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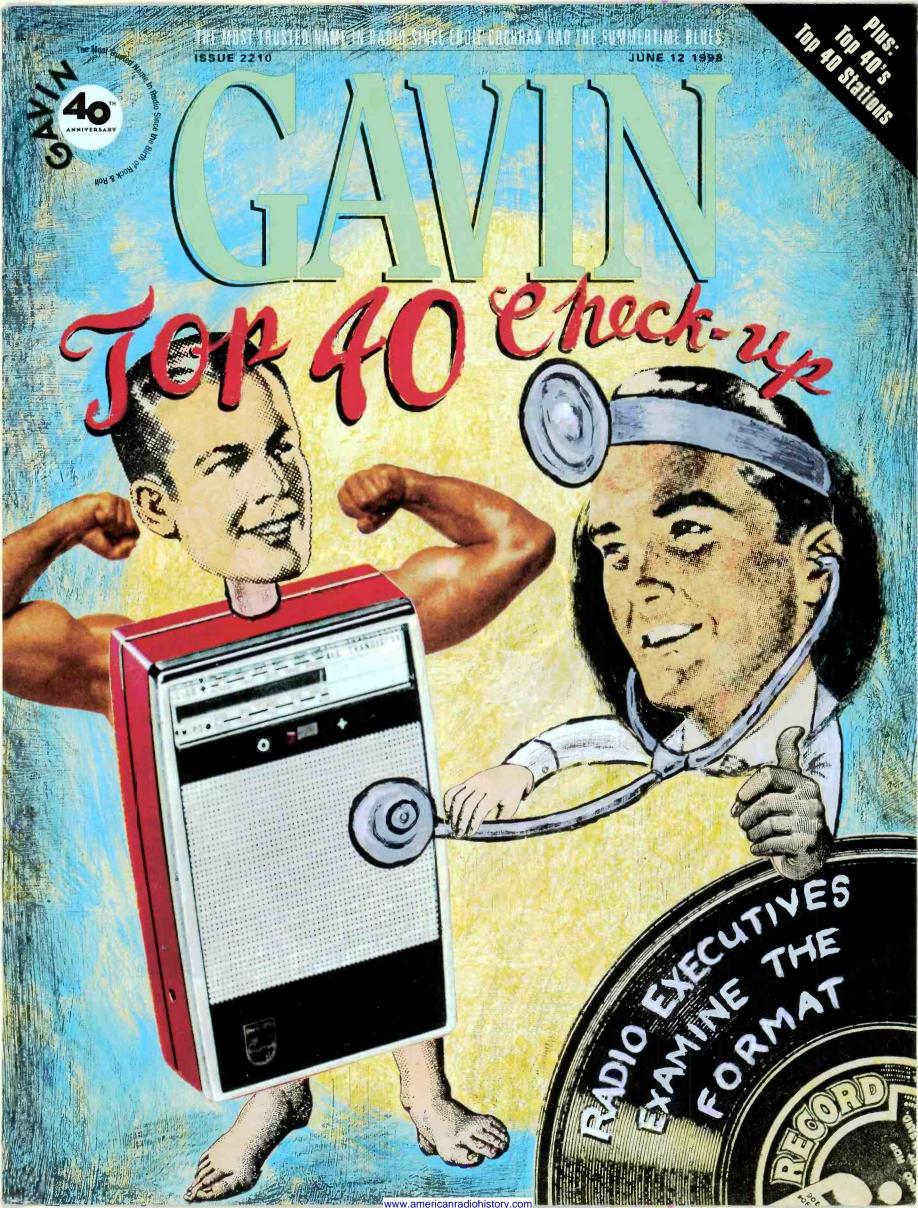
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# **NEWS**BRIEFS

# Lights, Microphone, Action?

Open a newspaper or turn on the TV, and it's a safe bet you'll be bombarded with ads for movies, especially during summer. Check your station's traffic log, however, and chances are the movie commercials will be few and far between.

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# The Doctors Are In

"I feel that Top 40-in particular, Mainstream Top 40-is very healthy right now, mainly because they have access to a lot of hit records that all of the niched stations simply don't feel they can play," says Rick Cummings of Emmis Communications. To find out what other Top 40 heavies are thinking, check this week's cover story.

# PAGE 47 White Men Can Rap

If you were asleep the week of June 1, then you may be unaware that both the Beastie Boys and Barenaked Ladies disrupted the Alternative format with blasts of Old School electro-funk and retro-fitted Alterna-rap. Gavin Alternative maestro Spence D. examines this trend.

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AS TOLD TO ELIOT TIEGEL

# Alan Menken

# **Award Winning Composer and Musician**

Alan Menken's career as a composer for movies and the stage is reflected is his numerous awards, ranging from eight Oscars and Golden Globes to 10 Grammys, to the recent BMI Richard Kirk Film Lifetime Achievement Award. Of his 12 films, seven have been for Disney, producing a number of hit singles and albums.

I'm working on a number of non-film projects. I'm writing 10 songs for a behind the scenes, but new Alice Cooper album, for which he's writing the lyrics. This is a strange combination to most people-and me too. I got involved through Rob Roth, who directed Beauty and the Beast on Broadway in 1994. Rob's a huge fan of Alice and he knows the other side of my writing, which is rock 'n' roll. I love writing and playing in a variety of rock styles. I found Alice to be an interesting lyricist who also had some interesting concepts for the album. I'm just not sure when we'll go into the studio.

Since I spend more and more time doing theater rather than film work, I'm doing a theatrical adaptation of The Hunchback of Notre Dame for Disney, about is the way film prowhich will open in Berlin ducers and directors use in the spring of '99. I'm hit singles as the basis for also rewriting King David, which I did as a concert in 1997, I'm starting two new musicals, and I'm bringing back two earlier musicals-Little Shop of Horrors and The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz.

I'm also working on an album with producer Phil Ramone for Sony. It's something I have shamelessly been procrastinating, partly because it's going to entail a lifestyle

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change. It's nice to be a composer and work



doing an album means supporting it with performance and making yourself more available. I'll play piano and sing, but I'm not sure whether there'll be a large orchestra or a rock band or a combination of different styles.

One thing I am cynical film scores. I don't really approve of that. However, to write material that. works for a film where you also have the pop marketplace in mind, is something I approve of heartily. Writing a song that can get radio airplay is an objective, but the primary objective is to write a song that works dramatically in the moment-and is also useful to an entire score.

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# DOJ Opens New Payola Investigation

BY TONY SANDERS

"You might as well take your summer vacation and call me back when you return." That's how one Justice Department source described the agency's investigation into payola to GAVIN.

The news of the payola probe broke last week when the *L.A. Times* reported that a seven-month old investigation was leading to subpoenas for 18 wholesale record distributors and 20 radio stations, many of which are in Los Angeles, according to the paper's sources.

The investigation was launched after lawyers for independent Latin music label Fonovisa reported "improprieties within their own radio promotion department" to the DOJ.

The *Times* quoted sources saying that the payola investigation could become a "wide-scale probe of promotional practices among other Latin music labels, and perhaps throughout the \$12 billion U.S. music industry."

Fonovisa, which is a subsidiary of Grupo Televisa, reportedly accounts for 16% of the Latin music sold in the U.S. annually. The *Times* report said investigators are looking at "a possible correlation between Fonovisa's ascension as a powerhouse in the U.S. Latin music business and its alleged use of radio station payola to drive record sales. In a statement to the *Times* last week, Grupo Televisa said that it reported the activities to the DOJ and "has acted to assure that such payments will not be made in the future."

# **CBS Closes on ARS Stations**

Finally...CBS Corp. has completed its \$2.6 billion acquisition of American Radio Systems, announced last September. CBS now owns and operates 164 stations in 36 markets.

Following closure of the transaction, CBS President/ COO Mel Karmazin observed that the ARS properties "are a very attractive group of radio stations, which enables CBS Radio to expand into new top 50 markets and increase its position in its existing major markets." As a result of the acquisition, the CBS Radio Stations Group is expected to represent over 65 percent of the company's future operating cash flow, he predicted.

"It looks as though

we might be in the

seventh or eighth

inning of the game

of buying stations,

but we're only in

the first inning as

far as management

is concerned."

-JIMMY DECASTRO

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CBS will continue to make additional investments in radio, Karmazin said.

# Jones Int'l Acquires MediaAmerica

Jones International Networks, parent company of Jones Radio Network, is purchasing New Yorkbased MediaAmerica for an undisclosed sum.

Jones Radio Network is one of the industry's largest providers of 24satellite-delivered hour music programming, and also provides a wide range of syndicated features to stations in a variety of formats. MediaAmerica is an advertising sales rep firm that markets more than 70 national radio programs for independent syndicators and networks, including Jones.

"Our relationship with MediaAmerica over the past several years has been exceptional and we couldn't be more pleased with merging the operations of our two companies," said Jones International President Greg Liptak. "We're excited about our newly acquired strengths as we go forward."

"We look at this strategic alliance as an opportunity to integrate programming across multiple platforms," MediaAmerica founders Ron Hartenbaum and Gary Schoenfeld said in a prepared statement. "As a larger, independent company, we will have the ability to better serve our current clients while working with all radio groups on exciting growth projects."

Following the transaction, MediaAmerica will retain its New York offices.

# Jacobson Now GM At Revolution/Giant

Larry Jacobson has been named General Manager of Revolution/Giant Records, company founder and owner Inving Azoff announced.



Jacobson moves up from his post as Head of Business and Legal Affairs for Revolution/Giant Records. He has also served in an A&R capacity for the label and founded the development label Unsound Records.

# Propas, Ross Upped At Velvel

Some changes at Velvel Records: Steve Propas has been appointed President of International for the label, and Derrick Ross was named General Manager of Velvel Canada.

Propas was Principal of

Propas Management Corporation, an artist management and label consultation company, before joining Velvel. Ross was President of DMD Entertainment, a promotion and marketing company.

# FIRSTWORDS

Ever since its birth, Top 40 hasn't enjoyed a minute's peace. Think about it: Top 40 (and its various rock and rhythmic offshoots) has been constantly probed, prodded, poked, sniffed, pushed around, over-analyzed, and, in some quarters, periodically denounced as the latest tool of Satan. It's also been declared DOA on a semi-regular basis, just to keep us on our toes.

Recently, scant minutes before the usual armchair quarterbacks could draw the regularly scheduled chalk outline around the Top 40 format, these same experts discovered that the patient wasn't really in distress, and that, in fact, the music that fed the format was stronger than it had been in years. Hell, people actually seemed to be enjoying it.

Today, it feels like Top 40 itself is sharing that enjoyment. Although Top 40 was designed as a young-thinking format, it's newfound maturity has made it more comfortable in its skin; it's more broadbased, more truly mass appeal than anytime in its recent history. Let the bundits and those selfappointed backseat drivers talk all they want about Top 40's "Good Old Days." Those days are now.

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Kevin Carter

# The G-files

#### ACQUISITIONS

- SUNBURST MEDIA SIGNED A DEAL TO PURCHASE KAGG/ FM in Bryan/College Station, Texas from OARA Inc. for \$3 million.
- MORTENSON BROADCASTING AGREED TO BUY WHBN AM/FM in Harrodsburg, Ky. from Rod Burbridge for \$1.2 milion.
- MCDONALD MEDIA GROUP INKED AN OPTION TO BUY two stations in Santa Barbara from Engles Enterprises for an undisclosed sum. Included: KHTY/FM and KMGQ/FM.
- CLEAR CHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS PICKED UP WSML/AM in Greensboro/Winston Salem from Gray Casting Media for an undisclosed sum.

#### CLOSINGS

- SFX ENTERTAINMENT COMPLETED ITS \$100 MILLION
- acquisition of Falk Associates Management Enterprises.
   HEFTEL BROADCASTING FINALIZED ITS \$54 MILLION purchase of KKPN/FM in Houston-Galveston from Capstar Broadcasting, Broker: Star Media Group.
- **COX RADIO CLOSED ON ITS ACQUISITION OF WGBB/** AM, WBAB/FM, WBLI/FM, and WHFM/FM in the Nassau/Suffolk market from Chancellor Media. Purchase price was \$48 million.

#### MISCELLANY

- CLEAR CHANNEL WAS HIT WITH A \$110 MILLION lawsuit filed by Florida senatorial candidate Anthony Martin, who claimed that the company and staffers refused to sell him air time. Clear Channel promptly refuted his claim and indicated they would like a judge to hear legal motions.
- KEGL/FM-DALLAS WAS SLAPPED WITH A \$2000 FCC fine for a 1993 broadcast of *The Howard Stern Show*.
- CAPSTAR BROADCASTING'S PENDING PURCHASE OF KRNA/FM-Cedar Rapids from KRNA, Inc. was approved by the Deptartment of Justice. Downside: Capstar must forgo acquisition of KXMX/FM in that market.

# United Stations Launches "Rock On"

United Stations Radio Networks has announced it has teamed with Ben Manilla Productions in launching a new weekly

classic rock series titled Rock On! Hosted by Ray Manzarek of the Doors, Rock On! is a 3-hour program providing a broad spectrum of classic rock

artists, available on CD to affiliated stations on a market exclusive barter basis.

United Stations will oversee the creative content, distribution, and sales nationally, while San Francisco-based Ben Manilla Productions will serve as producer. The show will feature artist

interviews, special theme segments, and a catalog of classic rock hits. Manzarek also hosted three installments of *The Psychedelic Era*.

1965-1969, last summer, produced by Ben Manilla Productions, United Stations, and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

# **Pierced Lips Win \$100K Mercury Prize**

#### BY TONY SANDERS

Thith year'th \$100,000 Radio-Mercury winner wath: "Lip Ring." Say what?

Let's put it this way: you either had to be there to hear this winning ad, or you'll need to pop your copy of the Radio Mercury Awards CD into your player. Mom translates for her son, who has proved his independence by piercing his lips and sticking an iron ring through them. "Now it hurts to talk!" he says. "Please, teenagers, piercing body parts is no way to prove your independence. Buy a UTA Summer Youth Pass. It's a rippin' dog tag to wear around your neck, and a summer youth pass gets you around without help from mom or your gomer brother. Sucking dinner through a straw blows "

Other Mercury Award-winning spots included:

**HUMOR:** "Personal Miller Time" for Miller Breweries

# Senate Re-visits Lyric Labeling

Lawmakers are continuing their investigation into the impact of music lyrics as the Senate Commerce Committee plans to examine the effectiveness of the music industry's warning labels.

Senator Sam Brownback (R-Kan.) has scheduled a hearing for June 16 as a follow up to the ad hoc meeting he held last year to check the effectiveness of the warning labels.

Hilary Rosen, head of the Recording Industry Association of America, said she is unsure whether she will attend. "I don't know what they hope to accomplish," she told the *Hollywood Reporter.* "The labels are clearly working. They are serving their purpose as an informational resource for parents." (\$20,000 Gold prize); "Home for the Holidays' for Cider Jack Cider (\$5.000 Silver prize).

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**SIGN:** "Classic Lines" for Be Your Own Brewmaster (\$20,000); "StackHouse" for FILA Shows (\$5.000).

**RADIO STATION-PRO-DUCED:** KUPL-Portland's "Nutty Buddy" for Clutch Doctor (\$20,000) and "Pissed," also for Clutch Doctor (\$5,000).

**HISPANIC:** "A Woman, That's Me" for California Family Health Council (\$20,000 Gold prize); "Radio Stations" for Honda (\$5,000).

**NON-HUMOR:** "Standing Between You" for Greyhound (\$20,000); "Everything You Are" for BMW (\$5,000).

# Capstar Closes on SFX Stations; Chancellor Picks Off 11 of Them

Capstar Broadcasting closed on its \$2.2 billion purchase of SFX Broadcasting's 71 radio stations, giving the Hicks, Muse company 321 stations in 84 markets.

In a statement, Capstar President/CEO Steve Hicks said that the combination of Capstar and SFX has "strengthened our ability to increase revenue and audience share across our markets nationwide."

Closure of the Capstar/SFX deal allowed Hicks, Muse-controlled Chancellor Media to absorb 11 of the SFX stations for some \$635 million. Proprties involved are located in Dallas, Houston, San Diego, and Pittsburgh.



'Yes, Indeedy!'

In November, 1965, Bill Gavin offered ten "Don'ts for DJs." Here's a sampling:

 Don't ad lib without something worthwhile to say. Read the newspapers. Be a part of your community life. Know what's happening.
 Comment that's limited to the records, the weather, and your fellow

DJs gets ster le and tiresome.

Don't let yourself fall into cliches or habitual speech patterns. Nothing brands the careless or incompetent DJ more firmly than "Yes, indeedy," "Well, now," "Next up," and hundreds of other shabby substitutes for ideas.
Don't aim your show at one particular age group. If you're on a pop station, most of your records will be teen favorites, but you only do yourself harm by trying to talk as if you were a teenager. You're an adult; sound like one.
Don't try to be somebody else. The "voice with a smile," the perpetual "nice guy," the

smart cracking "wise guy," the highthyroid fast talker—all these are artificial masquerades by those microphonies so lacking in selfconfidence that they are afraid to be themselves on the air. Being a personality doesn't mean assuming a character. Be yourself. —BEN FONG TORRES



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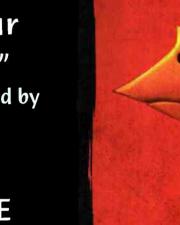
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# AND THE WINNER IS .... **Contests Should Be Brief, Simple, Creative**

#### BY PAIGE NIENABER

n today's world of homogenized formats, consolidated market clusters, and music that's been tested to death, the radio industry still has one resource for clearly differentiating your station from the one down the dial: promotions.

There is little argument that music is the key to what radio is all about (unless, of course, you're in Talk, in which case that's the product you have to offer.) So why potentially detract from the music and clutter up the air with an element that research says has little appeal to the majority of your audience? We've all shared the common experience of

listening to a station chew up valuable minutes of programming time with a contest that is devoid of any purpose. That's just contesting for the sake of contesting, causing us to scream "shut up and play the \$#@% music!" at the car stereo.

There are three basic criteria for an on-air contest: brevity, simplicity and creativity. Keep it short. Get back to the music. And if it's a campaign, know when to bow out gracefully. If you have a car giveaway, go a couple of weeks and then kill it. Giving away a trip to the Grammys? Go for a week. At most.

Keep it simple enough that the audience can understand it. Don't force your listeners to jump through hoops to qualify for a prize that, frankly, is not that special or that they have little or no chance of winning (such as when you have 500 other qualifiers).

We don't have the "visual" that TV

has, so we have to be creative. If you've ever heard a station go from a "Free Music Weekend" into a "Win It Before You Can Buy It" promotion, you know what I'm talking

be the Bahamas; in Minneapolis it might be Hawaii; in Hawaii it's Las Vegas. You have to know what is 'hot' for your audience. If you're giving away a Lexus, and an Amigo is



about. Use all the "Theater Of The Mind" aspects that radio offers.

What about the prizes? If you're going to waste 30 seconds of airtime every hour, then make it count. "We have a \$25 cap that all prizes have to meet," says Kellie Shipp, Promotions and Marketing Director at Z-100/Portland. The station follows two major criteria for major contesting: topicality and entertainment value, she says. "If it's so mass appeal or 'hot', then a less expensive prize is definitely acceptable." Supplemented by a TV spot, the station is sending a pair of winners to the bottom of the Atlantic to view the Titanic close up! That's both topical and entertaining.

