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4HIM: Strange Way To Save the World



FIVE CONSECUTIVE #1 radio singles, seven Dove nominations, "Best New Artist" Dove award and three top-selling albums have made Benson Music Group's 4HIM the sleeper sensation of the '90s. But Christian music's best kept secret isn't keeping quiet anymore. With the group's first Christmas release, *Season of Love*, due out in October, a secured spot on the much-sought-after, hot Young Messiah project and a 25-city tour scheduled for the fall, Mark Harris, Kirk Sullivan, Andy Chrisman, and Marty Magehee are staring straight down at a busy and successful fall schedule.

4HIM's soft pop-rock quartet sound has made the band a favorite to a surprisingly diverse audience. While the industry has been slow to jump on the band's fan wagon, consumers young and old have been flocking to the group's energetic, if not homogeneous, live performance. Melodic four-part harmonies and lush arrangements with enough guitar to make the music pop, 4HIM preaches and prods its audience with a decidely motivated, inspirational message.

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RIAA AUGUST AWARDS: The Recording Industry Association of America's August certifications include 15 Gold, 12 Platinum and nine Multi-Platinum albums, seven Gold and two Platinum singles. Listed are: Motion picture soundtracks Poetic Justice, Last Of The Mohicans, What's Love Got To Do With It, all Gold; Last Action Hero, Platinum and The Bodyguard hit nine million. Single "I'm Gonne Be (500 Miles)" from Benny & Joonby The Proclaimers went Gold while UB40's "Can't Help Falling In Love" single from Sliver tapped Platinum.

Barbra Streisand's Back To Broadway marked her 31st Gold and 21st Platinum album while Michael Jackson's Thriller was certified this month for U.S. sales of 22 million, breaking its own all-time high to remain the highest certified title in RIAA history. Jackson's Bad also reached seven million in August while Janet Jackson's janet. hit triple Platinum. Non-related Alan Jackson's A Lot About Livin' (And A Little 'Bout Love) album reached double Platinum status. Los Bukis' Quiereme LP and Gloria Estefan's Mi Tierra LP are the first Latin albums awarded Gold this year. Blind Melon got its first Gold and Platinum for Blind Melon and first Platinum albums went to H-Town's Fever For Da Flavor, John Michael Montgomery's Life's A Dance, and Tracy Lawrence's Alibis.

AGREEIN', WHEELIN' & DEALIN': Arista has announced an agreement with PGA Records, beginning with its first release, Total Devastation. The newly formed, LA-based label is headed by Patrick Armstrong. Under the agreement with PGA, Arista will nationally release "Many Clouds of Smoke," as well as Total Devastation's forthcoming debut album. They will also work closely in relation to future signings and releases.

Beggars Banquet, UK-based indie, and The Atlantic Group have entered a multi-faceted U.S. licensing and distribution agreement, announced Atlantic Group co-chairman/co-CEO Doug Morris and Beggars Banquet founder and president Martin Mills. Terms are a two-tiered system: selected Beggars Banquet artists will be marketed by Atlantic Group, either via Atlantic Records or EastWest Records America, and distributed through WEA; other artists will be developed independently by Beggars Banquet and distributed via ADA (Alternative Distribution Alliance). In addition, the Beggars Banquet catalog will now be distributed in the U.S. by ADA.

Daniel Glass, president and CEO of ERG, annouced the formation of Pendulum Records' joint venture between ERG and Rogli Entertainment. In the agreement ERG will acquire 50% interest in Pendulum. Pendulum's initial plans calls for the release of at least seven albums over the next year. ERG will market and promote releases in concert with the Pendulum staff. The principals of Rogli Entertainment are Ruben Rodriguez and David Glinert. As part of the transaction, Rodriguez, president/CEO of Pendulum, will oversee the day-to-day operations.

BAUM PASSING: Songwriter Bernie Baum, longtime member of ASCAP, died of diabetes complications August 28 in Yonkers, NY. During a career that began in 1949 Baum wrote music and lyrics for a wide range of artists from Tony Bennett, Ray Charles and Elvis Presley to Eartha Kitt, Peggy Lee and Teresa Brewer. Perhaps his best known hit was Brewer's "Music, Music, Music." He was 63 and is survived by wife Ida and two children, Steven of LA and Carol of NY.

GREENE BERKLEE DEGREE: Recording Academy president Michael Greene received an Honorary Degree from the Berklee College of Music September 7. This honor places Greene in the company of Billy Joel, George Martin and other past recipients.

















Elektra Entertainment has announced a couple of staff changes. Chris



Tobey has joined the company as vice president, sales. He comes to the label from Rhino Records, where he has been vice president of marketing since 1989. Also, John Kohl has been promoted to the post of national director, alternative marketing and promotion. He had been West Coast director, alternative promotion for the past year. ■ Colin Reef has been appointed vice president, chief financial officer for Rhino Entertainment. He was most recently vice president/finance & operations for Epic Records. **Bon**nie Barrett has been named director. midline catalog sales at Sony Music **Distribution**. She was previously director of sales at Sony Classical. Epic Records has tapped Ellen Williams as product manager. She joins Epic from Motown Records where she worked in product management and artist development.

Mark Walker has been appointed attorney at Poly-Gram Holding, Inc. Before coming to PolyGram, he was an associate at O'-Melveny & Myers in the Media Finance Group for five years. ■ Chrysalis Music Group has hired La-Ronda "Ronnie" Sutton to the newly created position of director of Black music. She was manager of creative services at EMI Music for five years. Sterling Youngman has been made director of video production at November Records/R.E.D.. Most recently he produced and directed Planet Teranex: Gulity, a computer animation short. **Elston Butler** has been named station manager/general sales manager for radio station V103.9 (formerly KACE). He returns to the L.A./San Bernardino-based station after a two-year absence, during which time he worked for KLSX-FM/KRLA-AM and KROO-FM.

MDUSTRY BUZZ



McCoy Tyner: Performing with verve

AFTER THE NEW YORK SALSA FESTIVAL took NYC into the wee-wee hours (with performances by Marc Anthony and Tito Nieves), the town found itself awash in the cool breeze of steel drums on Labor Day, as nearly a million and a half enjoyed the West Indian-American Day Carnival Parade, which concluded four days of celebration. Upstate in Saratoga Springs, Peter Gabriel spearheaded a batch of performances related to his WOMAD label. Among the participants were PM Dawn and Gabriel himself.

OUR FAVORITE THINGS: McCoy Tyner and his trio closed out a weeklong stand at the Blue Note Sunday night before an enthusiastic SRO crowd. Tyner, though not the kind to while away the hours chatting with the audience, seemed in especially good spirits as he led his fired-up rhythm section through the set. He is thought of most readily, of course, as having been John Coltrane's pianist during the master's most acknowledged years, and today he has by no means abandoned the modal (or one scale) concepts they explored. Not to suggest he isn't his own man; he has said that he was merely pursuing his own intentions on the piano and that they

happened to coincide with Coltrane's seminal musings.

They began the show with Tyner's "Home," a piece that paired a more traditional section of swing changes with a single, modal vamp that gave bassist Avery Sharpe a chance to display his unusual (in the jazz world) approach to soloing: dirty blues phrases and slapping and popping on the upright bass. As he continued, he moved into strumming repeated guitar chords, intriguing the audience an extra notch.

Continuing with a lightning-fast version of Coltrane's "Lazy Bird," they rounded out the set with a solo piece by Tyner that mixed bright, busy flourishes with sustained, moody moments. The untitled tune that followed seemed to focus the evening's best—African rhythms layered with Latin embellishments from drummer Aaron Scott provided a living foundation for Sharpe's single-line mantra, giving Tyner the space to take us out there. Together, they're a well-oiled unit, as one can hear on Tyner's Turning Point (Verve), a Grammy winner this year that finds the group holding down the fort for a big band performance.

ON THE STREET WHERE YOU LIVE there might be more history than you realize—this week the part of Avenue B in Manhattan that adjoins Tomkins Square Park was named "Charlie Parker Place" (Bird had a brownstone there in his later years), commemorating the life of a musician whose relationship with the city was as nurturing as it was symbiotic and fateful.

By Troy J. Augusto



Cash Box WEST COAST

KIIS-FM hosted a benefit for the L.A. Unified School District's Performing Arts Program at the

Palace. Musical performers included Inner Circle, Tag Team and SoCal reggae favorites Big Mountain. As if that wasn't enough, the station hired a gaggle of celeb look-a-likes to shock and amuse the gathered folk. Seen here, (I-r), hamming it up at the party are a faux RuPaul (too short), station jock Rick Dees, false Madonna (too young), phony George Michael (too-fake beard) and flim-flam Janet Jackson (too big). A fake Heidi Fleiss was seen in front of the club scalping tickets.

