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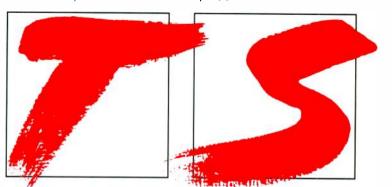
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The man claims he's MCA VP of Promotion Steve Meyer, and that he's hotter than hot, holding a full hand of hits with Tiffany (most request reports in the history of the magazine), Belinda Carlisle, Timothy Schmit, Jody Watley and the Jets. Well, that's what the guy said, adding that he's the next President and married to Morgan Fairchild to boot. Yeah, that's the ticket.....



## SINGLES

Lisa Lisa is back on top with her second straight #1 winner, but don't expect her to hold on for long. The superstars are coming, the superstars are coming.

## SPOTLIGHT

Ever wonder what it might be like to spend a full business day at Tower Records' famous Sunset Boulevard outlet? Well, Hits' correspondent Laurel Fishman did .

## DIALOGUE

HOT103 P.D. Joel Salkowitz is thriving in the competitive N. Y. C. market with an aggressive Top 40 programming policy, as he explains to our own aggressive mind, Mike Murphy.

As the pennant races dwindle down, Mets superstar Darryl Strawberry raps to Hits' correspondent Janet Trakin about his future in New York, his teammates' gripes and his first record.

## ALBUMS

Michael Jackson holds off the challenge of Pink Floyd. Dirty Dancing is fighting its way through the Top Ten maze, and the shadow of Bruce Springsteen approaches.

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## *TOP FIFTY SINGLES*

Lisa Lisa scores her second straight #1 winner with "Lost In Emotion." The one-two punch of Madonna and Michael Jackson are rushing toward #1, and the red-hot Tiffany single (boosted by enormous requests) is soaring over other strong contenders. Also, of note is that Expose now has their third straight Top Ten hit.

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# JOE BIDEN DROPS OUT OF RACE THE CURE AND ANITA BAKER NOW SOLE CONTENDERS

## **CROSSOVER!**

WMMS	add
KATD	add
WNNK	add
WPST	add
WAEB	add
WCGQ	add
KTUX	add
WOMP	add
WAZY	add
KKXL	add
KLUC	add
KSLY	add
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ΚΙΚΧ	add



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WNOK	add
WXLK	add
KITE	add
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WCZY	10-9
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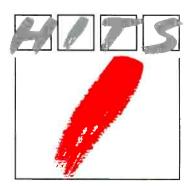
## *TOP FIFTY SINGLES*

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40	26	BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN	BRILLIANT DISGUISE	Columbia 38-07595	Early sales here
37	27	U2	WHERE THE STREETS	Island 7-99408	Sales and tour
15	28	FAT BOYS	WIPEOUT	TP App/PG 885 960-7	Falling
32	29	KENNY G	DON'T MAKE ME WAIT	Arista 9625	Steady gains
33	30	OTHER ONES	HOLIDAY	Virgin 7-99445	Developing
34	31	CUTTING CREW	I'VE BEEN IN LOVE	Virgin 7-99425	Third single
35	32	MICK JAGGER	LET'S WORK	Columbia 38-07306	Breaking
42	33	BELINDA CARLISLE	HEAVEN IS A PLACE	MCA 53181	Ex Go Go makes good
41	34	POISON	I WON'T FORGET YOU	Enigma/Capitol 44038	Hot rock
36	35	LOVERBOY	NOTORIOUS	Columbia 38-07324	Debut 45 from new LP
43	36	RICHARD MARX	SHOULD 'VE KNOWN	EMI/Manhattan 50083	Gaining fast
38	37	GO WEST	DON'T LOOK DOWN	Chrysalis 43141	Debut 45 from new LP
50	38	JODY WATLEY	DON'T YOU WANT ME	MCA 53162	Hot urban
45	39	LOS LOBOS	COME ON LET'S GO	Slash/WB 7-28186	Soundtrack mania
44	40	MIAMI SOUND MACHINE	BETCHA SAY THAT	Epic 34 07371	Second single
48	41	SQUEEZE	HOUR GLASS	A&M 2967	Breakthrough record
49	42	NOEL	SILENT MORNING	4th & B'way 7439	Hot urban
	43	STING	WE'LL BE TOGETHER	A&M 2983	Super hot track
	44	ANITA BAKER	NO ONE IN THE WORLD	ELEKTRA 7-69456	Fourth 45
	45	MICHAEL BOLTON	THAT'S WHAT LOVE IS	COLUMBIA 38-7322	Gaining each week
46	46	DONNA SUMMER	DINNER WITH GERSHWIN	Geffen 7-28418	Steady
	47	DEBBIE GIBSON	SHAKE YOUR LOVE	ATLANTIC 7-89187	16 year old wonder
	48	YES	LOVE WILL FIND A WAY	Atco 7-99449	Long awaited
	49	WAWANEE	SUGAR FREE	EPIC 34-07283	Hot dance
	50	T.B. SCHMIT	BOYS NIGHT OUT	MCA 53137	Ex Eagle solos

STARSHIP (RCA) PRETTY POISON (Virgin) NEXT UP

R.E.M. (IRS) AEROSMITH (Geffen)





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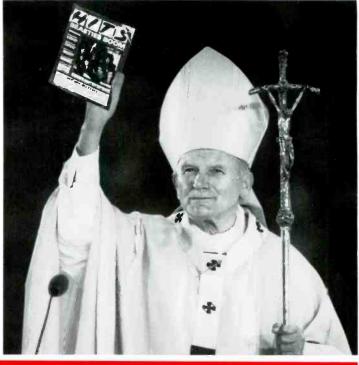
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## Not Him Too

We think this proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that **Hits** (Your #1 Source For Going Just A Bit Too Far) has "Mass Appeal." (APIWide World Photo)

## Pic Of The Week



## **More From Sony**

Latest word in Sony's bid to buy CBS Records is a *Wall Street Journal* report that says the CBS board was skedded to meet last Thursday for "preliminary" discussions on the bid. At presstime, there was no confirmation of such a meeting. We'll keep you posted.



The sound is reminiscent of a mopheaded group from Liverpool. The management is Bill Graham. And the promotion effort headed by mophead Bob Catania has already scored major market play at WNCI, WGH, KROQ, KPLZ, KMEL, KATD, KWOD, KSAQ and more. It's beginning to pull numbers and phones. Yes, you can break a new act in the fall!

## U2's Boss

Lots of activity on U2's return for the second leg of their American jaunt. Last Friday night, lead singer Bono told his Philadelphia audience he couldn't play guitar, then brought out none other than Bruce Springsteen to jam on Ben E. King's "Stand By Me." No, one of the encores was not "Born On The Streets With No Name," dedicated to "all those NFL players walking the picket lines out there."



Oh those zealous autograph hounds!! Head Kink Ray Davies received seven stitches in his face after a disgruntled fan hit him in the head with a record he wanted signed during a concert in Zurich last week. The injury slowed work the band was doing on a live album.

## A True Pal(mese)



Little Richard Palmese (Now MCA Executive Vice President of Marketing & Promotion) gets an early start in the Promotion biz as he gruels his first station (we think he was pushing a Chipmunks' tune). Richard (that little devil) then got an early education on another subject as he dialed 976-LOVE.

## FRONT PAGE

## **Poly Pours It On (Again)!**

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It was way back on November 10, 1986 (Issue #15) that we bannered the headline "POLY POURS IT ON" across our front cover. At that time, the artists were Bon Jovi, Cinderella, Cameo and Kool & The Gang.

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While the artists may have changed (with the exception of Bon Jovi, who remain firmly ensconsed in the Top 50), PolyGram continues to pour it on. Their hit singles sell albums, which is a credit to every department in the PolyGram organization. Hit acts are being developed and marketed for long-term success. Simply put, these folks are on fire.

Take a quick gander at the *Hits* Top 50 Albums Chart. Resting firmly in the Top Ten

are three PolyGram acts — Def Leppard (#7); Rush (#8), and John Cougar Mellencamp (#9).

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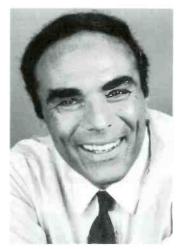
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Keep going. At #13 you'll reach the Fat Boys; Bananarama soars to #37; Swing Out Sister is at 41, while Kiss debuts at #20 in the wake of whopping retail breakout reports (it was the highest debuting album of the week).

There's no question about it, PolyGram is *selling* records.

"I'm afraid the key to our success is a military secret," said PolyGram's President and CEO Dick Asher. "Plain and simple, it's good music.

"Our artists have been delivering good records," said Asher. "We are just doing the very best we can to



**Dick Asher** — *Keeping those new acts coming.* 

make sure we take this good product and don't screw it up."

The label topper bestowed high praise on the collective and cooperative efforts of his

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Promotion, Sales and A&R staffs. "We really do work together," he commented. "We try to synchronize our efforts, perhaps to a greater degree than most other labels do. It's a tribute to the fact that we're team players. People here are willing to play as a team and realize the benefits of it. I think we like each other too, and that helps."

Asher noted that a source of particular pride to the label is the number of new artists that have broken or are currently b nreaking — Curiosity Killed The Cat, Cinderella, Swing Out Sister, ABC and Robert Cray.

Cray's album, "Strong Persuader," should just be slipping past the Platinum mark as you read this.

## NABET Takes On Westwood

The embattled National Association of Employees and Technicians, currently in the midst of a bitter, 13-week strike against NBC, has urged the Federal Trade Commission to investigate Westwood One for the "anti-trust implications" in its recent purchase of NBC's three radio networks.

NABET attorney **Stephen Sturm**, who drafted the letter, told *Hits* (your #1 source for anti-trust strike-busting) that Westwood's acquisition of those networks "is not conducive to competition as it concentrates almost 30% of the network radio marketplace in a single entity, weakening our union's bargaining position." Westwood One, which already owns Westwood Radio Networks and the Mutual Broadcasting System, is second only to ABC in market share.

"I am hoping the FTC has access to further information which would block the sale," Sturm said. "It is our opinion this merger will eliminate most, if not all, non-ABC competition."





## **Here's Tammy**

Don't say Hits didn't warn ya..... Tammy Faye Bakker will release an album and head on the concert trail to set the "record straight," as it were, about the PTL scandal. The LP. "Farewell for Now."

features "The Ballad of Jim and Tammy," sung to the melody of "Harper Valley PTA," with "cute and sad" lyrics, according to Bakker. What next, the "NFL Scab Rap"?

## **Jim & Some Sheep**

In one of our favorite lines just released from the Playboy interview/photo spread with Jessica Hahn, young Jessica tells of Jim Bakker forcing himself on her and saying, "Jessica, by helping the shepherd, you're helping the sheep." Quite frankly, we'd like to see some photos of Jim and the sheep.

## **Dave Goofs**



Twisted Sister's Dee Snider gets up in a frenzy after David Letterman (seated) reportedly calls him a talentless, over-hyped, long-haired, pinko, commie geek (those exact words were not confirmed at presstime). The band is readying its new album, "Love Is For Suckers" on Atlantic.

### This Week On Top Of The Pops U.S. Happy 30th B-Day U.K. to Producer Debbie Gibson ABC Joel Gallen Go West **Def Leppard** Levert Housemaster Boyz Smokey **Terence Trent**

Robinson Tiffany Fridays On CBS-TV



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Top Of The Pops in the U.S. is based on the Hits Magazine Singles Chart.

## **News Hits Advisory Board**







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To begin our second year,

the staff of Hits has elected a new Radio Advisory Board.

The Board functions as an

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A big Hits thanks to last vear's Board: Scott Shannon, Gary Berkowitz, Alan Burns. John Lander and Dan Vallie. They contributed greatly to our launch and early development.

## The End of Elsewhere

The writing staff of the TV show, St. Elsewhere and the NBC censors recently had another showdown. The program's producers have snuck a number of sexual double entendres past the board, but a bare ass may be a tale with a different ending. In an episode entitled "Moon for the Misbegotten," Dr.

Westphall (Ed Flanders) reveals his rear in a frontal assault on his superior, telling him to "kiss my ass, pally." It's Flanders' fare-thee-well to the show and he took it quite seriously, dropping his trousers more than 20 times to get the parting shot just right.



## FRONT PAGE

T.B. Bad

## **ON RECORDS** By Lenny Beer Let's Talk Singles

**ONE FOR THE EARS: Ouite** a few weeks ago, the Michael Bolton 45 caught our attention here at the mag. It's a great song presented with a similarly great vocal rendition. It was a longshot by a rock artist with only a marginal track record, but history has a way of being kind to the great songs. We chose it as a longshot Wildcard (one of only two to date based solely on our ears) and have tried to spread the word about its merits. Well, it has taken some time and a concerted effort by the Columbia promotion team to bring this one to its current status. But it is proving its value with strong jumps and positive adult calls, and the record is now heading to the Top Ten where it belongs. Score one for quality..... Two other strong records also fighting the good battle are Island's Bourgeois Tagg and A&M's Glen Burtnick. Both are reacting quickly where aired and deserve a shot at proving their hit status nationally. MCA'S FULL HOUSE: Talk about hot singles runs, MCA is on the verge of breaking five singles, quickly and almost simultaneously. Headed 16-year-old Tiffany's by remake of Tommy James' "I Think We're Alone Now". the streak now includes former Go-Go Belinda Carlisle, ex-Eagle Timothy Schmit, former Shalamar member Jody Watley and a strong new Jets single just out this week ....

NEW SHINING STAR ON THE HORIZON: In an article in the Los Angeles Times this

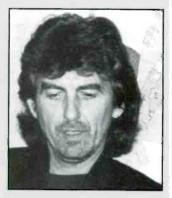
past week, Robert Hilburn told us all to write down and remember the name, Terence Trent D'Arby (Columbia). We concur, as we have been telling you ever since we were privy to an early listening. This American living in London has just arrived with a sensational debut album featuring the scorching hot single, "If You Let Me Stay." This cut has already debuted as the Hip Clip on MTV, is in the soaring black marketplace and is on the verge of a major breakthrough at Top 40. Stay tuned for more Terence news.....

FINAL NOTES: Congratulations to A&M for breaking Squeeze..... Hot Debbie Gibson (Atlantic) is moving quickly toward her second straight major hit single, as is Manhattan's Richard Marx..... Yes (Atco) has returned and is attracting immediate programmer support..... Epic is trying for a new artist triple with Wawanee, Insiders and Big Trouble ..... And Geffen is on the verge of hitting another hard-rock home run with Aerosmith.



Michael Bolton — A great song that fought its way through the system.

Those crazy little inside He's Back sources we're always refeiring to are putting their hard earned wages on Sony and Walter Yetnikoff as the company's bid for CBS appears be entering the to homestretch. If true, we'll be buying even more from the Japanese in the future ..... Motown has joined Capitol-/EMI-Manhattan as the only labels thus far to settle with Joe Isgro. We hear rumblings that several other defendants in Isgro's antitrust suit are also preparing to settle...... Hot on the horizon is the forthcoming album from George Harrison (WB) which features such gunslingers as Eric Clapton, Rinco Starr, Elton John and Jeff Lynne. Expect the first single any day now..... Also look for a Stevie Wonder duet with Michael Jackson on Stevie's forthcoming Motown album. The project's first single should be in your ears as you read this ..... And in case you haven't noticed, "The Wave" and "Wave" type formats are beginning their cross country sweep. Already scoring with Howard Blocm and Frank Cody's KTWV in Los Angeles, the format is popping up at Gannett outlets in San Diego, Seattle and Dallas. At this point the 12+ Arbs come in at about a 2 or 3 which, combined with a very low overhead (fully automated — no  $joc \le s$ ) means some very serious ad \$. Now group the "Wave" stations with "Classic" rockers and you've got a limited number of outlets for breaking new acts.... One place



George Harrison — He returns with a star-studded album for WB.

Gannett has continued to find happiness is Los Angeles and Top 40 monster KIS. The Steve Rivers led programming onslaught has the numbers up and the statior sounding hotter than ever...... Early ratings reports on Dolly Parton's debut show and the first "Top Of The Pops" have ABC and CBS Network execs grinning ear to ear..... Waiting on a Beach Boys/Little Richard tune from the forthcoming Whoopi Goldberg film. Telephone..... Former Capitol gunslinger and Phillies batboy Bruce Wendell opened his new company, Power Marketing, in Los Angeles..... Eddie "Don't Call Me Eddie" Mascolo goes to Bermuda for a weekend of fun and sun and gets caught in the worst hurricane in years.... Names in the rumor mill this week include: Dick Williams, Jim Mazza, Michael Klenfner, Kozo Watanabe and Lionel Richie.... and the beat goes on.



## FRONT PAGE

## **Dreams Come True**

Hall of Fame rocker **Roy Orbison** wasn't lonely this week, when a host of celebtypes helped him film a cable special in Hollywood. Among those joining the onetime *Hits* dialogue subject and rock legend for versions of all-time classics such as "In Dreams," "Blue Bayou" and "Only the Lonely" were Jackson Browne, Elvis Costello, Don Henley, Maria McKee, Bonnie Raitt, J.D. Souther and Tom Waits, with T-Bone Burnett serving as music director. The show will air on Cinemax early next year.

## Hank & Mike



WEA President Henry "Don't Call Me Hank" Droz hangs out with Michael "Don't Call Me Mike" Feinstein during Elektra's product presentation at the WEA Confab in Florida. More WEA convention photos appear on page 42.