Why do contests? Basically for three reasons: to get listeners to listen longer, to image the station, and to generate revenue. "Imaging is the key reason you do it," says Dan Seeman, General Manager of KMJZ/Twin Cities and a former Promotion Director. "It's the image value and the 'fun' value. But it has to 'fit'." Seeman says he puts his contests through a 'listener filter' to determine if the concept fits the profile of the station's audience. "If it passes, then it's a worthwhile use of space on the air," he says. Seeman explains that his "Filter" actually is a profile KMJZ's listeners, focusing on their values and what they expect to get out of that station-an outstanding litmus test for appropriate and inappropriate contesting and marketing.

Remember: every market is different. What works in one community might bomb at another. The number one travel destination in Tampa may the car of choice with your young, active listeners, you just wasted a lot of inventory, some considerable cash, and a large mobile piece of metal

Contesting can be tremendously effective in "driving home" a point. Pick a position. If you want to be the station with the most trips, make certain that you have at least three fly-aways every month. The concept of "most money" is another hardfought position; if you're going to say it, you have to do it. Remember: you need to continually challenge yourself to create elements to make it sound larger then life. One hundred dollars is not a huge cash prize anymore.

Contesting has a home in radio. It adds to the Disney-esque entertainment that we provide our audience. It can create attention and cause people to stop, take notice, and (hopefully) tune in. It also can help to solidify a position and gain an advantage on the competition. It can be a vehicle of added value for our advertisers. And with the continuing growth of radio-friendly venues like the Internet, the potential for listeners to play along won't stop at call/fax/write-in promotions or onthe-street marketing. It's a brave new world. And if you're the right caller, you might just win something.

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# **Dave Shakes**

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#### Hometown: San Francisco

What radio stations did you grow up listening to? KFRC, AM, KYA/AM, K-101 KYUU, The Quake, KSAN, KSJO, KOME

What stations do you listen to now? My six presets are: KMEL, KYLD, KZQZ, KFOG. KLLC, KBRG. And Howard in the

If you owned a radio station, you would: Hire the best general manager, PD, marketing director, engineer,

sales manager, morning talent, and consultant that money can buy. They in turn will stock the station with other great employees and great ideas.

The last records you went out of your way to listen to and why? Anggun, Natalie Merchant, Big Punisher, Cherry Poppin' Daddies, and Smashing Pumpkins. Llike music.

The thing you like best about your job? The mental and physical challenge of helping stations in different markets increase their value under unique circumstances. The thing you like

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least about your job? show at 6 a.m. EST. when it feels like 3 a.m. PST.

A station you'd really like to work with someday and why?

[Somewhere in] Alaska and Hawaii sounds good.

Future ambitions: A weekend house at Lake Tahoe always filled with family and friends.

by Annette M. Lai



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# Coming Soon to a Radio Near You? Film Companies Explore Theater of the Mind

pen a newspaper or turn on the TV, and it's a safe bet you'll be bombarded with ads for movies, especially during summer. Check your station's traffic log, however, and chances are the movie commercials will be few and far between.

BY LAURA SWEZEY

According to Jeff Dashev, President of Interep West, radio usually accounts for only one to four percent of total movie marketing budgets. With radio formats such as Top 40 and Alternative heavily targeted toward teens and young adults-the majority of the moviegoing audience-why are radio movie ads so scarce?

Dashev says the film industry is in an "educational phase" where radio is concerned. With recent movies such as Titanic with Leonardo DiCaprio being targeted to female teens, studios are becoming more aware of radio's advantages in reaching a certain demographic. "It's a combination of getting to the heads of marketing for the studios and showing them how radio can be used. If we get them to use it more, hopefully we'll have success," he explains. "Success will build upon success. If one studio sees it, the others will follow."

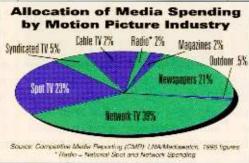
Bobbi Blair, President of marketing consultant firm BBI, explains that the problem often lies in the difference between the two media. "The film industry has difficulty using radio because their product is visual, and it's easy to show your movie to somebody, since often there is something that's great to see," she says.

Jeff Killingsworth, Senior Vice President of Media for MGM, says that typically less than five percent

of MGM's advertising dollars go to radio, while the lion's share (pun intended) goes to television. He sees television as a method of allowing the public to take his film for a test drive, with radio providing the follow-through. Killingsworth likes to use radio ads to "close the sale" at the end of a television campaign, so the audience will hear an ad and recall the visual they've already seen on television

Killingsworth concedes that a creative, well-thought out radio ad can build a theater of the mind image for a film, but says, "Then I'm spending all my time trying to think of a creative way to sell radio when my job is to sell my movie, not radio. I've had some frustrations." When radio account reps tell him he doesn't know how to use radio effectively, he tells them "why should I waste my time when I have an effective medium already available?

"That's another reason we shy away from radio," Killingsworth adds. "It requires too much effort to make it stand out, especially when I have something else that can make



my product stand out, something that keeps the focus on my movie and not on my radio creativity."

One bright spot, according to Killingsworth: the Howard Stern Show. "He's able to say things about our movies that we might not be able to say, and give people kind of an endorsement," he notes, "It's like a radio testimonial. If you can get local radio talent to talk about your movie, that's great, but the trick is finding the right audience and the right personality to marry your movie."

Another use of radio for film advertisement is through promotional offers. Killingsworth and MGM offer screenings to radio stations

# Movie Attendance Categories

**Heavy Radio Listeners** 20,987,000\* **Heavy Television Viewers** 16,990,000\* **Heavy Cable Viewers** 13,544,000\*

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across the country, often tied in with a local book or record store as a ticket pick-up location. In return, the station will run ads for the film to further connect the radio audience with the movie.

How can radio induce more film studios to think on an audio level? Dashev contends that the rising cost of network television, spot television, and newspaper advertising will be an incentive to put more money and creativity into radio ads. "We can show the studios how a great creative radio commercial would sound," he says. "Even though it's not a visual medium, a good radio commercial can create a visual thing in the mind. Working with these people to create some good copy is another thing we need to do, and we have been doing that,"

\*Radio is underused in the movie industry, and it's a great frustration for both sides," concludes Blair. "The radio industry doesn't understand the creative challenge the movie industry faces in how to do the commercial, and the movie industry doesn't appreciate how effective radio can be when it's used properly."

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et a couple of Top 40 or Modern A/C programmers talking about music, and soon enough, someone will invariably blurt out, "No way that's going on my station-that's an A/C act." This comment raises the burning question, "Is that such a bad thing?" And, are these PDs more worried about what their friends might think as opposed to their audience? Nashville-based Donna Brake, President of Donna Brake Promotions, agrees that peer pressure is a possible factor. "Many of them seem to be out to impress each other, but I'd like to see what their research is saying."

Brake recalls one A/C PD telling her, "It's the perfect-sounding record for us, but I can't play it,



because I can't say this artist's name on the air." "I was appalled," she says. "That's a very different attitude from what A/C radio

has been about. A/C has always been a song-by-song format, and now, with all of the splinter formats, I sometimes I sense a 'too hip for the room' attitude."

Along with that is a nagging sense that many record labels spend an inordinate amount of time on artist image spin control, worried that one of their investments, er, *artists*, will, God forbid, become typecast as A/C-only. "I think labels worry about any of their artists being labeled as any one format, because they obviously feel like

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**BY KEVIN CARTER** 



that restricts where they can go with that artist," says Brake. "It's funny, because all the time that someone spends trying to be something, as soon as they become labeled that thing, they immediately say, 'Oh no, we're really an artist for everybody.""

Conventional wisdom used to dictate that when an artist—maybe a former Top 40 core artist (think Bolton, Loggins, Elton, etc.) became known as an A/C-only act, it would be like stepping through a slowly closing doorway to career hell. Not anymore. Many of today's successful mainstream A/C PDs appear very pleased that they have custody of a specific musical arena. "It's a great time to be known as an A/C artist," says WSNY (Sunny 95)-Columbus PD Chuck Knight. "It only becomes a bad thing when an A/C artist starts thinking there's some negativity involved in that, and feels the need to reintroduce themselves into another format. You have to realize what your strengths and weaknesses are, and play to those strengths," he says.

Adds Brake, "Right now is a good time for some artists to really pursue Mainstream A/C and take advantage of the gaps that exists between Mainstream, Hot, and Modern A/C," she says. "Everybody is in business to reach the broadest audience they can, but with everything being so niched today, if you have a place where you can be a core artist and enjoy that kind of concentration, that's an advantage."

Many pundits agree that the splintering of the A/C parent company into its Modern, Hot, and Mainstream branch offices has done nothing but help Mainstream A/C practitioners. "So what if the Mainstream A/C stations are the only places to find Phil Collins or Michael Bolton," says Brake. "While labels may be concerned about it, A/C radio should be delighted that they can now own these artists exclusively, much like Country radio. They can make it a positive experience for their listeners, and turn it into large record sales for the labels," she says. And according to Spring Arbitron numbers, Mainstream A/C has never been more healthy. "These are the stations that are playing all of the artists that these other guys have decided aren't hip anymore."

One fact Brake can bank on is that Billy Joel-type records won't be part of the Modern A/C equation anytime soon. "We joke about that," she says of the niche format that is sometimes perceived as too much Modern, not enough A/C. "It's almost like, if it's anybody you've ever heard of, you can forget about it," she says. To combat any perceived "been away too long" problems at the radio level, many labels continue to alter and update their marketing strategies when dealing with heritage Top 40 artists like Rod Stewart and Lionel Richie. "We're now seeing a new willingness by these artists to roll up their sleeves and do what it takes," Brake observes. "It's not a desperation move at all. It's simply a way to reacquaint themselves and let people realize that they're still relevant."

Bottom line, says Sunny 95's Knight, "There's nothing to be ashamed of in being part of the number one format in radio. Mainstream A/C is the only place on the radio today where you can still hear nothing but straight-ahead pop music. I think that's why stations like WLTW-New York have been so successful. There's obviously still a huge appetite for those Mainstream, traditional A/C artists." ■

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# June Is Black Music Month...Or Is It?

BY JANINE COVENEY

For the last two decades, the music industry has set aside June as Black Music Month a

time to acknowledge the major contribumade by tions African-Americans to the rich history and diversity of American music. But in recent years, it seems that Black Music Month has become less a cel ebration of any signifi-

cance and more a sales gimmick, a banner under which record companies can promote their individual roster of artists.

Several programmers feel that Black Music Month has indeed lost its sparkle. We asked "industryites" to tell us what, if anything, their companies are currently doing to mark Black Music Month, and whether they feel the celebration has as much significance as, say, Black History Month.

"Tve started to think that most brothers and sisters aren't saying, 'I can't wait until June gets here; it's Black Music Month,'" says Russ Allen, PD of WJHM-Orlando. He says that interest seems to be waning among his fellow PDs in the Chancellor Media chain, especially when it comes to producing special

vignettes or adjusting programming for the month. Allen explains that in his market, 102 Jamz is fortunate to be able to co-promote the third annual Vibe Live at Pleasure Island concerts June 11-13 as a Black Music Month event; further, BET Soundstage will open on Pleasure Island in June.

Gerrod Stevens, PD of WQUE-New Orleans, says that one of the reasons Black Music Month may have lost its significance is that no one is really sure what its purpose is. "Black Music Month [should explain the history of] Nat 'King' Cole making it big to Sammy Davis Jr. Neither received the type of accolades they should have until they were dead... Black Music Month is still important, but when you live it every day,

every month is Black Music Month. Not too many people remember when

you couldn't put a black face on an album cover! I don't think we're doing a good job of explaining it."

In fact, the official Black Music Month designation was a proclamation made by Jimmy Carter at

a special White House Lawn luncheon for the former Black Music Association in 1979. It was a designation meant to make the rest of the music industry as well as so-called "mainstream" consumers

sit up and take notice, But since then, Black Music Month celebrations have become more insular; it has become a time for the black music industry to celebrate itself.

Stevens notes that Q93 jocks do promote Black Music Month with liners, adding that retail advertisers are having a field day. "The Blockbusters and music stores are acknowledging it all the time, they're telling people to come in and buy Brian McKnight and

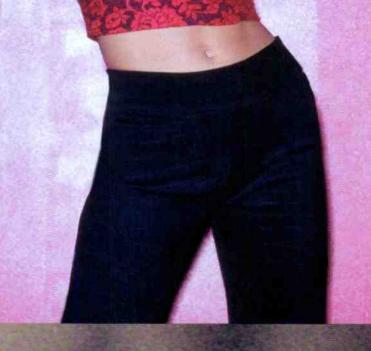
everybody who is black," he says.

> Many record companies have traditionally used Black Music Month to buy unique trade ads or to issue promotional posters, merchandise, or compilation CDs.

"The unfortunate thing is, you can take that same compilation and give it away in May or July," notes Allen. "I just don't think Black Music Month means anything anymore. If I was at a station that didn't play a lot of black music, it would mean more. But for us, every month is Black Music Month."

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# The Classic Mistake

## BY QUINCY MCCOY

I recently read an amazing article in *The New York Times'* Arts & Leisure section (Sunday, May 31). It was amazing for two reasons: first, it was in the *Times and* about radio, and second, it was an accurate portrait of how the "dumbing down" of radio has now reached classical stations.

"Classical Radio Plays Only to Sweet Tooths," by David Schiff, explains that although classical music stations used to be the last bastion of provocative, informative programming, full of eccentric air personalities obsessed with the music, today there are very few strong personalities left. Across the country, commercial and public station managers and programmers have shifted to a more continuous, homogeneous flow of the music with fewer interruptions, he contends. Sound familiar? It's the dreaded "More Music Less Talk" syndrome.

Why the change? Well, many programmers believe that it's part of the evolving function of radio as a background medium—that people only listen to radio in the car or use it as background at work. They also believe that "foreground listening" is rare, and that with less talk, they have a better chance of

not alienating the audience. Schiff writes that the prevailing wisdom is like the dairy product Soft Serve: the music flows out in an easily digestible form that also serves the bottom line.

Where did the basis for these new guidelines come from? "Audience research," answers Ron Jones, Director of Programming for the prestigious WGBH in Boston. "Over the years, we have worked with focus groups of core listeners and fringe listeners, and drawn from various national bodies of research. We don't want to be exactly predictable, but we want them to be able to hear the great hits of classical music, which are classics for a reason." Sound familiar?

I think classical radio is making the same mistake that New Mainstream stations made about 20 years ago. Maybe the classical guys haven't noticed that, since the '70s, pop music stations have attached themselves to research for market exploration and music testing, and our stations have become dominated by numbers, information, and analysis. I'm not suggesting any of us should stop using research, because research is important, but we've been there and done that. Finally, we're beginning to realize that research is just one piece of the puzzle for putting together entertaining radio that listeners crave.

The by-product of too much research stunted much of radio's creative growth. We took the easy road, adopting inane slogans like "More music, less talk" and the moronic formulas of "15-in-a-row" as simple solutions for gaining instant ratings by attracting listeners who, when queried, said they wanted more music and less talk. What we failed to do was investigate what kind of talk the listeners judged unnecessary. None of us like listening to useless chatter, but was the audience demanding an end to showmanship? I don't think so.

Radio in the '90s is beginning to show signs of a creative rebirth. While radio is still using facts and

> logic to provide the f o u n d ation for their decision making, the use of intuition and emotion are now being applied in the search for new ideas. When logic and linear

thinking reach their limits, it is our intuition that guides us to our most imaginative solutions.

I don't think the loyal classical listener's psychology is any different than those in the New Mainstream. Both audiences want to be entertained, informed, and educated. Classical radio should hesitate in its elimination of engaging personalities and specialty shows. Take it from us, we have learned the lesson. Playing it safe—radio by the numbers—grays the line between placating listeners and patronizing them.

# Jon Zellner

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#### KMXV-Kansas City, MO

Including your first industry gig, please describe your career highlights. After graduating from Ohio University in 1987, I worked as a news reporter and writer for the Ohio Associated Press. After about siz months. I missed radicso much that I took a ob doing nights at WQIO in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, barely making enough money to pay for the gas to and from the station.

That's when Adam Cook hired me to do overnights at 92X in Columbus. I spent almost three years there. When the station f.ipped to oldies, I started with Nationwice and worked for WNCH Columbus, WKZL-Greensboro, and then went to Phoenix to start up KVRY as APD/MD afternoons. After two years, I went crosstown to Y-95 in the same capacity. When Edens sold the station, I accepted my first PD position at KYIS-Oklahoma City, then moved to Fresno as OM cf KTHT, ard finally to Kansas City in February 1996.

What were the stations you admired growing up and stations you admire now? I grew up outside of New York Liv so I spent a lot of time listening to 99X, WABC, and WNBC. Of course, later I listened to WPL' and Z100-Right now, there are so many exciting and successful radio stations, I couldn't begin to list the ones I

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always been and will continue to be later on the dance/Urban music simply because the demand for it is limited.

What other stations do you monitor in your market and around the country? Every station in the market is a competitor, and I like to channel surf as much as possible to see what's goir g on. There are a handful of stations I watch nationally that I feel are similar to Mix-Star 94 in Atlanta, B-94-P.ttsburgh, WZFL-Indianapolis, and WNCI-Columbus.

Who's your boss and who else do you communicate with regularly on a corporate level? Don Bouloukas the COC who handles Kansas City for the ARS stations, has been wonderful to work with. What's the station's average spot loac, stop set times, your current to recurrent, gold ration? We stopdown twice an hour and run 12 units in morning drive, 11 per hour the rest of the day. Stopsets fall at 20 and :38. We are approximately 75% current during the day and 95% current at night.

What's the next career direction you desire? I'm very happy in Kansas City. I would eventually like to explore the possibil ty of overseeing more than one station.

by Annette M. Lai



# The Voice of the Customer

QUINCY MCCOY

The voice of the customer may be the most important sound in our business today. Radio business depends on getting and keeping customers, a.k.a. listeners. It is essential that you build an internal communications pipeline within your station that creates an intimate portrait of your customers, a pipeline that reports stories-both good and badfrom customers everyday. But how do you do it? How do you field complaints, solve problems, calm nerves, give good service, and still run a radio station?

When I was Operations Manager for KBXX (The Box) in Houston, we were competing against a station that was programmed very similarly to ours. The two stations had shared some of the same air talent, they ran similar promotions, and musically they were very close. Our goal was to separate ourselves from them and end the problem of listeners confusing us; our daily research indicated that we shared listeners and that this would eventually take a toll with our P1s. To avoid the erosion, the programming department began calling members of our target audience and asking them questions that might point to a way out of this situation.

Based on in-house research, we starting calling listeners who had made both favorable and critical comments about the station. This provided us with insights about our strengths and weaknesses. It enabled us to develop intelligent plans for promotions and, more important, to design community activities that the listeners really wanted. It improved our knowledge of how the market

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felt about particular issues, music, and cultural events. All we had to do was pick up the phone and listen to the voice of our customers.