AS FOR THE REAL MTV AWARDS, the show had its ups and its definite downs. The evening's host, Hunk-of-the-Hour Christian Slater, turned in a workingmanlike effort, acceptable but hardly as entertaining as past hosts. Dare we say bring back Arsenio? At times stiff and too low-key, Slater was simply out of his element. There's no doubting the man's acting abilities—he's one of the most exciting young actors in Hollywood—but awards show hosting is definitely not something Slater should include on his resume. The undisputed performance winner of the evening was the Neil Young/Pearl Jam jam on Young's "Rocking In The Free World," as unexpectedly arousing as anyone's ever been in the program's 10- year history. Other highlights included a moving turn from R.E.M. (when are they going to tour again?), Aerosmith's surprisingly potent rendition of "Living On The Edge," a new song from Pearl Jam (can't wait to hear the new album, due in mid-October) and this exchange, in the press tent, between k.d. lang and a male reporter: Reporter: "What was going through your mind when you did that Vanity Fair photo-shoot with Cindy Crawford?" lang: "Probably the same thing that would have been going through your mind!" Well said.

Other backstage moments to cherish included Tony Bennett (new album soon) shaking hands outside the media port-a-potty area; members of the Red Hot Chili Peppers changing their clothes, post-show, in front of their dressing room's open windows, much to the delight of a group of giggling looky-loos; the number of clueless reporters that asked celeb's opinion on the Michael Jackson scandal (few commented); and evening-long speculation on whether rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg (Calvin Broadus) would be able to elude police long enough to appear on the program with partner Dr. Dre. He did in fact manage to appear and then slip out of the area without being noticed by the boys in blue who were probably more interested in trying to get into the after-party. (Dogg has since been formally charged with murder stemming from a shooting August 25 that left one alleged gangmember dead. It's alleged that he was driving the vehicle that was carrying the triggerman, allegedly Snoop's bodyguard, McKinley Lee.) An odd onstage conversation took place between 7-foot drag queen/dance diva RuPaul and Milton Berle, whereby each seemed intent on insulting

the other. Is this a great show or what? Kodak moments at the party included the appearance, in full costume, of Heather, the little girl in the bee suit from the front of the Blind Melon album, an unexpected appearance from injured tennis star Monica Seles, who wasn't in a talking mood, and the paparazzi crush that hounded Peter Gabriel and Sinead O'Connor as they tried to enter the shindig. MTV will be rerunning the entire awards show everyday until next spring, when the channel announces the participants for the 1994 show. Can't wait.



TALENT REVIEW

Tears For Fears

By Scott Chambliss

WILTERN THEATRE, LOS ANGELES, CA-SHOUT! SHOUT! THERE'S SOMEONE LEFT OUT. The once successful pop



duo Tears For Fears has been reduced to a solo effort from Roland Orzabal (no wonder he kept the name Tears For Fears), but be assured that former partner Curt Smith's presence should not be missed. The first of two Los Angeles appearances at the Wiltern Theatre was absolutely outstanding. Orzabál kicked off the set with the title track of the new Mercury album Elemental, the supersolid groove of which set the pace for a truly

entertaining and gimmick-free show.

Unlike previous T.F.F. tours, this had a simple "Elemental" quality without any gratuitous flash. The set list was comprised of primarily new material as well as a few hits from previous albums. Personal favorites were, "Break It Down Again," which is the first single from the new album and "Bad Man's Song," from the Seeds Of Love lp. The band was crisp and well-rehearsed, and performed with a prescient unity. Elemental combined with Orzabal's performance on this tour should nullify anyone's skepticism as to his ability to maintain the level of artistic fortitude that is associated with the Tears For Fears name.

TALENT REVIEW

Bobby "Blue" Bland/ Lowell Fulsom

By M.R. Martinez



Bobby Bland

THE PROUD BIRD, INGLEWOOD, CA—There are a plethora of pretenders playing blues, people who would rather be rock stars, but don't have the chops for that either. So instead they put on a pork pie hat, take some of the volume off their barroom rock and claim to be bluesmen. One person that will never be mistaken for a poseur is the inimitable Bobby "Blue" Bland, who delighted a standing-room-only set with a collection of his hits, some obscure material and a few cover tunes.

Supported by a marvelous backing band, Bland moved easily from traditional blues to swingin' R&B and back again. The common thread, the connective tissue throughout, was those strands in throat, the vocal chords which give him his distinctive blues growl. Before the evening was over, Bland had some in the Sunday night audience dancing, unable to contain themselves. It was evident that the blues brought joy to those who imbibed Bland's intoxicating

Guitarist Lowell Fulsom preceded Bland on the bill with a mellow set that showcased his minimalist soul. His guitar work, while not flashy, was soulful, communicative and ultimately skillful. Backed by a local band, Fulsom seemed undaunted as he played a number of standards and recognizable riffs. Fulsom was also a crowd pleaser on a night where there were several pleasurable moments.

TALENT REVIEW

Marc Cohn

By Fred L. Goodman



THE ROXY, WEST HOLLYWOOD, CA—When he won the Best New Artist Grammy a year ago, Marc Cohn seemed destined for superstardom. His new Atlantic album, *The Rainy Season*, with its hit single, "Walk Through The World," has brought him closer to that elite circle of artists. But it will probably be his live performances that will catapult him to the top. Watching him perform so effortlessly and engagingly on the Roxy stage, one could sense this club tour, with its intimate environs, will undoubtedly be the last chance to catch Cohn in so small a venue. It will be arenas from now

With an SRO crowd enthusiastically singing along with every tune and strongly suggesting his set list ("Welcome to Wednesday at the Roxy," Cohn joked with his fans. "It's 'You Call The Set' Night."). Opening with "Silver Thunderbird," one of the most beloved songs from his first album, Cohn set the tone for the evening with an impromptu verse about growing up in Cleveland that drew laughs and cheers from the audience. The entire set was a wondrous blend of both joyous and poignant tunes about life and love mixed with Cohn's wry sense of humor.

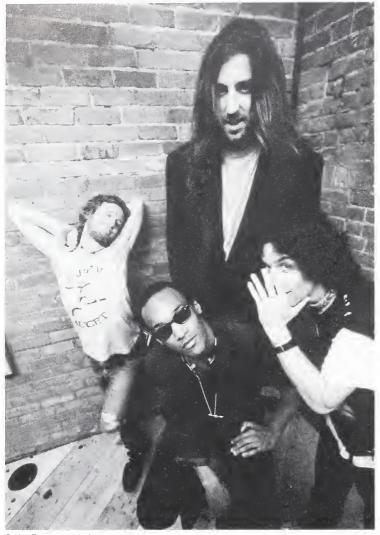
Cohn's eclectic musical style, which employs elements of folk, rock, R&B, gospel and blues, was evident on self-penned songs like "Dig Down Deep," "Perfect Love," "Paper Walls," "Miles Away" and "True Companion." For good measure, he also threw in covers of Van Morrison's "Into The Mystic" and Willie Dixon's "29 Ways." On "Old Soldier," Cohn was joined by friend and labelmate David Crosby, who was an inspiration for the tune. "Walkin' In Memphis," Cohn's biggest hit to date, served as the rousing finale.

Opening the evening's festivities was Melissa Ferrick, a singer/songwriter from Boston whose debut album on Atlantic is Massive Blur. Accompanying herself on guitar, Ferrick's ferocious strumming complemented her booming voice and quirky folk/rock tunes. Her debut single, "Love Song," was a standout.

TERNATIONAL

UK

By Mick Green



Spin Doctors: UB40 #1; They B2

FOLLOWING THE NEWS reported last week that the British Singles Breakers Chart was facing a lot of criticism things have moved even faster than anyone could have ever anticipated with the trade weekly *Music Week* reinstating the Top 75 in place of the Top 40 and Breakers Chart that had only been in place three weeks!

The publication's editorial stated that the reason for reverting was simply pressure from the retail trade and other interested parties. They had received more telephone calls and letters regarding this one subject than anything else all year.

So we are back to square one, and everyone knows that square one was not a happy or successful place to be because, despite the UK singles market being the most successful in the world, it is generally considered by those who work in the industry to be in a state of crisis.

To put it simply there seems little point in releasing a single without an accompanying video. The revenue generated by singles simply doesn't justify this. The trade paper gave over the whole of its front page to this "single" issue and although no one seemed to know what to do all agreed that something must be done.

