73	THE RIVER AND THE HIGHWAY (Arista) Pam Tillis	65	19
	I'M NOT AN ANGEL (Justice) Kimmie Rhodes	76	5
75	HEART'S DESIRE (Career) Lee Roy Parnell	69	20
76 77	IT WOULDN'T HURT TO HAVE WINGS (Decca 11261) Mark Chesnutt EVEN WHEN IT DON'T FEEL LIKE IT	68	22
	(Scarlet Moon) Paul Overstreet	73	5
78	NO NEWS (BNA) Lonestar	70	21
79	CHANGE OF HEART (Rounder) Delevantes	82	5
80	BACK WHEN (Avex-Critique 15448) M. C. Potts	75	6
81	SORRY YOU ASKED (Reprise 46051) Dwight Yoakam	72	8
82	LITTLE DROPS OF MY HEART (RCA 66834) Keith Gattis	71	12
83	HOPE (Giant 17669) Various Artists	77	5
84	WHO'S THAT GIRL (Epic 66877) Stephanie Bentley	74	17
85	WHAT DO I KNOW (Columbia 67223) Ricochet	79	29
86	HYPNOTIZE THE MOON (Giant 17704) Clay Walker	80	22
87	TOO MUCH FUN (Giant 24606) Daryle Singletary	83	25
88	THE LOVE THAT WE LOST (A&M Nashville) Chely Wright	84	17
89	YOU GOTTA LOVE THAT (Atlantic) Neal McCoy	81	22
90	TO BE LOVED BY YOU (Curb/MCA 11090) Wynonna	86	18
91	SOMEDAY (River North Nashville 1172) Steve Azar	78	13
92	WHEN YOU ARE OLD (Imprint) Gretchen Peters	85	11
93	SHE NEVER LOOKS BACK (Giant 24639) Doug Supernaw	87	12
94	WALKIN' AWAY (Arista 1-2934) Diamond Rio	90	25
95	IT WORKS (RCA 66525)	88	21
96	YOU CAN FEEL BAD (Epic 67269) Patty Loveless	89	23
		92	18
97	HEAVEN IN MY WOMAN'S EYES (MCA 11242) Tracy Byrd		
98	LONG HARD LESSON LEARNED (BNA) John Anderson	91	12
99	FROM WHERE I STAND (Mercury 526812) Kim Richey	93	9
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Single Reviews By Wendy Newcomer

RANDY TRAVIS: "Are We In Trouble Now" (Warner Bros. PRO-CD-8266-R)

Travis takes a strangely elegant turn in his country comeback. Refined piano coupled with an understated vocal a la the late Charlie Rich make for one mellow, tempered single (which by the way, is written by Dire Straits' Mark Knopfler).





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■ BLACKHAWK: "Big Guitar" (Arista ASCD-3017)

Is it just me, or does the guitar lick that laces throughout this song sound eerily like the theme from the movie Footloose? Power harmonies from country's ruling trio permeate this jaunty radio single. The canny lyrical buildup of "Big

Guitar" is enough to keep the listener distracted while the guys lift from the '80s pop vault.

ROB CROSBY: "Fallin' In And Crawlin' Out" (River North 51416-4562-2)

The roadhouse rock of "Fallin' ln..." is near perfect for any dance hall or radio-its country boogie feel makes it one of the highlights of summer's offerings. And Crosby's sweet, scratchy voice doesn't hurt either.





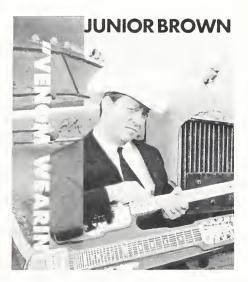
TY HERNDON: "Living In A Moment" (Epic ESK 78334)

The title cut from Herndon's second album doesn't have much in common with "What Mattered Most" (title cut from his debut), except a slightly repetitive melody. It's a pleasant song, but one that fences in the obvious talents of an extraordinary singer. Maybe next time.

PICK OF THE WEEK

JUNIOR BROWN: "Venom Wearin" Denim" (MCG/Curb 77843)

The lighthearted lyrics of "Venom Wearin' Denim" may at first hide the superior musicianship that Brown possesses. How many artists can claim invention of a new instrument (the guit-steel) with which to communicate their art? However, repeated listens confirm the fact that this Texan is truly a pioneer of the "contemporary traditionalist" movement.