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We can all commission research reports filled with quantitative analysis, but the way something is saidwhat a single customer emphasizes or what is said repeatedly by listeners--is more important. Learning from customers means more than just reacting to comments; it means developing the capacity to anticipate problems. This, in my book, is better than research data. This is behavioral data.

In A Passion for Excellence, authors Tom Peters and Nancy Austin discuss a concept they call the "Daily Dose of Reality." What this means is finding ways to stay in touch with your customers. The objective is threefold: To let your customers know they are important to you; to uncover problems before they become major irritants; and to give yourself a daily reminder of what the real world is saying about you. It's also a good policy to answer letters from disgruntled listeners, but if you also call them instead, it could mean the difference between winning them back or losing them forever.

Every company says it's customer focused. Executives claim they want a close customer relationship, but do you know who your customers are?

Are you satisfying your listeners' needs? Do you have membership cards or email addresses for regular listeners? To really offer good service to your listeners and to begin customizing your station to meet their needs, you should develop a "Call Back Squad."

Your Call Back Squad should consist of managers from all departments who are good communicators. Meet once a week and discuss what is on the minds of your listeners. Encourage members of your staff who don't have direct customer contact to go out on sales calls or serve on company/custsomer problem solving teams. It should be essential that as many members of your staff as possible, from every department, spend time in front of your customers.

Good service solves problems and delivers what people expect to receive. Great service gets below the surface of a problem and delivers what no one expects. This takes listening, assessing, and refining. Great service isn't easy, because each customer and problem is different. Ultimately, great service requires sound judgment from knowledgeable people on your team. You must employ squad members who are willing to listen and talk to customers-no matter how angry that listener may be.

In the fundamental customer rela-

tionship, the more the customer teaches you about what she or he wants, the more capable you will be to fulfill their request-and the more difficult it is for them to take their TSL elsewhere.

You have to be on top of what the customer wants. Listeners are diverse and dynamic; their tastes and needs change from day to day. The more you customize your product and services, the more marketing becomes part of your customer service-and the more customer service becomes part of your marketing.

If you want to do a better job of keeping customers longer and growing them into bigger listeners (P1s), make it an important aspect of your organization's culture. It has to be a part of the way you do business every day.

# **Customer Connection**

The importance of the customer should pervade every department of your station. Keep the customer "alive" in everyone's consciousness by displaying letters and email, good or bad. Remember, the customer's perception is reality.

Set up a complaint response 2 team that can focus immediately on a problem and give it personal attention. Directly involve top management players with the customer so you can deal with the issue.

Keep all promises made to cus-3 tomers regardless of cost. Over the long haul, listeners resepct the ability to keep promises. This also requires discretion in regards to the kinds of promises you make. Don't offer something you can't deliver.

Visit your customers. Get out to your promotions and remotes and meet your paying and non-paying customers. Invite listeners to the station for tours of the facilities. Customers should never feel that the station is off limits.

# Top 40 Check Up States

ver the past decade or so, no doubt you've sat in at more than one convention and listened to some industry talking head tell you about the death of Top 40. When you got home, you opened more than one trade magazine and read the format's black-bordered obituary. But, as soon as you paid to have your black suit dry-cleaned, the cycle suddenly shifted (doesn't it always?), and now you're being mentally massaged, constantly reassured that not only has Top 40 stopped dying, but it is, in fact, sitting upright in bed and answering reporters' questions.

As words like "consolidation" and "clustering," and terms like "pay-for-play" and "virtual radio," become part of the industry's pre-millenium lexicon, GAVIN decided to take a decidedly unscientific, semirandom sampling of key broadcasters and broadcasting observers to, in effect, take today's Top 40 temperature. —KEVIN CARTER

# How Healthy Is Top 40 Today?

By Kevin Carter Reed Bunzel and Tony Sanders

# Rick Cummings VP of Programming, Emmis Communications, Inc.

The Health of Top 40: "I feel that Top 40-in particular, Mainstream Top 40-is very healthy right now. mainly because they have access to a lot of hit records that all of the niched stations simply don't feel they can play. I remember looking at KIIS-L.A. about a year ago and telling our people, 'I think they're going to do better this coming year.' At the time, I noticed that out of their top 20 most-played records in a given week, they were playing 13 all by themselves. Hit records from Backstreet Boys, Spice Girls, Hanson, Robyn, that a station as niched as Power 106, KROQ, or KKBT simply couldn't consider playing.

"I feel that when that occurs in the cycles, Mainstream does very well. A few years ago at Power 106, we were playing 12 records pretty much exclusively, then KIIS would add them a month later. [Kiss] didn't really own any records of their own at the time, and that's when their ratings weren't as good."

On Consolidation: "In our com-

pany, where we're only consolidated in certain markets and not in others, we do see some clear advantages to it, mostly having to do with batting average. Nobody who has multiple stations bats 1.000 all the time; if you bat .700, you're doing pretty good. We find



that to be a big advantage in markets where we're clustered. You might have a couple or three winners and one marginal performer; consolidation makes the ability to work on that marginal station a little easier. In a market like Los Angeles where we aren't clustered, it's more of a disadvantage We can't say, 'We're in a down cycle in L.A. or Chicago but it's not so bad, because we've got these other two stations that we bought a year ago that are now kicking into gear.' Still being a relatively small company, if we get a stomach ache in L.A. or Chicago, we feel bad companywide to a certain degree." (Those aforementioned down cycles happen to all formats and all stations at one time or another, Cummings stresses.)

"One of the reasons we've diversified into television over the past few months is that we feel it's a great way to grow the company, a great way to be in the communications business, and be somewhat diverse, because we still believe that when it's all said and done, it still comes down to performance. When you're clustered and have paid extreme prices, you need to bat .700 everywhere-and I'm not sure anybody is capable of that year-in and year-out. That's something we're going to find out over the next five years. The question is, 'Can anybody do that well every single year?' because that's what it's going to take to grow 15-20 percent once all the consolidation is finished.

"The pressure is enormous, and sometimes the competitive dynamics are such that it's almost impossible, and I don't think that situation is going to change. Yes, it certainly makes your life easier if you have three, four, five, or six stations in one market. On the other hand, if you have that, it's almost certain that you've got two or three other guys who are also clustered and are pretty damn good performers. They all do research; they all invest in talent and marketing. The days of thinking that we're going to continue to thrive every year because we'll just beat up on the weak sisters are rapidly coming to an end."



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Produced by James Anthony Carmichael & Lionel Richie Management: John Reid, Melanie Greene, David Croker Photograph by Peter Lindbergh © 1998 PolyGram Records, Inc. http://www.mercuryrecords.com/mercury **Pay-for-Play:** "We have had discussions inside our own company about pay-for-play, none of them real serious yet, but there have been a couple of unique ideas as to how a pay-for-play scenario might work. Now, having recently gotten back into the programming chair on an interim basis at Power 106, the whole notion of pay-for-play from the programming trenches is, 'What a terrible idea.'

"That being said, however, I don't want to totally dismiss it. We should somehow send a message to record labels that they need to invest in radio, because radio is what first sells their products. Back when I did program Power 106, something that used to constantly make me crazy is when we would go on a record, sometimes by ourselves, end up taking it to number one, and the labels would buy zero radio time. At that time, their answer, pretty much always, was, 'We don't have a budget for that. The marketing money is being spent parading the act around the country to perform at various radio station functions, or being used in co-op situations like newspaper ads because we have to use it that way.' In a nutshell, the answer we got, more often than not, was, 'We understand the point, we think it makes sense, we just can't do it." Rhythmic Top 40: "The concept of rhythmic Top 40 has changed. Rhythmic used to mean dance, but it now encompasses elements of R&B and hip-hop. And I don't think that's going change any time soon. We've had an eight-year run playing hip-hop and watching it become increasingly accessible to a wider audience; not just inner city kids and the suburban kids who choose to listen to that kind of music. Those are the prevailing styles of rhythmic Top 40, and I can't imagine that's going change anytime soon. We're also seeing less taste for house music than we've ever seen in L.A."

The Changing Audience: "One phenomenon we have seen in this city over the past year or two is that contemporary Top 40 listeners have become more sophisticated consumers of music. It's no longer uncommon, in this day and age, to look at a Power 106 listener and know that, while he or she may be core to that radio station, they're also spending time at KROQ to hear Foo Fighters, at Star 98.7 to hear Sarah McLachlan, and at KIIS for Spice Girls or the new Backstreet Boys single. They really know this stuff."

# Jimmy de Castro 600, Chancellor Media

The health of Top 40: "Take a look at Z100 in New York, or any of the other Top 40 stations in our group. There is a tremendous desire by the consumer for contemporary music; people love new music and love to be involved in the process of creating hit music.



And as long as there's that desire, there's going to be a stronghold for Top 40 radio.

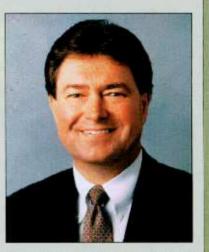
"Of course, the format has splintered, so it's more difficult to dominate in all of the genres of contemporary hit music. But if you look at Kiss in Boston or KMEL or Wild in San Francisco, you'll find it possible to have stations that are not necessarily identical, but which can be very successful. To do this you need to know your audience better. You have to read the tea leaves and research the desires of your listeners. It's also necessary to understand the ethnic diversities of certain geographical areas."

The effects of consolidation: "Contrary to what some people believe, consolidation has not 'tamed' radio. Not at all. How could we put on a format like the one we have at KISQ in San Francisco unless we had other powerful radio stations that would enable us to take a chance like that. Same example with Mega, which is on fire in Los Angeles. It's targeted to second- and third-generation Hispanics and Asians in the Los Angeles area—something that's never been done before. We never had a very successful position in that marketplace, and without consolidation we never would have taken the chance on a hybrid multi-racial format. We have done that same scenario in city after city. If it weren't for the strength of our company, we couldn't take the risks we're taking to try new avenues for radio or new avenues for radio talent."

Pay-for-play: "There's been a lot of talk about pay-for-play, and I'm absolutely for it-but it has to be controlled. I don't necessarily agree with the way Mel Karmazin is going about it. CBS originally started with a plan in which each quarter hour after ten at night would be sold to a record company, and they would play their product. They shelved the idea after about a minute, and finally arrived at what they're currently doing, which is to sell back announcements for specific artists. It's a sales-driven scenario as opposed to a record-driven scenario. I'm all for driving revenue and growing cash flow, but I'm not sure they're coming at it from the right direction. It's terrific if you can do things in association with the record labels to make a record a success and get paid for it in the process, but each company has to find a form that works for it." Virtual radio: "I'm a big believer in the future consolidation of radio and the ability to find numerous ways to strengthen our company by working collectively. To this end we're investigating the possibility of syndicating great talent on multiple stations, which is what some people are calling 'virtual radio.' We could have Kid Craddock on 30 or 40 stations in Texas and Oklahoma, and we're looking at some exciting things in San Francisco, as well. I know there's a concern that we might not have the 'proving ground' for new talent, but I don't think the concept of virtual radio is going to negate the nurturing of good talent. Not a chance." About consolidation: "It looks as though we might be in the seventh or eighth inning of the game of buying stations, but we're only in the first inning as far as management is concerned. This means there's absolutely a tremendous

# Dan Mason President, CBS Radio

The health of Top 40: "Top 40 goes through peaks and valleys, depending on the availability of great music. I think it will always be a viable format. Unfortunately, even after 25 years, our industry hasn't learned to sell it properly. We constantly apologize for having a large 12-24 base, which is really the backbone of the format." Pay-for-play: "The real issue



here is how does the radio industry market itself to the record industry as an advertising vehicle. Radio has fallen far behind over the past 15 years; the advent of MTV and production costs of music videos has fragmented the advertising dollars that traditionally went into radio."

Effects of consolidation: "The outstanding opportunity is in sales and marketing. This area is growing fast in contrast to the loss of administration and programming positions. People who have felt the effects of consolidation should reposition themselves into the sales and marketing side of the business. There is a new future there."

Taking risks: "Radio stations have to get ratings. The landscape is more competitive than ever before. It's fun to talk about being a maverick, a creator, or a pioneer. However, our business is about ratings and revenue. If you can have ratings and revenue and still be a pioneer, I'd say you are a superstar."

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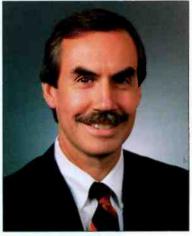


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opportunity for people at all levels in radio—both on-air and off—to become involved and really build the future of radio as a medium. Now is the greatest time to be involved in the Top 40 format."

# John Gehron Co-COO American Radio Systems/CBS

The current state of top 40: "I believe it's come back very strong, primarily because the available music is a lot broader. Right now, there's a lot of wonderful music out there, which always makes Top 40 perform well. Also, I think there's



some good Top 40 ownership that understands what the format needs to be successful, which includes the right promotional efforts and the abilty to hire good talent."

**Pay-for-Play:** "I think the name has made it scarier than it really is. Radio companies, in particular, CBS, who have have included me in their discussions, are trying to form partnerships with the record companies. It's not that we're necessarily trying to get money for airplay; what we're trying to do is come up with a better way to market records and make our stations more effective in getting records marketed and sold to the consumer. That's what's really trying to accomplish.

"Record labels have gotten locked into this necessity to spend money at newspaper because it becomes a profit center for the Kmarts and the Wal-Marts. That doesn't sell records and we all know it; but they have to do it to get their shelf space. If we can give the labels and the Wal-Marts an alternative that works and helps everybody sell records, then that's a win-win. And I believe that's what we're all trying to do. It's not just to get more money; we'll get more money if we can help the labels and the Wal-Marts sell more records. That's the essence of it, and it won't last if it doesn't sell records."

If non-traditional revenue becomes a programming department line item: "I hope that doesn't happen. I like to think that most stations are owned by good operators who understand the value of programming and the integrity that's necessary there, so that's not something that concerns me."

Consolidation: /"A recent Forbes article quoted Clear Channel's Lowry Mays, who predicted that eventually only he and Mel Karmazin would be left standing.] There's still going to be lots of other operators out there, but as far as sheer size, in my mind, I believe there will be three big companies: Clear Channel, Hicks/Muse, and CBS. You still have operators like Susquehanna, Cox, Cumulus, etc. Those people aren't going away." Virtual Radio: "I haven't seen it have a major effect. I think I understand what they're trying to dothey're trying to bring better radio into some of these small markets where there just isn't a talent pool. They're thinking: why not give that audience a taste of some big-time radio and some real good talent. That being said, however, I still don't see virtual radio ever replacing the talent in most reasonablysized markets."

**Observations:** "We've lived through the phase of consolidation with respect to ownership, and now we're seeing some interesting ways of operating. This is now the year of how to operate our stations and how to put them together, both from a sales and a programming point of view."

"I believe that, initially, the concept of consolidation, to many people, meant fewer people doing many jobs. However, most people have now backed off from that thinking, realizing that if you want your stations to be successful, the individual entities must be successful and be able to stand on their own. It's tough to have a PD programming six radio stations. We're back to trying to make sure that each radio station is as strong as it can be. That's certainly our philosophy."

Gebron, along with Co-COO's David Pearlman and Don Boloukos, will remain in their current capacity following the CBS takeover of ARS last week.

# Randy Michaels

**Definition:** "Our goal is to do what's best for the market, based on the station we acquire—its history, its signal—so we don't prefer one format over another as a business practice. But I've gotta tell you, as a programmer, I love Top 40. I used to be a Top 40 programmer. I put Q102 [WKRQ-Cincinnati] on the air when it was Top 40. I companies, of course, try to chase public taste. When they ought to get on the bandwagon and move in one direction, whether it's heavy metal or rap, and the stations try and fragment Top 40, the format gets in trouble.

"Right now people are saying Country's in trouble because Country shares are way off, but it's all a function of the music. When Garth and Clint and Reba were making new CDs every quarter, Country music was huge. Obviously, there aren't as many new CDs coming out from blockbuster superstar artists in Country. Top 40 music is better than it used to be, it's a lot more mass appeal. Hit music will go through cycles. Rock and Country will go through cycles. It just has to be the right format at



can't speak to how one group or another classifies its stations; you see stations that are really Urban saying they're Top 40 and stations that are really Top 40 saying they're Hot A/C. It all depends on how you want to be perceived. But if you want to define Top 40 as a station that plays the hits, there has always been and there always will be a Top 40 format."

**Music Cycles:** "Music goes through cycles. To some extent, we're a victim of what the record companies put out. And the record the right time.

"There were some wonderful articles written back in the 1970s that discussed the death of Top 40. There were articles in the 1980s talking about the death of Top 40, too. And there's no question: a few years ago, when Top 40 got really fragmented and dominated by hard rock and rap, which are pretty incompatible, the format was in trouble. I'm sure we'll see another article in the future that talks about the death of Top 40, but if you define Top 40 as the hits, there will

# Marl Mays Clear Channel

"We think Top 40's a great format and obviously a long-term viable format that we'll continue to program as effectively as we can. We try to take a global perspective when we look at our station portfolio, meaning we try to make sure we're diversified across formats. We don't have any strategic target that we wart to be 15 or 20 percent Top 40 or anything like that. We just try to make sure that we're diversified across formats, because we think that's important long term."

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always be a place for it—and we'll be playing them."

# Dave Shakes VP/Consulting, Alan Burns and Assoc.

**The health of Top 40:** "The Top 40 format is up everywhere. It has a great supply of music from differ-



ent genres, so it's very healthy. Whether you lean your Top 40 toward rock or rhythm, there's a terrific sup-

ply of music available." Consolidation: "The future of consolidation depends on the state of the economy. As long as companies want to show growth and increase their shareholder value by acquisitions, consolidation will continue to gallop ahead. At some point, though, they're going to want to increase the performance. I agree that this will be the year of operation. The environment a year ago was very different-in a typical strategy session, the heads of the companies were usually not present because they were busy in acquisition meetings; this year, those same company heads are very much present at those meetings, because they are now turning their attention to operation.

"The idea of consolidation initially may have led to the assumption that there would be fewer jobs, but I've seen situations where the operations are doing very well, they see opportunities to grow and they need people to help them to achieve that growth. By the same token, in other places, maybe they aren't doing as well as they wanted to, and they realize that they need to restructure their team and maybe include more people.

"Regarding the concept of one PD running six stations: it all comes down to the talent of the individual. There are some people out there who are capable of programming multiple radio stations, and God bless them. It's great for them that they now live in a world where they can do that. However, if such a person were to leave that position, assuming that you can just go recruit somebody to replace them with the exact same job duties is a dangerous one, because not everybody is capable of that. There are different models of operation, and we're going to find out over the next year which style seems to be working the best.

"At the root of all of this is an assumption that companies can figure out how to squeeze more value out of radio; to find new ways to improve the way radio has conducted its business; to show that these high multiples are indeed not insane, but are in fact, perfectly good business."