Retailers feel they cannot afford to stock singles because of the sheer pace of the market and the fact that singles now appear in four different formats. The labels and music publishers are still trying to break records and hoping that such single success will sell albums but there are less and less retailers to help them break new records.

Those retailers that remain are reluctant to stock singles and the labels have become so desperate to persuade them to stock them that around \$33 million worth of singles are *given away* each year

and this, in turn, has led some retailers to stop dealing direct with the record companies because they can buy singles cheaper in rival retailers' reject bins. This policy of handing out free product is condemned by virtually all the retail trade.

The record companies probably agree but they're reluctant to change because they're afraid they'll give an advantage to rivals. If this wasn't bad enough the variety of deals struck between retailers and suppliers is so varied that one major retail outlet says its stores charge up to seven different prices for CD singles depending on the deal they get.

The Breakers Chart was set up about seven months ago to try and rectify the matter but of the 32 records which have topped that list only five have gone on to the Top 40 and only **Shaggy** went all the way to the top spot. The more you look into the figures the worse it gets, more than 600 records appeared in the Breakers Chart since it was started and of these only 17 have even reached the Top 40. This is nearly a 98% failure rate!

So what is to be the next move? At present no one knows but it is clear that as soon as the silly summer season is over the various parties must sit down and discuss the matter until a sensible solution can be found.

YET ANOTHER WRIT... Even when an artist is long dead and gone it appears that their name can still appear in court cases and classical music has proved that it will not let pop have all the center stage in our courts. **BBC Audio International** is suing **Decca** and has issued a writ challenging the company to show why it cannot license for sale tapes recorded for the BBC by **Benjamin Britten**. Decca claims it had the composer/conductor under exclusive contract from 1957 until his death in 1976.

BBC Audio International has the **Britten Estate** and **Britten- Pears Trust** as joint plaintiffs. This case follows another similar one against **EMI** which, after 18 months of talks, ended with an out-of-court settlement allowing **BBCAI** to license recordings of broadcast performances made by some of EMI's "exclusive" artists.

All this comes along at a time when classical sales are continuing to make progress with second quarter sales almost 10% higher than 1992. This is good news because this section of the market really slumped following the 1990s Three Tenors-led boom.

THE CHARTS...Britain has its third Number One this year from a European act. Culture Beat's "Mr. Vain" grabbed the top spot having reigned supreme for eight weeks in Germany and having other, but less spectacular, success throughout the rest of Europe. The other European acts to dominate our charts this year were 2Unlimited with "No Limit" and Ace Of Base with "All That She Wants"

This is the tip of an iceberg, however, because **Cappella**, **Roxette**, **Dr Alban**, **Haddaway**, **Usura** and **Snap** are other acts that have all made Top 10. It is a long while since European acts had such an effect on our charts.

In Britain Gibbs is a famous make of toothpaste but the Gibb Brothers must be putting a smile back on the faces of their publishers. Fifteen years ago they had no fewer than 14 UK hits and this year sees a resurgence of many of their songs. Kim Wilde's cover of "If I Can't Have You" scored, Moses' "More Than A Woman" and Lulu's recording of "Let Me Wake Up In Your Arms" have just been released and tipped to do well and the brothers themselves are currently at #25 with "Paying The Price Of Love" and two other versions of Gibbs' songs are scheduled for teen acts.

Tina Turner may be past 50 but she has proved she can still turn out the hits. Her remake of "Disco Inferno" is her 10th since making the big Five-O and equals Frank Sinatra's record for most hits when aged over 50. Overall it is her 31st hit.

As far as albums are concerned **UB40** and *Promises And Lies* still rule the roost but **Spin Doctors** and *Pocket Full Of Kryptonite* pull **U2** and *Zooropa* into third position. Highest new entry is **Adam Ant** with *Antmusic—The Best Of* at #7 and the only other new entry is **Boo Radley**'s *Giant Step* at #17. **Terence Trent D'Arby** is the highest climber moving from #72 to #35 with *Symphony Or Damn*.



NEWS FROM JAPAN

ACCORDING TO RIAJ (Record Industries Association of Japan), the total shipments of audio and video softwares for July, 1993 here have been \$523 million, 6% up over the comparable month of the previous year. Volume for the same period equals 38.645 million units, a 26% increase. Breaking them down in items: audio softwares were \$404 million, 77% of the total and 15% up with 35.202 million units in volume, 91% of the total, up 24%. Video softwares were \$113 million, 22% of the total, 16% down, volume was 2.875 million units, 7% of the total, 12% down. Of the total audio softwares shipments, CDs were \$378 million, 18% percent up and a volume of 32.554 units, 29% up.

CD - R (COMPACT DISC RECORDABLE) for CD home recordings will be released here within the year by four hardware manufacturers and four disc companies. The manufacturers are Kenwood, Nippon-Marants, Pioneer and Yamaha. Disc companies involved are Taiyo-Yuden, TDK, Mitsui-Chemical and Mitsubishi-Chemical. The announcement was made jointly by the participating companies. According to the manufacturers, high quality sounds will be able to be recorded by CD - R and these sounds will be able to be reproduced by common CD players in homes. The conditions for releasing will be disclosed soon, however, one of the manufacturers mentioned above said the retail sales price will be \$5,000.

ACCORDING TO A SURVEY conducted by RIAJ, the total number of record rental outlets throughout the country are 4,576 as of June, 1993, 9% down from the comparable month of the prior year. 89% of these shops are carrying out the rental business of video softwares at the same time.

ORQUESTA DE.LA.LUZ, a salsa group on BMG Victor, will be awarded the UN Peach Medal by the United Nations, a first for the Japanese artists. The group, Japanese Latin music performers, have collected amazing audiences at their concerts in the middle and Southern Latin American countries together with charity concerts the group performed in these countries. They have been ranked at the top of the Latin Music chart s of the music trade papers here. According to a message from the United Nations to the group the reason for the award is as follows: "The group has contributed to the peace of the world and the harmony of the culture through their musical activities. They have given splendid appeals to the many people of the world to co-operate on getting beyond differences of human races, sex, languages and religions." An awards ceremony will be held at UN headquarters in New York on September 10, after which the group will concert tour in Peru, Puerto Rico, Colombia and Nicaragua.

SARAH, (Society for the Administration of Remuneration for Audio Home Recording), according to its president Miyuki Ishimoto, has started to collect royalties for home tapings of digital recordings from June 1st, according to the amendments of the copyright law which has instituted a system to collect royalties from digital home tapings for the copyright owners. Since instituting the system, 2 years ago, the royalty rate is 1% of the wholesale prices both of digital hard and softwares, which users must pay when purchasing these wares at retailers. The royalties rate will be re-examined and raised in the 3rd year. According to SARAH, the total royalties collected annyally is an estimated \$14 million.

LOCAL 45s TOP 10

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- SONS AND DAUGHTERS (Pony Canyon)...Chage & Aska
- EROTICA SEVEN (Victor)...Southern All Stars
- MANATSU NO YONOYUME (Toshiba EMI)...Yumi Matsutoya
- NATSUNOHINO 1993 (Apollon)...Class
- MAKE UP SHADOW (For Life)...Yosui Inoue
- SHIMAUTA (Sony)...The Boom
- MOONSHINE DANCE (Fun House)...Access
- TSUBASAO HIROGETE (BGRAM)...Deen
- POCKET BELL GA NARANAKUTE (Meldac)...Banri Kunitake
- FRIENDS (Apollon)...Hideaki Tokunaga

LOCAL CDs TOP 10

- ART OF LIFE (MMG)...X
- 1/2 & 1/2 (For Life)...Anri
- YURERU OMOI (BGRAM)...Zard
- CLASSIX 1 (Epic Sony)...TMN
- FACELESS MAN (Sony)...The Boom
- CLASSIX 2 (Epic Sony)...TMN
- 7 AISURU HITOE (Sony)...Yumi Tanimura
- 8 JULIANA TOKYO VOL. 6 (Avex)...Omnibus
- HITORIBOCCHI NO ALE (Kitty)...Anzenchitai
- RIVER OF DREAMS (Sony)...Billy Joel



FILM REVIEWS

The Joy Luck Club

By John Goff



The mothers and daughters of *The Joy Luck Club* (I-r): Kieu Chinh, Ming-Na Wen, Tamlyn Tomita, Tsai Chin, France Nuyen, Lauren Tom, Lisa Lu and Rosalind Chao.