## **Heavenly Cast**

Neil Young, Tom Petty and Ric Ocasek are among the rock 'n' rollers on location in Charleston, SC, to star in Alan (Choose Me. Trouble In Paradise) Rudolph's latest film, Made In Heaven. Young plays a truck-driver, and arrived on the set early to learn how to drive the rig. In the interest of realism, he also insisted on living in the semi for the duration of the filming. The movie also stars Timothy Hutton as a drifter named Elmo. Petty plays Stanky, the owner of a roadhouse, and Ocasek is a mechanic named Shark. The flick opens November 9.

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Fran Aliberte has been appointed Senior Vice President/Director of Sales for WEA. Aliberte joined the company in 1983 as National Director of Sales. He was most recently Vice President of Sales. He is a 19-year veteran of the music industry..... WEA has also promoted Ornetta Barber to Vice President of Black Music Marketing. Ms. Barber ioined the music industry as a management trainee with Elektra/Asylum in 1978. She joined WEA as Director Black Music Marketing in 1986..... Chuck Jones has been named National Director of Top 40 Promotion for Elektra Records. He will relocate to New York from Atlanta where he served as Promotion and Marketing Manager for the Atlanta/ Miami region since 1981..... Andy Allen is the new Vice President of Album Promotion for Island Records. Allen previously served as National Album Director. He joined Island in 1986 after 10 years with RCA..... Island has also named Janet Kleinbaum as





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A rundown of executives on the move.



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National Director of Publicity and Video Promotion. She ioined Island in 1986 as Press Coordinator and most recently was National Video Promotions Manager. In addition, the label has named Chris Naimoli, Manager, Publicity and Video Promotion. She was most recently at Celluloid Records..... Mark Kates has joined Geffen Records, handling National Alternative Marketing and Promotion. Kates was most recently National ALbum/Video Promotion Director for Big Time Records..... Edna Collison-DeGree is appointed Executive Vice President and General Manager of Perry/Williams Entertainment Corporation. She was most recently Director of Marketing for Total Experience Records..... PolyGram has realigned its Publicity Department. Beverly Paige and Nancy Sullivan have been promoted to National Directors of Communications in New York. Paige has been with the label since 1985, Sullivan joined in 1986.



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**Collison-DeGree** 



## "Bridge Of Spies", Т'Раи

The new single from their smash LP T'Pau. Produced by Roy Thomas Baker for RTB Audio Visual Productions. Engineered by Jerry Napier. © 1987 Virgin Records America. Inc



NEAR TRUTHS

by Ruth Robinson, L.A.

TUESDAY IN L.A.; It began at the Hollywood Roosevelt, where every rocker in town jammed into the Blossom Room to celebrate the American Premiere of that BBC staple, Top of the Pops. Among them: lan Grant of the Cult, members of Dream Academy, Gene Loves Jezebel, Steve Jones, Coati Mundi from Kid Creole & the Coconuts, John Hartman from the Doobies and a kid who is gonna be hot as soon as "Less Than Zero" lights up the screen - Michael Bolan. Every label was represented by their media experts (except Geffen) and every independent music publicist was there along with Howard Freshman from Power 106; managers Ron DeBlasio, Ned Shankman, Alan David, Rob Kahane, agents Burt Taylor from APA and Jeff Black fron Triad, plus the guys of the hour Drew Levin head of TEN and Joel Gallen, the show's producer. Host Nia Peeples showed up with her producer Howard Hewitt. Monitors aired the show, happily the USA version doesn't allow lip-syncing, so the performances looked hot. Then a rush to the taping of The Late Show, where RCA execs started to sweat while waiting

## Not There



Jessica Hahn — Wasn't at the "Top Of The Pops" party.

in the wings for new act Jonathan Butler to perform and talk with host Arsenio Hall. The nervousness was provided in the form of the amazing Howard Stern fron WXRK. whose comments about Fox network were omitted when the show aired in Los Angeles. Call me if you want to know what he really said. RCA folks were scared that Howard might jump Jonathan about life in South Africa where Butler grew up. Much to RCA's relief, the producers shortened Howie Boy's segment.... Then it was on to the Universal Amphitheatre to see if this city was also built on rock 'n' roll. While the Starship has had some spotty moments on this tour, L.A. was not one of them. Grace was superslick and so was Mickey and the rest of the boys. Cheering them on: Superagent Tom Ross; manager Bill Thompson, June Pointer, producer Peter Wolf; RCA's promo guys Steve Leavitt and Hugh Suratt, plus Paula Batson.

THURSDAY IN L.A .: Television's royalty showed up for the premiere party of the Cosby spin-off, "A Different World," at Eric Gardner's fabulous house in the hills. The faces included: Lisa Bonet and the show's cast, Mark Harmon & Pam Dawber, Carroll O'Connor, Vanna White, Pee Wee Herman, Laraine Newman, and **Elvira**. The movers: producers Richard Baskin, AI Burton, Anne Beatts, Eve Brandstein, Joe Gannon, Tom Werner, and Roger Schulman and about a dozen network VP's including NBC VP of Comedy Michelle Brustin and CBS VP of Programs, Kim LeMasters. Item of interest about the show: the music plays a very significant part, they are using the original masters of three of four songs on each show, hoping that will be a trademark.





Another Hits Dumb Contest

## Bozo Entries Overwhelm Us As RCA & HITS Present

(Geez, are we sorry we did this.) BIG BUCKS WORLD SERIES CONTEST #2

(Your chance to rip us off for prizes.)

## Win Color TVs, CD Players & More

Since RCA is currently jamming with hot product from STARSHIP, MR. MISTER, SAMANTHA FOX and DIRTY DANCING, we've suckered them into offering three sets of prizes — one for radio, one for retail and one for "other" (you general industry-type folk). Deadline for entries is the first day of the AL and NL Playoffs. You can call-in your entries or send them (one per person) to: BIG BUCKS WORLD SERIES CONTEST, c/o HITS MAGAZINE, 15477 VENTURA BLVD, SHERMAN OAKS, CA, 91403.

If you're too embarrassed to enter — don't be. Look how dumb these entries are:

## JEFF COHEN, STRAWBERRIES

Two Teams — Tigers & Giants Number Of Games — Seven Winner — Tigers Winning Pitcher (last game) — Jack Morris Series MVP — Alan Trammel Number Of Runs In Series — 35

### DENE HALLAM, KCPW, KANSAS CITY

Two Teams — Tigers & Giants Number Of Games — Six Winner — Giants Winning Pitcher (last game) — Mike Krukow Series MVP — Candy Maldonado Number Of Runs In Series — 34

Look, we know these aren't the brightest entries, but at least they were brave enough to take the abuse. We'll be abusing more entries in the coming weeks, so stay tuned and as always, God Bless You.



## Wild 'Bout Charlie

### Dear Hits,

Regarding Charlie D'Atri's letter in your column in issue #58.... Why do you guys let him push you around? He and his shameless hype need to stop. And for Charlie, thanks for the Megadeth plug but it's spelled "deth" not "death."

Checking For Errors, Tasha Mack Capitol Records

Editor Replies: Yo Tashwoman, no one pushes Hits around. Our apologies for taking so long to print this letter, but we had to send it to New York for Charlie D'Atri's approval.

### Lenny,

Enclosed is your very own copy of our Fall CD Sampler, Audio Buffet 2. This shining example of modern music technology is guaranteed to grow hair, trim waistlines and enhance vitality. Needless to say, it's expected that you and Dennis will share it like big boys.

> Best Regards, Charlie D'Atri Chrysalis Records

Lenny Replies: Share with Dennis? Yo Chuck, have you ever tried to ask Dennis for a bite of his peanut butter and Spam sandwich — let alone half of his Twinkie or Beef Jerky? Forget it, it would be easier bumming a joint off Nancy Reagan. And listen Chuck, you're late with your check and some woman at Capitol named Mack is getting very suspicious.

### Dear Boys And Girls,

A note to say WOW, you made it through your first year. A unique concept, that silly rag of yours; *Billboard* meets *National Lampoon*. Have you ever thought of hiring Alfred E. Neuman as a mascot/spokesperson to make the image complete? Seriously (a *HITS* October 5, 1987

## *LETTERS TO THE EDITOR*

concept foreign to Hits), CONGRATULATIONS and here's to another year of success and major advertising dollars. I still don't think you guys are all that funny but, but someone must and that someone must buy a lot of magazines.

Sincerely, Neil B. Gorov Macey Lipman Marketing

Editor Replies: Hey Neil, after reading your letter, we can tell our brand of humor isn't for you. So in our never ending effort to make all our readers happy, we've chosen a place where we know that someone like you will get a few laughs. So Neil, you little dickens, attend the wake of your choice it's on us.

### Dear Editors,

I noticed you printed lots of trivial drivel, so I thought I'd let you know that October 9 is my birthday. Also, John Fagot told me I could see his house next time I'm in L.A. if I would mention how much I like the Kane Gang single on Capitol.... is this good enough. Finally, how come you guys don't put an activity page with connect-the-dots. crossword puzzles, secret messages and cartoons in Hits (my number one source for number one sources)?

> Yours Truly, Neil Harrison K106, Beaumont

Editor Replies: 1. Happy Birthday (now we're talking some serious trivial drivel). 2. We like the Kane Gang single too. 3. If you make it to John Fagot's house, see if you can get some photos of his "game room." We hear it's not for the meek. 4. The reason we don't put an activities page in Hits is we've learned it's important not to strain the mental capacities of our readers.



## FAR TRUTHS

### by Danny Fields, New York

Birthin' Babies

The Gotham glamorious Knights On The Town Award has to go to the Epic crowd this week, although the runners-up did impressive duty as well, as we shall see. Anyhow, Thursday found Epic execs Ray Anderson, Don Grierson (with 'Til Tuesday's Aimee Mann). Michael Kaplan, Harvey Leeds and Dan Beck at the first Ritz appearance of the New Orleans Radiators. The Vice Presidential party was held captive by two 90-miniute sets of the Radiators' famed "fishtead" music, which ended at 2am. On Sunday, Grierson, Beck and John Warner were at the Bottom Line for the return by popular demand of Mason Ruffner. Unbeknownst to the star, the club crew was taping the show in order to tally hw many times Ruffner used the word "baby" in the course of the evening. They counted 190 occurences, and promptly printed up a limited edition of a t-shirt proclaiming "Mason Ruffner Delivered 190 Babies At The Bottom Line." Adorable, we think. It never ends, because on Monday afternoon, Dan Beck was at the Hard Rock Cafe as wrestling greats Honky Tonk Man and Jimmy Hart announced the release of "Pile Driver: The Wrestling Album II." And Monday night, Messrs. Beck, Grierson, and Anderson were back at the Bottom Line. along with A&R's Larry Hamby, the legendary Doc Pomus, the afore-mentioned Mason Ruffner, and Epic Video Promo's Steve Backer (who brought MTV veejays Carolyn Heldman and Kevin Seal) for the magnificient Dave Alvin and the All-Nighters, who did very well indeed as far as the public, the press, and the intrepid record company guys were concerned ..... First runners-up when it comes to "above and beyond" were the folks at Elektra who were at the Ritz on Saturday for the Hoodoo Gurus, and then piled into a car and drove to

Mason Ruffner — 190, and still going strong.

some place called Brooklyn, where the very hot Faster Pussycat was playing at L'Amour. Included in this daredevil group were Hale Milgrim, Larry Sherry Braverman, Ring Ginsberg, Theresa Brilli. Suzanne Berg and Howard Thompson ..... Concrete Management held a super party at the Manhattan Brewery in posh Soho to celebrate the onset of a tour by clients Grim Reaper, who are going on the road with Armored Saint and Halloween. Cosmic giants who were there: Mgr. Ron Smallwood; from Chrysalis Chris Wright, Mike Bone, Jeff Aldridge, Milhan Gorkey, Melissa Snider; from RCA, Wendy Goldstein and Alan Grunblatt: from Elektra. Anne Litin; Mgr. Ron Laffite; producer Max Norman; WRCN's Brad Martin and MJI Producer Mark Snider ..... The EMI/Manhattan press department, under the direction of Sari Becker and Frances Pennington, were most inventive in renting a Gothic-feeling loft way downtown in which members of the press interviewed the very brilliant and talented Pet Shop Boys. No view, but what atmosphere. Later, Becker and Penninton, along with the label Bruce Lundvall. mightines Bruce Garfield and Michael Barakman took PSB's Neil Tennant and Chris Lowe to fashionable Marylou's.



## Breakout

WILDCARD 8/17/87! 20-17 HITS TOP FIFTY SINGLES! 44-41 HITS TOP FIFTY ALBUMS! #10 NIGHT TRACKS REQUESTS!

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## **FLASHMAKER!**

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	WNYZ add	KUUB add



## Pop Goes The World

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John Cougar Mellencamp Paper In Fire

9 HITS TOP FIFTY ALBUMS! 13-12 HITS TOP FIFTY SINGLES!



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## CROSSOVERS WINNER! 7 HITS TOP FIFTY ALBUMS! #6 ALBUM NETWORK POWER CUTS!

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## BREAKOUTS WINNER! FLASHMAKER! 20 HITS TOP FIFTY ALBUMS!

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KIXS	add	WTLQ	40-34	1

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## STATSHEET

ARTIST	AVERAGE MOVE	AGRESSIVES (4 or more)	TOP 10	TOP 5	REQUESTS (1 to 10)	Lp SALES (1 to 10)	45 SALES (1 to 10)
WHITESNAKE (LP)	5.60	3	2	1	8	10	-
SPRINGSTEEN	5.45	73	1	0	7		7
MEDLEY/WARNES	5.08	48	2	1	10	10	7
TIFFANY	4.7	67	32	17	10	2	9
MICHAEL JACKSON	4.60	77	67	27	10	10	9
MADONNA	4.39	64	60	21	9	9	10
REM	4.11	16	2	2	7	9	4
BILLY IDOL	4.09	64	19	4	10	6	9
BELINDA CARLISLE	3.99	39	1	0	10	-	4
PET SHOP BOYS	3.74	47	3	2	8	7	9
FLEETWOOD MAC	3.73	55	26	5	4	8	9
KENNY G	3.61	45	3	0	2	8	6
CUTTING CREW	3.43	42	2	0	7	2	6
SWING OUT SISTER	3.38	54	11	1	8	6	9
U2	3.31	35	6	3	3	9	8
JODY WATLEY	3.09	10	2	0	6	2	5
RICHARD MARX	3.03	32	0	0	7	6	3
POISON	2.90	16	5	3	10	6	6
MICHAEL BOLTON	<mark>2.5</mark> 5	11	2	0	6	2	3
PRETTY POISON	2.52	10	2	0	8	·	4
REO	2.47	28	18	7	8	1	6
LEVERT	2.33	33	55	27	8	7	10
YES	2.30	4	0	0	6	-	2
LOVERBOY	2.22	12	2	0	3	5	5
CARS	2.22	23	14	2	2	6	7
SQUEEZE	2.21	16	2	1	6	7	4
STARSHIP	2.15	7	0	0	7	2	•

Average Move: The average upward radio playlist movement of the single.

Aggressive Moves: The number of key reporters moving the single up four or more positions on their playlist.

Top 10/Top 5: The number of reporting playlists showing Top 10 and Top 5 positioning.

Requests: Based on hot phone mentions from our reporters, listed on a 1-10 scale, 10 being strongest.

Lp Sales: Piece count reports from leading merchandisers on a 1-10 scale.

45 Sales: Based on reports from key retailers and one-stops. Info is on a 1-10 scale.





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## FLASHMAKER! DEBUT 49 HITS TOP FIFTY SINGLES!

"If you're looking for a great, active female record, Wawanee looks pretty sweet on your playlist."

## Gregg Swedberg PD WLOL St. Paul, MN

"Phones coming in across the board, great record, don't miss this one!"

## Chuck Beck Asst. PD Y95 Dallas, TX

KPLZ music critics Keating and Allan say. ''Thumbs Up!''

## Mark Allan MD KPLZ Seattle, WA

"Top 10 phones, researches well, the perfect balance record between Urban and Pop, doing great at retail, too."

## Steve Wyrostok MD Power 99.7 Atlanta, GA

"After two weeks of airplay, it's now No 7 in requests. I'm moving it into a higher rotation this week."

## Mike Schaefer PD 194 Honolulu, HI

"This record has been in our Top Nine a Nine for 10 consecutive nights. Big Phones This record has increased significantly at retail in the last week."

Evan Lake MD KCPX Salt Lake City, UT

"Wawanee's 'Sugar Free' has the sound of a hit record. Along with the club action in the market and their strong video, all the ingredients are there for success."

## John Cook MD KKBQ Houston, TX

"Sounds like a No. 1 record on the turntable and now on 97KROY."

## Harley Davidson MD KROY Sacramento, CA

"Every time that I play this record, I get immediate phones. Have expanded it to all day parts."

## Tony Macrini PD WGH-FM Norfolk/Virginia Beach, VA

Great flow and balance record, simply a smash!"

## Anthony Miles MD KYRK Las Vegas, NV

"It may be 'Sugar Free', but it's instantly addictive, great hooks, hot single, 12-inch incredible!" Jonathan Little PD Z104 Madison, WI

"Wawanee getting top 5 phones from both teens and females 18-24." Ray Williams PD Z102 Savannah,GA

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## FLASHMAKERS

Singles that have experienced a tremendous initial response at radio and/or retail

Sting comes flying out of the box with the debut single from his forthcoming album which looks to be a major hit in the making. Next up are Poison which is burning up the phone lines and closing quickly, Los Lobos with the follow up to their #1 smash and Yes with their debut single scoring another great week of major market action.