Pay-for-Play: "I really don't understand what the brouhaha is-from my point of view, pay-for-play has existed for years. It's been called barter. Up until now, the GM just hasn't had his fingers into it. But the fact is, every week across America there are dozens of medium market program directors being wined and dined, sent to showcases, doing all kinds of extracurricular activities, some of which are very valuable. I'd hate to see all of that go away, because anytime you get people involved with music, it's a good thing. And let's face it, the reason we're in this business is because it's 'show business,' and I'm all for that. So much of it, however, is also unnecessary. If you were to convert the money being spent on these activities into dollars to the radio station's bottom line, in the cases of some of these small and medium markets, that's the difference between a good year and just breaking even."

Top 40's answer: "Radio is still superior to any other local medium for delivering a sense of community. And beyond the music, the fact that you can listen to a Wild 94.9 in San Francisco, or a Kiss in Dallas, and get an immediate sense of what young people are thinking and talking about-that's superior to any Internet chat room. Another advantage that Top 40 still has is its heritage; the incredible branding that a KIIS in L.A. or a Z100 in New York have. Their brand image is hit radio. These stations, in the future, will continue to have more and more value, similar to the way that the TV networks have attained more value. One could say that in a fragmented world, it's going to be harder to be mass appeal, but at the same time,

one could also say that in that same fragmented world, these brands have more and more value. One recent advertiser said, 'I know that every year, the big three TV networks—ABC, NBC, and CBS—draw fewer and fewer viewers, but if you want to introduce something to mass America, it's still the best way to go, because everything else is even further fragmented.'"

The Future: "Top 40 radio has a tremendous future ahead of it, especially as a mass appeal medium that is the radio station of the here and now, of this minute, as a clearing house for pop culture. But I don't think there's as much of a future in Top 40 saying things like 'The only place you can hear this song,' or claiming anything about hearing the music in the best quality it can be. We are on the verge of getting our butts kicked by alternative technologies that will make it easier and easier to access what you want to hear right now, and not wait an hour, a half hour, or even through a stop set."

# Dan Vallie Vallie-Richards Consulting

"Historically, Top 40 has done well when life is good and everybody is happy and upbeat—and that's pretty much the way things have been lately. The economy is good and things are going well for Top 40. Also, consolidation has helped Top 40 a lot because, through good times and bad, Top 40 has always been a good, consistent format. With groups owning so many different stations in a market, more group owners have gained the confidence to have a radio station that's targetted 18-34 to complement some of their other stations.

"In the past, if the only FM station an owner had in a market was a Top 40, they might wonder if they could make it economically. Now, when you combine the Top 40 station with an A/C station and a Jazz station or a Country station or whatever else, it makes a pretty good partner. Top 40 stations are benefiting from that now, not only because owners are deciding to go for the Top 40 format quicker than they would have before, but also because these Top 40s are scoring some significant 25-54 numbersas well as winning the demo that they target, 18-34. That's true for some of the new Top 40s that have been on for just the last two or three years, as well as for the more established big Top 40s.

"Even though the ratings come and go, a lot of times those ratings problems are self-inflicted wounds. If you look back at it historically, we've done it to ourselves, and I think we did that in the early 1990s, too. One of the reasons that we had such tough times around 1989to-'91 is because we got too myopic."

Bottom line: "Top 40 is alive and well, and it will continue to be successful. It's a solid format and we don't mind carrying a Top 40 flag at all. We enjoy it. We believe in the format; most of the other formats really are offshoots of Top 40 in some form or fashion. There's a lot of good stuff and it's great to have music come from all genres—everything from Natalie Imbruglia on the modern side to Shania Twain. What we're seeing is Top 40 at its best." ■

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"Radio is no longer considered hightech. I'm not here to raise a big fuss, but I'd like to point out that a lot of the concepts we built our radio stations on, like good, clean, crystal clear music, being the only and most efficient way to hear new music, those drivers are no longer present. It's much casier now to hear a new song by going to the Internet than it is to wait for it on a radio station. It's true that while the average person may not be to that point yet, I'll tell you who is—the 12-24s: tomorrow's audience, who are no longer looking at radio as a high-tech item, or as a way to get new music. Anybody who thinks that's not the case is not dealing with reality."—DAVE SHAKES

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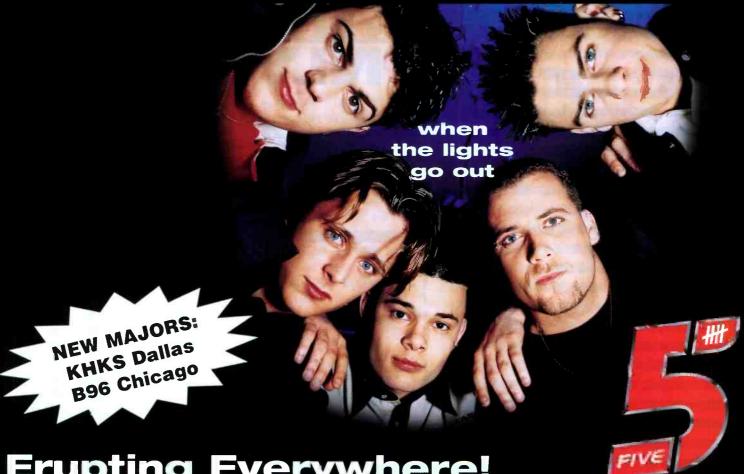
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From their forthcoming American debut album.



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## **TOP 40 UP&COMING**

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62		1346	-75	SPICE GIRLS Stop (Virgin)
52 50	37	423	+268	SMASH MOUTH - Can't Get Enough Of You Baby (Elektra/EEG) B.52'e . Dobbie (Bonr tel
50 49	5	905 782	+287	B-52's - Debbie (Reprise) BOD STEWART - Dob La La (Warner Bros )
49 47	3	78Z 846	+221	La BOUCHE - You Won't Forget Me (RCA)
		1198	+58	PRAS MICHEL/OL' DIRTY BASTARD Ghette Supastar (Interscope)
40	9			PRAS MICHEL/OL DIRTY BASTAHD Inherito Supastar (Interscope) MYA featuring SISQO - It's All About Me (Interscope)
38		1173	+275	INVER CIRCLE - Not About Romance (Universal)
38	24	458	+150	INNER CIRCLE - Not About Homance (Universal) BABYFACE & DES'REE - Fire (Sol) Musici
33	2	634	+87	SABYFACE & DES'REE - Fire (bob Mosic) XSCAPE - The Arms Of The One Who Loves You ISo So Def/Columbia/CRGI
31	1	848	+30	
30	1	692	+47	NU FLAVOR - Baby Be There (Reprise) REPERCE and STEVIE WONDER - Texa To You (Mail: Dieney/Hollywood)
29	8	369	+125	98 DEGREES and STEVIE WONDER - True To You (Walt Disney/Hollywood THE RIENDERS - I'm in I mus With The McConstit & Sid / Jongersell
28	3	561	+86	THE BLENDERS - I'm in Lave With The McDonald's Girl (Universal)
27	-	590	-3	LENNY KRAVITZ If You Can't Say No (Virgin)
26	1	832	+145	BIG PUNISHER Still Not A Player (Loud)
26	1	600	-91	GLORIA ESTEFAN - Heaven's What I Feel (Epic)
25	4	398	+105	DIANA KING - Find My Way Back (WCBK)
24	6	320	+169	ERIC HAMILTON BAND She Loves The Night (Curb)
23	-	701	+81	BRIAN McKNIGHT The Only One For Me (Motown)
23	1	657	+147	LINK - Whatcha Gone Do (Relativity)
23	3	445	-28	CREED - My Own Prison (Wind-Up)
21	5	252	+73	PUFF DADDY featuring JIMMY PAGE - Come With Me (Epic)
20	2	557	+111	JON B They Don't Know (Yab Yum/558 Music)
20	2	349	+15	JANA MARIA - The Price (Curb)
20	1	319	+4	RONNA - Sweet Pretender (River North)
19	13	160	+82	COLOR ME BADD Remember When (Epic)
18	18	59	+59	* JANET JACKSON Go Beep (Virgin)
17	1	376	+112	DESTINY'S CHILD - With Me (Columbia/CRG)
16	1	376	+122	NICOLE - Make it Hot [The Gold Mind,Inc,/EastWest]
16	3	271	+92	TORI AMOS - Spark (Atlantic)
16	7	179	+135	CLEOPATRA - Cleopatra's Theme (Maverick)
16	15	129	+129	* K-CI & JOJO - Don't Bush (Take Love Slowiy) (MCA)
15	1	298	+102	DARIO G Sunchyme (Reprise)
15	6	142	+71	* LOVE NUT - Love Found You (Paradigm)
15	12	79	+52	JENNIFER PAIGE - Crush (Edel America/Hollywood)
14	-	514	-102	TAMIA - Imagination (Owest/Warner Bros.)
14	1	221	+22	ANDREW KORSON - Don't Speak (Suncare)
14	14	46	+46	DONNA LEWIS - I Could Be The One (Atlantic)
14	13	26	+26	* DREAMHOUSE - Stay (Trauma)
13	1	440	+157	IMAJIN - Shorty (You Keep Playin' With My Mind) (Jive)
13	1	256	+81	HI-TOWN DJs - Ding A-Ling (Festless)
13	3	171	-15	TREANA - Naked Dr. You (Backyard/All American)
13	10	107	+59	HARVEY DANGER - Flagpole Sitta (Siash/London)
11	-	254	-88	SOLID HARMONIE - I'll Be There For You (Jive)
11	-	237	-5	SMASHING PUMPKINS - Ava Adore (Virgin)
11	1	159	+9	JOHN TESH & JAMES INGRAM - Give Me Forever (GTSP/Mercury)
11	1	148	+6	LIONEL RICHIE - Time (Marcury)
10	1	202	-4	JOE COCKER - Could You Be Loved (CMC International)
10	3	156	+35	* KAI - Something Inside OI Me (Tidal Wave/Ootten)
10	8	- 68	+41	* AALIYAH - Are You That Semebody (Atlantic)



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MYA featuring SISQO - "It's All About Me" (Interscope) PRAS(OL' DIRTY BASTARD - "Ghetto Supastar..." (Interscope) BRIAN McKNIGHT - "The Only One For Me" (Motown) JANET JACKSON - "Go Deep" (Virgin) BIG PUNISHER - "Still Not a Player" (Loud) ALTERNATIVE

SMASH MOUTH - "Can't Get Enough..." (Elektra/EEG) CREED - "My Own Prison" (Wind-Up) SMASHING PUMPKINS - "Ava Adore" (Virgin) PUFF DADDY & JIMMY PAGE - "Come With Me" (Epic) HARVEY DANGER - "Flagpole Sitta" (Slash/London)

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ROD STEWART (15) \*\* BILLIE MYERS (12) \*\* SMASH MOUTH (12) CELINE DION (11) ALANA DAVIS (9)



ALANA DAVIS "Crazy" (Elektra/EEG) Gaining almost 250 spins, Alana Davis finds new "Crazy" fans at WMBX, WVMX, Q93, KQMX, KQIC/FM, KRUZ, and more.

## RADIO SAYS



MATCHBOX 20 "Real World" (Lava/Atlantic) "Their appeal has transcended all formatic boundaries. 'Real World' is their best yet." —Jimmy Steal, PD, KDMX-Dallas

W	Reports	Adds	SPINS	TRE
1 NATALIE IMBRUGLIA - Torn (RCA)	105	0	4352	+!
2 FASTBALL - The Way (Hollywood)	102	0	3847	+23
3 ALANIS MORISSETTE - Uninvited (Warner Sunset/Reprise)	95	0	3671	+2
4 GOO GOO DOLLS - Iris (Warner Sunset/Reprise)	101	2	3376	+3
Top five and climbing. Number one in Spincreases.				
5 VONDA SHEPARD - Searchin' My Soul (550 Music)	104	2	3362	+2
6 SARAH McLACHLAN - Adia (Nettwerk/Arista)	100	2	3228	+19
7 EDWIN McCAIN - I'll Be (Lava/Atlantic)	96	1	3173	
8 SHANIA TWAIN - You're Still The One (Mercury)	86	4	2837	+1
9 NATALIE MERCHANT - Kind & Generous (Elektra/EEG)	96	0	2829	+2
MATCHBOX 20 - 3 AM (Lava/Atlantic)	84	0	2696	+:
1 MATCHBQX 20 - Real World (Lava/Atlantic)	91	5	2591	+24
2 SAVAGE GARDEN - Truly, Madly, Deeply (Columbia/CRG)	79	0	2475	-
3 MARCY PLAYGROUND - Sex and Candy (Capitol)	71	0	2368	-13
4 ERIC CLAPTON - My Father's Eyes (Duck/Reprise)	68	0	2019	-37
5 THE WALLFLOWERS - Heroes (Epic)	73	0	1898	+4
6 CHERRY POPPIN' DADDIES - Zoot Suit Riot (Mojo)	68	3	1647	+7
7 THIRD EYE BLIND - How's It Going To Be (Elektra/EEG)	56	0	1546	-
B PAULA COLE - Me (Imago/Warner Bros.)	54	0	1414	-22
9 CELINE DION - To Love You More (550 Music)	68	11	1364	+30
0 K-CI & JOJO - All My Life (MCA)	42	0	1329	+3
SISTER 7 - Know What You Mean (Arista Austin)	53	0	1314	-12
2 SEMISONIC - Closing Time (MCA)	61	6	1293	+22
3 MADONNA - Frozen (Maverick/Warner Bros.)	50	0	1209	-20
4 SMASH MOUTH - Walkin' On The Sun (Interscope)	47	0	1188	-1
5 BACKSTREET BOYS - As Long As You Love Me (Jive)	46	0	1167	-13
6 ROD STEWART - Och La La (Warner Bros.)	61	15	1135	+34
7 AEROSMITH - I Don't Want To Miss A Thing (Columbia/CRG)	55	8	1057	+31
MARIAH CAREY - My All (Columbia/CRG)	36	1	945	+4
9 EVERCLEAR -   Will Buy You A New Life (Capitol)	44	7	939	+16
D BONNIE RAITT - One Belief Away (Capitol)	41	0	918	-1
MEREDITH BROOKS - Stop (Capitol)	43	2	851	+4
2 MADONNA - Ray Of Light (Maverick/Warner Bros.)	39	5	817	+19
3 THE VERVE - Bitter Sweet Symphony (Virgin)	30	0	777	-6
A BACKSTREET BOYS - Everybody (Jive)	20	34	2	73
5 FLEETWOOD MAC - Landslide (Reprise)	21	26	0	66
LOREENA McKENNITT - The Mummers' Dance (Warner Bros.)	28	29	0	61
7 BILLIE MYERS - Tell Me (Universal)	38	12	597	-
3 'N SYNC - I Want You Back (RCA)	24	0	593	+2
GREEN DAY - Time Of Your Life (Reprise)	23	3	549	
Green Day returns! Added at KSTP, WKQI, and WMMX.				
PAULA COLE - I Don't Want To Wait (Imago/Warner Bros.)	30	0	540	
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#### **REVIEWS** continued

song, which is already certified plat-

inum across Europe, has "serious chart potential." Other early believers already on the



include WFLZ-Tampa, Z107.7-St. Louis, and WNKS-Charlotte. It's been a hit in the '60s, '70s, and '80s...so get ready for the '90s version of a true classic.

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#### SAVAGE GARDEN "To the Moon and Back" (Columbia/CRG)

First reviewed in GAVIN May 23, 1997, these Australian superstars are credit-

ed with reviving pop music in America. In fact, their debut release "I Want You" was such a success that



it overshadowed this follow-up single's run. Now, with a quadrupleplatinum album to their credit and as they embark on their first U.S. tour, look for "To the Moon and Back" to finally get its fair shake at radio. Impacting mainstream Top 40, Hot and mainstream A/C.

#### **DREAMHOUSE** "Stay" (First Music/Trauma)

From Hartford to Honolulu, this reggae-tinged remake of the Maurice Williams classic is already lighting up <u>Continued on page 36</u>

HOT A/C REPORTS ACCEPTED MONDAYS 8 A.M.-5 P.M. GAVIN STATION REPORTING PHONE: (415) 495-1990 FAX: (415) 495-2580

	Total Rep	orts	This	Week	113 Last Week 111 FAX: (415) 495-2	580			
CHARTBOUND	Reports	: Adds	SPINS	TREND		Reports	Adds	SPINS	TREND
ALANA DAVIS - "Crazy" (Elektra/EEG)	34	9	514	+233	* LIONEL RICHIE - "Time" (Mercury)	17	3	214	+78
BLACK LAB - "Time Ago" (DGC)	26	7	395	+71	* SMASH MOUTH - "Can't Get Enough" (Elektra/EEG)	16	12	195	+153
GLORIA ESTEFAN - "Heaven's What I Feel" (Epic)	24	1	488	-7					
BILLY MANN - "Beat Myself Up" (DV8)	24	2	466	+43					
BRIAN McKNIGHT - "Anytime" (Motown)	18	0	452	+9	Drops: #38-Janet Jackson, #39-Shawn Colvin (Nothin' on Me)				

## ARTISTPROFILE



of Agents of Good Roots Agents of Good Roots Are: Brian Jones, J.C., Kuhl. Stewart Myers, Andrew Winn HOMETOWN & BIRTHDATE: Roanoke, Va.; October 29, 1972 CURRENT SINGLE: "Smiling up

#### the Frown" LABET: RCA PROMOTION CONTACT: Cheryl Khaner MAJOR MUSICAL INFLUENCES: "Led Zeppelin, Beatles, Stevie Wonder, James Taylor." HOW WERF YOU DISCOVERED? "Playing in Virginia; Red Light Management saw us and liked us." THINGS THAYT MAKE YOU HAPPY:



"Good food, friends, animals, the Discovery Channel." THINGS THAT MAKE YOU SAD: "Limits, boundaries, ideas that can't be realized." YOUR BEST PERSONALITY TRAIT: "I'm straight-forward." YOUR WORST PERSONALITY TRAIT: "I'm selfish." ODDEST JOB YOU'VE EVER HAD: "Ham scrubber at a small grocery store." THAT YOUR SKIING ACCIDENT (AS A TEENAGER) TAUGHT YOU: "It is a weird world. You never know what is going to happen." A FAMOUS PERSON YOU'D LIKE TO TRADE PLACES WITH FOR A DAY AND WITY? "Confucius or Buddha; they both seem at peace." FUTURE AMBITIONS: "Writing better songs and to not be so selfish." QUOFE ABOUT YOUR MUSIC: "It's pretty diverse."