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Ricochet Hits The Mark

By Wendy Newcomer



Ricochet

VERY FEW BANDS SEE THEIR FIRST single become a hit. But six guys on Columbia Records witnessed such an event, as "What Do I Know" was heard on radios across the country in late 1995. Ricochet, a group of small-town guys with home state claims ranging from Texas to Oklahoma and Tennessee to New York, seems to be hitting the mark when it comes to conquering radio.

"It feels really good. We still get so excited every time we hear the song on the radio," says lead singer/lead guitarist Heath Wright, referring to "What Do I Know." That first song has since been followed by "Daddy's Money," an uptempo number that's perfect for the band's high-energy live show.

In addition to Wright, Ricochet is the home away from home for fiddle player Junior Bryant; drummer Jeff Bryant; bassist Greg Cook; keyboardist Eddie Kilgallon; and steel player Teddy Carr. Living on the road has prompted some "band bonding" that continues even on off days, according to Carr. "You think you're gonna get a couple of days off to relax, but the next afternoon you're calling the other guys and saying, "What are you doing?" They'll say something like, 'Re-arranging the furniture.' And you'll go, 'Hey, I'm coming right over!'"

The band hasn't had too many off days since forming in May 1993. The core members of Ricochet actually came out of a West Texas band called Lariat, which included Wright and the Bryant brothers. As Lariat disbanded, the remaining members decided to reexamine their goals. "We sat down and talked and said, 'If we're going to rebuild this, let's do it right,' Jeff Bryant recalls. "We wanted something different enough so that when you hear the first two measures of one of our songs on the radio, you know before the vocals even come in that it's Ricochet." To accomplish this new sound, the guys added pedal steel and fiddle for a traditional flavor that would complement their already-present "new country sound" of guitar, bass and drums.

As is with any band worth its salt, strong harmonies are of the utmost importance. Ricochet is no exception, yet they do things a little bit differently—Kilgallon provides baritone harmony, Cook sings low harmony and Junior Bryant tackles the high tenor harmony. Kilgallon explains the distinct sound by comparing the band to another group. "Restless Heart, for instance, usually went with two harmony parts above the melody and one below, so we have a different kind of blend," he says.

To further perfect the group's sound, Kilgallon often brought his digital eight-track recorder on the road so the band could practice its parts and then listen to the results on tape. "Since I didn't sing on the album," says drummer Jeff Bryant, "I feel like I can brag on these guys and their singing. They'd practice three or four hours a day in the motel rooms we'd stay at, just singing

Fan Fair '96 Lineup Features New, Tried And True

THE 25TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL COUNTRY MUSIC FAN FAIR will kick off with an independent label show on Monday, June 10. Featured artists include Alison Krauss & Union Station, Steve Azar, Don Cox and Sweethearts of the Rodeo. The Monday night bluegrass show will showcase the talents of groups including the Del McCoury Band, J.D. Crowe & The New South, Larry Stephenson Band and Blue Highway.

The following artists will be featured in the major label showcases Tuesday through Thursday.

Tuesday, June 11

CURB RECORDS & MCG/CURB—10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.—Junior Brown; Jeff Carson; Tim McGraw; Jo Dee Messina; Perfect Stranger; LeAnn Rimes; Sawyer Brown; and Smokin' Armadillos

MERCURY NASHVILLE—2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.—Sammy Kershaw, Host; Terri Clark; Billy Ray Cyrus; Kim Richey; Keith Stegall; Shania Twain; and Mark Wills

MCA/DECCA RECORDS—7 p.m. - 10 p.m.—MCA—Jerry Clower, Host; Bobbie Cryner; Vince Gill; The Mavericks; David Lee Murphy; and Trisha Yearwood—Decca—Gerry House, Host; Rhett Akins; Mark Chesnutt; Frazier River

Wednesday, June 12-

CAPITOL NASHVILLE—10 a.m. - 12 noon—Michael Waltrip, Host; Trace Adkins; John Berry; Suzy Bogguss; Billy Dean; George Ducas; and Emilio