## STING WE'LL BE A&M

Big out of the box action for this prolific star. Immediate a rplay at PWR106, KIIS, Z95, B96, WEGX, WXKS, Q107, Z94, WCZY, WCZY, KPLZ, B94, WMMS, KHTR, WLOL, 94Q, Z93, KWK, KWSS. B97, FM102, KATD, WRNO, Q106, KXYQ, KKRZ, 92X, WKSS, KITY, WTIC, Y108 and hundreds of others. Early moves for KROQ Deb 19 and Y95 Deb 32. Great urban feel on this first cut from the forthcoming double album.

## POISON FORGET ENIGMA/CAP

Average Move: 2.90 Aggressives: 16 One of the most requested videos in the nation is helping the growth of this hit single. New at Y100, KBEQ, WRVQ, WBBQ, WERZ, WOKI, KIVA, OK100, WNOK, KRNQ, WJMX, WIGY, KEYJ, KFRX and WTNZ. Jumps 16-8 KEGL, 6-4 Y95, 9-5 KCFX, 3-2 KZOU, 26-22 FM102, 34-30 KATD, 34-30 KKRZ, 27-23 WGH-FM, 40-23 KJ103, 36-29 Q100, 36-31 WFLY, 39-30 WRCK, 33-25 KQKQ, 37-31 KZZU, 37-32 KIYS and 36-32 KTUX. Debuts for Z93, WLOL, PRO-FM, KSAQ, WZPL, Y107 and KCAQ. A monster with the teens and now spreading to other demos. Should have the power to revive the already huge album.

## LOS LOBOS LET'S GO SLASH/WB

Spreading quickly and pulling phones. New action at Y100, KWK, KATD, B104, KKRZ, KSAQ, WAPI, WMJQ, WKDD, G105, WAPE, WRCK, WYKS, WNOK, WOMP, KKXX and KF95. Jumps at WCZY 26-19, WCZY 26-19, KKBQ 26-20, WMMS 23-16, WLOL 32-27, KWSS 35-30, WRNO 27-22, WKSE 37-31, KCPX 19-13, WGFM 30-24, WDJX 39-35, KCAQ 33-25, KIYS 29-24, KSND 27-22, WBBQ 33-28, WNYZ 31-26, WNYZ 31-26 and WERZ 17-13, Z104 32-28. Second hit cut from the former #1 album has across the board appeal. The movie is still going strong.

## STES LOVE WILL ATCO

Average Move: 2.30 Aggressives: 4 Great second week action for this debut single from the forthcoming album. Adds at WEGX, WXKS, KKBQ, 99DTX, PRO-FM, Q105, KXYQ, WTIC, WNCI, WZPL, KCPX, KZOU, WNNK, WRQN, WSKZ, WXLK, KIKX and many more. Strong debuts for KEGL, WCAU, KPLZ, WMMS, WRNO, KSAQ, WROQ, WKDD. WTLQ, KZZU, WERZ and KTUX. Strong early support from key majors has propelled this one through the system.

## 🖉 R.E.M. ONEILOVE IRS

Average Move: 4.11 Aggressives: 16 On their way to their first major Top 40 hit with adds at KIIS, Z93, Y108, WAPI, BJ105, WBCY, WFLY, WGFM, WOMP, KFQX, WVBS, 100KHI and KKMG. Moves at KROQ 3-1, 94Q 25-20, WRNO 28-23, KKRZ 36-32, WROQ 31-21, KCPX 34-28, WKZL 31-26, WERZ 36-25, Z104 26-17, WNYZ 37-30, WNYZ 37-30, KIYS 34-30 and KSND 31-27. Debuting for Y95, KEGL, WXKS, KDWB, WMMS and WLOL.

🖉 TIMOTHY B. SCHMIT BOYS NIGHT MCA

Former Eagle is growing at Top 40 with a new video to help. This week's adds include KPLZ, K98, FM100, WNNK, WRQN, WLRW, Y93, KDON, WAYS, KKAZ, WKQB, 100KHI, WSPT and WQUT. Jumps 30-23 KKRZ, 31-27 KXYQ, 38-24 KJ103, 39-29 WKDD, 40-36 Q100, 40-32 KZZU, 28-22 WERZ and 28-24 WOKI. Strong debuts for KSAQ, WAPI, WECY, WKSI, Z104 and KSND.

DEBBIE GIBSON SHAKE ATLANTIC

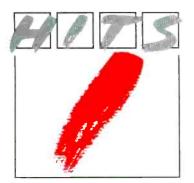
Hot popster is on her way with her second hot single. Adds include PWR95, WAVA, Z93, KMEL, KZZP, B97, WGH-FM, WKSI, WAPE, WNNK, WRCK, KJQ, WKZQ, WDBR, WJAD, K106, KFQX, 95XXX, KGGI, WZKX, KKAZ, KKXL, KKYK, B98, KKRD, KBIM, KNAN and KBOS. Jumps at HOT103 33-29, WCAU 40-33, KWK 28-23, WTIC 32-27 and BJ105 29-24.

A WAWANEE SUGARFREE EPIC

Club action is helping break this new band. Adds at HOT103, WXKS, KITS, WKTI, KSAQ, KIKX, KSND, KDON, WOMP, SLY96, KQIZ, KZIO, WCIL, KEYN, WINK, WKPE, KKRD and WKFX. Moving at Y95 21-16, KPLZ 32-21, WLOL 26-20, PWR99 23-17, KDWB 36-32, Z93 29-25, KKRZ 39-31, KCPX 29-24, WGTZ 32-28, Z102 29-21, KMGX 38-32 and KTUX 28-23.

MICHAEL BOLTON LOVE COLUMBIA

Average Move: 2.55 Aggressives: 11 Making significant gains each week and pulling requests where played. New at WLOL, KZZP, FM100, WBCY, WKRZ, KIYS, Z104, KZOU, WLAN, WDBR, WZKX, WIGY, WCGQ, B98, KKRC and KBOS. Jumping 11-6 WFLY, 12-10 WERZ, 16-12 WXKS, 29-24 KDWB, 32-26 KROY, 21-17 KWSS, 32-28 KWOD, 36-31 WGFM, 27-23 KCPX and 29-25 WPST. Debuts for PRO-FM, WKSS, Y107, KRQ, KIKX, KTUX and WNYZ. Great Pop/Adult action also.



## FLASHMAKERS

Singles that have experienced a tremendous initial response at radio and/or retail

## STARSHIP BEAT RCA

Average Move: 2.15 Aggressives: 7 Requests are developing quickly here. Adds this week include WCAU, KDWB, Z93, FM102, KITY, KDON, WNOK, SLY96, 95XXX and WVBS. Moves 39-34 WLOL, 30-26 WRNO, 37-25 KJ103, 40-30 WKDD, 35-31 WTLQ and 33-28 KTUX. Debuting for KPLZ, WMMS, WGH-FM, KSAQ, Q100 and WSKZ.

## STEVE WINWOOD VALERIE WB

Hot remake from his forthcoming Greatest Hits album is making big gains this week with adds at Y95, B94, KWSS, WRNO, WKTI, WKSS, WKSI, 93Q, KSND, KZZU, KQIX, WLRW, WDBR, WJAD, OK100, KFMY, KIXS, KRNQ, WJMX and KFMW. Jumps 39-33 WCZY, 39-34 WCZY, Deb 34 WKDD and Deb 29 WXLK. Already pulling phones.

## BOURGEOIS TAGG I DON'T ISLAND

Great sounding single could be their first big Top 40 hit. This week's believers include KPLZ, WNCI, WKZL, KIYS, KSND, WNYZ, WNYZ, WRCK, WDBR, KFMY, KIXS, WWFX, WJMX, K106, KFQX, KIIK, KQIZ and WQCM. Strong debuts for KROQ, KMEL, KATD and WERZ. This week's Wildcard pick.

## 🖉 WENDY & LISA WATERFALL COLUMBIA

Strong momentum is building on this cut. Adds at WCAU, WHYT, WHYT, KKRZ, WGFM, WBBQ and others. Hot moves include 6-3 WLOL, 32-25 WXKS, 26-20 WMMS, 17-13 KITS, 27-23 FM102 and 40-35 KMGX. Lots of requests are being generated here with help from the haunting (and rather sexy) video.

## SAMANTHA FOX NOTHING'S JIVE/RCA

Hot British star is back with another hit going on the air at FM102, KCPW, 92X, KITY, WMJQ, WKSI, KTUX, WRCK, KDON, Q101, WKQB, I-94 and KBFM. Early action includes PWR99.7 Deb 29 and KCPX Deb 34. Was scoring well for stations as an import.

## BIG TROUBLE CRAZY EPIC

Hot female pop quartet backed by former network programming gunslinger, Fred Silverman, picks up second week adds at WMMS, WGH-FM, WMJQ, KZZU, Y93, WJAD, KFMY, KZFN, KCMQ and KEYJ. Programmers like this cut.

## LIVING IN & BOX STORY CHRYSALIS

Second single and follow up to their Top 20 debut is developing with second week action at KCPX, KIKX, KZZU, WDBR, KFMY, WOMP, KKLS, KFBQ, KQIZ, WIGY, KCMQ, KEYJ and KKXL. Jumps 30-26 KITS in San Francisco.

KANE GANG MOTOR TOWN CAPITOL

New act signed by the new administration picks up action at WXKS, KPLZ, Q100, WFLY, KZFN, KF95 and WKPE. Early debuts at Z94 and KSND. Front Cover Earpicks winner has a Steely Dan like quality which is garnering positive response.



Average Move:2.50Aggressives:1Top 40 favorites are back again and picking up out of the box<br/>adds at WXKS, WPGC, KMEL, KKRZ, KITY, WMJQ, KCPX, WERZ,<br/>WNYZ, WNYZ, KF95 and others. Debuts for WCAU and WKSE.

## KISS CRAZY POLYGRAM

Good rock cut is spreading steadily with adds this week at KXYQ, WRQN, WNYZ, WNYZ, KIXS and WFMI. Jumping 28-24 WMMS, 40-34 WTLQ, Deb 34 KDWB and Deb 38 WKSI. Big requests for video and radio airplay.

## SIMON F AMERIČAN REPRISE

Second single from the new Reprise label is one that programmers are liking more and more. Adds at WCZY, WCZY, KZOU, KZZU, Y93, KFBQ, KZFN and WCGQ. Debuts for KIYS.

ABC MURDERED POLYGRAM

Second single and follow up to their Top 5 smash gets out of the box airplay at WCZY, WCZY, WHYT, WHYT, KITS, KKRZ, KITY, WPST, WJAD, KFMY, WJMX, Y97, KNIN, WIGY, WTHT and KBIM. New video in rotation.

MEN WITHOUT HATS POP GOES POLYGRAM

Picking up first week action at KITS, KATD, K98, KCPX, Y106, Y93, WJAD, KIIK, WCGQ, WTNZ and more. Label is committed to this project. Album soon to be released.

ALAURA BRANIGAN POWER ATLANTIC

Stations has been testing this cut and reporting major positive response. Now it picks up adds at WXKS, PRO-FM, WBBQ, WERZ, 95XIL and WKZQ. Remake of the Jennifer Rush tune.

## "LOOK WHAT THE CAT DRAGGED IN" ANOTHER SMASH HIT!



## l Won't Forget You

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Y100	add	BJ105	14-11
KBEQ PRO-FM Z93 WZPL Y107 WLOL KZOU Y95 KCPX WTLQ	deb 2 deb 3 deb 3 deb 3 3-2 6-4 9-5 6-6	9 WGH-FM 9 KJ103 0 KATD	19-16 26-22 27-23 40-23 34-30 34-30 39-30 36-31 37-31 37-32 36-32
KEGL BREAKII Y95 KKBQ KRBE WMMS Z94	16-8 KUBE WRNO KWK KWOD KPLZ		ENIGMA.

ARTIST	AGRESSIVES (4 or more)			REQUESTS 1 to 10)
POISON	16	5	-3	10

**41-34 HITS TOP FIFTY SINGLES! 40 HITS TOP FIFTY ALBUMS! MOST REQUESTED!** 

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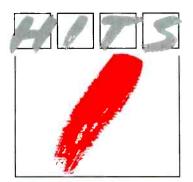
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WXKS	add	KSND	deb	38
KPLZ.	add	<b>Z</b> 94	deb	37
Q100	add			
WFLY	add	BREAKING	-AT:	
KZFN	add	K98		
KF95	add			
WKPE	add			

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## CROSSOVERS

Records that Top 40 radio should be considering based upon significant airplay & sales success in other formats.

Last week's Wildcard pick, Jody Watley, scores big this week while Aerosmith is crossing with giant album sales. Pretty Poison is breaking big out of the clubs and Def Leppard is

## **BLACK/DANCE**

JODY WATLEY DON'T YOU MCA

Average Move: 3.09 Aggressives: 10 Last week's Wildcard scores big this week with adds at 295, WCAU, WEGX, KZZP, FM102, KCPW, KATD, 92X, WKSS, WTIC, KCPX, Y107, BJ105, KCAQ, KIKX, WBBQ, WPST, WRCK, KMGX and more. Jumps at WGCI 11-10, WUSL 14-10, HOT103 22-17, PWR106 16-12, B96 19-14, KMEL 23-17, KWK 35-29 and WGTZ 40-33. Debuts for PWR96, KROY, KKRZ, KITY and Z102.

### PRETTY POISON CATCH ME VIRGIN

Average Move: 2.52 Aggressives: 10

Breaking big in the clubs and spreading quickly. Adds at KKBQ, WHYT, WHYT, PRO-FM, KZZP, KWSS, KWOD, WTIC, WGTZ, Y106, KEZB, Z102, OK100, KFMY, KRNQ, KWTO, KITE, KBIU, WIGY, KEYJ, WTHT and Z96. Hot moves at PWR106 10-8, PWR96 8-7, B96 33-25, WCAU 38-32, PWR99 29-25, KITY 33-23, WKSS 33-26, BJ105 28-20 and KMGX 35-25.

### TAYLOR DANE HEART ARISTA

Hot new act is breaking out of the clubs and picking up speed at Top 40. New at PWR99.7, KCPW, Q106, KKRZ, BJ105, WNYZ, WNYZ, WRCK, KTUX, WJAD, KDON, Y97, WBAM and PWR92. Early moves at KMEL 33-28, PWR106 Deb 39, WPGC Deb 29 and KCAQ Deb 31.

### ANITA BAKER NO ONE ELEKTRA

Fourth single from her platinum plus album is gaining with adds at **294**, **92X**, **Y108**, **WXLK**, **WNOK**, **KITE**, **KF95** and **WTNZ**. Jumps 10-9 WCZY, 10-9 WCZY, 12-10 Y100, 9-5 WKSS, 29-24 PWR106, 36-30 B96, 18-14 WHYT, 18-14 WHYT, 28-19 KMEL, 29-20 KITY, 26-21 WKZL and 24-19 WBBQ.

### TERENCE T. D'ARBY IF YOU LET COLUMBIA

Average Move: 1.62 Aggressives: 2

Hot European act is ready to make big moves at Top 40. New at WPST, KSOL and KF95. Early jumps include 34-30 KMEL, 38-33 Z102 and Deb 40 WGCI.

## ALBUM/ROCK

## AEROSMITH DUDE GEFFEN

A giant at Album radio and crossing quickly with adds at KKBQ, 294, PRO-FM, WGFM, KIKX, WERZ, WRCK, Y93, OK100, WWFX, SLY96, K106, KFBQ, KFQX, 95XXX, KZFN, WCGQ, WVBS, WKPE and others. Moves at WMMS 36-30, WKSI 37-31 and KJ103 Deb 29. Pulling phones.

making big moves with their 2nd single. Watch out for Elton John, a Pop/Adult monster, and Glenn Jones ready to cross from a Top 3 Black/Dance base.

### DEF LEPPARD ANIMAL POLYGRAM

Second single from their long-awaited album picks up new action at KKBQ, KPLZ, KZZP, WKDD, WKSI, Y106, KSND, WRQN, Z104, KIYS, WFMI, KTRS, KKXX, WIKZ and WTHT. Breaking at KEGL, KXYQ, KCPX, WROQ and WTLQ. LP and tape sales put the album at #7 nationally.

### THE CURE HEAVEN ELEKTRA

Spreading with adds at WMMS, KATD, KIKX, WNNK, WPST, WOMP, SLY96, WCGQ, KKRC and KLUC. Early move at KITS 20-15. From the gold double album.

### PINK FLOYD FLY COLUMBIA

Humongous album sales continue nationally. New at KEGL, KPLZ, WGFM, WKZL, KSND, KZZU, KZFN and WANS. Jumps 35-26 WMMS and Deb 35 KATD.

### HOOTERS SATELLITE COLUMBIA

Second single from their current album is developing with adds at WGH-FM, WKDD, KZOU, WNNK, KIXS, KTRS, 95XXX, KCMQ, WIKZ, KEYJ and WGRD. Jumps at WCAU 39-34, KITS 29-25 and debuts for WMMS, KXYQ, Q100, WGFM, WTLQ, KIYS and WERZ. Album movement is beginning to resurge.

### GLEN BURTNICK FOLLOW A&M

Breaking at Album radio and crossing Top 40 with new action at WGFM, KIYS, WKLQ, KNIN, B98, KKRC and WVSR. Jumping 32-27 WCAU, 20-13 WMMS and Deb 34 KEGL.