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	2 SARAH McLACHLAN - Adia (Nettwerk/Arista)		15	151	7	3434	+226	59	34	28	24
SIARR	3 NATALIE IMBRUGLIA - Torn (RCA)		19	123	1	3160	-47	57	32	24	10
92 17	4 BONNIE RAITT - One Belief Away (Capitol)		10	139	2	3114	+73	53	25	37	19
intrin the	5 <u>CELINE DION</u> - To Love You More (550 Music)		5	146	11	3047	+672	38	32	46	24
The second s	Number one in Spincreases, again. Celine goes top five.										
	6 MARIAH CAREY - My All (Columbia/CRG)		13	133	2	3021	+85	55	27	25	19
	7 PETER CETERA - She Doesn't Need Me Anymore (River North)		13	126	2	2783	+45	42	32	30	20
DONNA LEWIS (25)	8 LeANN RIMES - Looking Through Your Eyes (Curb/Atlantic)		12	126	5	2634	+117	42	20	38	20
LIONEL RICHIE (22)	9 ERIC CLAPTON - My Father's Eyes (Duck/Reprise)		18	117	0	2626	+41	29	41	32	14
ALTO REED (17)	10 GLORIA ESTEFAN - Heaven's What I Feel (Epic)		11	121	4	2415	+182	35	25	29	26
	11 CHICAGO - All Roads Lead To You (Reprise)		9	120	3	2408	+167	29	31	34	20
	12 <u>VONDA SHEPARD</u> - Searchin' My Soul (550 Music)		10	98	7	2296	+117	35	25	26	11
TOP TIP	13 <u>ROD STEWART</u> - Ooh La La (Warner Bros.)		5	132	28	2140	+606	14	23	46	33
	14 SAVAGE GARDEN - Truly, Madly, Deeply (Columbia/CRG)		35	94	1	2088	+53	22	33	28	9
CHRISTOPHER CROSS	15 ELTON JOHN - Recover Your Soul (Rocket/Island)		19	103	0	1985	-95	18	26	33	20
Walting In Amon	16 JOHN TESH & JAMES INGRAM - Give Me Forever (&TSP/Mercury)		22	97	0	1824	-196	18	21	33	18
	17 JAMES TAYLOR - Jump Up Behind Me (Columbia/CRG)		10	98	3	1789	+66	19	25	24	20
	18 MARILYN SCOTT - Starting To Fall (Warner Bros.)		10	88	4	1696	+64	21	20	23	15
	19 AMY GRANT - Like I Love You (A&M)		20	79	2	1518	-64	15	18	24	18
	20 BOB SEGER & MARTINA McBRIDE - Chances Are (Capitol)		6	91	6	1516	+141	11	21	22	26
	21 LIONEL RICHIE - Time (Mercury)		4	99	22	1399	+437	5	16	33	30
	Week's biggest jump and another stellar week for Lionel. This som	ng is for re				-					
CHRISTOPHER CROSS	22 MADONNA - Frozen (Maverick/Warner Bros.)		17	75	0	1390	-539	10	20	25	16
"Walking in Avalon" (CMC International)	23 LYRIC - Would I Lie? (National)		6	66	4	1305	+144	11	18		11
A/C radio welcomes back	24 RITA COOLIDGE - Shoo Rah (Risk/Innerworks)		12	64	1	1300	-50	15	19	18	12
Cross and his latest effort.	25 BACKSTREET BOYS - As Long As You Love Me (Jive)		33	67	0	1259	-8	9	18	25	11
Chalk up 12 new believers.	26 NA LEO - The Rest Of Your Life (NLP)		13	69	7	1233	+108	7	20	24	14
Ghaik up 12 new Denevers.	27 EDWIN McCAIN - I'll Be (Lava/Atlantic)		31	56	5	1173	+129	17	8	20	10
	28 STEVE PERRY - I Stand Alone (Atlantic)		6	76	6	1150	+163	6	17	21	22
RADIO SAYS	29 KENNY LOGGINS - Just Breathe (Columbia/CRG)		5	67	7	1098	+169	3	18	27	13
	30 NATALIE MERCHANT - Kind & Generous (Elektra/#EG)		6	56	3	1091	+142	10	16		11
	31 TOM HALL - Paris Rain (Enneagram/Cabana Boy)		8	51	1	981	+75	6	15	23	6
	32 THE STORM - To Have And To Hold (Miramar)		5	62	4	975	+130	3	13	28	18
CATHERE	33 DAVE ROBYN - This Ain't Good (High Time)		15	46	2	962	+32	13	12	15	5
	34 K-CI & JOJO - All My Life (MCA)		10	52	4	941	-89	12	6		13
LeAnn	35 PATTY O'HARA - I Love You (J-Bird)		13	42	2	820	-11	10	10		12
LOOMING THROUGH YOUR IVE	36 MICHAEL BOLTON - Safe Place From The Storm (Columbia/CFIG)		16	44		747	-431	4	10	15	10
Appen The COLUMN ACCESS	37 CELINE DION - My Heart Will Go Dn (550 Music)		28	51	0	741	-100	4	7	14	19
	38 SHAWN COLVIN - Nothin On Me (Columbia/CRG)		13	41	0	735	-260	4	12	16	8
LeANN RIMES	39 DAKOTA MDON - A Promise I Make (Elektra/EEG)		20	47	0	721	-245	2	9	20	11
"Looking Through Your Eyes" (Curb/Atlantic)	40 <u>RINGO STARR</u> - La De Da (Mercury)		3	65	26	706	N	0	4	21	30
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"Thanks to the movie <i>Quest for</i> <i>Camelot</i> , LeAnn's latest is	CHARTBOUND Reports A	dds SPINS	TREND		SP		CRE	AS	E		
a beautiful love song that	BRIAN WILSON - "Your Imagination" (Giant/Warner Bros.) 60 1	4 699	+210			INE D				+67	2
works for us."		3 675	+57				WART			+60	
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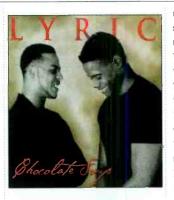
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POOLE									
of Lyric									
LYRIC IS: Orlando Poole and									
Vince Johnson									
Hometown & Birthdate:									
Detroit, December 14, 1964									
CURRENT RESIDENCE.									

LABEL: National PROMOTION CONTACT: Joel Newman MAJOR MUSICAL INFLUENCES: "All of the Motown people being that I grew up in Detroit. Smokey, Marvin Gaye, Temptations, etc." ORIGIN OF THE GROUP'S NAME: Well, if you listen to our

CURRENT SINGLE: "Would I Lie"



music, the lyrics for all of our songs tell a story so we decided to call ourselves 'Lyric." THINGS THAT MAKE YOU HAPPY: "Family and kids." THINGS THAT MAKE YOU SAD: "Homeless people, poverty." BEST PERSONALITY TRAIT: "I'm a very positive person." WORST PERSONALITY TRAFT: "I'm too nice to people." FAVORITE FOOD: "Lasagna." FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM:

"The Detroit Lions." MOST TREASURED POSSESSION: "A 1976 V-8 Vega—that's a Chevrolet race car." THE CAUSE YOU MOST BELIEVE IN AND WHY: "Helping the needy. If I ever make it on a bigger scale, I'm going to help the needy. It's one of my goals." FUTURE AMBITIONS: "Owning my own company (Records, real estate, etc.)."

Lakewood, Colo.

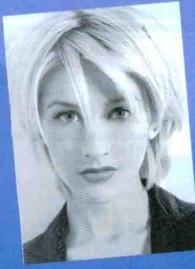


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## A/C UP&COMING

Rpts,	Adds		TREND	
44	3	<b>658</b>	+42	PAUL LESLIE All That I Am (Balance)
40	11	438	+187	GARTH BROOKS - To Make You Feel My Love (Capitol)
39	2	686	+63	AGARTHA - It Could Be Love (Fearless)
34	2	557	+49	LANCE BAKER FENT - Watchin' Over Me (Greenman)
31	1	479	+24	ARLYNN & SABELA - Real Life (665 Records)
30	-	626	+59	THE WALLFLOWERS - Heroes (Epic)
28	3	450	+53	ZAK DANIELS & ONE EYED SNAKES - Sky Boy (Big Water)
28	2.1	394	+49	THE ROAD - Someone Like You (Buddy-X)
28	3	<b>42</b> 4	+62	PETER WALDMAN Thinking About You (DP)
28	10	309	+143	GINO VANNELLI - Slow Love (Verve)
27	2	371	+41	BHAKTI - Delusions Of Granc (Coast)
27	a an	431	+32	MARIAH'S TRENCH - Not Like Before (Frenzy Feat)
26		686	+66	GOO GOO DOLLS Iris (Warner Sunset/Reprise)
25	2	388	+9	ANGELES - Can't Find The Words (Ace)
25	2	313	+53	FUSHIA - The Girl Inside (Finakon)
25	2	344	+47	KEN DeROUCHIE BAND - Keep On Walkin' (KPD)
25	25	243	+243	* DONNA LEWIS - I Could Be The One (Atlantic)
24	5.	244	+43	LINDA HORNBUCKLE - Pages Of Time, F
23	3	280	+49	JIM MORGAN Only Everyday (Gracenote/Ichiban)
23	5	321	+93	AEROSMITH - I Don't Want To Miss A Thing (Columbia/CRC
22	-	639	+32	FASTBALL - The Way (Hollywood)
22		<b>590</b>	+70	ALANIS MORISSETTE - Uninvited (Warner Sunset/Reprise
22		- 318	+46	BOBBY SKY - Neon Signs (Feture)
21	2	551	+-89	MATCHBOX 20 - Real Woold (Lava/Atlantic)
21	21	255	+154	* MAX CARL & BIG DANCE - One More River (Mission)
19	5	162	+46	* LINDA RONSTADT When We Ran (Elektra/EEG)
11:	3	211	+34	SIMON APPLE - A Boy Like Me (Trunk)
18	3	210	+10	FICTION - So Many Tears (High Time)
17	3	325	+39	* MEREDITH BROOKS - Stop (Capito !
17	64	192	+45	JOE'S BAND - State Of Independence (Bag)
17	3	197	+36	* ARDEN JONES - Wasted Pride (Coast)
17		202	+19	FEELS 2 REAL Love Will (Stylus)
17 -	17	160	+160	* ALTO REED - Change The World (Harmonie Park)
16	1	231	+14	HOLLY COLE - Onion Girl (Metro Blue/Capitol
15	4	148	+13	DAVID FRANKEL BAND - Dancín Into Dreamland (Serge)
15	5	168	+89	* THE HEATERS - That Boy (Wants To Be A Girl) (Garage)
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Drops: #37-Dana Mase, Joe Cocker (Tonight), and Lesia.

## **REVIEWS** continued

the phones. Thanks to Jackson Browne's mid-'80s version, can you say..."familiar"? Impacting mainstream Top 40. —KEVIN CARTER

#### ANNE COCHRAN AND JIM BRICKMAN "After All These Years" (Windham Hill)

If you've read Kevin Carter's article on page 14, you'll know that being "A/C" is all good. And Jim Brickman will attest to the fact that A/C radio has been very, very good to him. This time, he brings along his own "A.C." childhood friend Anne Cochran—who adds a lovely vocal touch to this most sentimental of songs. I've seen them perform this live and it's definitely a winner. Impacting mainstream A/C.

#### CHRISTINA AGUILERA "Reflection" (Walt Disney/Hollywood)

The second single to come from what will probably be one of the summer's blockbuster movies—Disney's *Mulan*, opens June 19. Advance word on the film is sensational. The voice behind this stirring ballad penned by Matthew Wilder and David Zippel is newcomer Christina Aguilera, who hails from Pittsburgh, Pa. Disney's given her a great launching pad; so great that she's already been signed to RCA. Expect to hear much more from this bright, new talent. Impacting mainstream A/C.

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# JANET JACKSON (59)

Go Deep (Virgin)

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# BLACK A/C Most Played Current Hits

SPARKLE FEAT. R. KELLY "Be Careful" (Rockland/Interscope) XSCAPE "The Arms Of The One Who..." (SoSoDef/Columbia/CRG) BRANDY & MONICA""he Boy Is Mine" (Atlantic) LSG "Door #1" (Eastwest"EEG)

REGINA BELLE "Don't Let Go" (MCA)

# URBAN REVIEWS

SLEEPY'S THEME "Still Smokin'" (Bang II Records)

Some of the most innovative new Southern funk has come out of

Atlanta. This new '90s tradition continues with the debut by sevenpiece band Sleepy's Theme, built



around writer/producer/performer Patrick "Sleepy" Brown, a key member of Atlanta's noted Organized Noize production collective. On this smooth, mid-tempo funk groove in which Sleepy's Theme expounds on a female obsession, the Organized Noize trademark sounds are evident, sounds the group imprinted on hits by TLC, Outkast, Goodie Mob, and even En Vogue's "Don't Let Go



Naked Music NYC

#### K-CI & JOJO (45) Don't Rush (Take Love Slowly)

(MCA) Including: KBMS, WILD, WKGN, WJKX, KBCE, KHRN, WDAS, WIBB, WJMG WZAK, WCHB, KXZZ, WBHJ, WMNX, WOWI WJMI, WNAA, WOOK, WFLM, WROU, WZHT, WENN, KKDA, WHRK, KDKO, WJFX, WPEG, WPAL, WGZB, WCDX, WTMP, WEDR, WUSL, WZFX, KTBT, WBLK, WCKX, KZWA, WJHM, KPRS, WJZD, WBLS, WFXE, KMJM, WAMO

#### SILKK THE SHOCKER (30) It Ain't My Fault (No

#### Limit/Priority)

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#### MASE (26)

Lookin' At Me (Bad Boy/Arista) Including: WJKX, WGVM, KHRN, WIBB, WZAK, WJMG, WEUP, KRRQ, WKGN, WTLZ, WJMI, WZHT, KKDA, WJLB, WJFX WPEG, WPAL, WGZB, WCDX, WTMP, WOHH, KTBT, WKYS WCKX, KZWA, WJZD

(Love)" reverberating wah wah guitar, funk-ticklish bass lines, and a fuzzy guitar solo. Label Bang II is based out of Nashville. Call (615) 345-1000.

#### NAKED MUSIC NYC "If I Fall" (OM Records)

Following in the progressive jazzgroove style of groups like the Brand New Heavies, Groove Collective, and Incognito, the collec-

tive Naked Music NYC offers this mellow head-bobbin' track filled with electric piano hits

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and the soaringly soulful vocals of Ada Dyer and Catherine Russell. Naked Music was formed by producer Jay Denes, who recruited vocalists Dyer and Russell to create stripped down soul sounds. Contributing to Naked Music NYC's forthcoming album *What's On Your Mind* are instrumentalists and performers who have worked with everyone from Frank Zappa to Nuyorican Soul to Chaka Khan and Steely Dan. Adventurous Urban A/C outlets should take a stab at it.

# GEORGE BENSON standing together

The title track from the new album, standing together

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#### NEWMAINSTREAM

# **URBAN**LANDZCAPE

#### WEST COAST

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NANCY WILSON +35 "If I Had My Way" (Columbia)

BLACKSTREET +32 "I Can't Get You Out Of My Mind" (550 Music)

### MIDWEST

JANET JACKSON +67 "Go Deep" (Virgin) MAXWELL +55 "Luxury: Cococure" (Columbia) TAMI DAVIS +45 "How Do I Say I'm S∍rry" (Red Ant)

MASTER P. +43 "I Got The Hook-Up" (No Limit/Priority) KELLY PRICE +40 "Friend Of Mine" (sand)

#### EAST COAST

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THE \_OX +81 "Let's Start Rap Over" [BalBoy/Arista) LEVI LITTLE +75 "Pick Up The Phone" (White Label)

#### SOUTHWEST

MASTER P. +71 "I Got The Hook-Up" (No Limit/Priority) DESTINY'S CHILD +56 "With Me" (Columbia) NICOLE +53 "Make It Hot" (The Gold Mind/Eastwest) CHANGING FACES +52 "Same Tempo" (BigBeat/Atlantic) USHER +49 "My Way" (LaFace/Arista)

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## BLACK MUSIC MONTH PROFILE



# Duke Ellington (1899-1974)

Edward Kennedy Ellington was bom in Washington, D.C., on April 20, 1899. Called "Duke" because of his impeccable style and manners, he dropped out of high school and formed a band, the Washingtonians, in 1918. In 1923, he moved to New York and wrote his first musical score, *Chocolate Kiddies*.

Achievements: Ellington gained his national reputation as a composer and big band leader during a five-year stint at Harlem's Cotton Club between 1927 and 1932. During this time, Ellington and his band also began perfoming in black-oriented movies such as Black and Tan (1927), Check and Double Check (1930), and Cabin in the Sky (1943). In the '30s, he produced records such as Harlem Air Shaft. Portrait of Bert Williams, and Bojangles. Ellington went on to write over 900 musical compositions, including standards like "Mood Indigo," "Satin Doll," and "Sophistcated Lady," making him the most prolific American composer of all time.

In the '60s and '70s, Ellington toured Africa and the Middle and Far East as musical ambassador for the U.S. State Department. Ellington once observed, "The common root of our music comes from Africa. That's the pulse; the African pulse. It's all the way back from what they first recognized as the old slave chants and up through the blues, jazz, and up through rock and the avant garde. And it's all got the African pulse." —Quincy McCoy

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#### **HIP-HOP ALBUM REVIEW**

#### **BLACK EYED PEAS** "Behind The Front" (Interscope Records)

The Black Eyed Peas, made up of co-founder Will.I.Am, partner Apl.de.Ap, and the mysterious Taboo, have been getting props for a while on the West Coast for their brand of progressive lyrics and live instrumen-

tation. a rep expanded through a series of Los Angeles



live shows. Influenced by soul, funk, jazz, and Latin sounds, this debut album bursts with rhythmic innovations, plenty of guitar, flute, and horn lines, all topped with tasty rhymes that truly keep positivity in the forefront. The album pops from the first cut, "Fallin' Up," in which the group declares, "We be fallin' up, never fallin' down, we keep it at a higher level, elevated ground!" In the tradition of the Native Tongues and a Tribe Called Quest, the Peas develop the concept event further, working at maintaining consciousness while soothing your psyche with fat beats. "Clap Your Hands" starts with an irresistible rhythm that keeps you nodding your head in agreement with their philosophy of individuality; "Joints & Jam" is strictly jazzy old-school rhythm;

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MASE - Lookin' At Me (Bad Boy/Arista)	6/25
FLIP MODE_SOUAD - Everybody In The Line Outside (Elektra/EEG)	6/25

#### JC'SHIP-HOPBOX

Remember Brooklyn's "On a Mission" rapper Special Ed? With an ear for keeping it real for young artists, Ed has set up his own label, Dolla Cab Entertainment, with a two-sided 12-inch from his first artist Shills (Da Realz) called "Reality/Million Dollar Juxes" going to DIs, mixers, and clubs. Now released from his Profile

contract, Ed says he will release the underground single "Really?" in July and follow it up with the commercial release "Live Without You." You can email Ed at DollaCab@aol.com...Ras Kass'

long-awaited album on Patchwerk Records, due in August, will feature Dr. Dre, Kurupt Tha Kingpin, Easy

Moe Bee, the Rza, Twista, Mack 10, and more ... Another entry in the Houston rap stakes: New label EIE (Everything Is Everything) Records, owned by Ledo Caesar. First artist out of the blocks is a four-man-onewoman group called RWO ... Bass music's DJ Smurf returns with Dead Crunk a 13-track album on Ichiban, due in July...Seattle is home to new hip-hop conglomerate

Turntable Bay, garnering raves on the local scene for a mix of alternative and rap sounds. Their forthcoming album on Lazy Bones Records is No Samples, a title that's selfexplanatory...For those hedz with an interest in pimpology, get ready for the release of the book Bigger Than Big, a fictionalized autobiography by Ron Newt, a.k.a. Prince Diamond. Billed as one of the Bay Area's

wealthiest pimps, Newt claims to have rubbed elbows with the stars and even to have signed his sons, the Newtrons, to an \$8 million recording contract with MCA in 1989. While this premise sounds titillating at best, Newt promises, "The reason for this book is to educate you on the rights and wrongs of life." For copies, call Runaway Slave Productions at (888) 917-9800.