WARNER/REPRISE & GIANT RECORDS—2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.—Bill Engvall, Host; Paul Brandt; Daryle Singletary; The Sky Kings; Doug Supernaw; and Chris Ward

RCA/BNA RECORDS—7 p.m. - 10 p.m.—Blair Gardner, Host; John Anderson; Keith Gattis; Lonestar; Martina McBride; Mindy McCready; Jon Randall; and Aaron Tippin

Thursday, June 13

ATLANTIC & ASYLUM RECORDS—10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.—Atlantic—Katie Haas, Host; Tracy Lawrence; Mila Mason; Neal McCoy; and Ricky Skaggs—Asylum—Mandy Barnett; The Cox Family; Curtis Day; and Bryan White

ARISTA/CAREER RECORDS—2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.—Steve Wariner, Host; BlackHawk; Brooks & Dunn; Linda Davis; Diamond Rio; Alan Jackson; Lee Roy Parnell; and Pam Tillis

COLUMBIA/EPIC RECORDS—7 p.m. - 10 p.m.—Killer Bcaz, Host; Stephanie Bentley; James Bonamy; Joe Diffie; Wade Hayes; Ty Herndon; Patty Loveless; Ken Mellons; Collin Raye; Ricochet; and Rick Trevino

The mother of all country events begins to wind down Friday, June 14 with a fun, fun, fun concert starring the Beach Boys. Special guests at the morning show will be T. Graham Brown, Rodney Crowell, James House, Ronnie Milsap, Lorrie Morgan, Collin Raye, Ronna Reeves, Sawyer Brown, Ricky Van Shelton and Doug Supernaw.

Following the Beach Boys tribute will be a Cajun music show and a Christian country music showcase. The Grand Masters Fiddling Championship at Opryland USA closes out Fan Fair 1996.

over and over, recording and then picking the arrangements apart. And when it finally came time to go into the studio, they sang their parts for the producers, who said, 'Do it just like that.'''

Wright credits producers Ed Seay and Ron Chancey with giving Ricochet's self-titled debut a sound that is both unique and ear-catching. "Our producers got the very best performance out of us that we could have given them. And we're really pleased with the way the record sounds," he says. "Each song sounds different from the song before it and the song after it."

As the band readies for its Fan Fair debut, Wright reflects on Ricochet's past successes and discusses what it takes to make a hit song. "We're always looking for something that has a catchy melody, something that is very melodic that people can sing." If radio acceptance and chart positions are any indication, lots of people are singing along with Ricochet.