### ICEHOUSE CRAZY CHRYSALIS

Making big gains at Album radio and crossing with adds at WXKS, WMMS, KITS, WGH-FM, WFLY, KZZU, (%XIL, WJMX, KFQX, KIIK, WQUT and others. Jumps at KROQ 32-23.

### **INSIDERS** GHOSTS EPIC

Former Top 10 Album/Rock cut is crossing steadily. Adds this week at KFMY and KFMW. Moves 23-17 KITS and Deb 39 KSND. Heavy video airplay.

### SAMMY HAGAR EAGLES GEFFEN

Out of the box action includes WMMS, KXYQ, WKDD, KTUX, 95XIL, KIXS, KFQX, KFMW and KWTO.

Indian Summer The Dream Academy



The New Single Produced by Hugh Padgham, Nick Laird-Clowes and Lindsey Buckingham From the forthcoming album <u>Remembrance Days</u> Management: Tarquin Gotch



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## REQUESTS

Titfany becomes the most requested record in the history of HITS as she makes her way to the top of the charts. Billy Idol follows closely behind with a video in heavy rotation, Poison is closing quickly and also pulling mega requests nationally. Michael continues his hot streak with another single headed for #1.

## TIFFANY ALONE MCA

Potential #1 hit continues to pull massive requests everywhere. More hot mentions this week at KMEL, 93Q, 95XXX, B97, BJ105, FM102, KATD, KBOS, KITY, KJQ, KKAZ, KKMG, KNAN, KNIN, KOY, KTFM, KZOU, KZZO, OK100, PROFM, PWR95, Q106, SLY96, WAVA, WBAM, WEGX, WGH-FM, WGTZ, WKQB, WKSS, WLOL, WLRW, WNVZ, WOMP, WPGC, WQCM, WQUT, WRQN, WTHT, Z93 and many more.

## BILLY IDOL MONY CHRYSALIS

A video favorite nationwide and quickly making its way up the charts. Hots include B94, 98PXY, 99WAY, B104, KMEL, KOY, KQIX, KQIZ, KZOU, PROFM, PWR95, SLY96, WABB, WBBQ, WCIL, WEGX, WINK, WJMX, WKSS, WLRS, WLRW, WNVZ, WPGC, Y93, Y97 and Z93.

## POISON FORGET ENIGMA/CAPITOL

Big video airplay and requests building. Big phone action this week for Z93, 95XXX, BJ105, KC101, KEYN, KFQX, KFRX, KIIK, KITE, KJQ, KQIX, KSAQ, KXYQ, Q100, WABB, WEGX, WGRD, WIGY, WIKZ, WINK, WKLQ, WQCM, WTLQ, WXLX and Z96.

## MICHAEL JACKSON BAD EPIC

Follow up to debut smash is also heading right up the charts and continuing to pull solid requests at B97, I-94, KBOS, KCMQ, KDON, WABB, WANS, WBBQ, WCIL, WEGX, WIKZ, WINK, WKLQ, WKQB, WKZL, WLAN, WLRW and WQCM.



Box office smash is quickly closing at Top 40 and pulling huge phones this week at FM102, 93Q, 95XIL, 98PXY, B94, B98, K106, KATD, KC101, KDON, KITY, KMEL, KNAN, KSND KZOU, WAVA, WBBQ, WTLQ, WXKS, WXLX, Z93 and more.

## BELINDA CARLISLE HEAVEN MCA

Debut single from her new album is coming home and getting lots of phone action this week at B97, BJ105, KATD, KFMY, KMEL, KSAQ, KSND, KTMT, KZZU, WBBQ, WINK, WLOL, WQCM, WTHT, Y108 and Y97.

## SWING OUT SISTER BREAKOUT POLYGRAM

New act is a monster in video airplay and is also pulling big requests for WPGC, 98PXY, B97, KCMQ, KEYJ, KJQ, KKRD, KO93, KOY, KQIX, KSND, KZOU, WINK, WJMX, WKQB, WLAN, WLRW, WMJQ and WPST.

BRUCE BRILLIANT COLUMBIA

One week out and the phone lines are burning up. Hot mentions include WBCY, KKAZ, KKRC, KKRD, KNAN, KNIN, KSAQ, KTMT, OK100, SLY96, WANS, WGRD, WJAD, WJDQ, WJMX, WPST, WQCM, WQUT and Z96.

RICHARD MARX SHOULD'VE EMI/MANHATTAN

Follow up to Top 5 debut single is closing quickly and is pulling requests this week at KSAQ, B98, KATD, KFMW, KIIK, KNIN, KZFN, WIGY, WJAD, WLRW, WNGZ, WRQN and others.

R.E.M. LOVE IRS

Quickly becoming a Top 40 favorite with the help of major video airplay and solid request action at KFMY, 95XXX, KFMW, KIIK, KSND, KZOZ, KZZO, WANS, WBBQ, WJMX and WVBS.

WAWANEE SUGAR FREE EPIC

Hot new act is big in the clubs and spreading quickly at radio with phone action this week for KITY, HOT94, KEYN, KFMY, KGGI, KNAN, KZZU, WKQB, WNOK and WTNZ.

CUTTING CREW I'VE BEEN VIRGIN

Strong ballad is pulling big requests at KFMW, KIXS, KJQ, KKXX, WDBR, WGHFM, WINK, WJAD, WJMX, WOMP and others.

ALSO GAINING REQUEST MOMENTUM: PRETTY POISON CATCH ME VIRGIN TAJA SEVELLE CONTAGIOUS REPRISE **STARSHIP** BEAT **RCA** DEBBIE GIBSON SHAKE **ATLANTIC** AEROSMITH DUDE GEFFEN



## It's A Sin BREAKOUTS WINNER! 24-19 HITS TOP FIFTY SINGLES! 43-30 HITS TOP FIFTY ALBUMS!

КСРХ	5-3	Z95	24-16
KROQ	8-7	<b>B</b> 97	20-17
WLOL	20-11	K98	23-17
WRCK	17-11	KPLZ	22-18
KCAQ	16-11	B96	24-19
Y100	19-13	PWR96	25-19
FM100	17-13	KWK	26-19
KIIS	17-14	KITY	27-19
WNYZ	25-14	WAPI	26-19
Y95	19-15		A

 $^{\prime\prime} Top~10$  requests after only 3 weeks slanting female and sales already kicking with C.D.'s and albums.''

ADAM COOK, PD, 92X COLUMBUS 31-23

"This is the one to return the duo to the top of the charts. Top 10 callout research guarantees this one is a winner!" JERRY McKENNA, INTERIM MD, WXKS, BOSTON 29-22

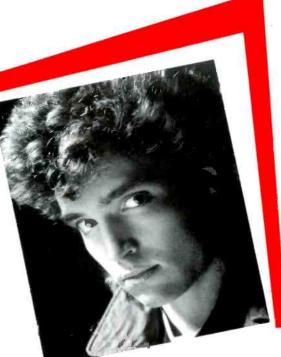
## **RiCHard Marx** Should've Known Better

40 HITS TOP FIFTY ALBUMS!

From the album "Actually"

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	WAVA	add	FM102	deb	26	KEGL	20-14
	Q1Q7	add	B94	deb	27	KWK	21-18
	Z94	add	Y108	deb	29	KATD	28-18
100	WEGX	add	BJ105	deb	31	WKTI	26-22
	KDWB	add	КСРХ	deb	32	WZPL	29-22
5	Q102	add	92X	deb	34	WTIC	33-25
	WLOL	add	WKSE	deb	35	PWR99	30-26
	KWOD	add	Z93	deb	36	WGH-FM	31-26
	WNCI	add	KKRZ	deb	37	KHTR	34-29
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g(1						KPLZ	35-31
10						WCZY	37-33



From the debut album, "Richard Marx"



## THE HITS JUST KE

## MICK JAGGER

From the Columbia LP: "Primitive Cool" Produced by Mick Jagger and Dave Stewart

## **35-32** HITS TOP FIFTY SINGLES! **50-34** HITS TOP FIFTY ALBUMS!

						deb 38
KDON	add	Z94	deb	34	KZZU	deb 39
Z103	add	WXKS	deb	35	WMMS	15-9
KWES	add	WFLY	deb	37	KITS	13-10
KYYA	add	WPST	deb	37	KXYQ	20-16
CHED	add	WRCK	deb	37	KQKQ	25-21

WERZ 24-21 **WKSS** 31-28 WCAU 37-30 34-30 **KWK** WGH-FM 35-30 37-32 KSAQ 38-33 KIKX 37-33 WNNK Z102 40-35 38-35 **WNYZ** 40-37 Z104

## **MICHAEL BOLTON** That's What Love Is All About

From the Columbia LP: "The Hunger" Produced by Keith Diamond

## FLASHMAKER

## DEBUT 45 HITS TOP FIFTY SINGLES! 20\*-18\* R&R A/C!

WLOL	add	Z104	add	KKRC	add		WFLY	11-6	
KZZP	add	WLAN	add	KBOS	add		WERZ	12-10	
FM100	add	WDBR	add	Y107	deb	28	WXKS	16-12	
WBCY	add	WZKX	add	KRQ	deb	29	KWSS	21-17	
WKRZ	add	WIGY	add	<b>PRO-FM</b>	deb	35	KDWB	29-24	
KIYS	add	WCGQ	add	WKSS	deb	35	KROY	32-26	
KZOU	add	B98	add	ΚΙΚΧ	deb	36	KWOD	32-28	

## PINK FLOYD Learning To Fly

From the Columbia LP: "A Momentary Lapse of Reason" Produced by Bob Erzin and David Gilmour #1 ALBUM NETWORK POWER CUTS! 2 HITS TOP FIFTY ALBUMS!

KEGL	add	
KPLZ	add	
WGFM	add	WMMS 35-26
WKZL	add	
KSND	add	BREAKING AT:
KZZU	add	KXYQ
KZFN	add	KSAQ
WANS	add	KJ103 67
WHSL	add	WFLY
KGOT	add	ΚΙΚΧ
Y102	add	WSKZ

## EP ON COMING

## WENDY & LISA Waterfall

From the Columbia LP: "Wendy and Lisa" Produced by Wendy and Lisa and Bobby Z

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WCAU	add	WAZY	add	WXKS	32-25
WHYT	add	WHSL	add	KATD	35-32
KKRZ	add	WJET	add	KMGX	40-35
WGFM	add	KUUB	add	BREAKIN	IG AT:
WBBQ	add	WNYZ	deb 39	KRBE	KITY
KQIZ	add	WLOL	6-3	PRO-FM	WMJQ
WCIL	add	KITS	17-13	KOY	WKDD
Q101	add	WMMS	26-20	KXYQ	WFLY
KBOS	add	FM102	27-23	WKSS	WKZL

## HOOTERS

Columbia

From the Columbia LP: "One Way Home" Produced by Rick Chertoff

## **#14 ALBUM NETWORK POWER CUTS!**

WGH-FM add **KEYJ** add **KITS** 29-25 30-27 **KIXS** WEGX WKDD add add **KZOU** WCAU 39-34 add **KXYQ** deb 35 WNNK add WMMS deb 36 **BREAKING AT: KTRS** add Q100 deb 39 **WXKS** KJ103 **95XXX** add WGFM deb 39 KRBE WROQ WTLQ KCMQ add deb 39 Q107 **KIKX** WGRD add KIYS deb 39 **KDWB KTUX** WIKZ add WERZ deb 40 KSAQ **KZZU** 

> WP KF

## **TERENCE TRENT D'ARBY**

## You Let Me Stay

Co-Produced by Rob Hyman and Eric Bazilian From the Columbia L?: "Introducing The Hardline According To Terence Trent D'Arby" Management: P.A.R.C.

## **EXPLODING AT URBAN RADIO!**

RPI 105	DEBUT	38* R&F		KITY KMGX KZOU WNNK	
РSТ 95	add add	KMEL Z102 HOT103	34-30 38-33	HOT 105 WKZQ WJAD	

**BREAKING AT:** 

## A Day In The Life Of

At the very heart of West Hollywood's gaudy Sunset Strip sits Tower Records, the fourth location in a worldwide chain of fifty. This is the store, though, which first put Tower on the map in the eyes of the music industry.

In the early days, it was the destination point for British rockers who first came to this country. Today, rockers frequent the store to see their records displayed. As company founder, President and self-described "benevolent owner" Russ Solomon says, "The record companies make damn sure their records are here." The labels take an active role in marketing their product there, with in-store promotions, autograph signings and publicity events. It is at Tower's Sunset store that new formats are tested for use nationwide.

Before 1970, Tower Records was the home of "Madman Muntz," a pioneer in the car stereo business, who installed a fourtrack predecessor of the eight-track and current cassette system. Muntz employed pretty



Interior, Tower Records Photo: Judyth Springer

girls, who worked the floor with shorts and tank tops. Today, Tower employees wear a different costume, sporting rock 'n' roll tshirts. "We're still raucous, loud and brassy," says Solomon. "Not exactly the Bel Age, but people seem to love it anyway."

*Hits* takes a look at all the people that do love Tower: the customers who come from all over the world, the personnel whose hearts and souls lie with the music, the artists whose recordings are in the store, and the industry pros who visit to keep their fingers on the pulse of what's happenin'.

Saturday 9:00 A. M.: A dozen customers are already lined up, waiting. "Pee Wee's

Playhouse" is playing on the mounted video monitors throughout the store. Talon Von Tigrin is working in the cassette department. Talon, a committed rocker, is dressed in Cheap Trick t-shirt, Marine Corps jacket with silver metallic epaulets, baggy grey and black camouflage pants, black sash and hardware-laden boots. His long, straight blonde hair hangs down one side of his head and a black ribbon secures a ponytail in the back, topped by a policeman's hat complete with badge. Forty silver bracelets adorn his left arm, spider rings are on his fingers and his eyes are defined with black eyeliner. "We always watch Pee Wee on Saturday morning," he says. "It's the most happenin' thing to do, that is, besides drink coffee. Is this the episode with the fireball? Aw, bummer, it's a repeat."

**9:10 A. M.**: First customer of the day is 14-year-old Benjie Morpurgo, who approaches the counter. He's going home to Colorado and had to pick up that last-minute Pseudo Echo tape before meeting his dad bright 'n' early at the tennis club. Beverly Hills hairdresser Tom Sims, en route to the salon, is here to get Carly Simon's "Coming Around Again," which was recommended to him by his doctor. He wants to listen to it on his way to work, so he can discuss it with his MD over dinner later that day. A halfdozen shoppers trickle into the store.

10:00 A. M.: Enter Jack Lewis, Marlon Jackson's manager and George Carlin's producer, who has come to do his "homework." He was running late this morning, so he hasn't brought the usual coffee cake for the employees, a tradition of his weekly trips to Tower over the last fifteen years. He confides, "Billboard is a good three weeks behind Tower, so I come here to stay on top of things." Lewis' running repartee has become an institution. He jokes to Talon and his co-worker, cashier Josh Steinberg, "Do you have that soundtrack from a Mexican picture about a hooker called 'La Bimbo?'" Josh cracks up. "Oh yeah," Talon snaps back, "Isn't that Paul Simon backed by Whitney Houston and Anita Baker?" Talon looks toward the door. "David Lee Roth should be by any minute. He comes by all the time on Saturday mornings. He'll come in and say, 'Hey dudes, what's new? What's happenin'? What's bizarre?"

**10:30 A. M.**: Mom Margaret Hughes and her teenage children, Rhonda, 17, and Keith,



Tower employees Judyth Springer and (R) Talon Von Tigrin Photo. Josh Steinberg

16, are visiting from Texas. "One of my business associates in Dallas knew my kids were really into music and he said Tower was the biggest record store he'd ever seen, so here we are." Rhonda chimes in, "If there was a Tower in Dallas, all my friends and I would be there all the time!" She stares at Talon and whispers, "I'd really love to take that guy's picture." Talon graciously holds still for the snapshot, easily the dozenth he's posed for this week before the whole family is out the door for a tour of nearby stars' homes.

**11:00 A. M.:** Four pens have disappeared from the counter. "I think the customers take them as souvenirs," observes Josh from behind the register.

11:15 A. M.: The information booth is at the center of the store, where Skip Clary, a seven-year Tower veteran, and Betsey Hester, shift manager, are celebrating the latter's fourth anniversary at the store. "I love music and working with people," she says. "We've got a great crew, with a core of people who've been here more than ten years. There are a lot of perks and celebrities come in all the time. Jon Voight was in the other day, Iggy came in last week and Bruce Springsteen comes in regularly when he's in town. Usually nobody recognizes him because he's in a baseball cap and grubby jeans. He'll hang out in the tape department for fifteen minutes, buy a bunch of oldies and leave. The employees know who he is, though, and he autographs albums for them at the front desk when he signs his American Express draft."

11:30 A. M.: Jack Lewis makes his way to

## **BERNELS** By Laurel Fishman

the information booth and gives Betsey a big hug. The phones are ringing off the wall, so he helps a caller with a question about Arthur Prysock. Lewis knows everything. "Jack did it again!," he says as he replaces the receiver and kisses her good-bye. Betsey comments, "People call up all the time, sing a song off-key and ask. 'Who is it? Do you have it?' We got a lot of people singing the little kid's part on XTC's 'Dear God.' It was really funny." Skip tells a story of a well-known soul singer, who shall remain nameless, who asked him, "What's that song they play at football games?" The man was then directed to Kate Smith's version of "The Star Spangled Banner."