#### **REVIEWS** continued

"The Way You Make Me Feel" is a smoothed out meditation on love with vocals. "What It Is" echoes "Jamaica Funk" in its rhythmics, while rap fans may already be familiar with the intimate electric piano

effects of "Que Dices?" in which the Peas assert their harmonic and lyrical dominance with the popular tag line "Say wha', say wha', say wha'?" These 16 tracks were produced by Will.I.Am. Look for the Peas on selected dates of this summer's Smokin' Grooves Tour

#### **MIXSHOW** Real Spins

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1	THE LOX - Money, Power, & Respect (Bad Boy/Arista)	86	+13
2	GOODIE MoB - Black Ice (LaFace/Arista)	75	N
3	QUEEN LATIFAH - Bananas (Motown)	69	N
4	JAYZ - Million In 1 (Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam)	67	+6
5	LUKE - Bounce To The Beat (Luke/Island)	65	N
6	ICE CJBE - We Be Clubbin' (Remix) Feat. DMX (Heavyweight/A&M)	64	+5
7	BULWORTH SDTRK Ghetto Superstar f/ Pras, Mya & ODB/Zoom f/ Dr.Dre & L.L (Interscope	) 57	+7
8	CH/4FLI BALTIMORE - Money (Epic)	54	+7
9	PLBL C ENEMY - He Got Game soundtrack (Def Jam/Mercury)	53	+7
10	CALICHT UP SDTRK Snoop & Kurupt: Ride On/Gang Starr: Work (Noo Trybe/Virgin)	50	+6
11	ALL CITY - The Actual/Priceless (MCA)	48	+4
12	RUFUS BLAQ - Artifacts Of Life/Out Of Sight (A&M)	46	+19
13	QUEEN PEN - Party Ain't A Party/All My Love (Lil' Man/Interscope)	45	-21
14	VAIR DUS ARTISTS - 2 Pac: Lost Souls (Death Row)	44	+3
15	MYSTIKAL - The Man Right 'Chea/Unpredictable (Jive)	40	+39
16	DJ HONDA - H2 (Relativity)	39	+5
17	MASTER P - I Got The Hook Up (No Limit/Priority)	38	-2
18	BLACK CEASER - System (Tommy Boy)	36	0
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# **RECORDPOOLPROFILE**

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Starting June 15, the new Music Director on Planet 96.3 (WPLT) in Detroit will be Ann Delisi, who's certainly no stranger to the market after three and a half years across town at CIDR and 11 years before that at WDET.

"[PD] Garett Michaels called me a year ago," said Delisi from her car phone. "He asked me to do middays. After much deliberation—because it's a wonderful company and I have a lot of respect for Garett as a programmer—I said no. I told him that I loved being a music director, so if that position ever opened up, that I hoped I would be the first call on his list."

A year later, Delisi was Michaels'

# Detroit's Ann Delisi From the River to the Planet

#### **BY KENT ZIMMERMAN**

first call when Alex Tear shifted to WDRQ—the Planet's dancin' sister—replacing Lisa Rodman as Program Director.

"How many people have done their whole radio career in one city, never mind their hometown?" Delisi asked. "I consider myself blessed."

"The timing is perfect. I got hired at the Planet after putting Riverfest together, [turning] the station [CIDR] in a positive direction. I feel good about what I left, and, honest to God, I still believe in the [Triple A] format like crazy. "The sadness is

leaving a format I'm truly passionate about, working with a group of people across the country who are music intensive, wonderful people. Losing my air shift isn't nearly as big a loss as that."

Delisi says she will host a "cool specialty show Sunday morning, where I can do pretty much what I want." She hopes to maintain her A3 contacts in that context. During the weekdays, however, Delisi describes WPLT's direction as "riding the fence between Modern A/C and Alternative, combining the two with acts like Edwin McCain, Everclear, retro flashbacks

from the '80s, as well as new music by Jeff Buckley and Patty Griffin.

"Garett Michaels is a music fanatic who will take chances on cool records," she enthuses.

Delisi, no stranger to cool music, was the recipient of the GAVIN A3 Music Director of the Year Award for the last two years running.

# Will 'Angels With Dirty Faces' Break Tricky to Alt Radio?

#### **BY VINNIE ESPARZA**

Tricky has become one of the most important artists on the Island roster. Once a member of the groundbreaking trip-hop combo Massive Attack, his previous solo efforts Maxinquaye and Pre-Millennium Tension have already sold close to 200,000 units and they show no signs of dropping off. Angels With Dirty Faces, his third Island solo project, was released June 2. According to Jill Tomlinson, Associate Director of Marketing for Island and Product Manager for the artist. Tricky has become one of the label's most successful artist development stories.

"This is the record we hope to take to that next level by taking it to gold," she says.

Tricky already has a rather large following for someone that hasn't had huge airplay on commercial radio, says Tomlinson. However, Tricky is a sure-fire number one artist on College radio. He will land the cover of *CMJ Monthly* in July and *Vibe* in August; he will also appear with Polly Jean Harvey on *The Late Show With David Letterman* on July 16.

"We're planning on having a white-label 12-inch with a bunch of different remixes that we're going to work intensively at the clubs toward the end of June/beginning of July," says Tomlinson. "His tour starts in mid-July, so we'd like to have that all tied in together."

Also in the works is an "Added Value" campaign at independent retail outlets, featuring the addition of the *Broken Home* CD-5 with any purchase of *Angels*, and a campaign with Tower Records in which customers will receive a 2x3 poster of the album cover when they buy the album.

"Tricky is someone about whom the words 'original' and 'innovator' keep coming up. He's really pushing the envelope and doing something original with music," says John Rosenfelder, Island's Manager of National College Promotion. Sadly, "innovation" and "originality" can sometimes be bad words in the commercial radio realm. Howie Miura, VP of Alternative Promotion, is well aware of this, but he's con-



fident that he and his team will find avenues of commercial exposure for *Angels*.

"The one thing we learned with working Portishead to radio [is that] the fans are completely passionate about this type of music and that they really start to make their voices known. It's something we've always felt existed, and it will really come through with a record like this. The audience lets commercial stations know, and because of this, some stations will pick it up and start playing it," he predicts.

"We've strategically balanced out the upcoming weeks by going to the specialty shows first in order to whet the appetites, so to speak. A few weeks after that, we'll go to some of his biggest supporters of the past, which include major markets and some key secondary Alternatives. Two weeks after that, we expect a huge debut in SoundScan, which will give us a level of visibility that will open it up to a lot more possibilities," Miura adds.

"It's interesting to note that like Bob Marley, Island legend before him," says Rosenfelder, "commercial radio, especially African-American radio, did not embrace him. It was important for Bob to connect with the African-American audience, just as it is important for Tricky to do the same." ■



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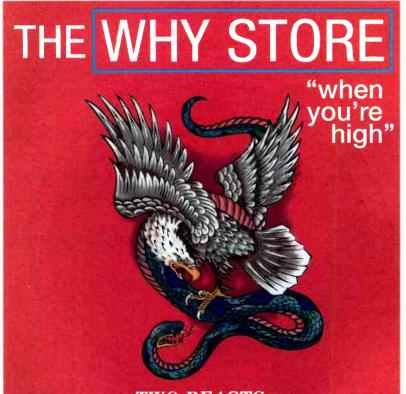
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# Susan Tedeschi Just Won't Burn

#### BY KENT ZIMMERMAN

Rounder Records may best be known as the top brand in roots music, but the label has also tasted mainstream success via gold albums by George Thorogood and platinum with Alison Krauss and Union Station. Now there's strong radio and retail vibes from Susan Tedeschi, a blues singer and guitarist on the Tone-Cool label, which

is distributed and promoted by Rounder. Tedeschi couldn't have named her debut album more aptly. Released in late January of this year, *Just Won't Burn* just won't burn.

"We shipped the first single, 'Rock Me Right,' on January 23," says Rounder's National Radio Promo maven Leslie Rouffe. "Since then, we've been increasing awareness inch-by-inch. Here it is June, and people are still increasing spins and adding the record."

Tone-Cool founder Richard Rosenblatt spearheaded a campaign to enlist the help of Jonny Lang manager Miki Mulvehill. Mulvehill is now on board (along with Monterey Peninsula booking), and Tedeschi will open the upcoming Buddy Guy/Jonny Lang tour this summer.

Since January, radio has been steadily coming to the party as well. Tedeschi's support ranges from Triple A beacons KTCZ-Minneapolis, WMMM- Madison and KRSH-Santa Rosa to non-comm leaders like WFUV-New York and WFPK-Louisville.

"Wherever she gets played, we see sales blips," says Rouffe. "The week she played in Minneapolis, 372 CDs were sold."

"Her voice is incredible and the phones are burning up," adds KTCZ's Mike Wolf.

After playing Minneapolis a couple of times, Tedeschi has moved



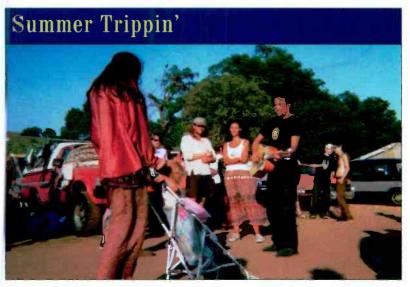
over 1050 units, out of the 12,000 units nationwide, excellent numbers for a debut roots artist. In Madison, after just one gig, Tedeschi sold another 73 units that week alone. "Great listener re-

sponse." said Triple M's Tom Tueber. "We haven't had this many calls since we debuted Kenny Wayne Shepherd's first album three years ago."

Tedeschi's live show has more than kept the project burning. Besides the Buddy Guy/Jonny Lang tour, Rounder intends to keep her out as long as possible, opening a slate of gigs for B. B. King.

"Once you see her live, you can't deny her," says Rouffe. "She's a small, petite woman, but on stage, it's Janis Joplin-meets-Joan Osborne. She's a good guitarist, but it's the passion and rawness in her voice that amazes people."

A new single, "It Hurts So Bad," will be released on July 1.



Our boy, Fojtik, snapped this one as Ben Harper strolled through the parking lot at the Mountain Aire Festival in Calaveras County. Harper politely refused his offering of a grilled frankfurter.

# **Beastie Boys and Barenaked Ladies Prove That White Men Can Rap**

#### BY SPENCE D.

If you were asleep the week of June 1, then you may be unaware that both the Beastie Boys and Barenaked Ladies disrupted the Alternative format with blasts of Old School electro-funk and retrofitted Alterna-rap. Both acts received "Most Added" honors, managing to find space in extremely tight summer playlists.

Alternative's embrace of the Beastie Boys came as no surprise; over the past several years they have become core to the format. But the fact that the 1985-era electro-rap throwback of "Intergalactic" has found a home at Alternative is a little bit of a mind bender-until you start looking at the folks who are spinning it. KXTE-Las Vegas, generally known for harder edged playlists, was jamming it with 32 spins the first week out. And in Boston, WBCN APD/MD Steven Strick explains, "I fell in love with it at first listen, and I'm bangin' it

as much as I can. It has an incredible hook, and it just sounds awesome on the air."

While the Beastie's adds came as no major surprise, the overwhelming embrace of Barenaked Ladies' "One Week" seemed to come virtually out of left field. If you remember, the Ladies' previous single, "Brian Wilson," was a slow build, taking quite some time to impact at the format. This time out, BNL grabbed the collective Alter–nativeness by the throat, with stations



from coast-to-coast finding the infectious rhythms and off-kilter scat-rap irresistible. "It's clutter busting, intelligent white man's rap," says WAQZ-Cincinnati PD Matt Harris, who adds his decision went beyond the song, as the band has a solid fan base in the Cincinnati region.

"They seem to play here every 4 weeks," he comments. "They have a good fan base and they regularly sell out all their shows in the area." Miles away in the

Rockies, the story has a familiar ring to it.

KTCL-Denver jumped on the track out the box, giving it a massive 28 spins in the first week and tagging it the station's Fresh Track of the Week. "We are getting very positive reaction to it," comments PD Mike O'Connor. "It's sure to be a huge hit."

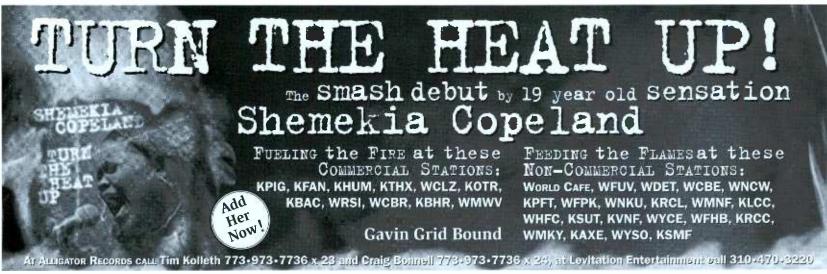
Mike even went so far as to say that "One Week" is "this decade's "The End of the World as We Know It," adding that the band has a solid fan base in the Denver region. "Barenaked Ladies have a huge track record in this market.



They easily sell out 500-to-1000 seat clubs in Denver."

"What's happening now is a culmination of five years of word-ofmouth, touring, and connecting with the audience," says Reprise VP of Alternative Promotion Bob Divney. "Even before we got a top 20 record with 'Brian Wilson,' radio stations were admitting it was not a matter of 'if,' but of 'when.' [We needed] the right song, and they gave us the right song with 'One Week.'"

<ol> <li>The only animal besides humans that can get sunburned are pigs.</li> <li>Radio consolidation is providing more jobs.</li> <li>Ostriches stick their heads in the sand to look for water.</li> <li>The Lilith Fair is named after Gloria Steinem's oldest daughter.</li> </ol>	Right	Wrong	<ul> <li>Right</li> <li>6. Bill Gates cuts his own hair.</li> <li>7. The only continent without reptiles or snakes is Antarctica</li> <li>8. Sean Coakley and Bruce Warren both have a full, luxurious head of hair, but prefer to wear bald caps.</li> <li>9. Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than for the US Treasury.</li> <li>10. Kent and Keith Zimmerman</li> </ul>	Wrong	<ul> <li>11. Coca-cola was originally green.</li> <li>12. Elvis Costello's real first name is Desmond.</li> <li>Jeffrey Gaines has made the album of his career with his Rykodisc debut <i>Galore</i>. right my wrongs going for adds June 9.</li> </ul>	Wrong
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frequently breathtaking. We are uncorrupted. We are incorruptible. These qualities will always appeal to some people in the business. Individually, we are

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	BONNIE RAITT (Capitol)	996	-104	34		7	25	23	8	9	10	33	19	5	13	47	27	7	15	20	27	10	7	7	40	7	37	2	15	14	20	13	24
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	CITY OF ANGELS SOUNDTRACK (Reprise)	770	-20	43	23	26	14	24		7		14		24	13		6			1		54		7	3		35	28	15	9	13		6
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	GODZILLA SNOTRK (Epic)	677	-13	9	20	1	6	22		7	10	9	21	24	21		29		9	12	24	9		5			37		7	14	10	1.230	6
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	PATTY GRIFFIN (A&M)	607	+45	16	16					8	5	6		13	23	10	15				7	9	7	7	2		25	8	15	12	13	10	7
	PEARL JAM (Epic)	560	-4			17	25	25	C		-	15	8	4	12	8			15		23	8	9	-			37		10	14	13		6
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#### JOHN FOGERTY Premonition (Reprise) JOHNNY CASH/WILLIE NELSON

VH1 Storytellers (American/Columbia) Seemingly saturated with matchbox 20 and Mariah Carey vids, VH1 really comes to the table with their own stuff, specifically VH1 Storytellers and the excellent Behind the Music series. John Fogerty (a prime candidate for Behind the Music ), was so impressed by Fleetwood Mac's reemergence via VH1, he followed suit, even shifting labels. Premonition features both old and new tunes, 18 songs strong. I ran into Fogerty at LAX, and he revealed he was able to supervise the mix remotely by using digital ISDN lines to listen in. Johnny and

Willie, on the other hand, seem to revel in their funkiness; *Storytellers* sounds like two buds winging it. The patter is as golden as the music, including Cash's interest in Viet Nam and especially his Dylan quip. Willie's "Me and Paul" holds up as one of our sacred faves. Three American legends crammed onto two discs!

#### WILLIAM TOPLEY

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"Wake Up (Your Dream Sounds So Sad)" (Mercury) William

This is the voice that launched 10,000 avid purchases in Denver and Boulder.

From the upcoming disc containing old and new Topley and Blessing songs, "Wake Up" will spread KBCO's initial success

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nationwide. The 2:26 edit sounds way too short. The Alt mix seems thin. I'd go whole hog with the LP version, still under four minutes.

#### HEATHER NOVA Siren (WORK)

Since it's release two weeks ago, Heather Nova's underrated music has been pulsating through my office wall from Keith's stereo next door. Finally I gave up, and began spinning my own copy. Modern, punchy, melodic, hooky, and great-looking. Who can ask for more? Start with "London Rain."

#### **BRIAN SETZER**

"Jimp, Jive, an' Wail" (Interscope) Brian Setzer doesn't have to run out and buy a zoot suit and a martini shaker; he's been sinking his dough into swing for a half decade. If retro is cool, here's the guy who has the most highway mileage invested.

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ummer is finally here, which means hot weather, cool fun, less clothing, lots of sunscreen, and of course, everyone wants (and probably needs) that V thingand we don't mean Viagra. We're talking vacation time! With just 12 weeks between the end of the crucial spring ratings book and the start of the fall book, most stations spend the summer months in ultimate "street mode." We asked several pros how they cope with the dreaded words, "I want to schedule my vacation."

#### Dave Kelly PD, WSIX-Nashville

"I pray a lot! When our morning guy [Gerry House] is on vacation, we use a guy named Chris Roner who, when he's available, puts together an awe-



some "Best of" that sounds great. We used to let Gerry and the whole team go on vacation at the same time, but now we try to scatter it so that part of the

Dave Kelly

show is always there in order to encourage some semblance of normalcy. This week, I am filling in [for Gerry] and we don't try and change the show at all. It's probably more 'Gerry' than when he's here. In general, I try to schedule on-air talent vacations as far out as possible. I have a pecking order of part-timers, because not every parttimer is right for every airshift. I'm very lucky to also have several pinch hitters who I can go to when needed, even if it's not very often."

Bob Moody

McVay Media

"With so many stations having digi-

# Fill in the Blanks: Airstaff Vacations

#### BY JAMIE MATTESON

tal boards and voice tracking capabilities, there's going to be tempta-

> tion for those with the technical ability to voice track vacationing jocks. While that may be a viable option [for some], the challenge is go-ing to be en-suring that

stations don't sound substantially different during June, July, and August than they do the other nine months of the year."

#### Evan Bridwell

PD. KUZZ-Bakersfield "One of my dilemmas is that most of our air staff has been here for a long time, and they have accrued a large amount of vacation time. Since we're in a book all year long anyway, there isn't really a good time to schedule vacations. I don't allow two full-timers to be out at the same time, and I encourage them to spread it out. We try to use as much advance planning as possible, but I also try to work in those 'things' that come up. If I can't work it out, the airstaff has to understand. We've also got a good stable of part-timers right now, so that helps, too."