TO BRING THE JOY LUCK CLUB to the screen at all must have looked like an impossible undertaking from the start: No special effects, no car chases, no killings, only one rape in a saga centering on eight women. Character development? Plot? Emotional and spiritual change? In a movie? "Unheard of! Get out of here with that garbage!" (A well-sharpened throwing star whistles through the steamy executive suite and embeds itself in the door)..."But it's a best seller, translated into 20 languages." (The SOUND of a cash register is heard.) "You've got 30 seconds, babe, pitch me. Make me love it."

Maybe that's not *exactly* the way it went down. Maybe it went to Oliver Stone from the beginning. Stone, as in *An Oliver Stone Production*, has been known to be undaunted by the daunting in the past, and teamed with co-executive producer Janet Yang, the opportunity for a mounting was present.

Still, to even consider bringing this to the screen was a formidable undertaking simply from a technical P.O.V. Amy Tan's novel sprawls from China to the U.S., two very different cultures and eras and tells eight stories of eight women from childhood to maturity. A totally linear script would have been an absolute impossibility and the non-linear one provided by Amy Tan and Ronald Bass was the only way it *could* work. Early on the flashbacks within flashbacks are momentarily confusing but it all comes clear soon enough and an audience adjusts to the designed format accepting each segment as almost a separate story with Beginning, Middle and End. Extensive voice-over narration from the character of the moment aids clarification for the following of the stories.

This undoubtedly will be viewed as a groundbreaking film; totally female-driven and Asian-American on top of that. It will require special handling to find its audience and bring them into the theatres. Maybe it'll require telling audiences what it is: Is it a Woman's film? A feminist picture? What is a Woman's film now? This certainly is not Thelma And Louise. What, as defined by a woman, is a "Woman's" film, story, picture now? Any answers out there? It will be interesting to follow.

Director Wayne Wang takes his time with the relationships between the various mothers and daughters, and this makes slow time for the slam-bangers, even in think pieces, audiences here are used to. Ultimately it works as a sometimes moving but sometimes predictable piece. Predictable in that each story has an obligatory tear-letting as each woman overcomes and understands something about themselves and each other. It's not all tears however. All emotions are given the once over at one time or another with a chilling baby death sequence forcing heads to turn away in what ultimately is recognized as anger from the screen.

Performances are uniformly good with France Nuyen standing out, given a character who, when her past periodically hits, becomes almost catatonic. The effect the inner misery has on the outer shell is chilling as depicted by Nuyen. Look for recognition come Oscar season. Tsai

Chin, most vocal of the mothers, presents a strong portrait. Lisa Lu and Kieu Chinh complete the elders. Lovely Ming-Na Wen is the meeting point of the daughters struggling to find their own way in bridging the old with the new. Various stages of that journey are seen through the eyes of Tamlyn Tomita, showing strength, Lauren Tom and Rosalind Chao.

Amir Mokri's photography often evokes Asian art in its composition and is generously pleasant. Music by Rachel Portman is fine. Maysie Hoy edited.

The Thing Called Love

By Brad Hogue



Samantha Mathis and River Phoenix find *The Thing Called Love* on stage in Nashville.

when struggling songwriters get serious enough to chase their dreams to Music City, many things can happen. This film gives some insight into some of those things. While it doesn't exactly compare to Robert Altman's brilliant vision of Nashville, director Peter Bogdanovich's The Thing Called Love certainly has its moments. Following an advance screening here (in Nashville) a few weeks ago, the film received so much bad word-of-mouth that the idea of a limited or direct-to-video release is said to have been mulled over. Now, with the finished film in theaters, the reasons for Paramount's seeming loss of interest are not so visible. Yes, the blockbusters are sucking in the dough this summer, and in comparison, The Thing Called Love appears tame. It's really not.

The plot is built around an aspiring songwriter named Miranda Presley (Samantha Mathis), who leaves New York for the greener pastures of success found while waiting tables at the renowned songwriting haven, the Bluebird Cafe. There she is reluctantly befriended by Lucy (K.T. Oslin), the Bluebird's owner. Add to the mix a circle of fellow wanna-be songwriters, and you've got yourself some real life dramatics. Presley (no relation to Elvis) moves into a rundown hotel with an eccentric Southern peach named Linda Lue (Sandra Bullock), falls in love with the introverted up-and-coming performer Jim (River Phoenix), and eventually causes problems between Jim and his friend, Dale (Dermot Mulroney), who also seeks to be the object of Miranda's affection. Complications result from this triangular situation, and we find the characters actually becoming authentic in their own little selfish ways. Linda Lue realizes Music Row is not her ship-to-come-in-on, while Miranda and Jim's developing relationship ends in a too-quick marriage. Dale does end up with a Trisha Yearwood cut, though, and Yearwood makes a cameo appearance as herself.

Nashvillians have already filed complaint against the movie's portrayal of Nashville as the line-dance capital of the world, and about the geographical inaccuracies, and also about the differences in the real-life Bluebird vs. the one on film, *but*, for viewers living outside Music City, *The Thing Called Love* is a surprisingly interesting little film which sheds some really good light on Music City using basic characters and basic human emotions. I'd pay to see it again.

VIDEO REVIEWS

Over The Hill

By John Goff



THE BEAUTY OF AUSTRALIA is central to this home vid starring Olympia Dukakis as a widow whose children shunt her off. Chance to say something about ageism is lost in this poorly written and unevenly directed character piece. Dukakis does her best, but the material takes her down. One minute her character is totally self-sufficient and the next she the cliched figure of whining oldster. Derek Fowlds as a wandering, outback part-time dentist adds some nicely thought-through moments, and David McHugh's music is compelling. Still, the best thing about this is David Connell's photography and the beautiful down-under scenery. Actually worth the rental. New Line Home Video

The Trials Of Life

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THIS IS AN ENTIRE SERIES, a 12-tape set, but if you have youngsters interested in life, or if you yourself are interested in life, the survival of life, nature or the scheme of living things you're not going to find anything better. Acclaimed naturalist Sir David Attenborough, also known for the wonderful series Life On Earth and The Living Planet, wrote and hosts this. Already shown and honored in Britain by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts as "Best Documentary Series," Trials of Life is being offered in individual tapes (12 separate units), gift sets of four installments each or a comprehensive collector's set. Not for the faint of heart; 40 wildlife cameramen went from the wild interior of jungles to the depths of the ocean to record animal survival and life and some of the instances are brutal. Much is beautiful, however, and all of it fascinating. Above all, it's real. Turner Home Entertainment.

VID BIZ

By John Goff

CROSS POLLINATIONS: Sonv Corporation of America and Nabisco Biscuit Company have joined forces to cross-promote both companies' products "during the November/December 1993 holiday season."—Sony's Hottest Holiday Hits, starring the Crackers Ritz!-No, actually the campaign, which begins its assault November 1 with advertising on 66 million Nabisco packages will involve 19 Nabisco brands and 34 selected products from four Sony divisions: Sony Music (CD and cassettes), Columbia TriStar Home Video (home vid), Sony Imagesoft (video games) and Sony Electronics ("My First Sony" products). Also marks the first time four Sony companies have worked in tandem on a promotion. Campaign will end April 30, 1994... And this combination should truly "Clean Up": ABC Video and Lysol cleaning products will promo and distrib Daytime's Greatest Weddings! \$3 to \$5 rebate on the nuptials from venerable ABC Soap Operas All My Children, General Hospital (featuring wedding footage unseen in 30 years) and One Life To Live (each sold separately) with proofs of purchase from Lysol Deodorizing Cleaner, Lysol

Pine Action or Lysol Direct Multi-purpose Cleaner... Happy sudsing.



Estelle Getty shows the older generation how it's done in Young At Heart, Body Conditioning With Estelle.

FOR THE HEALTH CONSCIOUS: Sep-

tember 15 is the opening date for release of a new fitness tape from Video Treasures, Inc. starring The Golden Girls' Estelle Getty, which targets specifically the over-55 demographic group. Hey, don't grimace. One out of every four Americans, right now, is over 50 and lasting longer. That's a buck worth going after in any ad man's book. And it's further noted that people over 65 hold 50% of this nation's "discretionary" income and 77% of all-repeat-all financial assets. At any rate, this one is for those one-outof-fours who maybe have not been doing what they should have been doing for the more rapidly maturing or matured body (one of Estelle's workouts can be done sitting down) and are now going to get serious and

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| 27 MATINEE (MCA/Universal Home Video 81481) | 19 | 4 |
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extend their life expectancy. Give 'em hell, Estelle!...