12 Noon: London-born Peter Christian is a regular at Tower, stopping in three or four times a week. He is here to check out new releases. Christian designs sound systems and deejays for fashion shows. He spends over \$150 a week on records at Tower, maintaining a charge account at the store. "I don't like to read the trades or watch MTV," he says. "I like to have a fresh attitude about what's new, so I come here to get that."

1:00 P. M.: Talon's lunch break. Sitting in the stock room, he talks about his job, "I'm a guitarist and singer. I came out from Cleveland to break into the music business. When I applied to work here, my hair was a foot high, totally punked out, and I was dressed in my usual ripped-up jeans and tshirt. We can express ourselves in the way we dress and just be ourselves. Management respects us as individuals. But we all have good attitudes. There's a warm feeling and everyone gets along. It's a no-pressure, fun job and the best part is the co-workers and the customers. Working here gives me an inside look at the politics of the record industry. It's also a great opportunity to hook up with other musicians. Sometimes, we even get offers to do extra work in films or modelling jobs."

1:30 P. M.: Several calls come in to request free passes to that night's taping of a Kiss video which the store has been handing out in a co-promotion with radio station KNAC. Two young kids from Covina excitedly accept the tickets and go over to another counter to fill out an entry blank to win a free bicycle from WEA.

**2:15 P. M.**: Hector Elizarraras needs assistance. "My girlfriend sent me all the way



So. Cal Regional Manager, Bob Delanoy

from Glendale to get this record, a soundtrack. I saw the movie last night, but I slept through most of it. I guess I was drunk." And he's not too steady today, either. "Was it 'La Bamba?'," asks Betsey. "Yeah, yeah that's it. I gotta get that record. I got a hangover, but I have to keep my girlfriend happy," he says. Betsey hands him the LP, the 389th copy the store has sold that week.

**3:30 P. M.**: The store is getting crowded with shoppers of every variety. Ron Bailey, 12" singles buyer, says, "Once in a while, we get a real nut. A short guy in his late thirties, dressed like a businessman, came in recently and threw a tantrum when he found out we were out of a certain album. He went over to the stereo console, knocked the tone arm off the record and started rocking the entire unit, screaming at the top of his lungs. Security had to toss him out."

**3:45 P. M.**: Talon warns a customer about the World Saxophone Quartet tape he's about to purchase. "Don't listen for a prolonged period of time. It'll cause brain damage!" Undeterred, the customer buys the tape. Another customer asks the name of the last Genesis album. Talon and Josh answer in unison, "'Invisible Touch!"" To them, "it's a matter of personal pride to keep on top of things."

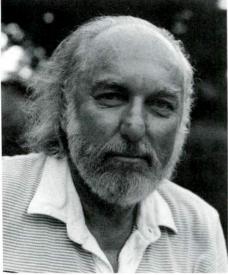
4:00 P. M.: A Japanese tour bus has arrived, one of the two or three that will be

stopping here over the weekend. Skip says, "They usually unload about fifty Japanese tourists who ask for extra bags and shoot pictures of themselves in front of the displays." Makoto Takahashi from Kawasaki is visiting L. A. as an escort for a high school students' cultural exchange program. "We have a Tower Records in Yokohama, but when I read about this one in a Japanese magazine, I wanted it to be one of my first places to see here." Takahashi is clutching a large stack of gospel, folk and Christmas music he says he can't find in Japan. "The amount of records here is amazing," he marvels.

**4:30 P. M.**: The next shift arrives, including Jim Laspesa, a drummer whose bandmembers also happen to be his roommates. All three of them work at Tower. One by one, they moved to Hollywood from Buffalo, where they'd held jobs in indie record stores. "I enjoy this job so much," says Jim, "that I really don't mind making less money. Right now, we're saving up to buy a band car that we can use for moving equipment and getting to rehearsals."

"I don't think anybody really works here for the money," affirms Ned Brown. "There's a lot of camaraderie and the experience of meeting people you couldn't meet anywhere else." Ned hopes to study at Julliard one day. "I've met artists who are

## TOWER RECORDS



"Benevolent Owner" Russ Solomon

my inspirations, and that helps my drive. I realize my idols are regular people, and it makes my own career goals seem more attainable."

**5:30 P. M.**: Ron Bailey comes to the back room to pull stock. "I'm working toward becoming a producer," he says. "I come from New Orleans, where the record stores are small. We never saw any industry people, needless to say. Here, I've met VP's of record companies, and I feel comfortable relating to them. When the time's right for me to make a career move, I'll have laid some important groundwork."

**5:45 P. M.**: Ron, Talon and Judyth Springer, assistant to the singles and 12" buyers. are swapping their favorite celebrity stories. Talon goes first. "Vanity came in with some big six-foot guy. I had a big crush on her and wanted her to autograph my single. She asked if she could touch my hair. I thought she'd just pat it or something, but she ran her fingers all the way up my neck and through my scalp. If looks could kill, that guy would've nailed me."

It's Judyth's tum now. "A great-looking guy came up to the register, and I thought to myself how gorgeous he was for an older gentleman. He bought some stuff, walked over to the tape department, then went to the front door just a few feet from me. I kept staring at him when my friend buzzed me and said, 'Hey, did you see Mel Gibson?' So I said, really loud, 'Mel Gibson? Where!!??' The cute guy looked me right in the eye and smiled and I realized it was him. I just wanted to crawl under the register. He just kept smiling, though. I guess he thought it was really funny."

Ron pipes up with his brush with greatness. "You know that porn star, Kitten Natividad? She was the best. She came right up and brushed against me. Just like a kitten," he sighs. "Oh, and there was the time Robert Plant came in after eating at Spago. He was immediately surrounded by fifteenyear-old boys. We kept saying we were sorry, but he said, 'Are you kidding? I live for this!!"

**6:00 P. M.**: Talon has disappeared at the other end of the stockroom. He calls out, "Hey, check this out!!" Everyone moves from the office over to the one-way security window where the retail area can be carefully scrutinized. A young couple has found what they think is an isolated corner of the store. "He keeps looking around to see if anyone can see them and then he fondles her," says Talon. Little do the pair suspect that every employee not out on the floor is watching them.

7:30 P. M.: "The Chief" arrives, weatherbeaten, in his forties, with a five-day stubble, greasy dirty blonde hair, beat-up jeans and jean jacket with peace signs and American flag patches, and a guitar strap with no guitar. He looks like a washed-up Don Johnson. Singing along to AC/DC, "The Chief" is jamming around the store, playing air guitar like a frenzied maniac, as other customers stare in disbelief. Import Greenland buyer Chuck laughs, "Sometimes he has drumsticks in his back pocket and beats on the blues records. Once he tried to imitate a Chuck Berry duck-walk. It's a miracle he didn't fall flat on his face! At least he's an improvement on 'The Sniffer.' That pervert kept going after women's skirts. He lasted two days before we threw him out for good. They had to lock the guy up."

**7:45 P. M.**: A well-groomed, conservative looking man in his forties, who has been eyeing a ponytailed woman close to his age dressed in a tennis outfit, approaches her in the jazz section. Together, they take their purchases to the register and exchange phone numbers in line.

**8:30 P. M.**: The parking lot in back of Tower is packed. Cars are waiting at both entrances for the next spot, some of them for up to ten minutes. Occasionally, according to security guards (William) "Mack" and Calvin Sherrod, there is an argument, but for the most part, the two gentlemen maintain a watchful eye, directing the

smooth flow of traffic in and out of the lot.

**9:45 P. M.**: The store is jammed with over a hundred people as the action heats up. For a good number of the customers, this trip to Tower is their Saturday night party. Hardcore rockers decked out in full leather regalia rub elbows with sophistos in expensive evening gowns and formal wear, surf punks, skateboarders, well-to-do tourists and not-so-well-to-do tourists. The browsing is heavy, but sales are brisk, too. The lines at the registers seldom slow down.

**11:15 P. M.**: A trio of heavily made-up, flashily dressed mini-skirted strippers (or hookers?), one of them in a nearly transparent dress, want to find some "good lovemaking music" they can dance (or strip?) to. Their needs are accomodated by conscientious recommendations from the Tower staff of Luther Vandross, Jody Watley and Kenny G.

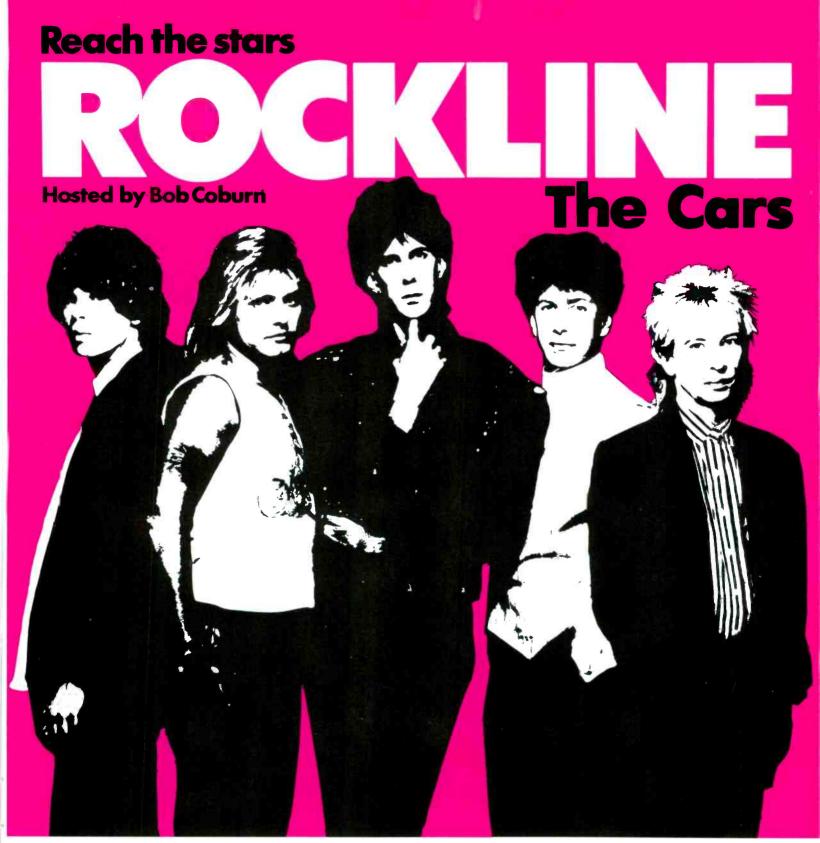
**Midnight:** The Saturday night soiree at Tower is in full swing. The "night freaks," as they are dubbed by Tower personnel, are out in full force, some of them drunk (though not unruly) from their earlier excursions to nightclubs and bars along the Strip.

**12:45 P. M.**: Dennis Sharpe makes the inevitable announcement: "Tower Records is now closing. Please bring your purchases to the front of the store." People take their time, a few unwilling to heed the request to leave. "Aren't you open 24 hours?," someone inquires.

1:00 A. M.: The last browser still doesn't seem to realize Tower's business day has ended. "Can you tell me where I can find The Beastie Boys?," he asks. C. J. Buscaglia, shift manager, guitarist and one-third of Jim Saspesa's Buffalo band, patiently responds, "They're probably at home right now," hoping he'll get the hint. But the recalcitrant customer is oblivious. Salesperson Jeff Burdette makes the point a bit more strongly. "We're closed. We're really closed. Anyone who wants to stay can grab a broom." The message finally sinks in and the last straggler walks out as the doors shut for the last time on a Saturday that has seen some 2,000 people trek through Tower Records. The end of another day.



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## EARPICKS

Current favorites as chosen by members of all segments of the music industry

Sting buzzes in with his new single topping the nearest competition by a ratio of two to one. Next up is the Dream Academy single from their forthcoming album followed closely by the new Kane Gang and ABC's follow-up. Finally, of interest and deserving special mention is the new single from British sensation **Terence Trent D'Arby** which came in ninth this week and should prove to be a major smash.

STING
 DREAM ACADEMY
 KANE GANG
 ABC
 DEBBIE GIBSON

TOGETHER INDIAN MOTOR TOWN MURDERED SHAKE

(A&M) (Reprise) 'N (Capitol) (PolyGram) (Atlantic) YES PINK FLOYD AEROSMITH TERENCE T D'ARBY BOURGEOIS TAGG LOVE LEARNING DUDE STAY I DON'T MIND

(Atco) (Columbia) (Geffen) (Columbia) (Island)

HOUGHTON /UNIVERSAL O.S./PHIL B Club/ Yes/ Bruce/ A Pointer

D AGRESTO/TRACKS/NORFOLK INXS/ Sting/ P Floyd/ M w/o Hats

J ALEXANDER/KKAZ/CHEYENNE TB Schmit/ L Lobos/ S Winwood/ REM

JON ALLEN/KZOU/LITTLE ROCK TT D'Arby/ Sting/ D Gibson

DAVE ALLEN/WSSX/CHARLES Aerosmith/ Kiss/ Yes

RICK ANDRADE/ZIPS/TUCSON M Bolton/ Wawanee/ TB Schmit/ Kenny G

R ARMIJO/REC BAR/C CHRISTI Bruce/ B Carlisle/ Tiffany/ S Out Sister

JACK ARMSTRONG/KF95/BOISE T Terry/M Wave/K & The Gang/Kane Gang

JIM ATKINSON/KWK/ST LOUIS ABC/ P Poison/ D Leppard/ Noel

ED AUGUST/WNNK/HARRISBURG N Order/ Deja/ Yes/ REM

DAVE BAKER/WJMX/FLORENCE Sting/ Kane Gang/ ABC/ D Gibson

JERRY BANTA/WYKS/GAINESVILLE B Tagg/ Sting/ J Watley/ Yes

M BASHKIN/BAKER & TAYLOR/CHIC Squeeze/ Medley-Warnes/ Starship/ Kiss K BAXTER/SIGHT & SOUND/PORTL D Acad/Icehouse/Kane Gang/M w-o Hats

WINNERS

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SANDY BEAN/HARMONY HSE/DET Yes/ G Vannelli/ K & The Gang/ S Hagar

KEVIN BELCASTRO/WMJQ/BUFF Black/ D Gibson/ S Fox/ Sting

MARTY BERGER/WINK/FT MYERS Sting/ Kane Gang/ Kiss/ B Tagg

PATRICIA BOCK/KIIS-FM/LA Wawanee/ Sting

JAY BRADY/WERZ/EXETER D Academy/P Wylie/Med-Warnes/S Winwd

M BRIGANDI/LIEBERM/MT. LAUREL Sting/ Aerosmith/ Squeeze/ Icehouse

LORI CAMPBELL/B94/PITTSBURGH Sting/ D Gibson/ B Trouble/ S Winwood

DEB CAMPBELL/TOWER/WESTWOOD U2/ Cure/ P Floyd/ REM

JONI CANDEY/ROUNDUP/SEATTLE O Ones/ B Gees/ B Carlisle/ TB Schmit

TOM CASEY/WKSS/HARTFORD ABC/ Kane Gang/ Sting/ TT D'Arby

GUY CASSINGHAM/METRON/ATL Bruce/ Cure/ Aerosmith/ D Academy

D CASTLEMAN/P FANTASTIC/PHIL RC Of China/J&M Chain/RHC Peppers B CATCHER/WKZL/WINST-SALEM B Tagg/ P Swayze/ Genesis/ B Carlisle

KELLY CHRISTIE/KOY-FM/PHOENIX TT D'Arby/ P Poison

JEFF COHEN/STRAWBERRIES/BOST Yes/ Sting/ B Carlisle/ Whodini

K CORTELLO/WQUE/N ORLEANS R Waters/ Whodini/ T Dayne/ G Michael

CATHY CRUISE/WNVZ/NORFOLK B Carlise/ T Dayne/ Squeeze/ L Branigan

TONY CRUZ/TELEPROGRAMS/LA Bunnymen/Cruzados/B Farmers/D Academy

TOM CUNNINGHAM/WPST/TRENTON Sting/ Kane Gang/ B Tagg/ TT D'Arby

DAVE CURTIS/LECHMERE/WOBURN Icehouse/ Kane Gang/ Sting/ ABC

**TIM DALEY/KQIX/GRAND JUNCTION** Yes/ Sting/ Kane Gang/ Cure

ALBIE DEE/WPGC/WASH DC Jets/ Levert/ K & The Gang/ M Starr

**ROGER DENNIS/SHOW INDUST/LA** L & Ghosts/ V Morrison/ Bo Deans/ Bruce

D DODD/PEACHES M & V/SEATT H Gurus/ REM/ Kiss/ Squeeze

DAVE DUNAWAY/94TYX/JACKSON D Gibson/ Starship/ REM/ TB Schmit

## **Gloria Estefan and Miami Sound Machine** BETCHA SAY THAT

## 44 - 40 HITS TOP FIFTY SINGLES!

<b>KKBQ</b>	add	WOKI	24-16	BREAKING AT:
Q100	add	ΚΙΚΧ	28-21	KRBE KCPX
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WGH-FM		KIMN	30-25	KWOD KPLZ
		<b>B</b> 96	34-28	WNCI WCZY
кwк	22-15	WKSE	<b>33-</b> 28	WTIC
Y100	20-16	WXKS	34-29	

## Gino Vannelli IN THE NAME OF MONEY

## **HOT NEW SINGLE!**

WLOL	add	WGFM	add
<b>Y10</b> 8	add	KBIM	add
WFLY	add	<b>Y9</b> 4	add

## Big Trouble CRAZY WORLD

FLASHMAKER! GREAT NEW ACT... GREAT NEW SINGLE!