COUNTRY MUSIC

TOP 75 COUNTRY ALBUM	S	
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The square bullet indicates upward chart movement Last Week Tota (G) = Gold (RIAA) Certified (P) Platinum (RIAA) Certified	Weeks	
BORDER LINE (Arista 18810) Brooks & Dunn	1	5
2 BLUE CLEAR SKY (MCA 11428) George Strait	2	4
3 THE WOMAN IN ME (Mercury 522886) Shania Twain	3	63
TIME MARCHES ON (Atlantic 82866) Tracy Lawrence	5	19
5 THE GREATEST HITS COLLECTION (Arista 18801) Alan Jackson 6 FRESH HORSES (Capitol Nashville 32080) Garth Brooks	5 6	29 25
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8 ALL I WANT (Curb 77800) Tim McGraw	7	34
9 BETWEEN NOW & FOREVER (Asylum/WEA 61880) Bryan White	9	8
10 REVELATIONS (Curb/MCA 11090)	12	15
11 IT MATTERS TO ME (Wamer Bros. 45872)	10 11	34 5
12 BLUE MOON (A&M 531192)	14	37
14 LONESTAR (BNA 66642) Lonestar	13	18
15 JOHN MICHAEL (Atlantic 82728) John Michael Montgomery		57
16 MUSIC FOR ALL OCCASIONS (MCA 11257) The Mavericks		30 34
17 ITHINK ABOUT YOU (Epic 67033) Collin Raye 18 HYPNOTIZE THE MOON (Giant 24640) Clay Walker		29
19 TENNESSEE MOON (Columbia 67382) Neil Diamond		13
20 STARTING OVER (MCA 11264) Reba McEntire	22	30
21 SOUVENIRS: GREATEST HITS (MCA 11394) Vince Gill		24
22 TEN THOUSAND ANGELS (BNA 66806) Mindy McCready		3 43
23 BRYAN WHITE (Asylum 61642) Bryan White 24 JO DEE MESSINA (Curb 77820) Jo Dee Messina		6
25 THE TROUBLE WITH THE TRUTH (Epic 67269) Patty Loveless		19
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(Mercury 528893)	28	3UT 110
27 NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON (Curb 77659)(P3) I'M MCGraw 28 STRAIT OUT OF THE BOX (MCA 11263) George Strait		34
29 NO ORDINARY MAN (MCA 10991)(G) Tracy Byrd	30	100
30 GAMES REDNECKS PLAY (Warmer Bros. 45856) Jeff Foxworthy	27	41
31 GREATEST HITS-FROM THE BEGINNING (Wamer Bros. 46001)	31	34
32 IT'S WHAT I DO (Capitol Nashville 30525) Billy Dean	29	6
33 WHEN LOVE FINDS YOU (MCA 11047)(P) Vince Gil		99
34 NOW THAT I'VE FOUND YOU - A COLLECTION	34	65
(Rounder 0325)	35	30
HIT COUNTRY '96 (K-Tel 6220) Various Artists	37	6
37 STRONG ENOUGH (Arista 18792)	32	33
38 WAITIN' ON SUNDOWN (Arista 18765)(P) Brooks & Dunr 39 WE ALL GET LUCKY SOMETIMES	40	83
(Career 18790) Lee Roy Parnel	36	34
40 OUT WITH A BANG (MCA 11044) David Lee Murphy	38	37
41 IV (Arista 18812)	41	12 133
42 GREATEST HITS VOLII (MCA 11201)(P3) Reba McEntire 43 PURE COUNTRY (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)	40	100
(MCA 10651)(P3) George Strait	39	183
44 ALL OF THIS LOVE (ARISTA 18799) Pam Tillis		25
45 RICOCHET (Columbia 67223)		13 42
47 LIFE'S SO FUNNY (Epic 67045) Joe Diffie	45	22
48 YOU MIGHT BE A REDNECK IF(Warner Bros. 45314)(P) Jeff Foxworthy	50	88
49 BRAND NEW MAN (Arista 18658)(P4) Brooks & Dunn	49	243
50 GREATEST HITS (BNA 66508) Lorrie Morgar		44 32
51 TOOLBOX (RCA 66740)		81
53 I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU AND OTHER GREATEST HITS		
(Columbia 67582)	51	6
54 WHAT A CRYING SHAME (MCA 10961)(P) The Mavericks 55 LIFE IS GOOD (Capitol Nashville 32392) Emilio	55 56	116 30
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59 SUPER HITS (Epic 64182)		
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(Curb 77785)	1 59 3 63	
61 WHEN FALLIN ANGELS FLY (Epic 64188)(G) Paπy Loveless 62 GONE (Reprise 46051) Dwight Yoakan	61	27
63 READ MY MIND (MCA 10994)(P2) Reba McEntire	65	105
64 STAMPEDE (Capitol Nashville 34071)		
65 JUNIOR HIGH (MCG Curb 77783) Junior Brow		
66 SMOKIN' ARMADILLOS (MCG Curb 1219) Smokin' Armadillos 67 GREATEST HITS (Warner Bros. 46017) Little Texas		
58 STANDING ON THE EDGE (Capitol Nashville 28495)(G) John Berry		
69 TAKE ME AS I AM (Warner Bros. 45389) Faith Hill	69	119
70 DARYLE SINGLETARY (Giant 24606) Daryle Singletar		

71 NOW AND THEN (Capitol Nashville 35352) Shenandoah 67

74 KICKIN' IT UP (Atlantic 82559)(P3) John Michael Montgomery 73 97 75 WADE HAYES (Columbia)(P3) Wade Hayes 74 69

BLACKHAWK (Arista 18708)(P)

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Cash Box COUNTRY **RADIO**

High Debuts

- 1. PAM TILLIS-"It's Lonely Out There''—(Arista)—#44
- 2. MARK WILLS—"Jacob's Ladder"—(Mercury)—#47