And Jane Fonda's been aiming at "people of all ages and levels of fitness," for a good while now. A*Vision Entertainment is hitting the health market-same September 15 release date—and looking for a healthy payoff from three of Fonda's successful enterprises: the latest 1993 Favorite Fat Burners entry and, culled from past hits, Jane Fonda's Pregnancy Workout and Jane Fonda's Start Up. Fonda's line of workouts has been tremendously successful beginning with her first one in 1982. Since then she's had a new one on the market every year except for '88. As long as she continues to look like this there's no reason to think she won't be doing this for the 100+

demographic audience some day. Nothing succeeds like success you can see, lam on, lane!...



And for the younger older generation, prance to perfection with Jane Fonda. who's been at this game for a while, in *Jane* Fonda's Favorite Fat Burners. Looks like it works.

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TOP 100 POP SINGLES

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| THREE LITTLE PIGS Green Jelly, M. Leventhal (Jello R Us/Schrmemetone/Chrysalis, ASCAP) . VERY SPECIAL A. Hardey, W. Jeffery, L. Peters (AZ, Cold Chillin Warner Bros., At Home/ASCAP, Green Jelly, W. Jeffery, L. Peters (AZ, Cold Chillin Warner Bros., At Home/ASCAP, Green Jelly, W. Jeffery, L. Peters (AZ, Cold Chillin Warner Bros., At Home/ASCAP, Green Jelly, W. Jeffery, L. Peters (AZ, Cold Chillin Warner Bros., At Home/ASCAP, Green Jelly, W. Jeffery, L. Peters (AZ, Cold Chillin Warner Bros., At Home/ASCAP). | |
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| WANNAGIRL K.Thomas, T. Haynes (Yellow Elephant/Large Giant/Prosthytunes,Sony Tunes,ASCAP) | 96 |
| WEAK B.A.Morgan (Barn Jams, BMI) | . 11 |
| WHEN I FALL IN LOVE D.Foster (Chappell & Co., Intersong U.S.A/HL/BMI) | . 37 |
| WIFAT'S UP L. Perry (Stuck in the throat/ASCAP) | |
| ten,Zomba,/Chrysalis/BMI/Scratch "N" Source/ASCAP) | . 36 |
| WHOMP! THERE IT IS Tag Team (AlverT, BMI) | 3 |
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■ NIRVANA: "Heart Shaped Box" (DGC 4545) Lead peek at Nirvana's new *In Utero* set is a twisted and dynamic song that should stifle any rumblings about the band's new album not being radio- friendly. Hell, even L.A. rock has-been KLOS is playing the damned thing every 10 minutes. What next, Motorhead on the *Toright Show?* Punk-reared producer Steve Albini knows a good thing when he sees it, and, despite what you may have heard, keys on the band's many strengths: Kurt's slashing guitar and anxious vocals, Chris' steady and meaty bass thump and Dave's manic drumming.





■ REM: "Everybody Hurts" (Warner Bros. 18638)
This moving track from Automatic For The People might be I his moving track from Automatic For The People might be a hard sell at radio, given the somber mood and suicide-related theme, but backed by the song's intensely powerful video clip, it may be a sleeper hit. Michael Stipe's silky vocals and the song's lush string section provide this track's main appeal. Different configurations of the single offer different non-album tracks, each worth searching for. Most modern and album rockers can find a place for this gem while hits radio should wait for the video to start

Photogenic hit-making trio follows "I'll Never Get Over You (Getting Over Me)" with this down-tempo, uplifting ballad of strength and conviction. Ready-made for any adult-aiming or ballad-oriented outlets, though not one of the group's strongest performances. Penned by that wacky songwriting team of Diane Warren and the late Roy Orbison, this one is a perfect background companion for nights in front of the fireplace, afternoons in front of the dishwasher, or anything in between.





■ RED RED GROOVY: "Another Kind Of Find

(Continuum 12303)
Infectious and danceable tune is the bow from this retrotechno outfit (does that make sense?) and has already caused quite a stir in the dance clubs of the world. Offered in staggering nine different versions and mixes, song sports a steady, head-bobbing beat, Blondie-esque vocals (courtesy of singer Lori Larson), sharp guitars and various groovable rhythms, different on each mix. An effective and exciting blending of '80s dance-pop and '90s techno leanings, act is worth keeping a watchful eye on.





■ PRINCE: "Pink Cashmere" (Paisley Park/W.B. 5993)

PRINCE: "Pink Cashmere" (Paisley Park/W.B. 5993)

From the newly renamed purple god comes the first single issue from his new The Hits series of compilations, a smooth and mellow flight of James Brown-inspired slow burn. Prince returns to familiar territory, thematically, crowing about lavishing the day's apple of his eye with all things worldly and luxurious. The question is: when can we see one of these strumpets, standing in purple rain, wearing only a raspberry beret and a pink cashmere? Better yet, when is this guy going to dust off his trusty guitar and rip it up? Chances are this tune comes with a video clip sure to titillate the MTV crowd, so hits radio should expect phone action on this mid-quality Prince piece.