WMMS add KZZ WGH-FM add Y93 WMJQ add KFI KZI KCI KCI	AD add KKRZ MY add WFLY FN add KCAQ MQ add KIKX
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## EARPICKS

GARY DUNES/93Q/SYRACUSE S Winwood/D Acad/Squeeze/Kane Gang

V ELLIOTT/V VENDORS/KALAM Outfield/ Squeeze/ Mick Jagger/ L Lobos

STEVE ELLIS/HOT103/NY Nayobe/ Jets/ L Rascals

LESLIE FRAM/WABB/MOBILE Sting/ T Dayne/ S Winwood

ALAN FREED/NOR LIGHTS/MPLS Madhouse/M James/St Paul/G Michael

P FUSSELL/REC BAR/DURHAM ABC/ Bruce/ Aerosmith/ Yes

R GAITHER/WKQB/CHARLEST Sting/ ABC

KELLY GIEDT/TOWER/SH OAKS Whtesnke/Aerosmith/F Pussycat/Cure

KEN GRAHAM/W MERCH/AMAR ABC/ P Floyd/ Sting/ D Academy

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J PRIMERANO/TRANSCON/BUFF ABC/ D Academy/ G Vannelli

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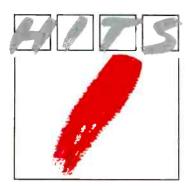
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This N. Y.-born, N. J.-raised radio vet took his first job while still attending college at WTIC in Hartford before moving on to NBC's The Source in operations and production. Salkowitz was a production manager at Watermark in Los Angeles, then joined Emmis Broadcasting at the then-Magic 106 for less than a year until he was let go by the new G. M., only to be re-

**Q** Is there any difference between the so-called "Hot" and "Power" formats?

A It's just two different names for a radio station. Both are based on similar principles, but they've been adjusted for their local markets.

I think it has more to do with the music make-up than anything else. And what the competitive situation allows each radio station to do. In L. A., for example, there is essentially one competitor for PWR106, and that's KIIS, which is a pretty progressive Top 40 radio station. In New York, there are four competitors that we have to deal with. There are two black radio stations that have that segment of the audience pretty well covered. And there are two Top 40's which are very strong, al-



though they are also the most conservative when it comes to playing new music.

In L. A., Power has been able to go a little faster on music and to go through music a little bit quicker than we do. It takes a long time to get a record going in New York to the point that a Z100 or WPLJ will look at it. We can be out in front of those guys without being too far in front.

**Q** How do you position your station against Z100 and WPLJ?

A Basically as an alternative to those two. In research we've done, Z100 and PWR95 are perceived as very stale. They play the same music over and over and they don't play anything new. So the marketing line we use is "HOT103, because New York won't stand still for the same old music," We've marketed ourselves as a fresher, more happening version of a Top 40 station.

**Q** What is the difference between your format and the old disco stations?

A A pretty large difference.

hired seven months later under yet another management as Research Director for the fledgling PWR106. Joel left there in August '86 to take the post of P. D. at sizzling WQHT, HOT103 in the Big Apple, where he has established a strong, new Top 40 challenger in that highly-competitive market.

**Q** What are some of the records that HOT103 played a major role in breaking?

**A** Noel and Debbie Gibson are two good examples. We were playing Debbie Gibson back in

#### "One of the things missing in Top 40 is.....aggressive music programming."

WKTU was a disco station and that was pretty much all they played. What you find now is we are mixing some of that music into HOT103. In fact, though, the real hard-core disco stuff is very isolated here. We do a classics show on Sunday nights for an hour, where we feature that kind January. I don't know that Noel is going to go national Top 40, but he's certainly on his way He had the #1 selling 12" in New York for ten weeks. Company B's "Fascinated" was another. Records by the System. Breakfast Club, Expose, Stacey Q and Samantha Fox all got started here. club and watch what's going on on the dance floor for an hour, you see the reaction when certain songs come on. It's a pretty good indication that there is something there for the radio station.

**Q** Are different mixes of records an important part of your programming?

A Sure. We have people like the Latin Rascals and Freddie Bastone around the club circuit here that have made inroads into record production, re-mixing records for the major labels and doing remixes for us. We try to key in on that because it is something else which makes our station stand out.

If we put a club type of record on the station, it might take six weeks or two months for the Top 40's to get on it. In that case, we look for another version of the

# Hot Night in the City

#### An exclusive Hits interview with Joel Salkowitz Program Director HOT 103 FM by Mike Murphy

of music, but most of it souncs too dated to play in regular rotat on. I guess disco is a bad word for it, one that conjures up the wrong image in people's minds. The only place, at least in this city, where disco is a dirty word, is among radio programmers.

We've done research on people's perceptions of disco. Disco is OK in this market. It really is, I don't think people want

#### "The quintessential core artist for HOT103 is Madonna."

to be beaten over the head with it. I certainly wouldn't position HOT103 as a disco station. But people like that music, they like dance music. The quintessential core artist for HOT103 is Madonna. Q How do you find these records?

A We go out there and look fothem. One of the things missing ir. Top 40 is that kind of aggressive music programming. We pick up  $\varepsilon$ lot from the clubs. One of the things we dc is have the staff, in one form or another, out every weekend. Somebody from HOT103 is put in a club every Friday and Saturday night. We do

a show live from a club each

weekend, as well as have a hot

spot patrol that goes out and does

call-in reports to the station. My

Music Director, Steve Ellis, and I

go out and try to find what people

are reacting to If you go to a night

record to play. So, all of a sudden, they are playing a record that our audience perceives as being that same old music again. Meanwhile, we have a fresh version on the air, something they can't hear anywhere but on HOT103.

**Q** Do you think that urban-dance product will burn out like many people believe it will?

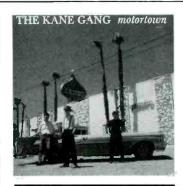
A I think a radio station that is based on 85% current music probably has a better shot at longevity because you can move with whatever is current. I wouldn't want to be at a radio station that has a library of 2000 titles that are kept rotating around and around. I think, if anything will burn out in time, that will. Peeple have already started to see some of that with classic rock.





#### T H E H O R I Z O N THE LATEST ON UP AND COMING BANDS

by John Sutton-Smith Echo & the Bunnymen stormed through the West Coast last week behind their latest WARNERS release, putting on a tremendous show full of old **Doors** covers, including their cover of "People are Strange," and even featuring a special guest appearance by Ray Manzarek on "Soul Kitchen." Didn't he do the same thing with X a while back on the same song? The show was embellished with post-punk aerobic popsters New Order whose rhythmic strength somehow overcame their anti-image posture and the largely under age audience screamed their approval. Meanwhile word has it that the New Order greatest hits album "Substance" is selling well on CD where it is twice as long, including, as it does all, the B-sides to the hit single remixes featured on the album..... Openers on the tour, Gene Loves Jezebel held a small listening party this week to kick off their new album "The House of Dolls," due next month on GEFFEN. The first track from the album. "The Motion of Love" is already breaking strong at album radio and is a strong bet for Top 40 success. They begin a headlining tour of big clubs and small theaters in the New Year ..... Also on the road: Warren Zevon and X are going out together, making for an interesting package, while Hüsker Dü take their awesome power-thrash, high-intensity show across the country. This trio remains the most gripping live act around today, X notwithstanding, with a metallic white soul attack that they come close to approaching on their recent "Warehouse: Songs and Stories"..... On the other end of the musical spectrum, the Balancing Act are out across the mid-West in support of their brand new PRIMITIVE MAN release "Three Squares and a Roof" ..... Buckwheat Zydeco has a chance to get out of New Orleans thanks to his latest album release on ISLAND called "On a Night Like This." The crown prince of zydeco music treks up the East Coast and into Canada through October on a club tour.... the dB's, back with original guitarist Gene Holder, are out on the road again behind their "The Sound of Music" album and in November, they join the R.E.M. tour on the West Coast ..... One of the burning issues of the moment around here is if and when Tom Waits is going to tour. We do know that Van Morrison will make his annual crosscountry outing fairly soon. He has a new album on POLYGRAM with another title, "Poetic Champions Compose," as enigmatic as his music which is evolving into cutting edge new age, but is still underscored by the soulful Celtic growl. Frankly the man can do little wrong in this corner ..... TVT have doubled their roster by signing the Connells, an all-American dark and jangly garage band. The label that brought Aussie band the Saints back to life last year have the Connell's highly-anticipated new album "Boylan Heights," the second by the band, out any day now. It is produced by the noted Mitch Easter (R.E.M., Suzanne Vega, etc.)..... Dusty Springfield is counting on the current success she is having with "What Have I Done to Deserve This," her smash duet with the Pet Shop Boys, to revive her career as the silkyvoiced 60's legend returns to the studio for a solo album, the first in many years ..... another legend Roy Orbison is also trying out a duet with a contemporary artist - this time, it's Canadian country rocker, K.D. Lang.



#### The Kane Gang

Title "Motortown"

> Label Capitol

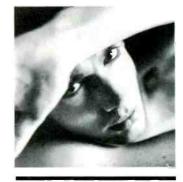
Capitol's new regime takes charge with this killer pop cut from this U.K. trio. After making a small splash a couple of years back with a PolyGram project, the band has matured into a tight, rollicking combo. This is Simon Potts first signing for the "new" Capitol, and Top 40 has embraced it with open arms. They've gone Top 5 in the U.K. twice and the forthcoming album hits the streets 10/14.

#### Suggested Cuts

"Motortown" is rolling at Top 40. Play it and watch those phones.

#### Label Comments:

"Radio has accepted this record for the right reasons," said Capitol's Vice President of Promotion John Fagot. "They're not playing it because of the huge number of adds - they're playing it because it's such a good sounding record on the radio. It's simply a piece of good music." The Promo Veep and his staff are enthusiastic about this project, the first signed, sealed and delivered by the new regime. "The album has plenty of hits on it," said Fagot. "There's more to come."



Simon F. Title

"American Dream"

Label Reprise

What happens when a good looking U.K.transplant releases a single that gets instant phones and strikes right at the heart of the female demo? Our guess is that a new Top 40 hit maker has been born. Reprise has released this first single from former Chrysalis artist Simon F. to immediate Top 40 reaction and a great deal of promise for the future. Now that he's on Reprise, Simon (or "F" if you prefer) has expressed his desire for a photo shoot with Nancy Sinatra (who was also on Reprise). Think about it.

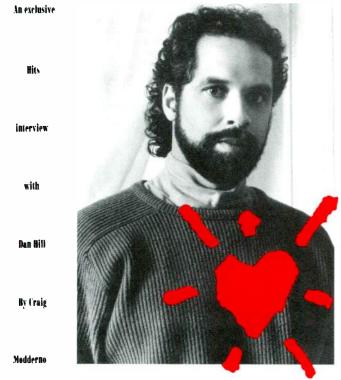
#### Suggested Cuts

"American Dream" is the first killer from the upcoming LP, "Never, Never Land."

#### Label Comments:

"We're really trying to market him as more than just a British New Wave act," said Reprise National Promotion gunslinger Linda Baker. Baker, Rich Fltzgerald and the entire Reprise staff, are going after Top 40 and Album Rock simultaneously and getting good results at both formats. "He's a definite mass appeal artist," said Baker.

# **THE OTHER SIDE** OF DAN HILL



Dan Hill knows how dangerously close he came to being an answer to a '70s trivia question as in "Who was that strange-looking Canadian dude who co-wrote that song always done at weddings and in real slow elevators called 'Sometimes When We Touch'?" He also sang that mega-hit, which got the affable low-key singer-songwriter a Grammy nomination and royalty checks of close to one million dollars. After a four-year hiatus, he's back with the cleverly-titled Columbia album "Dan Hill" that includes a smash duet with Vonda Sheppard "Can't We Try," a dramatic ballad that won't be sung at weddings unless divorce lawyers are present. Hill has lost over thirty pounds from his hippie days, regained his confidence as an artist and maintained his ability to create music yuppies can relate to without fear of embarrassment.

#### "They wondered where Dan Hill could fit into a new musical scene dominated by The Police and Talking Heads."

What's the story behind "Can't We Try"?

I was having a fight with my wife. I left the room and went into

my study and started writing the song. A short time later, my wife entered the room, looked at what I had written and told me she thought a woman's side should be represented. She came up with the lyrics that Vonda sings. The song came together easily from that point, but I wouldn't suggest any aspiring songwriters fight with their lovers in order to get material for a song. The toughest part of the song was finding a singer who could put that passion in the vocal. We were getting down to the wire and an engineer thought of Vonda, who was a backup singer who lived near the studio. I think the song is a success because the pain it portrays any lover can relate to.

"Sometimes When We Touch" was a chart-buster almost a decade ago. What was it like

#### "I think ["Can't We Try"] is a success because the pain it portrays any lover can relate to."

literally becoming an overnight success back then?

I was 23 at the time and seemed to follow the song around the world on tour as it hit in different countries. I had long hair then and became easily recognizable, which made it harder to be invisible around people to study them for possible songs. I became the star and it was too much for me. It's ironic but in the early '80s when Dan Hill was out of vogue musically I became a very good songwriter I had come full circle. Suddenly I was unknown again yet I had the full knowledge of having been famous, which nearly destroyed my life and career.

#### During those glory days was there any aspect of fame you indulged too much?

(Shy grin) I had just had a woman I'd been living with for a long time leave me. I felt very inadequate and thought there was something wrong with me. "Sometimes When We Touch" was a sensitive song that became a fantasy symbol for a lot of women. The woman I wanted wouldn't have me and the women who desired me generally didn't want to know me. I could have been replaced by Air Supply or James Taylor or the next chart hitmaker at any time, but I went with the fulfilling of my sexual fantasies. This was ten years ago remember, pre-AIDS, so I had a fun time letting myself go. You burn out quickly not because of

any sense of higher morality. (Playfully shrugs) All studs slow down sometimes.

What response did you get within the industry after your hit was relegated to a musical memory?

I became lumped as a '70s songwriter that people thought was out of touch in the '80s. They wondered where Dan Hill could fit into a new musical scene dominated by The Police and Talking Heads. Other people like Jackson Browne, Carly Simon, James Taylor and Van Morrison also weren't selling records in the

'80s like they had in the previous decade. Nobody wanted to hear me sing my songs like "In Your Eyes." Both George Benson and Jeffrey Osborne recorded the song and it went into the Top Ten on the jazz and adult contemporary charts respectively.

Did you suddenly discover you had an image problem?

Most definitely. I had a persona that I didn't know how to change. It made me work harder. I was more angry than feeling rejected. See, I always thought my singing ability was better than my songwriting ability. What kept me going was the words of encouragement I got from a lot of songwriters in Los Angeles who thought I had a special talent. In the back of my mind I always saw myself returning on the music scene as a singer. I knew I needed to create and record my own hit in order to validate my own ticket on the concert track.

What's the most common mistake amateur songwriters generally make?

They try to sound like somebody else. If you listen to local talent contests that radio sponsors, the music will likely imitate the current hot artist. This year it would be U2. Songwriters need to find their own distinctive style. A strong melody can always overcome weak lyrics. Everyone can hum a tune, but not everyone can sing.



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#### by Toni Profera

Well, it's crunch time out there in radio and retail land as we power into the fourth quarter on the airwaves and at the cash registers. Columbia's Pink Floyd shot to number two in its second week on the street — much thanks to the tremendous CD sales reported (#1 CD at the Musicland chain, as well as many other CD dealers). PolyGram's Rush exploded into the Top 10 as well in its second week, and by next week Bruce will be drawing in masses of people to buy lots of everything ..... Convention mania is still raging on and we are starting to receive reports of all the highlights - Debbie Swanson (Sam Goody/West) reports sterling performances by Restless Heart, Highway 101, T-Birds, Rock 'n Hyde, Steve Earle and (especially) K.D. Lang at the recent Musicland conclave. Belinda Carlisle and Rick Dees were on hand to share in the festivities, but no performances there..... Speaking of conventions -**RTI's Bruce Hoberman** will be the keynote speaker at the one-stop meeting at the upcoming NARM Wholesalers convention in Palm Springs. Stratford Distribution will

#### A Person



Here is a photo of Alan Freed of Northern Lights Music DJ/Dance shop. We hope you enjoy it.

weekly comedy with him from there. Jay Rosenberg picks up where Walter left off at the Wiz as our Hits contact..... Columbia's English sensation (who is actually American) Terence Trent D'Arby was sighted in Tower **Records** on Sunset recently doing a little browsing and shopping. His choices included two Elvis Costello CDs, "My Aim Is True," and "This Year's Model"..... Streetside in St. Louis has recently opened their sixth store in that city, and their eleventh in the chain. Further plans for expansion are on the boards for this year..... Lynyrd Skynyrd will donate 25 cents per ticket from their October 3 show at the Joe Lewis Arena in Detroit to the only survivor of the August 17th plane crash in that city, four-year-old Cecilia Cichan. MCA and Ticketmaster will match the bands contribution..... ReRap has it that Rhino Records and Heritage Entertainment are coproducing a low-budget pilot for late-night TV for ABC. Rhino co-founder Harold Bronson describes the show as "a hip Mickey Mouse Club for a much older audience." He describes the show as

"adventurous and irreverent." Wish we'd thought of that..... **Radio Doctors** opened their new Market Square location recently in Brookfield, WI. That's four in total for them now..... **Penelope Spheeris**' new film "The Decline of Western Civilization: The Metal Years," will feature

Osbourne

about heavy metal.