Most Active

- 1. LEANN RIMES—"Blue"—(MCG/Curb)—#27
- 2. AARON TIPPIN—"Everything 1 Own"—(RCA)—#49
- 3. RICK TREVINO—"Learning As You Go"—(Columbia)—#43
- 4. EMILIO—"I Think We're On To Something"—(Capitol)—#48
- 5. RICOCHET—"Daddy's Money"—(Columbia)—#19
- 6. RHETT AKINS—"Don't Get Me Started"—(Decca)—#21

POWERFUL ON THE PLAYLIST— The Cash Box Top 100 Country Singles chart is led for the second week by the George Strait single "Blue Clear Sky." This week's chart displays six big movers and two debuts breaking into the Top 50. Leading the way in the most-movement category is LeAnn Rimes and "Blue," taking an 11-spot jump to #27. Aaron Tippin's "Everything I Own" jumped eight to #49. Two songs moved six spots—Rick Trevino's "Learning As You Go'' moved to #43; and "I Think We're On To Something" by Emilio moved to #48. Last but not least, two songs jumped five spots—Ricochet's "Daddy's Money" moved to #19; and "Don't Get Me Started" by Rhett Akins jumped to #21. As for debuts, two artists made it to this week's Top 50. Pam Tillis leads the way for the highest debut position with the single "lt's Lonely Out There" at #44; and Mark Wills enters at #47 with "Jacob's Ladder."

Songwriters Of The Week: Congratulations to Mark D. Sanders, John Jarrard and Bob DiPiero, writers of the George Strait #1 hit, "Blue Clcar Sky."

CMT Top Twelve Video Countdown

1. MINDY MCCREADY "Ten Thousand Angels" (BNA)
2. COLLIN RAYE "I Think About You" (Epic)
3. TRACY LAWRENCE "Time Marches On" (Atlantic)
4. SAMMY KERSHAW "Meant To Be" (Mercury)
5. PAUL BRANDT "My Heart Has A History" (Reprise)
6. MARTY STUART/TRAVIS TRITT
7. SAWYER BROWN "Treat Her Right" (Curb)
8. TOBY KEITH "Does That Blue Moon Ever Shine On You" (A&M)
9. PATTY LOVELESS "A Thousand Times A Day" (Epic)
10. RICOCHET "Daddy's Money" (Columbia)
11. SHANIA TWAIN "No One Needs To Know" (Mercury/WB)
12. REBA MCENTIRE "Starting Over Again" (MCA)

COUNTRY MUSIC

RADIO PLAYLISTS

Some of what's playing in heavy rotation:

KVOO\Tulsa, OK

GEORGE STRAIT—"Blue Clear Sky"

COLLIN RAYE-"I Think About You"

BRYAN WHITE—"I'm Not Supposed To Love You Anymore"

BROOKS & DUNN-"My Maria"

TRACY LAWRENCE—"Time Marches On"

WWIC\Scottsboro, AL

GEORGE STRAIT—"Blue Clear Sky"

BRYAN WHITE—"I'm Not Supposed To Love You Anymore"

TERRI CLARK—"If I Were You"

COLLIN RAYE—"I Think About You"

TOBY KEITH-"Does That Blue Moon Ever Shine On You"

KTLO\Mountain Home, AR

BROOKS & DUNN-"My Maria"

GEORGE STRAIT—"Blue Clear Sky"

JO DEE MESSINA—"Heads Carolina, Tails California"

FAITH HILL—"Someone Else's Dream"

MARTINA MCBRIDE—"Phones Are Ringin' All Over Town"

WQKC-FM\Seymore, IN

BROOKS & DUNN—"My Maria"

GEORGE STRAIT—"Blue Clear Sky"

COLLIN RAYE-"1 Think About You"

MINDY MCCREADY—"Ten Thousand Angels"

TRACY LAWRENCE—"Time Marches On"

WOW\Omaha, NE

BRYAN WHITE—"I'm Not Supposed To Love You Anymore"

GEORGE STRAIT—"Blue Clear Sky"

COLLIN RAYE—"I Think About You"

TERRI CLARK—"If I Were You"

TOBY KEITH-"Does That Blue Moon Ever Shine On You"