CASH BOX CHARTS

TOP 100 POP ALBUMS

SEPTEMBER 18, 1993



#1 ALBUM: Billy Joel



TO WATCH: Maze



HIGH DEBUT: Mariah Carey

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| 1 RIVER OF DREAMS (Columbia 53003) BILLY JOEL | . 1 | 4 | 51 | LIFE'S A DANCE (Atlantic 82420) JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY | 51 | 29 |
| 2 BLIND MELON (Capitol 96585) BLIND MELON | 1 4 | 9 | 52 | WHOOMP! (THERE IT IS) (Life/Bellmark 78000) TAG TEAM | 52 | 4 |
| 3 SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE (Epic 53764) SOUNDTRACK | | 6 | 53 | DANGEROUS (Epic 45400)(P4) MICHAEL JACKSON | 42 | 87 |
| 4 BLACK SUNDAY (Ruffhouse/Columbia 53931) CYPRESS HILL | | 4 | 54 | METALLICA (Elektra 61113)(P6) METALLICA | 55 | 100 |
| 5 janet (Virgin 12650) | | 12 | | CALL OF THE WILD (RCA 66251) AARON TIPPIN | | 3 |
| 6 CORE (Atlantic 82418) STONE TEMPLE PILOTS | | 30 | | BRIAN MCKNIGHT (Mercury 848605) BRIAN MCKNIGHT | | |
| 7 PROMISES AND LIES (Virgin 88229) | | | | NEVER LET ME GO (Epic 53231) LUTHER VANDROSS | 43 | 10 |
| 8 THE BODYGUARD (Arista/BMG 18699)(P6) SOUNDTRACK | | | | EVERYBODY ELSE IS DOING IT SO WHY CANT WE | | |
| 9 MUSIC BOX (Columbia 53205) MARIAH CAREY | | | | (Island/PLG 514156) | | |
| 10 GET A GRIP (Geffen 24455) AEROSMITH | | | | DEBUT (Elektra 61468) | | |
| 11 UNPLUGGED AND SEATED (Warner Bros 45289) ROD STEWART | | 5 | | LA SEXORCISTO (Geffen 24460) | | |
| 12 ZOOROPA (Island 314518) | | 2 | | BETWEEN THE SHEETS (Warner Bros 45340) FOURPLAY | | |
| 13 THE WORLD IS YOURS (Hap-A-Lot/Priority 53861) | | 2 | | JON SECADA (SBK 98845)(P) | | |
| OOU AOVISIA | | | | DIRT (Columbia 52475)(P) ALICE IN CHAINS | | 41 |
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| 16 BACK TO BROADWAY (Columbia 44189) BAHBAHA STREISAND 17 IT'S ABOUT TIME (RCA 66074) SWV | | 28 | | BREEDERS LAST SPLASH (4AD/Warner Bros.61508) THE BREEDERS | | - |
| 18 SIAMESE DREAM (Virgin 88267) SMASHING PUMPKINS | 17 | 4 | | PURE COUNTRY (SOUNDTRACK) (MCA 10651)(P) GEORGE STRAIT | | |
| 19 IN PIECES (Liberty 80857) GARTH BROOKS | | | | POETIC JUSTICE (Epic Soundtrack/Epic 57131) SOUNDTRACK | | |
| 20 BREATHLESS (Arista/BMG 18646)(P2) KENNY G | | | | UNDERTOW (Zoo 11052) | | |
| 21 TEN SUMMONER'S TALES (A&M 31454 0070) | | 23 | | CONFEDERATE RAILROAD (Atlantic 82335) . CONFEDERATE RAILROAD | | |
| POCKET FULL OF KRYPTONITE (Epic 47309)(P) SPIN DOCTORS | | 50 | | IT'S YOUR CALL (MCA 10673) REBA McENTIRE | | |
| 23 BIGGER, BETTER, FASTER, MORE (Interscope/AG 92112) | | | | THIS TIME (Reprise 4/2 45241) | _ | |
| | 23 | 15 | _ | DEVINE COLLECTION (Atlantic 82497) BETTE MIDLER | | 7 |
| 24 A LOT ABOUT LIVIN' (AND A LITTLE ABOUT LOVE) | | | 74 | STRICTLY 4 MY N.I.G.G.A.Z(Interscope 92209) TWO-PAC | 77 | 6 |
| (Arista/BMG 18711) | | 9 | 75 | SOME GAVE ALL (Mercury 510635)(P5) BILLY RAY CYRUS | 74 | 62 |
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| 26 TONI BRAXTON (LaFace/Arista 26007) TONI BRAXTON | | 5 | 77 | MTV PARTY TO GO VOLUME 4 (Tommy Boy 1075) VARIOUS ARTISTS | 73 | 6 |
| 27 BACDAFUCUP (RAL/Chaos/Columbia 53302) | | 16 2 | 78 | JUST ANOTHER BAND FROM EAST L.A (Slash/Warner Bros.45367) | | |
| 28 BACK TO BASICS(Warner Bros 9-45297) | 53 | 2 | | LOS LOBOS | | |
| (Columbia 53230) BOB DYLAN | DEE | BUT | | IN MY TIME (Private Music 82106) | | |
| 30 NEW MISERABLE EXPERIENCE (A&M 544039) GIN BLOSSOMS | | 4 | | LOSE CONTROL (Keia/Elektra 611394) | | |
| 31 LAST ACTION HERO (Columbia 57127) SOUNDTRACK | | 8 | | KAMAKTRIAD (Reprise 45230) DONALD FAGEN | 87 | 11 |
| 32 THE CHRONIC (Death Row/Interscope 57128/Priority) DR. DRE | | | 82 | RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE (Epic 52959) | 70 | |
| 33 DA BOMB (Ruffhouse/Columbia 57278) | | 3 | | RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE ALIBIS (Atlantic 82483/AG) TRACY LAWRENCE | | |
| 34 TEN (Epic 47857)(P4) | 30 | 86 | | , | | _ |
| 35 SONS OF SOUL (Wing/Mercury 514933) TONY! TON!! TONE! | | 7 | | THE PREDATOR (Priority 57185) | | |
| 36 IT WON'T BE THE LAST (Mercury 514758) BILLY RAY CYRUS | 31 | 6 | | TAKE A LOOK (Elektra 61496) NATALIE COLE | | |
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| 38 LIVE (Columbia 47056) JAMES TAYLOR | 19 | 3 | | BIG TIME (Warner Bros. 45276) LITTLE TEXAS | | - |
| 39 TELL ME WHY (Curb/MCA 10529) WYNONNA | 41 | 13 | | SEX AND RELIGION (Relativity 1132) | | 4 |
| 40 NO TIME TO KILL (RCA 66239) | 36 | 4 | | UNPLUGGED (Reprise/Warner Bros 45310) | | |
| 41 MENACE II SOCIETY (Jive/MCA 41509) SOUNDTRACK | 34 | 9 | | PORK SODA (Interscope 92257) | | |
| 42 WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT (SOUNDTRACK) | | | 92 | | | |
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| 44 DURAN DURAN (Capitol CD 798876-2) DURAN DURAN | | 24 | | 12 INCHES OF SNOW (Eastwest 92207) | | |
| 45 FREE WILLY (Soundtrax/Epic 57280) SOUNDTRACK | | 4 | | JURASSIC PARK (MCA 10859) SOUNDTRACK | | |
| 46 SUNSHINE ON LEITH (Chryslis 21668) THE PROCLAIMERS | | 8 | | EVOLUTION (Fontana/Mercury 514965) OLETA ADAMS | | _ |
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| 48 MI TIERRA (Epic 53807) | | 7 | | HEARTBREAKER (Capitol 89740) O'JAYS | | |
| 49 LOVE DELUXE (Epic 53178)(P) | | 34 | | O SLIVER (Virgin 88064) SOUNDTRACK | | |
| GRAND TOUR (A&M 0086) | 01 | 4 | | , , | | |



POP ALBUMS

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THE BREEDERS: Last Splash (4AD/Elektra 61508)
Noisy effort from Kim Deal (Sonic Youth) side project is sort of a femme companion to the latest Dinosaur Jr album: lotsa noise and 'tude and opinion and unrefined, guitar-heavy fun. Prediction: the press will love it, just like Dino Jr, and the record-buying public will ignore it, just like Dino Jr. Too bad. Uninhibited vibe and casual delivery will appeal to college radio, where Last Splash is already being heavily sampled, while commercial alt/rock stations will also find much to like, most notably the spastic "Cannonball."





IGGY POP: American Caesar (Virgin 39002) No stooge, Iggy, on American Caesar (Virgin 39002)

No stooge, Iggy, on American Caesar, as one of the most intense performers you're bound to encounter, strips away all the b.s., producing one of his most completely satisfying albums in many, many years. Eschewing the big-name guest stars and throwaway pop leanings of recent releases, Iggy lets the music do the shouting with absolutely no artificial ingredients. Yankee-slamming "Wild America," bitter "Jealousy," soul-searching "Fuckin' Alone," rockin' "Sickness" and update of "Louie Louie" pull no punches.

KINKY MACHINE: Gouache & Ink On Livestock.

Louie" pull no punches.

RINKY MACHINE: Gouache & Ink On Livestock. Private Collection. (MCA 10862)

T. Rex, the Clash, old Bowie and the Pistols all figure into Kinky Machine's odd and powerful style, a sound that one U.K. critic described as "everything rock should be." High praise, indeed, but the quartet seems up to the job of justifying the hype. Marc Bolan-like "Candy Deceit," first single "Shockaholic" (already a hit in Britain), lovelost true story "Going Out With A God" and critical "Swivelhead" stand out on a debut that comes with enough cocky swagger and bad-breath attitude to overshadow Seattle's latest.



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SHOTGUN MESSIAH: Violent New Breed (Relativity 11164)

(Relativity 11164)
Shotgun Messiah changes musical hats with every release—the band's debut was glam-rock, the second treaded Skid Row waters—but seem to have found one that fits with this new set. Reduced to two members (who needs a drummer? It's the '90s!), focus is now solely on guitarist Harry Cody's fleet and hyper fingers and Tim Skold's menacingly delivered cyber-vox. The style is similar to Nine Inch Nails' first or Ministry's latest, and it works surprisingly well. Can't tell if alb is result of inspiration or derivation, but then, why ask why?



UNREST: Perfect Teeth (4AD 45401)

Quirky and intriguing Washington, D.C.-based trio is still looking for its musical niche and just may have found it on Perfect Teeth, Unrest's fifth full album, first to get wide, major label treatment. Produced by Duran's Simon LeBon, the record floats over varied musical terrain, though never straying too far from its spacy, Ride/Sioux-sie/Lush pop base. The dreamy "Stylize Ampersand," the pure pop pleasure of "Cath Carroll," dedicated to the U.K. cult heroine, and frisky "Light Command" are tops.





BIG ENJOYERS: Gronkin' Quiver (Neabuzz

O1931)
Likable though lightweight pop duo hails from Costa Mesa, CA and specializes in alternative pop that leans decidedly in the adult-contemporary direction. Drummer Tom Neas and instrumentalist/vocalist Jeff Bostock offer roots-y fare that recalls, at various times, the Byrds, Jefferson Airplane, Tom Petty and the Monkees. Simple arrangements, light delivery and boomer-targeted lyrics put the Big Enjoyers squarely in NAC and new-age radio territory. Will be huge in Las Vegas, Atlantic City and Branson, Missouri.