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### MUG SHOTS



WEA THE THREE MUSKETEERS: A trio of real heavyweights gets down during the third straight day of marathon grueling, moving and shaking at the WEA '87 National Sales Meeting held at the Diplomat in Hollywood, FL. From left to right, Neshui Ertegun, Director of Special Projects, WCI Record Group, still going through his old supply of Cosmos t-shirts; Henry Droz, President, WEA; and Ahmet M. Ertegun, Chairman of Atlanttc Records. Let the games begin!!



THEY WORE BLUE VELVET: In honor of rock 'n' roll Hall-of-Famer Roy Orbison (fourth from right), who performed at the post-banquet festivities held during the annual WEA Convention at the Diplomat in Hollywood, FL recently. Making sure Orbison isn't only the lonely are a veritable bevy of hard-core fans, including (left to right): George Rossi, Executive Vice President, Marketing, WEA: Jeff Ayeroff, Co-Managing Director, Virgin Records; Russ Bach, Executive Vice President, Marketing Development, WEA; Jordan Harris, Co-Managing Director, Virgin Records; Orbison; Henry Droz, President, WEA; Phil Quartararo, Vice President, Promotion, Virgin Records: and Jim Swindel, Vice President, Sales, Virgin Records.





## **OTHER ACTION**

A survey of hot tracks at Video and Album Radio

**Pink Floyd** still leads at Album Network with **Bruce Springsteen** now #2, while Whitesnake wins the Triple Crown at MTV Requests, the Countdown show and Night Tracks. Lisa Lisa jumps over Fat/Beach Boys at HVUSA as top debuts include Rush at Power Cuts, Michael Jackson at Night Tracks and Great White at HVUSA.



Album Network The Top 20 Power Cuts at album radio

- 1. PINK FLOYD Learning To Fly Columbia
- 2. BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN Brilliant Disguise Columbia
- 3. R. E. M. The One I Love I. R. S.
- 4. YES Love Will Find A Way Atlantic
- 5. AEROSMITH Dude Geffen
- 6. DEF LEPPARD Animal Mercury/PolyGram
- 7. RUSH Force Ten Mercury/PolyGram
- 8. THE CARS Strap Me In Elektra
- 9. JETHRO TULL Steel Monkey Chrysalis
- 10. WHITESNAKE Is This Love Geffen

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The Top 10 Video Requests Hip Clip: BoDeans- It's Only Love (Slash/WB)

- 1. WHITESNAKE Here I Go Again Geffen
- 2. FAT BOYS/BEACH BOYS Wipeout T. P. A./PolyGram
- 3. MÖTLEY CRÜE Wild Side Elektra
- 4. STRYPER Honestly Enigma
- 5. POISON I Won't Forget You Enigma/Capitol
- 6. LOU GRAMM Lost In The Shadows Paisley Park/WB
- 7. MADONNA Who's That Girl Sire/WB
- 8. LOS LOBOS La Bamba Slash/WB
- 9. BILLY IDOL Mony Mony Chrysalis
- 10. HUEY LEWIS Doing It All For My Baby Chrysalis



Night Tracks

The Top 10 most requested tracks

- 1. WHITESNAKE Here I Go Again Geffen
- 2. PRINCE U Got The Look Paisley Park/WB
- 3. HEART Who Will You Run To Capitol
- 4. EXPOSE Let Me Be The One Arista
- 5. MICHAEL JACKSON Bad Epic



Hit Video USA The Top 10 most requested videos

- 1. LISA LISA Lost In Emotion Columbia
- 2. ANITA BAKER No One In The World Elektra
- 3. MICHAEL JACKSON Bad Epic
- 4. EXPOSE Let Me Be The One Arista
- 5. FAT BOYS/BEACH BOYS Wipeout T. P. A./PolyGram

- 11. LYNYRD SKYNYRD Truck Drivin' MCA
- 12. JOHN MELLENCAMP Hard Times Mercury/PolyGram
- 13. MELVIN JAMES Why Won't You Stay? MCA
- 14. HOOTERS Satellite Columbia
- 15. PINK FLOYD One Slip Columbia
- 16. RUSH Time Stands Mercury/PolyGram
- 17. JOHN MELLENCAMP Paper In Fire Mercury/PolyGram
- 18. AEROSMITH Rag Doll Geffen
- 19. TIMOTHY B. SCHMIT Boys Night Out MCA
- 20. ICEHOUSE Crazy Chrysalis

The Top 10 Countdown Show

- 1. WHITESNAKE Here I Go Again Geffen
- 2. JOHN MELLENCAMP Paper In Fire Mercury/PolyGram
- 3. HEART Who Will You Run To Capitol
- 4. HUEY LEWIS Doing It All For My Baby Chrysalis
- 5. BANANARAMA I Heard A Rumour London/PolyGram
- 6. U2 Where The Streets Have No Name Island
- 7. GRATEFUL DEAD Touch of Grey Arista
- 8. LOS LOBOS La Bamba Slash/WB
- 9. PRINCE U Got The Look Paisley Park/WB
- 10. BILLY IDOL Mony Mony Chrysalis
- 6. BILLY IDOL Mony Mony Epic
- 7. PET SHOP BOYS It's A Sin EMI-Manhattan
- 8. TIFFANY I Think We're Alone Now MCA
- 9. SMOKEY ROBINSON One Heartbeat Motown
- 10. SWING OUT SISTER Breakout Mercury/PolyGram
- 6. STRYPER Honestly Enigma
- 7. PRINCE U Got The Look Paisley Park/WB
- 8. LOU GRAMM Lost In The Shadows Atlantic
- 9. GREAT WHITE Rock Me Capitol
- 10. LEVERT Casanova Atlantic

#### FLASHMAKERS WINNER! 4 HITS TOP FIFTY ALBUMS! 45-39 HITS TOP FIFTY SINGLES!

Y100	add	КСРХ	19-13	KKBQ	26-20	BREAKING AT:
KWK	add	WERZ	17-13	WHYT	25-22	WBLI
B104	add	Y95	17-14	WRNO	27-22	B96
KKRZ	add	WMMS	23-16	KBEQ	29-26	WAVA
KATD	add	WCZY	26-19	WLOL	32-27	KPLZ
WMJQ	add	116 18 13		KIIS	32-29	PRO-FM
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				KWSS	35-30	94Q
	jet bill			WKSE	37-31	B97

The New Single Produced by Steve Berlin From the hit album La Bamba

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Management: Linda Clark

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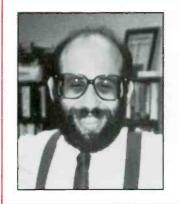
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"COME ON, LET'S GO"





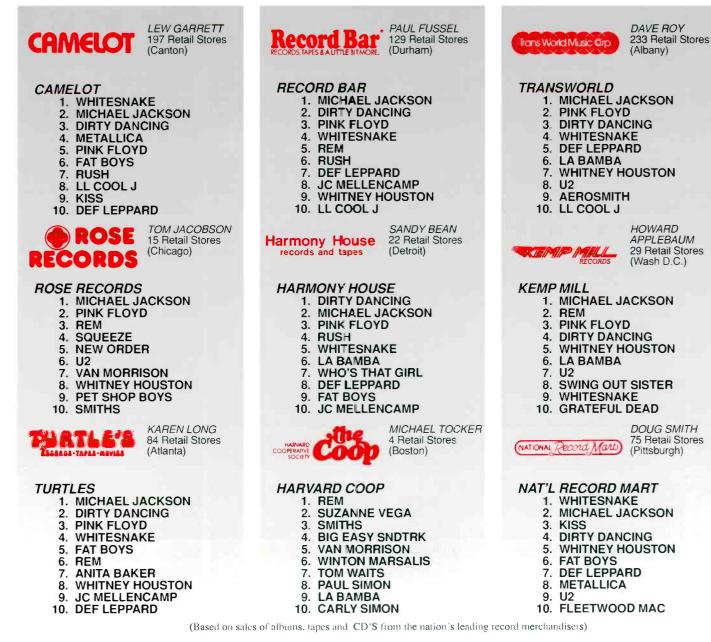


#### MITCH PERLISS: SHOW INDUSTRIES

This week's victim is the Director of Purchasing for the 50 Music Plus stores (owned by Show Industries) in the greater LA area. This is a central warehouse operation that delivers to stores on a daily basis. Perliss tolds us, "LA is an aggressive and competitive marketplace where we must work closely with the manufacturers to help them break new acts." He adds, "Because we are small enough, we can have the product awareness that enables us to perform this function. One of our great successes is the *guaranteed sale* promotion." Mitch points to early action on Lions & Ghosts, Big Easy, Smiths and Squeeze. Further, he is excited about Terence Trent D'Arby. (All we can say is ditto, Mitch).

#### SHOW INDUSTRIES LORI SHAW 449 Accounts (Los Angeles)

- 1. LA BAMBA
- 2. MICHAEL JACKSON
- 3. DIRTY DANCING
- 4. LL COOL J
- 5. NEW ORDER
- 6. METALLICA
- 7. WHITNEY HOUSTON
- 8. WHITESNAKE
- 9. WINANS
- **10. ANITA BAKER**





# TOP TENS



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### "I DON'T MIND AT ALL" The First Single From

"YUYU"	KPLZ	add	WQCM	add	KMEL	deb	31	
	WNCI	add	Κ₩ΤΟ	add	KATD	deb	34	
The New Album From	CKOI	add	KKAZ	add	WERZ	deb	36	
BOURGEOIS TAGG	WKZL	add	KEYJ	add	KROQ	deb	40	
DUUNUEUIS TAUU	KIYS	add	KKXL	add				
	KSND	add	KKRC	add				
WILDCARD!	WNYZ	add	K106	add	BREAK	ING AT	•	
FLASHMAKER!	WRCK	add			KWOD			
EARPICKS WINNER!	WDBR	add			WGH-FI	И		
ALSO BREAKING BIG AT ALBUM ROCK &	KFMY	add			KSAQ			
	WWFX	add			KZZU			
POP ADULT!	WJMX	add						
	KFQX	add						
Produced by Todd Rundgren For Alchmedia Productions, Inc.	KIIK	add						
In Association With Brent Bourgeois and Larry Tagg	KQIZ	add						

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# BREAKOUTS

**Kiss** is back and in a big way. Their new album not ony wins this Front Page section, but is also selling through in major quantities. The **Smiths**, whose following has been building, take

(PolyGram 832-626-4)

(Sire/WB 25649)

(Chrysalis 41620)

(Chrysalis 41590)

(A&M 5161)

second place ahead of the hot Chrysalis combination of Billy ldol and Jethro Tull. Lynyrd Skynyrd's comeback album and the new Bee Gees are both off to good starts.

#### WINNERS

55%

39%

36%

32%

30%

6	PET SHOP BOYS
7	MICK JAGGER
8	W.A.S.P.
9	LYNYRD SKYNYRD
10	BEE GEES

(EMI/Manhattan 46972)	29%
(Columbia 40419)	25%
(Capitol 48053)	16%
(MCA 42084)	15%
(WB 25541-1)	14%

#### BAKER & TAYLOR / MIKE BASHKIN / CHICAGO

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**KISS** 

**SMITHS** 

**BILLY IDOL** 

SQUEEZE

JETHRO TULL

Kiss Smiths Billy Idol Jethro Tull Jesus & Mary Chain

#### BENEL DISTRIBUTORS /

ANGELO GONZALEZ / NEW YORK Bo Deans Armored Saint Billy Idol Jethro Tull Icchouse

#### BUZZARD'S NEST / MIKE

MANDZIA / COLUMBUS Billy Idol Pet Shop Boys Jethro Tull Kiss Tiffany

#### CAMELOT / LEW GARRETT /

CANTON Squeeze Kiss Dana Dane Beatles-Magical Smiths UTFO

CENTRAL SOUTH / ROBIN STEELY / NASHVILLE Tiffany Steppenwolf Armored Saint Metallica

Pet Shop Boys

FACE THE MUSIC / DOUG MACIVER / ROCHESTER, MN Kiss Squeeze Rush FLIPSIDE / DAVID SLANIA / CHICAGO **Beatles-Magical** Kiss Jethro Tull Lynyrd Skynyrd WASP HARMONY HOUSE / SANDY **BEAN / DETROIT** Alabama Yes Squeeze Pet Shop Boys Cars HARVARD CO-OP / MICHAEL TOCKER / BOSTON Jesus & Mary Chain Smiths Pet Shop Boys Dump Truck HOUSE OF GUITARS / KIM SIMMONS / ROCHESTER Kiss Aerosmith Guns & Roses Faster Pussycat JR'S / RON SALPIETRO /

SCHAUMBERG Pet Shop Boys WASP Jethro Tull Kiss Mick Jagger

KEMP MILL / HOWARD APPLEBAUM / BELTSVILLE Squeeze JC Mellencamp Rush Aerosmith REM Smiths Lynyrd Skynyrd LECHMERE / DAVE CURTIS / WOBURN **Beatles-Magical** Pink Floyd Squeeze Rush Pet Shop Boys Mick Jagger Wynton Marsalis LIEBERMAN / ROB TAYLOR / CHICAGO Billy Idol Kiss Pink Flovd **Beatles-Magical** Bananarama LIEBERMAN / MIKE BRIGANDI / MT. LAUREL Pink Flovd Rush Squeeze Jody Watley Mick Jagger METRONOME / GUY CASSINGHAM / ATL Smiths REM Jesus & Mary Chain Pink Floyd Aerosmith Ramones

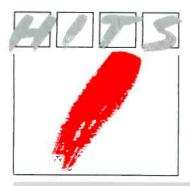
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DOUG SMITH / PITTSBURGH Squeeze Jethro Tull Art Of Noise Lynyrd Skynyrd Kiss Mick Jagger Smiths

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#### NAVARRE / ESA KATAJAMAKI / MINNEAPOLIS

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#### PACIFIC COAST ONE-STOP /

LENNY LEON / CHATSWORTH Kiss Smiths Jesus & Mary Chain Van Morrison Public Image Billy Idol Art Of Noise

#### PEACHES MUSIC & VIDEO /

DEBBIE DODD / SEATTLE Tom Verlaine Tom Waits Ramones Metallica Dump Truck dB's Aerosmith

#### PRO ONE-STOP / PAUL

JOHNSON / TEMPE Kiss Pet Shop Boys Levert Anthrax Eric B

#### RADIO DOCTORS / KATHY

STAMM / MILWAUKEE Jethro Tull Kiss Billy Idol Art Of Noise Bee Gees

#### **RECORD & TAPE OUTLET /**

MARC MERCURIO / OHIO Kiss Billy Idol Jethro Tull Beatles-Magical Angela Winbush

#### RECORD BAR / PAUL FUSSELL / DURHAM

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#### **RTI ONE-STOP / STEVE**

HOBERMAN / OMAHA Kiss WASP Billy Idol Lynyrd Skynyrd Van Morrison Smiths Jethro Tull

#### SAM GOODY-EAST / MIKE

MASKA / EDISON Billy Idol Kiss Piledriver Lynyrd Skynyrd Jethro Tull Mick Jagger Smiths

#### SAM GOODY-WEST / DEBBIE

SWANSON / LOS ANGELES Smiths Kiss Billy Idol Donna Summer Jethro Tull Art Of Noise

#### SHOW INDUSTRIES / LORY SHAW / LOS ANGELES

AW / LOS ANG Bo Deans Mick Jagger Ramones Donna Summer Big Easy WASP

#### SIGHT & SOUND / KATHY BAXTER / PORTLAND REM Tiffany Aerosmith Alex O'Neal

#### SOUND WAREHOUSE / TRACY DONIHOO / DALLAS

O'Jays O'Jays Winans George Strait Pet Shop Boys Tiffany Guns & Roses

#### SOUTHWEST WHOLESALE / ROBERT RICHARDSON /

HOUSTON Kiss Art Of Noise Jethro Tull Public Image Temptations

#### SPECS / CINDY BARR / MIAMI

Kiss Lynyrd Skynyrd Beatles-Magical Smiths Bee Gees

#### STRAWBERRIES / JEFF COHEN /

BOSTON Kiss Smiths Public Image Jethro Tull Lynyrd Skynyrd Van Morrison Pet Shop Boys

#### TOWER / HOWARD

KRUMHOLTZ / SUNSET

Kiss Bee Gees Jesus & Mary Chain Kitaro Ramones Sara Vaughn Double

#### TOWER/DOWNTOWN / PEGGY

LOGAN / NYC Bee Gees Kiss Squeeze Art Of Noise Van Morrison Smiths Donna Summer

#### TRACKS / DONNA AGRESTO / NORFOLK Silencers Big Town

Silencers Big Town Tom Verlaine Melvin James Tom Waits

#### TRANSCONTINENT/RECORD THEATER / JIM PRIMERANO /

BUFFALO Kevin Eubanks Angela Winbush Bananarama Marlon Jackson Jethro Tull Billy Idol Lynyrd Skynyrd

#### TRANSWORLD / DAVE ROY / ALBANY Kiss Big Easy Mick Jagger Timothy B Schmit Squeeze

TURTLES / KAREN LONG / ATL Pet Shop Boys Mick Jagger O'Jays Squeeze Donna Sunffiner WASP Tiffany

#### UNIVERSAL ONE-STOP /

DEBBO HOUGHTON / PHILLY Jethro Tull Princess Bride Bee Gees Temptations Lynyrd Skynyrd Billy Idol

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KEN GRAHAM / AMARILLO Kiss Billy Idol Pet Shop Boys WASP John Schneider Reba McEntire

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ZIPS / RICK ANDRADE / TUCSON Swing Out Sister UTFO Brandos Insiders Van Morrison Smiths Reba McEntire

HITS October 5, 1987

# BREAKOUTS



# TOP FIFTY ALBUMS

The new Kiss album blasts onto the chart at #20 this week highlighted by a #6 position at the all important Musicland chain. Obviously, the fans are making a quick move. Also moving quickly are the new Squeeze album, featuring the band's first major hit single ever, and the new Billy Idol, featuring "Mony Mony".