KVOX-FM\Moorhead, MN

GEORGE STRAIT—"Blue Clear Sky"

COLLIN RAYE—"I Think About You"

BRYAN WHITE—"I'm Not Supposed To Love You Anymore"

TOBY KEITH-"Does That Blue Moon Ever Shine On You"

TRACY LAWRENCE—"Time Marches On"

WRSF-FM\Nags Head, NC

GEORGE STRAIT—"Blue Clear Sky"

SHANIA TWAIN-"No One Needs To Know"

DAVID LEE MURPHY—"Every Time I Get Around You"

VINCE GILL—"High Lonesome Sound"

TOBY KEITH-"Does That Blue Moon Ever Shine On You"

In Other News...

SINGER/SONGWRITER TISH HINOJOSA PERFORMED at the White House on May 28 at a reception for several hundred Hispanie leaders across the country. Hinojosa is currently touring in support of her Warner Bros. album Dreaming From The Labyrinth/Sonar del Labarinto.

OVER 200 MOTORCYCLES RODE FROM SANDY HOOK, KY to Nashville in the Keith Whitley Memorial Ride on June 14. The Ride raised funds for the Vanderbilt Addiction Research Center. That evening, Dwight Whitley (brother of Keith) and Ken Mellons performed at the Wild Horse Saloon in downtown Nashville.

CMT SALUTES DADS IN A ONE-HOUR Big Ticket Father's Day Special to be telecast on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16 at 8 p.m. (EST). Videos by Jeff Carson, Collin Raye, Randy Travis and John Anderson, among others, will be featured in the program.

ASSOCIATED TALENT, INC. announced that Reggie Mac joined the company as an agent. Formerly with The Talent Agency, Mac was responsible for booking George Jones, Janie Fricke and Tom T. Hall.

WATERMELON RECORDS ARTIST KATY MOFFATT released her latest album, Midnight Radio, on June 11. The album was co-produced and co-written with long-time collaborator Tom Russell.

FIDDLER TAMMY ROGERS' RELEASED her self-titled debut album on June 4. Rogers, a Dead Reckoning artist and co-owner, welcomes several guests on the project, including Victoria Williams, Marvin Etzioni, Kim Richey and Jim Lauderdale.





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POSITIVE COUNTRY RADIO

This Week's Debuts

1. BRIAN BARRETT-"I Know Where I'm

Going"-(Star Song)-#35

- 2. RIVERS & OWENS—"Money Can't Buy"—(Mark Five)—#37
- 3. W.C. TAYLOR—"Take Me As I Am"—(Circuit Rider)—#38

Most Active

- 1. TODD HERVEY—"Borrowed Time"—(Rite Records)—#12
- 2. BETSY CRAIG—"Living Straight"—(Mountainview)—#19
- 3. MINDY MCCREADY—"Ten Thousand Angels"—(BNA)—#27
- 4. TONY HOOPER-"One God"-(Cross Peace)-#24
- 5. ELAINE ANDERSON—"Home Missionary"—(Amberlane)—#25

Powerful On The Playlist

Leading the Cash Box Positive Country singles chart this week is Cross Country's "Givin' Livin'" on Dove. Dinah & The Desert Crusaders and "Children Of The Light" move up to #2, and after two weeks at #1, Bruce Haynes and "Last Call" drop to #3. "Do It For The Love" by Jeff McKee takes a big seven spot jump to #4, followed by Lisa Daggs's "Two True Believers" at #5. Moving up two spots to #6 is "On A Ring And A Prayer" by Wilcox & Pardoe, and Terri Lynn's "No Shadow" moves up three to #7. "I'm Not Gonna Fall To Pieces" by Ken Holloway with Lari White falls off to #8. Paula McCulla and "Blush" move to #9. Rick Duvall's "Anchor Me" breaks the Top 10 with a seven spot jump to #10.

LOOKING AHEAD

Singles that are still gaining ground at radio this week include: "He Cried And Died For You" by Bobby Miller, Jim Carruthers with "Give Yourself Up," and "No More Tomorrows" by Steadfast.



Christian country artist Don Richmond autographs a photo for Officer Angie Hunter of the Livingston, TN police department. Richmond spoke and sang at Livingston Academy's graduation ceremonies for D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), a program designed to keep kids off drugs.