PICK OF THE WEEK



■ MARIAH CAREY: Music Box (Columbia) Producers: Walter Afanasieff,

Mariah Carey
Mariah Carey
Mariah learns from past histrionic missteps on her third full album, first since her
MTV Unplugged appearance which obviously opened her eyes to the dramatic effect
that dynamic control can have on a romantic pop song. Credit also producer Walter
Afanasieff, whose soft touch and subtle spin at the sound helm gives Music Box a
warmer, more accessable feel than Carey's enjoyed on past efforts. Uplifting, shot-inthe-arm song themes are highlighted by "Anytime You Need A Friend," runaway
smash "Dreamlover," Bette Midler-like "Hero" and moving take on Badfinger's
"Without You." Look for this title at the top of the charts for the rest of 1993, Garth
Brooks notwithstanding. Brooks notwithstanding

CASH BOX CHARTS

TOP 100 R&B SINGLES

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#1 SINGLE: SWV



TO WATCH: Guru



HIGH DEBUT: Levert

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| RIGHT HERE (Human Nature)/Downtown) (RCA 62614) SWV | | 6 | | | |
|--|----|---------|--|----|-----|
| 2 ANOTHER SAD LOVE SONG (Laface/Arista 24047) Toni Braxton | | 8 | | 62 | 3 |
| 3 DREAMLOVER (Columbia 77080) Mariah Carey | | 3 | | | |
| 4 I GET AROUND/KEEP YA HEAD UP (Interscope 96036) 2-Pac | | 7 | | 54 | 3 |
| 5 IF (Virgin 12676) Janet Jackson | | 5 | | | |
| 6 HEY MR. D.J. (Flavor/Epic 77121) Zhane | | 3 | | 58 | 3 |
| 7 LOSE CONTROL/GIRL U FOR ME (Keia/Elektra 64643) | | 8 | | | • |
| 9 RUFFNECK (First Priority/Atlantic 98401) | | 6 | | | 3 |
| FOR THE COOL IN YOU (Epic 77109) Babyface | | 2 | Datin O | | 3 |
| 10 LATELY (Uptown/MCA 54652) | | 12 4 | | 12 | ~ |
| ALRIGHT (Ruffhouse/Columbia 77103) | | | | 57 | 3 |
| 12 CHECK YO SELF (Priority 53830) lce Cube / Das Efx | | 3 | Desire Delle | | |
| 13 ONE LAST CRY(Mercury 862404) Brian McKnight | | 7 | TO DO STANDON WILLIAM OF THE STANDON | | |
| 14 SOMETHING'S GOIN' ON (Maverick/Sire/Warner Bros. 18564) U.N.V. | | | Angia & Dahhia | | |
| 15 IT'S FOR YOU(FROM "THE METEORMAN") (Motown 2207) . Shanice | | 4 | DOWIADI | | |
| 16 CRY NO MORE (Gasoline Alley/MCA 54650) | | 3 | Alguardes Du Mature | | |
| | | - | 27 WHAT'S ID DOCS(CAN WE DOCK) (1819 42127) | | |
| 18 WHOOMP (THERE IT IS) (Life 79001) | | 3 | F., Cabaiakana Wish Chanvilla O'Mait | 60 | 4 |
| 20 GET IT UP (FROM POETIC JUSTICE) (Laface/Epic Soundtrax/Epic 77059) | 22 | 3 | BREAKADAWN (Tommy Boy 586) De La Soul | | |
| TLC | 16 | 4 | 69 WE GETZ BUZY (Rowdy/Arista 35024) | DE | BUT |
| 21 IF I HAD NO LOOT (Wing/Mercury 859056) Tony! Toni! Tone! | | 8 | 70 FLOW JOE (Violator/Relativity 1185) | DE | BUT |
| 22 VERY SPECIAL (Cold Chillin' 18437) | | 4 | 71 PINK COOKIES IN A PLASTIC BAG/BACK SEAT OF MY JEEP (Def | | |
| 23 WEAK (RCA 62521) | | 14 | Jam/Columbia 74984) | 51 | 7 |
| | 32 | 3 | 72 DAZZEV DIJKS (TMR 71000) Duice | 47 | 20 |
| 25 BABY I'M YOURS (Gasoline Alley/MCA 54574) | | | COME GO WITH ME (Ustown MCA 54704) Christopher Williams | DE | BUT |
| 26 LICK U UP (Luke 163) | | 6 | Coming Of Age | DE | BUT |
| 27 BOOMI SHAKE THE ROOM (Jive 42108) Jazzy Jeff & Fresh Prince | | 3 | 75 JUST KICKIN'IT (So So Del/Columbia 77119) | DE | BUT |
| 28 THAT'S THE WAY LOVE GOES (Virgin 125650) Janet Jackson | | | 76 HEY THERE PRETTY LADY (Perspective 7426) Lo-Key? | | |
| 29 SOMEBODY ELSE WILL (EMI 50462) O'Jays | | 4 | I DON'T WANT TO DO ANYTHING (Uptown MCA 54709) Mary J.Blige | | |
| | 29 | | 78 STICKS AND STONES (Capitol 44964) Walter & Scotty | | |
| 31 SUNDAY MORNING (Reprise 18461) Earth Wind & Fire | | 2 | 79 I DON'T WANNA FIGHT (Virgin 12652) Tina Turner | | |
| 32 KNOCKIN' BOOTS (Luke 161) H Town | | 14 | 80 TRULY SOMETHING SPECIAL (Virgin 12670) After 7 | | 6 |
| 33 ONE WOMAN (Giant 18687) Jade | | | 81 OOU WATCHA CONNA DO (Breille 5400) Bun DMC | 81 | 1 |
| | | 8 | 82 THE FLOOR (Motown 2202) | | |
| 35 HEAVEN KNOWS (Epic 74996) Luther Vandross | | 2 | SKY GRAZIN IN THE GRASS (GRP 3046) George Howard | 87 | 2 |
| 36 SLAM (JMJ/Chaos/Columbia 74882) Onyx | | 8 | 84 I WANA HOLD ON TO YOU/Island 862212) Mica Paris | 70 | 8 |
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| 38 I GOT YOU (Motown 2213) Johnny Gill | 49 | 3 | 86 PAY DAY (Qwest/Warner bros.18473) Winans | 85 | 2 |
| 39 SEEMS YOU'RE MUCH TOO BUSY (A&M 0140) Vertical Hold | 37 | 11 | 87 PASSIN' ME BY (Delecious Vinyl/Atlantic 98434) The Pharcyde | | |
| 46 CHEIF ROCKA (Pendulum 64631) Lords Of The Undergrounds | 42 | 7 | 7 88 DO DA WHAT (EastWest 98419) 1 Of The Girls | 74 | 7 |
| 41 MEGA MEDLEY (Reprise 18420) Zapp & Roger | 50 | 3 | 89 LET ME ROLL (Rap-A-Lot/Priority 53831) | 76 | 6 |
| 42 ABC-123 (Atlantic 87366) Levert | 36 | 13 | 90 I LIKE IT (Big Beat/Alantic 98413) Jomanda | 77 | 6 |
| 43 SHOW ME LOVE (Big Beat/Atlantic 10118) Robin S. | 35 | 16 | 91 24/7 GOOD LOVIN'(Eastwest 98403) Big Bub | 78 | 6 |
| 44 INSANE IN THE BRAIN (Ruffhouse/Columbia 77019) Cypress Hill | 38 | 6 | 92 DAY BY DAY(Capitol 44934) | 79 | 7 |
| 45 WHOOT, THERE IT IS (Wrap/Ichiban 0150) 95 South | 19 | 17 | 7 93 LITTLE MIRACLES (Epic 3474226) Luther Vandross | 80 | 11 |
| 46 APHRODISIA (Tabu/A&M 7718) Alexander O'Neal | | 3 | 94 BUMPIN' (ADAPTATION OF HUMPIN') (Next Plateau/PLG 357021) | | |
| 47 CHERISH THE DAY (Epic 74980) Sade | 61 | 3 | 3 Paperboy | 83 | 4 |
| 48 UNCONDITIONAL LOVE (Jive/MCA 42144) Hi-Five | 45 | 8 | 95 DON'T WALK AWAY (Giant 18687) Jade | 82 | 31 |
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| 50. WANT YOU BACK (RCA 62565) | 52 | 5 | 97 SAY IT ISN'T OVER (RCA 62540) Five XI | 69 | 8 |
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| 52 RUN TO YOU (Arista 1-2570) Whitney Houston | 44 | 7 | 7 99 FREAK ME (Elektra 64654) | 90 | 21 |