#### Mike Shepard

**OM, KSON/KBZT/KIFM-San Diego** "It's difficult, especially lately, but we've come up with a few tricks. For example, we've added morning sidekick Linda Zweig, and when cohosts Tony and Kris are out, she stays and does the show with a 'Best of-type presentation. On our Jazz station, we have really short airshifts, and what we do there—and also sometimes on KSON—is elongate the shifts. Even though it's a short term hassle for those involved, it really does help maintain the consistency of the station. We're also blessed with some really good part-

time help who can step in, too. I really try to block out the spring and fall book times as a 'no fly zone.' We've got some people who

have been here Mike Shepard

so long that it can seem like they're always on vacation. I guess I'd rather have that problem than always have turnover and never have to worry about it."

#### Joe Patrick Joe Patrick Consulting

"I would try not to schedule vacations near summer holidays or any big summer station events. Two to three weeks before an event, everyone [should be] working to their



maximum. I'd never let more than one fulltimer be out at a time. If you let more go, the sales department will inevitably sell a bunch of

remotes and enough air staff to

### you won't have enough air staff to cover them." ■

#### The Scene



COLADA CONCOCTION! WPZM-Huntsville, Ala. morning dudes Matt & Tom make two listeners into human Piña Colada's in order to win sold out tickets to a recent Garth show in Nashville. Helping in the back is a male listener who came up with the idea originally and also won a pair of tickets to the show!



**MCCREADY IS SUPER!** 

BNA's Mindy McCready brought her fiance, former TV Superman Deam Cain, along for a radio visit with KSCS-Dallas (front row, I-r): Cain, KSCS' Linda O'Brien; (back row, II-r): BNA's Christian Svendsen, KSCS° Mark "Hawkeye" Louis, McCready, and KSCS' Terry Dorsey.

What do these two photos have in common?

A. All the shirts have been washed in Tide.

B. Everyone bathed with Caress.

C. In the film *Hope Floats*, Jack Ingram performed and Harry Connick wore the cool KFAN t-shirt shown here!



I-r: GAVIN's Chris Marino, Peggy Ingram (Jack's mom), and Jack Ingram.

#### NASHVILLE

# FCC: Out of Sight, Out of Mind? Think Again.

#### BY CHRIS MARINO

I can't remember how many times I heard rumors that, due to cut backs and their preoccupation with radio group acquisitions, the FCC neither has the time nor the staff to focus on individual stations. I had no reason to doubt the information. In my almost five years at WMLB-Cumming, Ga., I never saw nor heard anything from them. In fact, in the 36-year history of WMLB, no one can recall ever being visited by a representative of the FCC. But last month that changed when an agent stopped by to check things out. "It was like a rectal exam," says PD David Stone. "They checked every file and meter for about two hours." The good news is, the station's impromptu inspection went well and no violations were found.

Another Americana reporter was not so fortunate. A little over a month ago, KNON, a non-commercial station in Dallas, was fined \$5000 by the FCC for using "improper language in an underwriting announcement." Apparently the announcement was deemed too much like a commercial, thus the violation. Non-commercial stations can announce underwriters, but they must avoid "a call to

action" which is a trademark of commercial spots. Dave Chaos, PD at KNON, acknowledged the fine and says the station accepts responsibility. He comments, "We are taking complacent and assume that the FCC is not enforcing." **VIGILANCE IS KEY** 

There was a time when an exam had to be taken in order to

this very seriously. It would be a

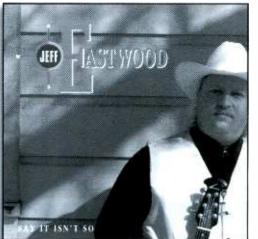
mistake for other stations to be

become a broadcaster. Testing was later replaced with the check method—if you sent a check, they sent a license. A couple of years ago, the fee and the license require-

"We are taking this very seriously. It would be a mistake for other stations to be complacent and assume that the FCC is not enforcing." --Dave Chaos, KNON-Dallas ment were waived, so now as far as the government is concerned, everyone (with a few exceptions) is qualified to run a radio station. As a result of these changes in policy, fewer and fewer station employees have any understanding of proper radio procedures, even though everyone involved in the broadcast process is still expected to know and abide by all the rules and regulations.

The best protection a station has against being in violation of the complex maze of FCC laws is a qualified engineer. In the case of WMLB, it was station engineer Steve Westbrook who had consistently kept up with the Transmitter logs, public inspection files, equipment calibrations, and all else that's needed to be in order for the day that "the Man" finally came for a visit. A good engineer should make sure that the staff knows what's necessary to keep the station in accordance with the FCC. ■

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#### RADIO SAYS



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8	6	GARY ALLAN - It Would Be You (Decca)	18	193	0	6581	+227	106	66	21	0
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11	9	TERRI CLARK - Now That I Found You (Mercury)	12	194	0	5758	+279	59	81	53	1
12	10	COLLIN RAYE - I Can Still Feel You (Epic)	9	193	1	5580	+321	51	87	51	4
9	11	MARK CHESNUTT - I Might Even Quit Lovin' You (Decca)	15	188	0	5551	-89	61	77	46	4
13	12	SHANIA TWAIN with BRYAN WHITE - From This Moment On (Mercury)	6	194	0	5472	+370	49	74	67	4
14	13	TRISHA YEARWOOD - There Goes My Baby (MCA)	7	195	1	5409	+317	40	89	61	5
16	14	GARTH BROOKS - To Make You Feel My Love (Capitol Nashville)	6	194	0	5289	+334	38	83	70	3
2	15	TIM McGRAW - One Cf These Days (Curb)	12	162	1	5088	-2148	85	37	19	20
17	16	JOE DIFFIE - Texas Size Heartache (Epic)	11	188	1	4934	+41	23	90	68	7
18	17	DIXIE CHICKS - There's Your Trouble (Monument)	11	191	1	4834	+171	21	82	82	6
15	18	KEITH HARLING - Papa Bear (MCA)	16	186	0	4826	-202	36	75	58	17
20	19	MARTINA McBRIDE - Happy Girl (RCA)	9	195	2	4771	+404	17	78	90	10
23	20	FAITH HILL with TIM McGRAW - Just To Hear You Say That You Love Me (Warner B	-	189	9	4248	+795	10	64	92	23
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22	21	PAM TILLIS - I Said A Prayer For You (Arista)	6	186	4	4004	+426	3	62	97	24
21	22	TRACE ADKINS - Big Time (Capitol Nashville)	7	182	3	3979	+225	8	60	90	24
24	23	DWIGHT YOAKAM - Things Change (Reprise)	6	187	4	3816	+464	4	53	97	33
27	24	VINCE GILL - If You Ever Have Forever In Mind (MCA)	4	186	6	3780	+719	5	48	99	34
30	25	JODEE MESSINA - I'm Alright (Curb)	5	186	10	3424	+501	1	41	93	51
25	26	SUZY BOGGUSS - Somebody To Love (Capitol Nashville)	12	170	4	3338	+157	3	49	76	42
28	27	LARI WHITE - Stepping Stone (Lyric Street)	6	185	5	3277	+232	1	33	90	51
29	28	CLAY WALKER - Ordinary People (Giant)	7	170	4	3249	+220	5	41	72	52
33	29	JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY - Cover You In Kisses (Atlantic)	3	177	31	2940	+820	2	23	84	68
34	30	DIAMOND RIO - You're Gone (Arista)	4	163	18	2696	+623	1	24	74	64
31	31	TOBY KEITH - Double Wide Paradise (Mercury)	5	155	10	2659	+312	2	24	71	58
32	32	RESTLESS HEART - No End To This Road (RCA)	6	154	15	2542	+281	1	24	62	67
35	33	PATTY LOVELESS - High On Love (Epic)	4	153	16	2425	+426	Ö	16	75	62
26	34	CHELY WRIGHT - I Already Do (MCA)	13	95	0	1954	-1211	2	33	40	20
38	35	DAVID KERSH - Wonderful Tonight (Curb)	7	120	5	1946	+132	3	19	41	57
19	36	LEE ANN WOMACK - Buckaroo (Decca)	12	76	0	1677	-2866	8	25	25	18
_	37	RANDY TRAVIS - The Hole (DreamWorks)	1	119	110	1580	N	1	3	42	73
40	38	MONTY HOLMES - Why'd You Start Lookin' So Good (BANG II)	7	106	5	1540	+166	2	10	38	56
43	39	MINDY McCREADY - The Other Side (BNA Records)	3	116	29	1534	+458	0	8	38	70
42	40	LINDA DAVIS - I Wanna Remember This (DreamWorks)	7	108	10	1489	+212	0	7	40	61
39	41	MILA MASON - The Strong One (Atlantic)	i i	99	1	1479	+56	Ő	14	36	49
37	42	THE KINLEYS - Dance In The Boat (Epic)	í	74	0	1329	-517	1	17	28	28
45	43	MICHAEL PETERSON - When The Bartender Cries (Reprise)	3	99	15	1255	+283	0	3	31	65
44	44	MARK NESLER - Used To The Pain (Asylum)	4	91	10	1201	+212	1	3	31	56
	45	TRACY BYRD - I Wanna Feel That Way Again (MCA)	1	82	72	1097	N	1	2	29	50
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50	47	THE MAVERICKS - Dance The Night Away (MCA)	2	63	19	852	+307	0 0	4	24	35
47	48	LISA BROKOP - How Do I Let Go (Columbia/CRG)	5	71	2	818	+56	0	2	18	51
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50	46	625	1	* STEVE WARINER - Road Trippin' (Capitol Nashville)	37	25	422	1	* SHANA PETRONE - Heaven Bound (Epic)
42	11	533	2	CHRIS LEDOUX - Runaway Love (Capitol Nashville)					

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GEORGE JONES - It Don't Get any Better Than This (MCA/Nashville) 52

DON WALSER - Down At The Skyview Drive-In (Watermelon/Sire)

Ely "Twists" his way this week into the top 10 at #6.

THE MAVERICKS - Trampoline (MCA/Nashville)

SAM BUSH - Howlin' At The Moon (Sugar Hill)

JOE ELY - Twistin' In The Wind (MCA/Nashville)

WAYLON JENNINGS - Closing In On The Fire (Ark 21)

KIERAN KANE - Six Months, No Sun (Dead Reckoning)

JERRY DOUGLAS - Restless On The Farm (Sugar Hill)

KATE CAMPBELL - Visions Of Plenty (Compass)

CARRIE NEWCOMER - My True Name (Philo/Rounder)

LEON RUSSELL - Legend In My Time (Ark 21)

**GREAT DIVIDE** - Break In The Storm (Atlantic)

JIM LAUDERDALE - Whisper (BNA Records)

CLAY BLAKER - Rumor Town (Neobilly)

NICK LOWE - Dig My Mood (Upstart/Rounder)

VICTOR MECYSSNE - Hush Money (Sweetfish)

SARA EVANS - Three Chords and the Truth (RCA)

KEVIN GORDON - Cadillac Jack's #1 Son (Shanachie)

DWIGHT YOAKAM - A Long Way Home (Reprise)

JIMMY BUFFETT - Don't Stop The Carnival (Island)

**DUANE JARVIS** - Far From Perfect (Watermelon)

CHERI KNIGHT - Northeast Kingdom (E-Squared)

SUE FOLEY - Ten Days in November (Shanachie)

**REDD VOLKAERT** - Telewacker (Hightone)

JOHNNY BUSH - Talk To My Heart (Watermelon)

MIKE IRELAND & HOLLER - Learning How To Live (Sub Pop)

CORNELL HURD BAND - Texas Fruit Shack (Behemoth)

LUCINDA WILLIAMS - Car Wheels On a Gravel Road (Mercury)

"Car Wheels" are rollin' fast. Lucinda debuts at #27.

JASON & THE SCORCHERS - Midnight Roads & Stages...(Mammoth) 27

WHERE HAVE ALL THE FLOWERS GONE - Various Artists (Appleseed) 21

SAL'AMANDER CROSSING - Bottleneck Dreams (Signature Sounds)

RALPH STANLEY - Clinch Mountain Country (Rebel)

BLACK DOG - Original Soundtrack (Decca)

DAVE ALVIN - Blackjack David (Hightone)

LAURIE LEWIS - Seeing Things (Rounder)

BRUCE ROBISON - Wrapped (Lucky Dog)

CHRIS KNIGHT - Chris Knight (Decca)

BONNIE RAITT - Fundamental (Capitol)

BAP KENNEDY - Domestic Blues (E-Squared)

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LUCINDA WILLIAMS (51) **STEVE RILEY (26) CHRIS HILLMAN (17) DWIGHT YOAKAM (16) JOHNNY CASH &** WILLIE NELSON (13)





THE HORSE WHISPERER JOE ELY **GEORGE JONES DAVE ALVIN BRUCE ROBISON** 

#### RADIO SAYS



**GREAT DIVIDE** Break in the Storm (Atlantic)

"Pour me a vacation is working well. It has a unique sound; it's very fresh, kind of edgy. The record is one of our favorites." -Chuck Boone, PD, KKDY-West Plains, Mo.

#### ARTISTPROFILE



CURRENT BAND: The Ex-Husbands, with Mark Miller on bass and Mike Smith on drums. BIRTHPLACE/BIRTHDAY Burlington, Vt.; January 13, 1967

CURRENT RESIDENCE: Nashville CURRENT PROJECT The Ex-Husbands (Tar Hut) EARLY BANDS: "When I was 15 I played bass and lead guitar with The Boogie Bob Band, and we backed up Chuck Berry when he would come to play around Chicago. We actually played a gig with him at Wrigley Field-it was



pretty awesome." EARLY INSPIRATIONS: Chuck Berry, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Waylon and Willie, and Classic Rock. CURRENT FAVORITE MUSICIANS "Dale Watson and Wayne Hancock are really cool." FAVORITE SONGWRITER: "Kris Kristofferson says so much with so little, Willie Nelson, Hank Williams, and Harlan Howard."

CURRENTLY LISTENING TO: "East

#### AMERICANA REVIEWS **JOHNNY CASH &**

WILLIE NELSON VH1 Storytellers (American)

Is this a wet dream or what? The verbal exchange alone between Cash and Nelson makes this record well worth listening to; the

musical collaborations elevate it to the level of masterpiece. The admiration the two have for each other



and how well they compliment each other's compositions become crystal clear upon listening. An exceptional release. .....

#### **CLAY BLAKER &** THE TEXAS HONKY-TONK BAND **Rumor Town (Neobilly)**

Clay Blaker is no stranger to Texas dance halls; he actually started playing the circuit in the late '70s at the urging of Texas buddy George Strait, who had spent time with Blaker in California. Strait's star has risen since those days, but he's recorded quite a few of Clay's tunes. On Rumor Town, Blaker and his band serve up delicious honky-tonk fare that goes down like great Texas BBQ. The record has quite a few memorable tracks, some co-writen and performed by Jim Lauderdale, including the haunting "I May Be a Fool," which features great harmonies and Tommy Detamore's inspiring steel guitar. "Nothing but a Memory" should be in every jukebox in America. Blaker is about as good as they get.

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After building notable success as an award-winning producer, hit songwriter ard distinguished session musician, Randy Scruggs has stepped forward to make a personal statement of his own. *Crown Oj lewels*, his solo debut, showcases Scruggs in the company of Vince Gill, Emmylou Harris, John Prine, Bruce Hornsby, Tuisha Yearwood, Joan Osborne, Travis Tritt, Iris DeMent, Rosanne Cash, Roger McGuinn, Mary Chapin Carpenter and many others who jumped at the chance to work with Randy. He was involved in every aspect of the album's creation—from writing and singing, to picking and producing.

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ast week GAVIN dropped in on the 🖌 1998 Public Radio Conference (PRC), which was held in our backyard at the San Francisco Hilton Hotel from May 29 to June 1. The PRC is a forum that provides NPR and public radio affiliates with four days of nutsand-bolts meetings on such topics as fundraising, journalism, digital production, satellite technology, and composing business plans and grants.

Having personally hosted almost 30 conventions, it was gratifying to be able to visit somebody else's grand soiree. It was also nice to bump into a few programmer friends, like WBGO's Thurston Briscoe, WDUQ's Dave Becker, KPLU's Joe Cohn, WCLK's Ben Scott, KCSM's Dick Conte, World Cafe's Bruce Warren, WUCF's Terry Rensel, and others.

Jerry Yang, co-founder of the Internet media company Yahoo!, was a luncheon keynoter, and NPR star Terry Gross, host of *Fresh Air*, could be seen traversing across the Hilton lobby.

But my personal highlight was sitting in on the Jazz Radio Consortium meeting. According to its position paper, "the Jazz Radio Consortium is an informal group of stations, networks, and producers who think that jazz has a valid, viable place on public radio." The JRC was founded at the 1996 PRC, when a group of GMs from several key jazz stations decided to start networking and comparing notes.

Chairing the meeting and leading the JRC charge was Scott Hanley, General Manager of WDUQ-Pittsburgh. Mostly management representatives from stations like WDUQ, KCSM, WUCF, WBGO, WRTI, WLNZ, WCLK, KPBX,

# Droppin' in on the PRC and the JRC

**BY KEITH ZIMMERMAN** 

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tightened up programming strategies, the at-work audience increased from 12 to 24 to 32 to 50 of total audience share. "Let's change jazz programming from a gut approach to an intellectual approach," said Becker. "For jazz radio to be successful, it's a matter of editing what you don't use as much as what you use." For example, he said, transform the way you

For example, he said, transform the way you cover that annual jazz festival in your market. Ramp up your involvement, contest and promote the event with pre-produced spots, but don't exhaust your staff with endless hours of live

broadcasts. You can still own the promotion on opening night and help create a well-attended event, but keep the live music presentation tight and timely. Script your remotes, inject a local angle, and like public television, tighten up the whole presentation.

Hanley emphasized news-talk is no longer the top-rated radio format in the U.S., and today's tabloid approach to current events is endemic of a drought of interesting news. "Slow news cycles," said Hanley, "create opportune avenues for jazz programming."

WDUQ-Pittsburgh

**GM Scott Hanley** 

But there's still lots to accomplish, the panel agreed. JRC talked about pooling resources and creating national spots and produced pledge pitches that stations could share. Jazz special programs could be produced and spread around. Premium gifts—like a Mile Davis *Kind of Blue* CD or even handsome major label box sets—could be group-pur-chased at cheaper rates.

One of the most interesting prospective projects the JRC talked about, though, was formulating research that could tell jazz programmers what creates a first time jazz radio listener. Where does that person come from? How does someone become a core listener, or better yet, a supporting member? Questionnaires mailed out with pledge thank-you notes or surveys filled out at jazz events, it was suggested, could shed light on why somebody migrates to the jazz camp.

Finally, I was asked to comment about how jazz radio was viewed by the rest of us in the industry. I told them how converting to a spins playlist helped many of us—programmers, chart makers, and record folks alike—to gain a better aerial view of what's getting played. I talked about the wide range of stations we speak with, and how they all have their own unique programming visions. Some are shifting dayparts, others are experimenting with hybrid forms of jazz, and oth-

ers pursue a strict melodic presentation past the post-bop sound. Record companies are still facing a tough retail landscape, and even the most adventurous executives seem a little battle scarred these days.