POSITIVE COUNTRY

JUNE 15, 1996 1 GIVIN' LIVIN' (Dove) Cross Country 2 CHILDERN OF THE LIGHT (Gateway) Dinah & The Desert Crusaders LAST CALL (Cheyenne) Bruce Haynes DO IT FOR THE LOVE (Mountainview) Jeff McKee TWO TRUE BELIEVERS (Cheyenne) Lisa Daggs ON A RING AND A PRAYER (Light) Wilcox & Pardoe NO SHADOW (Brentwood) Terri Lynn 8 I'M NOT GONNA FALL TO PIECES (Ransom) Ken Holloway with Lari White 13 10 ANCHOR ME (Up2U) Rick Duvall 11 PROMISE OF THE LORD (Spirit Life) First Impression 12 BORROWED TIME (Rite Records) Todd Hervey WHAT WILL HE SAY (Emperor) Don Richmond JOHN WAYNE AND JESUS (Gateway) Michael J. Grimm 10 DOCTOR JESUS (Word Nashville) Ken Mellons HOME WHERE I BELONG (Warner Bros.) B. J. Thomas AND IT SHOWED (Gateway) Thad Christopher WISE OLD PILOT (Heartwrite) David Patillo LIVING STRAIGHT (Mountainview) Betsv Craig 2 THE LOVE OF THE LORD (Memory Valley) Albert E. Brumley Congregation 30 THE WAY THE RIVER RUNS (Benson) Brush Arbor 16 THEY'RE ONLY MEMORIES (Gospel Choice) Del Way BUILD YOUR HOPE (Word Nashville) Grant Goodeve 20 5 ONE GOD (Cross Peace) Tony Hooper HOME MISSIONARY (Amberlane) Elaine Anderson 2 LITTLE BIT OF FAITH (Ransom) Jeff Silvey 17 TEN THOUSAND ANGELS (BNA) Mindy McCready SAD SONG (Mountainview) Rob Tripp 15 DAYSTAR (Bethal) Terry Joe Terrell DRIVE ANOTHER NAIL (Sparrow) Marty Raybon 26 CAT'S IN THE CRADLE (Columbia) Ricky Skaggs THERE IS AN ANSWER (Emperor) Don Richmond FOR THE SAKE OF LOVE (Mountainview) Jim Carruthers 32 34 IT AIN'T OVER 'TIL YOU LET IT GO (Mountainview) Micah Brandon Black 38 35 I KNOW WHERE I'M GOIN' (Starsong) Brain Barrett DEBUT COME AS YOU ARE (Amberlane) Elaine Anderson MONEY CAN'T BUY (Mark Five) Rivers & Owens DEBUT TAKE ME AS I AM (Curcuit Rider) W. C. Taylor DEBUT LIVING WATER (Riversong) Gaither Vocal Band 25 11

REAL LIFE LOVE (Word Nashville) Brent Lamb 24 19

Elections, Special Awards Presentations Top Agenda At Annual AAMA Spring Meeting

CHICAGO—The existing AAMA slate of officers were re-elected for the 1996-97 term during the association's annual spring meeting, held May 17, at Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale, Illinois. The present slate includes: Rick Kirby, president; Frank Gumma, Jr., vice president; Rich Babich, secretary; Ron Carrara, assistant secretary; Al Stone, treasurer and Mark Struhs, assistant treasurer.

Kirby will also serve another term on the AAMA board of directors. Joining him for the 1996-99 term are David Capilouto of Greater Southern Distributing and Frank Cosentino of Namco-America. Earlier in the month, John Gatens of Southgate Amusement and Vending was elected by the board to fill the seat vacated by Mike Taylor when WMS acquired Atari Games. Gatens' term will expire in 1998. Additionally, David Courington of Valley Recreation Products and Ralph Coppola of I.C.E. were elected to serve as board alternates.

Those members who will remain on the board are: Rich Babich of Colorado Game Exchange; Ron Carrara of Acclaim Entertainment; Joe Dillon of Williams Bally/Midway; Skip Doyle of HIGA Development Corp.; Frank Gumma, Jr. of American Vending Sales; Steve Koenigsberg of State Sales and Service; John Margold of NSM America; Mike Rudowicz of Konami America, Inc.; Joe Sladek of Skee-Ball, Inc.; Al Stone of Sega Enterprises, USA and Mark Struhs of Dynamo Ltd.