LW	this Week	ARTIST	TITLE	LABEL	COMMENTS	POWER INDEX
1	1	MICHAEL JACKSON	BAD	Epic 40600	Bad 45 is hot	130.5
2	2	PINK FLOYD	MOMENTARY LAPSE	Columbia OC 40599	Single breaking	83.7
3	3	WHITESNAKE	WHITESNAKE	Geffen 24099	Huge 45 leads	78.7
4	4	LA BAMBA	SOUNDTRACK	Slash/WB 25605	2nd 45 building	68.1
5	5	WHITNEY HOUSTON	WHITNEY	Arista 8405	Many hits here	62.8
8	6	DIRTY DANCING	SOUNDTRACK	RCA 6408-1	Medley/Warnes 45 hot	62.0
6	7	DEF LEPPARD	HYSTERIA	PolyGram 830-675-1	New 45 breaking	51.4
9	8	RUSH	HOLD YOUR FIRE	PolyGram 832 464-1	Hot rock	47.5
7	9	JC MELLENCAMP	LONESOME JUBILEE	PolyGram 832-465-1	Hit single leads	46.1
10	10	LL COOL J	<b>BIGGER &amp; DEFFER</b>	Def Jam/Col 40733	Rap mania	40.0
14	11	U2	THE JOSHUA TREE	Island 7-90581-1	New 45 in action	39.1
15	12	REM	DOCUMENT	IRS 42059	45 is breaking	37.2
11	13	FAT BOYS	CRUSHIN'	PolyGram 831948-1	Hot 45 leads	34.7
13	14	METALLICA	5.98 EP GARAGE DAYS	Elektra 960757-1	Hot EP	34.7
16	15	HEART	BAD ANIMALS	Capitol 12546	Lots of hits here	28.7
12	16	WHO'S THAT GIRL	SOUNDTRACK	Sire/WB 25611	Hot new single	28.3
18	17	EUROPE	THE FINAL COUNTDOWN	Epic 40241	Giant 45 leads	26.6
19	18	GRATEFUL DEAD	IN THE DARK	Arista 8452	Needs new 45	25.8
23	19	KENNY G	DUOTONES	Arista 8427	Jazz smash	24.6
	20	KISS	CRAZY NIGHTS	PolyGram 832-626-4	Great first week	22.2
24	21	AEROSMITH	PERMANENT VACATION	Geffen 24162	Hot rocker	19.8
21	22	FLEETWOOD MAC	TANGO IN THE NIGHT	WB 9-25471-1	New 45 leads	20.3
17	23	LOST BOYS	SOUNDTRACK	Atlantic 7-81767-1	Hot movie	19.5
28	24	ANITA BAKER	RAPTURE	Elektra 60444	45 growing	18.6
20	25	LISA LISA	SPANISH FLY	Columbia 40477	Emotion is hot	17.8

(Based on sales of albums, tapes and CD'S from the nation's leading record merchandisers)



### DON'T YOU WANT ME

#### **CROSSOVERS WINNER!**

WILDCARD 9/21/87! 50-38 HITS TOP FIFTY SINGLES! 7\*-5\* R&R U/C!

Z95	add	ΚΙΚΧ	add		KKRZ	deb	35
WCAU	add	KMGX	add		Z102	deb	40
WEGX	add	WBBQ	add				
KZZP	add	WPST	add		<b>PWR106</b>	16-12	
FM102	add	WRCK	add		WQUE	16-13	3
KCPW	add	KWTO	add		B96	19-14	
KATD	add	WBAM	add		HOT103	22-17	
92X	add	K106	add		KMEL	23-17	
WKSS	add	WANS	add		Q106	25-22	
WTIC	add	WVSR	add		KWK	35-29	
КСРХ	add				WGTZ	40-33	}
Y107	add	PWR96	deb	27	WDJX	36-33	3
<b>BJ105</b>	add	KITY	deb	31			
KCAQ	add	KROY	deb	32			

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### BOYS NIGHT OUT

#### **FLASHMAKER!**

#### DEBUT 50 HITS TOP FIFTY SINGLES! #19 ALBUM NETWORK POWER CUTS!

KPLZ	add	WAPI	deb	30	Z93	34-31
K98	add	WBCY	deb	30	KZZU	40-32
FM100	add	Z104	deb	31	Q100	40-36
WNNK	add	KSAQ	deb	36	WLOL	40-37
WRQN	add	WKSI	deb	37		
Y93	add	KSND	deb	37	BREAK	ING AT:
WLRW	add				Z95	
KDON	add	WERZ	28-22	2	KEGL	
WAYS	add	KKRZ	30-23	3	KKBQ	
KKAZ	add	KJ103	38-24	1	KRBE	
WKQB	add	WMMS	32-29	•	<b>Z94</b>	
100KHI	add	WKDD	39-29	•	KUBE	
WSPT	add	WROQ	33-30			
WQUT	add				.MCA	RECORDS



# *TOP FIFTY ALBUMS*

LW	this Week	ARTIST	TITLE	LABEL	COMMENTS	Power Index
30	26	DANA DANE	WITH FAME	Profile PRO 1233	More rap	17.4
22	27	LEVERT	THE BIG THROWDOWN	Atlantic 7-81773-1	Giant 45 leads	15.9
25	28	GREAT WHITE	ONCE BITTEN	Capitol 12565	Hot video	14.6
26	29	MOTLEY CRUE	GIRLS, GIRLS, GIRLS	Elektra 9-60725-1	Steady seller	14.5
43	30	PET SHOP BOYS	ACTUALLY	EMI/Man 46972	Hot 45 leads	13.6
32	31	CARLY SIMON	COMING AROUND AGAIN	Arista 8443	HBO Special	13.2
35	32	ALEXANDER O'NEAL	HERESAY	Tabu FZ 40320 (CBS)	Hot urban	12.9
33	33	NEW ORDER	SUBSTANCE	Quest/WB 9 25621-1	Selling well	11.8
50	34	MICK JAGGER	PRIMITIVE COOL	Columbia 40919	Solo effort	11.6
36	35	ERIC B & RAKIM	PAID IN FULL	4th & Broadway 4005	Hot rap	10.5
27	36	CARS	DOOR TO DOOR	Elektra 9-60747-1	Falling	9.5
49	37	BANANARAMA	WOW	PolyGram 828 061-1	Hot 45 leads	9.4
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	38	SQUEEZE	BABYLON AND ON	A&M 5161 ·	Hot 45 leads	9.0
	38 39	SQUEEZE MR. MISTER	BABYLON AND ON GO ON	A&M 5161 · RCA 62 76-1	Hot 45 leads 2nd lp	9.0 8.5
 42	39	MR. MISTER	GO ON	RCA 62 76-1	2nd lp	8.5
- 42 41	39 40	MR. MISTER RICHARD MARX	GO ON RICHARD MARX	RCA 62 76-1 Manhattan 53049	2nd lp Hot new 45	8.5 7.2
 42 41 44	39 40 41	MR. MISTER RICHARD MARX SWING OUT SISTER	GO ON RICHARD MARX BETTER TO TRAVEL	RCA 62 76-1 Manhattan 53049 PolyGram 832 2131	2nd lp Hot new 45 Giant 45 leads	8.5 7.2 7.2
42 41 44	39 40 41 42	MR. MISTER RICHARD MARX SWING OUT SISTER BILLY IDOL	GO ON RICHARD MARX BETTER TO TRAVEL VITAL IDOL	RCA 62 76-1 Manhattan 53049 PolyGram 832 2131 Chrysalis 41620	2nd lp Hot new 45 Giant 45 leads Hot 45 leads	8.5 7.2 7.2 7.1
42 41 44  29	39 40 41 42 43	MR. MISTER RICHARD MARX SWING OUT SISTER BILLY IDOL BON JOVI	GO ON RICHARD MARX BETTER TO TRAVEL VITAL IDOL SLIPPERY WHEN WET	RCA 62 76-1 Manhattan 53049 PolyGram 832 2131 Chrysalis 41620 PolyGram 830264	2nd lp Hot new 45 Giant 45 leads Hot 45 leads Falling now	8.5 7.2 7.2 7.1 6.7
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42 41 44 29 31 38	39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47	MR. MISTER RICHARD MARX SWING OUT SISTER BILLY IDOL BON JOVI SUZANNE VEGA WHISPERS	GO ON RICHARD MARX BETTER TO TRAVEL VITAL IDOL SLIPPERY WHEN WET SOLITUDE STANDING JUST GETS BETTER	RCA 62 76-1 Manhattan 53049 PolyGram 832 2131 Chrysalis 41620 PolyGram 830264 A&M 5136 Solar ST-72554 (Cap)	2nd lp Hot new 45 Giant 45 leads Hot 45 leads Falling now Folk breakthrough New 45 developing	<ul> <li>8.5</li> <li>7.2</li> <li>7.2</li> <li>7.1</li> <li>6.7</li> <li>6.0</li> <li>5.9</li> </ul>
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42 41 44 29 31 38 40 48	39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47	MR. MISTER RICHARD MARX SWING OUT SISTER BILLY IDOL BON JOVI SUZANNE VEGA WHISPERS POISON UTFO	GO ON RICHARD MARX BETTER TO TRAVEL VITAL IDOL SLIPPERY WHEN WET SOLITUDE STANDING JUST GETS BETTER LOOK WHAT THE CAT LETHAL	RCA 62 76-1 Manhattan 53049 PolyGram 832 2131 Chrysalis 41620 PolyGram 830264 A&M 5136 Solar ST-72554 (Cap) Enigma 12523 (Cap) Select 21619	2nd lp Hot new 45 Giant 45 leads Hot 45 leads Falling now Folk breakthrough New 45 developing New 45 breaking Urban markets	8.5 7.2 7.2 7.1 6.7 6.0 5.9 5.3 5.3

O'JAYS (Manhattan) W.A.S.P. (Capitol) DEBBIE GIBSON (Atlantic) NEXT UP

SMITHS (Sire/WB) GUNS & ROSES (Geffen) ECHO & BUNNYMEN (Sire)

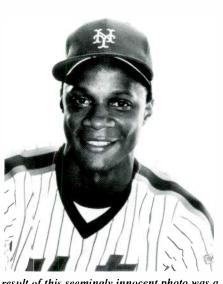
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An Exclusive

Hits interview

with Darryl Strawberry

By Janet Trakin



During the summer doldrums before the all-star break, when the Mets were 6 1/2 games behind the first-place Cardinals, a brouhaha erupted that threatened to destroy the spirit of the once indomitable 1986 World Champion New York Mets. It began when Darryl Strawberry, their most controversial power-hitter, claimed he had a fever and asked to be removed from the line-up for the second and third games of the June 29 - July 1 three-game series with the Redbirds from St. Loo at Shea.

THE STRAW

THAT STIRS

THE DRINK

The Mets won that night without him, but the next day in a New York paper appeared a picture of Darryl in a Queens recording studio rapping his tune "Chocolate Strawberry" into a mike when he was

• Was it worth the trouble you got into making the record? Were you really sick?

A I most definitely was sick. I was committed to doing the recording session. When you make a commitment you have to do it. I felt terrible all day. I was so sick that I wasn't strong enough to help the ball club win, and I thought the best thing to do was sit out.

• Who are your musical influences? sibility of doing a rap record with Kangol Kid and UTFO. I said, sure — fine. They were based in New York, so I was prepared for it because I was playing right here, in New York. We then just put things together and made it happen.

**Q** Whom do you listen to? Do you like Run-D.M.C.? The Beastie Boys? LL Cool J?

A I kind of like LL Cool J and Run-D.M.C., but you'd never catch me at a Run-D.M.C. concert. I also like Dana Dane.

#### "Cutting a rap record has always been my dream."

A I had a lot of influences. It's something I've always wanted to do. I was going to do it with Kurtis Blow, but things just didn't seem to work out. We couldn't get together to do it. I then got involved with some other people, namely this guy from California I went to school with, Ritchie Rich, who was in the rap business. He spoke to me about the pos• Do you have plans to follow up "Chocolate Strawberry" with a video?

A It would be nice. We had talked about it, and somewhere down the line we'll work it out. I'm quite sure it would be very exciting for me to do a video after the release of the record. I'm anxious to do that if it comes around. supposed to be sick. The result of this seemingly innocent photo was a backlash of criticism from his teammates, especially Lee Mazzilli and Wally Backman who both felt he let the club down by not playing.

Strawberry was hurt by his teammates' remarks and reacted boldly. "Where would this team be without me? So I miss a couple of games. These guys are asses. When I'm gone from here, they'll wonder why I left," he said.

Hits Magazine hit the field to elicit the "Strawberry Statement" from the Straw Man himself and to find out more about his moonlighting in the record biz.

**O** Do you have plans for music after baseball?

A No, not really [laughs]. I just enjoy music. I like all types. Making the rap record is something I looked forward to doing. Being in the profession that I'm in, you think of other things that you like to do, and cutting a rap record has always been my dream.

**0** Do you really want to be traded? Wouldn't you rather stay in New York with all its media exposure?

A Right now, I'm very pleased and satisfied with the way things have calmed down. New York is a great place to play in, with the support behind you. I'm going to continue playing here. I don't really worry about the media; I'm so used to it. I've been in New York for five years now.

**0** What do you find to be the difference between New York and California? Would you rather play in your hometown, Los Angeles?

A At this point, I'd prefer being in New York. A lot of things happen here. People in L.A. are more laid-back, whereas people in New York are more outgoing. They like to go and do things. There's a big difference. It's something you have to deal with. Most players on the team that are not from New York find it rough, but it takes time to get used to. Everything else comes around once you make those adjustments.

**0** Do you think the Mets can win this thing?

A We have a great chance as good as anyone else's. Right now, we're not going to look ahead to the World Series. You have to be very patient until that happens. When that time comes, if it happens and you're in the World Series, it's exciting to be there, you enjoy it and make the best of it. After all, the goal is to make the World Series. I've been in the majors now for five years, and I've already played in my first World Series. Some guys spend 10 years without ever reaching the World Series - some spend an entire career. Hopefully, we'll get back there. It's just a matter of time.



### **MOVIE SCORES**

	TITLE	WEEKEND GROSS	PER SCREEN AVERAGE	TOTAL GROSS	SOUNDTRACK
1	FATAL ATTRACTION	7.7m	9920	18.7m	Soundtrack on GNP/Crescendo.
2	PRINCIPAL	3.5m	2966	9.4m	
3	HELLRAISER	2.7m	2407	8.3m	Soundtrack on Cinedisc.
4	STAKEOUT	2.5m	1940	53.9m	
5	PICK UP ARTIST	2.5m	2200	7.9m	
6	DIRTY DANCING	2.1m	2099	27.4m	Soundtrack & Medley/Warnes 45 on RCA.
7	LA BAMBA	1.5m	1464	49.3m	Soundtrack, title cut and two 45's by Los Lobos on WB.
8	NO WAY OUT	1.3m	1436	30.4m	Soundtrack on Varese Sarabande and Julia Migenes and Paul Anka 45 on Columbia.
9	CAN'T BUY ME LOVE	1.0m	1146	28.2m	
10	THE BIG EASY	.95m	1289	15.5m	Soundtrack on Antilles/Island.

#### Film Information Courtesy of THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER



#### by Lenny Beer & Mike Murphy

The following which were rumored are now fact: Steve Perun moves to Y100 Miami as PD..... Marc Driscoll will be doing production work at KIIS-FM in Los Angeles..... KTKS in Dallas is "Waving"..... And, Hot 105 in Miami has hired a new PD, Jeff Tyson formerly of Y94 in Fresno and B106 in Washington. Tyson starts on October 5th ..... At KRQ in Tucson, Jim Gillie has resigned to move to KFYR in Phoenix as PD. No replacement has been named..... Rob Cunningham is the new PD at 93Q Syracuse, replacing former PD Dave Laird who will devote full time to mornings..... Ralph Carroll has resigned his PD position at WCGQ Columbus, Ga. He will remain as consultant. The new PD/GM is Joe McClure..... Jim Wilson is out as PD at WCKN Greenville. Tommy Smith is handling interim duties ..... Mark Gunn moves from WZKX Biloxi MD to KITE Corpus Christi as an air talent ..... New MD at KWNZ Reno is Dave Roble from

KHTZ just across the street..... Tony Collins has been upped to MD at KGGI Riverside/San Bern ..... Clarence Barnes will be taking over the MD position at **Z94** in Boston, beginning shortly ..... Contrary to the word on the street, Steve Kelly will not be moving to WZZU Raleigh, but will be standing pat at WKSI Winston-Salem ..... Y106 Orlando is changing calls from WHLY to WCAT. They will still be known as Y106 and there will be no format change..... Congrats to Marc Hansen of KFMW Waterloo and his new wife Chris on their marriage, 9/5..... Bob Laurence is the man in charge regarding the PD opening at KBEQ in Kansas City. The first name in the rumor mill is Waylon Richards..... Look for the announcement of a corporate position for Q105's Mason Dixon in the coming weeks..... Also, interviews have occurred and we expect a decision on the Programming opening at WBCY Charlotte by next issue.

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