But in the end, I shared Hanley's sense of optimism. More astute programming, constant tweaking, and courageous self-criticism could bring jazz radio to new heights.

"There is no crisis in jazz radio, only opportunity," Hanley likes to say. "That's the approach we need to take. Who just wants to survive? I'm encouraged. We have success stories to tell."

For general information on the JRC, contact Hanley at WDUQ, 600 Forbes Avenue, Pittsburgb, PA, 15282, fax (412) 396-6030, e-mail info@wduq.org ■

WDCB, KCNW, WOUB, and KBSU were in attendance, and Hanley's meeting swelled to the point where we all had to move to an adjoining room twice the size.

Many issues were volleved around the giant conference table. WDUO-Pittsburgh PD Dave Becker spoke about the need for jazz radio to communicate the artistry of jazz to listeners and also stressed the idea of making it fun to listen to. He spoke about WDUQ's increased hourly commitment to jazz at a time when other stations are lowering their weekly hours. More astute jazz programming, coupled with a serious eye towards modal research and playing the right music to avoid punch-out, he said, can result in beefed up at-work listening.

Becker noted that, since WDUQ streamlined its music library and

### Lewow and Byrd Promoted at Warner Bros.

Deborah Lewow has been officially named Senior Director of Smooth

lazz Promotion said Matt Pierson, Senior VP of Jazz.

"It's an honor to be recognized," Lewow told GAVIN. "Getting a pro-



motion at Warner Bros. is the best way for me to celebrate 25 years in the music industry."

Previous to joining Warner Bros., Lewow worked at GRP Records and in 1995 won a Gavin Promotion Person of the Year Award.

After ten years with Warner Bros. Records, Erma Byrd has been promoted to National Director of Jazz Publicity. Bryd was Manager of Jazz Publicity in 1997, and prior to that, served in various publicity capacities with the label. "Erma's reputation is built on a solid foundation of respect and friendship," said Pierson, "She's an invaluable asset to our department."

#### Welcome Four New Gavin Reporters

Three new reporters join the GAVIN family. WJPL is a new Smooth Jazz reporter out of Peoria, Ill. The Director is Rick Program Hirschmann and he is also in charge of the music duties. Contact Rick by phone at (309) 686-0101 or fax at (309) 686-0101. WJPL's mailing address is 4234 Brandywine Dr., Ste. D, Peoria, IL 61614.

Joining us as a jazz reporter is WWUH in Hartford. Contact Chuck Oberkowski by phone at (860) 768-4701 or fax (860)-768-5701. The mailing address is WWHU, University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Ave., West Hartford, CT, 06117. Also joining the jazz fold is WSSB in Orangeburg, South Carolina. Contact PD Tony Edwards at (803) 536-8938 or by fax at (803) 533-3652. The address is South Carolina State University, 300

College Avenue, Orangeburg, SC, 29115.

Finally, our friend Brad Stone is back as a jazz reporter with KKUP in Cupertino, Calif. Phone Brad at (408) 848-6266; his fax is (408) 842-7773. The mailing address is P.O. Box 720397, San Jose, CA 95172. Also, KNWB-Hilo is no longer a Smooth Jazz reporter, and KVNF-Paonia, CO has flipped from Smooth Jazz to Jazz.

Megadeth's Closet Smeothic This in from KYOT-Phoenix PD Nick Francis. According to the Tribune, Dave Mustaine, guitarist of the metal band Megadeth, listens to KYOT. "I listen to 95.5 [KYOT] more than anything else when I'm dri-

ving," Mustaine confessed. "I'll

check KUPD to see if they're play-

ing us, and if they're not, I'll flip

over to the jazz station."

### Trip-A-Day Mania Comes to Dallas

The Trip-A-Day promotion has spread to the Oasis in Dallas.

"The contest started at the end of May and continues until the end of July," says KOAI Program Director Michael Fischer. "I'm getting 1500 faxed entries a day, not counting duplicates. We've had winners every day, no problem."

Each Monday through Friday, a trip for two is awarded. Fischer and the station struck a deal through American Airlines. The breakdown is as follows: For two weeks, the destination is Paris; then two weeks of Carribean getaways; one week of London holidays; two weeks worth of trips in Canada ; and for two weeks listeners can land anywhere in the U.S. The trips are limited to American Airlines' regular destinations.

"That's a total of 90 trips," says

Fischer. "I give all the credit to WNUA's Paul Goldstein because, of course, he came up with the concept."

#### Hard Rain in Pittsburgh

WDUQ was knocked off the air briefly last week after storms and a tornado swept through the area. "This has been a bad weather week in Pittsburgh," said Music Director Evelynn Hawkins. "During a severe thunderstorm last Sunday, the building housing the station took a lightning hit."

On June 2, a tornado touched down nearby the WDUQ transmitter. The facilities were fine, but downed electric lines caused the station to be knocked off the air temporarily.



WJJZ has some slick, high-profile bumper-to-bumper artwork on city buses during the Spring Book. It's another good reason to take public transit in Philly.



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"Cvrus Chestnut and I were

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gospel thing playing organ. I

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#### ARTISTPROFILE

JAMES CARTER

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#### LATIN JAZZ ORCHESTRA

#### Havana Blues (Palmetto)

Hey! Has there been a healthy crop of Latin jazz releases, or what? This Latin Jazz Orchestra project



is the real deal. It's conducted by Chico O'Farrill, but fronted by trumpet player Armando Rodriguez and drummer Victor Rendon. It has big band power and quartet intimacy. Roots abound of Puente, Bauza, and Machito!

#### **BILL ANSCHELL** A Different Note All Together (Accurate)

#### Pianist Bill Anschell is a jazz musician and a scholar. He's published books about jazz, wrote articles about art, and has served as musical director for vocalist Nnenna Freelon. His new CD runs the full spectrum between sweet melody, forceful ensemble playing, and soulful swing.

#### CRFA:

1. JAMES CARTER	+143
2. SONNY ROLLINS	+117
3. DAVE SAMUELS	+109
4. ARTURO SANDOVAL	+108
5. GEORGE COLEMAN QUARTET	+102

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met Jack McDuff at a jam session up on 125th Street, and gospel and spiritual aspect of the he played some interesting changes for me afterhours.

"When Cyrus went over stuff with us in the studio, Steve Kirby was on bass, so Cyrus would have another five fresh fingers to deal with more grooves. In listening to Shirley Scott, the bass player frees up her left hand so she can play

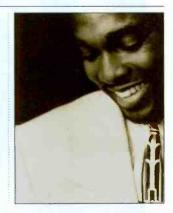
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"Cyrus seemed relunctant as recording drew nearer. I met Henry Butler when I did the Kansas City All-Star tour with Verve. 1 ran my ideas by Henry, and he was cool with the pedal and lefthand thing. Cyrus [recorded] a couple things over his parts, when we flipped the arrangements around."



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	1	1	BRIAN BROMBERG - You Know That Feeling (Zebra)	54	Auus O
	4	2	RICHARD ELLIOT - Jumpin' Off (Metro Blue/Capitol)	50	1
	2	3	JONATHAN BUTLER - Do You Love Me? (N2K Encoded Music)	43	0
	6	4	FOUR 80 EAST - Eastside (Boomtang/Cargo)	53	0
	3	5	MELROSE PLACE JAZZ - Braxton Brothers (Windham Hill)	47	2
	8	6	KIM WATERS - Love's Melody (Shanachie)	52	1
	5	7	CHRIS CAMOZZI - Suede (Discovery/Sire)	43	0
	7	8	DOWN TO THE BONE - From Manhattan to Staten (Nu Groove)	45	3
	9	9	GREGG KARUKAS - Blue Touch (i.e. music)	53	0
, ZN,	13	10	GEORGE BENSON - Standing Together (GRP)	52	3
14,	10	11	BRIAN HUGHES - One 2 One (Higher Octave)	45	0
	11	12	ERIC CLAPTON - Pilgrim (Reprise)	42	1
	17	13	KEIKO MATSUI - Toward the Sunrise (Countdown/Unity)	51	1
	14	14	SPYRO GYRA - Road Scholars (GRP)	42	0
V,	20	15	CHRIS STANDRING - Velvet (Instinct)	45	0
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	15	16	B-TRIBE - Sensual Sensual (Atlantic)	41	0
	18	17	CANOY DULFER - For the Love of You (N2K Encoded Music)	41	2
	19	18	BOB MAMET - Adventures In Jazz (Atlantic)	30	1
1,	21	19	MARILYN SCOTT - Starting to Fall (Warner Bros.)	41	1
	16	20	BRIAN CULBERTSON - Secrets (Bluemoon/Atlantic)	42	1
	24	21	BRYAN SAVAGE - Soul Temptation (Higher Octave)	44	0
	22	22	DAKOTA MOON - A Promise I Make (Elektra/EEG)	33	0
	28	23	KENNY G - Greatest Hits (Arista)	36	1
	29 30	24	PAUL HARDCASTLE - Cover To Cover (JVC)	39	0
	31	25 26	<u>STEVE COLE</u> - Stay Awhile (Bluemoon/Atlantic) SIMPLY RED - Blue (EastWest/EEG)	43	2
	12	20	CHUCK LOEB - The Moon, The Stars, the Setting Sun (Shanachie)	34 40	2 2
	26	28	CHRIS BOTTI - Midnight Without You (Verve)	35	0
	25	29	BOB JAMES - Playin' Hooky (Warner Bros.)	36	0
	43	30	LEE RITENOUR - This Is Love (i.e. music)	49	4
			Lee's stylistic sampler is this week's #1 Spincrease.		
	27	31	JOHN TESH - Grand Passion (GTSP/Mercury)	30	1
	34	32	RAMSEY LEWIS - Dance of the Soul (GRP)	44	3
	33	33	AVENUE BLUE featuring JEFF GOLUB - Nightlife (Bluemoon/Atlantic)	37	1
	36	34	FOURPLAY - Four (Warner Bros.)	43	1
	35	35	PAMELA WILLIAMS - Eight Days of Ecstasy (Heads Up)	33	1
	23	36	CHIELI MINUCCI - It's Gonna Be Good (JVC)	30	0
	32	37	PHIL PERRY - One Heart One Love (Windham Hill Jazz/Peak)	29	1
	41	38	PEACE OF MIND - Journey to the Fore (Nu Groove)	29	1
	39	39	RANDY CRAWFORD - Every Kind of Mood (Bluemoon/Atlantic)	28	1
	38	40	BONEY JAMES - Sweet Thing (Warner Bros.)	27	2
	37	41	JOYCE COOLING - Playing It Cool (Heads Up)	31	4
	40	42	JONATHAN CAIN - For a Lifetime (Higher Octave)	23	0
	42	43	DENNY JIOSA - Jazzberry Pie (Blue Orchid)	27	0
	-	44	ACOUSTIC ALCHEMY - Positive Thinking (GRP)	32	2
	50	45	MARIAH CAREY - Butterfly (Columbia/CRG)	22	3
	49	46	KIM PENSYL - Quiet Cafe (Fahrenheit)	23	0
	48	47	BRIAN TARQUIN - Last Kiss Goodbye (Instinct)	22	0
	44	48	DIANA KRALL - Love Scenes (Impulse!)	20	0
	45	49	JOE SAMPLE - Sample This (Warner Bros.)	18	0
	-	50	PETE BELASCO - Get it Together (Verve Forecast)	16	0

#### REVIEWS

#### GEORGE BENSON Standing

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**Together (GRP)** The "Smooth-ability" factor on this

ity" factor on this record is off the scale. *Standing Together* is Benson's finest record in eons. The flow, continuity, and the balance between vocal ballads and breezy jazz instrumentals is awesome. A power vocal like the title track, an instrumental like "Fly by Night," and a vocal/guitar combo like "All I Know" exquisitely balance Benson's multiple talents.

#### FOURPLAY 4 (Warner Bros.)

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Fourplay strikes the balance between improvisation, slick songwriting, and group collaboration. Different rhythms and time signatures ebb and flow, but the romantic groove still reigns throughout. Bob James' "Little Foxes" will get play, but we like Harvey Mason's roasting 5/4 samba on "Rio Rush." Live a little and play a short drum solo on Smooth Jazz radio!

#### SPINCREASE

1	1. LEE RITENOUR	+106
CANCER !!	2. GEORGE BENSON	+75
	3. JOE McBRIDE	+65
- And a second	4. MARC ANTOINE	+60
1	5. JIM BRICKMAN/DAVE KOZ	+46

#### CHARTBOUND

*MARC	ANTOINE (NYC/GRP)
SOUL	SALLET (Countdown/Unity)
	SHELTON (Lightyear)
*JOE M	cBRIDE (Heads Up)
FATTB	URGER (Shanachie)
MARIO	N MEADOWS (Discovery/Sire)
Dropped:	#46 Evan Marks, #47 Soundscape

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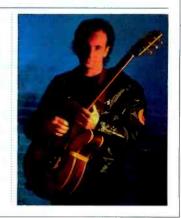


ON BECOMING RAZ "There's no hidden meaning behind the name. I liked the feel of it, and the term *Raz* [my new Narada release] sounds like "jazz." The idea was to tackle jazz classics in a new light—in a cinematic, atmospheric way—with a strong groove underneath. "Without being too

architectural, I incorporated a European direction with Urban grooves, and elements of drum 'n' bass, techno, and dance rhythms to jazz standards I've played all my musical life. "I made a long list of tunes to do, but ended up falling back on my longtime favorites. It was time to do a production project, and not just my [own] compositions.

"I write for television and film, and I'm always under the gun with composing deadlines. I loved spending time with famous melodies and putting entirely different sets of clothes on them. "I've played 'Afro Blue' in so many sessions and gigs, I wanted the melody to be respected, but take a different approach than mainstream jazz, where the solos are the focus. Instead of a little melody and lots of solos, I wanted more melody than improvisation.

"You can take liberties with familiar melodies like 'Afro Blue' and it still retains its character."



MARK ANTOINE (21)

"Sunland" (NYC/GRP) Including: WJJJ, WTMD, WJZW, WSMJ, WLOD, KDAI, WNWV, WEZV, KMJZ, WNUA, WJPL, KPRS, KHIH, KBZN, KIFM, KUDR, KMGD, KEZL, KXDC, KRVR, and KKJZ

MOST ADDED

JOE MCBRIDE (14) "Midnight in Madrid" (Heads Up International) Including: WJJJ, WTMD, WJZW, WLOQ, KDAI, WNWV, WEZV, WJPL, KCLC, KHIH, Art Good, KSBR, KRVR, and KWJZ

JIM BRICKMAN (13) "Partners in Crime" (Windham Hill) Including: WEZV KMJZ WNUA KBZN KUDR/m KFZ

KRVR, and KKJZ PAT KELLEY (5)

Moonlight Dance (Award) Including: WZJZ, WDNB, WNIJ, KCLC, and KSBR

RONAN HARDIMAN (4) "Love Song" (Philips) Including: KKSF, KMG0, KSSJ, and WSMJ

#### RECORD TO WATCH



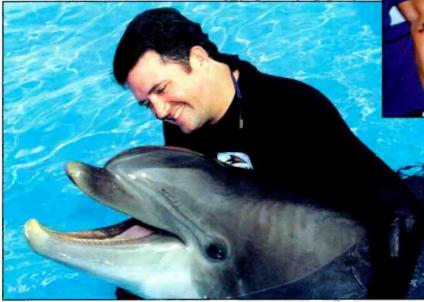
RONAN HARDIMAN Solas (Philips) Irish composer Ronan Hardiman is known for scoring Michael Flatley's mega popular Lord of the Dance.

### PARTINGSHOTS

#### ALWAYS NEXT

Artista recording group NEXT paid a visit to legendary KIIS-FM morning man Rick Dees. And yep, those group logo tatoos are permanent.





THE REAL DR. DOOLITTLE MCA Nashville artist Tracy Byrd gets up close and personal with a Sea World dolphin while on break during a TNN taping.

### SHOWBIZ

PRESSTIME SCOOP: Barring any last minute snags, expect **WPNT**-Milwaukee PD **Mark Adams** to be named PD of **Bonneville** Top 40 **KZQZ** (**Z95.7**)-San Francisco, replacing **Mike Edwards**.

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**Maverick Recordings** VP of Promotion **Terry Anzaldo** has suddenly left the building. Look for VP of Promotion **Ric Lippincott** to cross the street from **Curb** to replace him.

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Finally putting those pesky Philly rumors to rest, **WPXY**-Rochester OM/PD **Clarke Ingram** inks a three-year contract extension, good enough to keep him in **Kodak**'s hometown through June of 2001.

NY RADIO STALKER BEHIND BARS: A man reportedly being treated for mental illness has been arrested for making repeated death threats against several members of the **Z100**-New York airstaff. **Steven Koltowich**, who has a criminal record for violent behavior, was arrested several months ago for making similar threats against



WPLJ-NY morning co-host Todd Pettengill. After being released from jail on that charge, Koltowich allegedly began calling Z100, repeatedly threatening the lives of nearly every airstaff member, including APD Kid Kelly, who became the station's point person in the matter. Each person filed a criminal complaint, and restraining orders had been issued. Ironically, when Koltowich was arrested last week, his one allotted phone call from jail was to Z100 business manager **Toni Longo**, asking for help. Koltowich remains behind bars, pending a July court date.

**CBS** debuts a new rhythmic Top 40 outlet in Austin, Texas, not-so-coincidently, the backyard of **Clear Channel** VP of Programming **John Roberts**, sitting across the street at KHFI. Country **KKIK** in nearby Temple moves right in, puts it feet up on the furniture and becomes "**Beat 104.3**" under the guidance of **Dusty Hayes**, PD of CBS Modern A/C **KAMX (Mix 94.7**).

Perhaps in preparation for **Q106**-San Diego's imminent flip to Spanish, market observers have noticed that **Jacor** Rhythmic Top 40 **KHT5 (Channel 9-3-3)**-San Diego has begun to subtly filter in a few more Mainstream-looking titles: "Hey, I'm just playing what the audience wants to hear," says PD **Todd Shannon**. Is **Susquehanna** getting closer to some sort of contemporary format launch in Dallas? Naturally, VP of Programming **Rick McDonald** downplays such talk, but insiders say **Brian Philips** is already quietly shopping for an airstaff.

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After **KPTY**-Phoenix Mainstreamed its rhythmic stance and became "Extreme Radio," p.m. driver **Victor Zaragoza** exits and returns home to the Bay Area. He's been replaced by **Byron Kennedy**, who rejoins the station from **KTAA**-Fresno. Zaragoza can be reached at (408) 388-2788 or e-mail biggerstuf@aol.com.

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WXTQ-Athens, Ohio PD Lander Rose is moving on. She's landed the midday slot at Alternative outlet WNFZ (The Planet)-Knoxville, Tenn., effective June 15. Taking over at the Ohio Top 40 station is a.m. driver Randy Norris, who adds on PD stripes. Plus, they've named Mark Justice to the MD chair. Lander sez: "Hey, it's taking two people to replace me!"

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