President's Award

A highlight of the spring meeting is the annual AAMA dinner, which was held at Spavone's Restaurant this year. During this function, AAMA president Rick Kirby presented the noted President's Award to Dave Courington of Valley Recreation Products. This award is given each year to an individual who has "contributed outstanding efforts and assistance to the AAMA staff" over the past twelve month period.

In making the presentation Kirby said, "Dave is very deserving of this award. He is a dedicated AAMA member who 'goes the extra mile' to ensure that AAMA programs and events are successful."

AAMA communications manager Angela Orlando added, "Dave played a very instrumental role in the past year of taking a formerly staff-driven program and bringing it back to the committee level. His dedication to the Location Trade Show Committee was a key factor in the establishment of new guidelines for the program."

Courington was also very actively involved with the Industry Promotion Committee on the current Radio Advertising Program.

Joe Robbins' Award

Also presented during the AAMA dinner was the 1996 Joe Robbins' Award, which annually goes to a member of the coin-op industry for 'outstanding participation, contributions and services to the industry.'' There were two recipients this year; Rich Babich of Colorado Game Exchange and Mark Struhs of Dynamo, Ltd.

Babich has served on the AAMA board of directors for many years and currently holds the position of board secretary.

Struhs just completed his first year on the board and will continue to serve as the board's assistant treasurer for the second year. He has also played a major role in Foreign Business Development activities for a number of years.

"These two men have definitely proven themselves as leaders in the industry, as well as in association activities," commented AAMA executive director Bob Fay. "They have consistently shown dedication not only to AAMA, but to the industry as a whole, and are most deserving of this award."

AAMCF '96-'97 Officers and Board

The American Amusement Machine Charitable Foundation board unanimously elected the following slate of officers for the 1996-97 term: Steve Koenigsberg, president; John Margold, vice president; Jerry Marcus (Atlas Distg.), secretary and Frank Gumma, Jr., treasurer.

The Foundation elected Bill Cravens of Bulldog Amusements and Steve Koenigsberg of State Sales and Service to its board of directors during the May 17 annual meeting. Members re-elected to the board are: Frank Ballouz, Frank Gumma, Jr., Jerry Marcus, John Margold and Joe Robbins (Sega Enterprises).

"We have a good group of people running AAMCF this year," said Bob Fay. "By combining the old with the new, we are sure to get a fresh perspective on things without interrupting the continuity of the Foundation."

New Products

CHICAGO—The Digi DC-130L coin counter from Q-Tech employs a programmable memory for 90 different token weights and a tare function which enables tokens or coins to be counted in pre-wrapped, boxed or bagged combinations.

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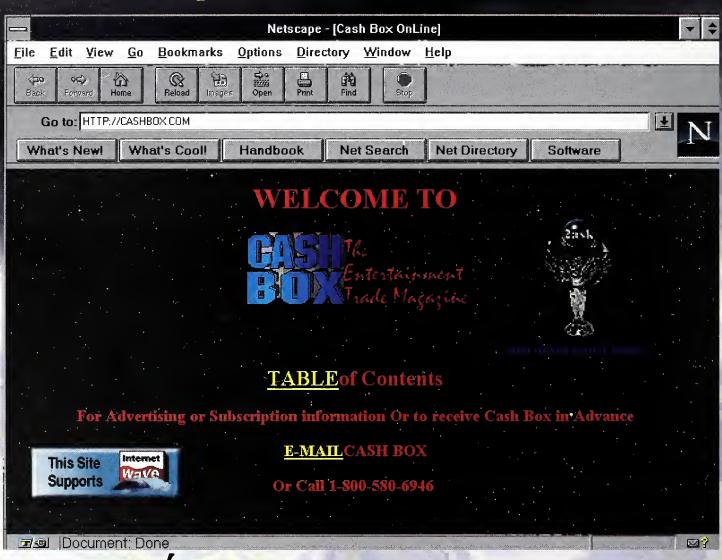
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