| 53 THE BONNIE AND CLYDE THEME/IBWIN' WIT MY CREWIN' | | | 100 GIVE HIM A LOVE HE CAN FEEL (Pendulum/Elektra 64655) | | |
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| BY THE TIME THIS NIGHT IS OVER M. Bolton, D. Warren, A. Goldmark (Realsongs, ASCAP/Warner Tamerlane/New Non Pareil, BMI) | e |
| CHECK Y O SELFIce Cube, DJ muggs (WB, Gangsta Boogie/ASCAP) CHERISH THE DAYAdu, Hale, Matthewman (Angel/ASCAP) | |
| CHIEF ROCKA A.Wardrick, D.Kelly, M.Williams, K.Hansford (LOTUG, Marley Marl, EMI April, Ghetto Man/ASCAP) 4 | 4; |
| COME IN SIDEK. Greene, C. Wike, N. Hodge (Velle In tl., Frabensha, MCA, Ness, Nitty, Capon e, Warner Bros., Wike/ASCAP) | 56 1.1 |
| DAY BY DAY Portrait (WB,ASCAP/O/B/O Itself,ASCAP,Unit 4,ASCAP/Hee Bee Dooinit/ASCAP) | 7 |
| DAZZEY DUKS Lasno, Creo, Taylor Boy (Gigilo Chez, BMI/Alvert, BMI) | 74 |
| DO DA WHATG.Levert, Marc G.1 of the Girls, T Weymouth, C.Frantz (Trycop Willesden, Clevelands Own, Melered/BMI) DDT WALK AWAY V. Benford, R. Speaman (Gradington/MCA-ASCAP/Romie Onyx-BMI) DRE DAY Dr. Ore, Snoop, C.Woldy (Aint Nothin Gon On But Fu-kin, ASCAP). | ۲ ۲ |
| DREAMLOVERM Carey D Hall (Stone Jam Ness Nitty Capone/ASCAP Rye songs Sony songs/8MI) | 7 |
| DREAN IN COLORA Lang, S. Peiken (JDM/ASCAP, Hidden Pun, Sushi Too'BMI) EVERY LITTLE THING C. Williams, K. Guiffin (Babydon/EMI April/KG Blun/Zomba/Isaya He's Funky, ASCAP) | 7: N |
| FOR THE COOL IN YOUBabylace, D.Simmons (Sony songs, Ecat, Boobie-loo, Warner Tamerlane/BMI) | 2 |
| FREAK ME K. Sweat R. Μυπάγ (Saints Airve-BMI) GET IT UPPrince (Tionna/ASCAP) | 91 1 |
| GIMME (MFull Force, C.Riley, (P. Blaat, Zomba, Soda Face/ASCAP) | 7 |
| GRAZIN'IN THE GRASSH.Masekela, H.Elston (MPL/ASCAP) | 8 |
| HEAVEN KNOWSL. Vandross, R. Verteiney, (EM) April, Uncle Ronnies/ASCAP, EMI Blackwood, Reed Verteiney/BMI). Hey Mr. D. JG ist, Brown, Criss, Zhane, Bahr, Ware, Guey (Naughty, T-Boy, Flavor Unit, Almo, Obo itself/ASCAP, Irving, Medad/BMI). | 4: 1: |
| HEY THERE PRETTY LADY L.Alexander,T.Tofbert, (New Perspective/ASCAP) | 5 |
| I AIN'T THE ONE M. Oliver, Barnes, Rich Borg, Palmentel (Jus' Livin', Warner Tamerlane, Trakmasterz, Ahunit and Fifth Street, BMI) | 0 |
| I DON'T WANNA FIGHT S. Doberry, Lulu, B. Lawrie (Chrysalis/ASCAP) | 6 |
| I GET AROUND/KEEP YA HEAD ÜP T.Shakur, D, Anderson, R. Troutman, L. Troutman, S. Murdock (GLG Two, Ghetto Gospel, Rubberband, Saja, Troutman/BMI) | . : |
| I GOT YOUN, Morris, S. Stockman, W. Morris (Vander pool, Slim Shot, Squirt Shot/ASCAP). I HAVE NOTHING D. Foster, L. Thompson (Warner-Tamerlane/One Four Three/Brenda's Boys) | 4i Ai |
| I WANNA HOLD ON TO YOU N.M. Walden, M.Paris, S.J. Dakota () (Grafitude Sky, ASCAP, Unich appell/BMI, Warner-Chap- | _ |
| pell/PRS) I'M IN LOVEJ.Dibbs, B.Allen,T.Denslow (J.Dibbs,T.Denslow,Zomba/BMI) | 7 |
| I'M SO INTO YOU B.A. Morgan (Barn Jams, BMI) | 9 |
| IF I HAD NO LOOT R. Wiggins, J. Bautista, W. Harris (Ghatti, Gangsta Boogle, WB, Street Knowledge, ASCAP, Irving BMI). IFJ. Jackson, J. Harris, T. Lewis (Flyte Tyme, Jobete/ASCAP, Black Ice, Stone Agate/BMI). | |
| INSANE IN THE BRAIN L.Freese, S.Reyes, L.Muggerud (Cypress Funky, Soul Assasins, MCA/ASCAP) | 3 |
| April/ASCAP) | 1 |
| IT'S ON V.Brown, K.Gist, A.Criss, D.Byrd (T-Boy, Naughty/ASCAP, Elgy/BMI) KNOCKIN' BOOTS Shazam, Dino, GI, Stick (Pac Jam, BMI) | 2 |
| LAID BACK GIRLF. Beverly, (Amazemenl/BMI) | 3 |
| LATELYS. WONDER(Jobete,Blackbull/ASCAP) LET ME BE THE ONEX.Greene,D.Hall,H.Bohannon (Frabensha,MCA,Stone Jam,Ness,Nitty & Capone,Warner Bros/ASCAF | 3 |
| LET ME ROLL B.Jordon, G.Duke (N-The Water, Mycenae/ASCAP) LICK U UP Shazaam, Dino, Gi, Stick (Pac Jam, Wreckshop, BMI) | 7 |
| LIGHT OF LOVES.Harvey,G.Brown (S.Harvey,EMI April,Cuddy B/ASCAP,EMI Blackwood/BMI) | 8 |
| LITTLE MIRACLES L. Vandross, M. Miller, (E.M.I. April, ASCAP/Unde Ronnie's MCA/Thriller Miller, ASCAP) LOSE CONTROL/GIRL U FOR MEK. Sweat, R. Murray, G. Jenkins Keith Sweat, E/A, W.B., Saints Alive/ EMI Blackwood/ BM | 8 |
| LOVE FOR LOVEA. George, F.McFarlane (Song. A-Tron/BMI) | 7 |
| LOVE NO LIMIT K. Greene, D. Hall (WB/Ness, Nitty & Capone/Stone Jam, ASCAP) MEGAMEDLEYR.Troutman, N.Whitfield, B.Strong (Troutman, Saja, Rubber Band, Stone Agal/BMI) | 5 |
| MY CUTIEM.L. Smith, T. Riley (Tadei, Zomba, Donril/ASCAP) | 8 |
| ONE LAST CRY B.McKnight, B. Barnes, M. Barnes (PRI, Lets have lunch/ASCAP, Rejcice/BMI) ONE WOMAN V. Benford, R. Spearman (Ronnie Onyx, BMI/MCA/Gradington, ASCAP) | 3 |
| OOH WATCHA GONNA DOJ. Simmons, D. McDaniels, H. Shocklee, G. Renaldo (Protoons, Rush Groove (ASCAP, Shocklee/BMI) PASSIN' ME BY E. Wilcox. R. Robertson, D. Stewart, T. Hartson, J. Martinez (Beet Junkye/Emil Blackwood/Crack Addict, BMI). | 8 |
| PAYDAYC.Winans,W.Tisdale (Zomba,For our children,Tisway,BMG/ASCAP | 8 |
| PINK COOKIES IN A PLASTIC BAG/BACK SEAT OF MY JÉEP(J.T Smith, J.Williams,) (Def Jam, L.L Cool J, EMI April, Marle Mari/ASCAP) | y |
| RIGHT HERE(human nature)/DOWNTOWNMorgan,Bettis,Poccaro,Parker,Gomez,Ortiz (Warner Tamerlane,John Bet- tis,W.B./ASCAP,Interscope Pearl,Band, Jams ATV,Playfull,G.G.Drovs music@MI) RUFFNECK MC Lyte,A.Davidson,M.Rier,W.Scott (Brooklyn Based, Top Biltin,Smokin Sounds,EMI April Abdur Rah- | • |
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| man/ASCAP, Quick Time/BMI) RIN TO YOU A Rich, J. Friedman, (Music City, PSO, Candlelight, ASCAP, Nelana/BMI SAY IT ISNT OVERT Chapmen, R. Marcel, L. Tolbert EMI Blackwood, Money in the bank, Tod ski, Gotta pay the rent/BMI SEEMS YOU'RE MUCH TO BUSY K. Khaleel, A. Stone (Baby Diamond/Colgems-Emi/Mantronik Int'l ASCAP/Musicorp of | 1 |
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| THE FLOOR J.Jam, T.Lewis (Flyse Tyme/ASCAP) | 5 |
| THE FLOOR J.Jam, T.Lewis (Flyte Tyme/ASCAP) THERE'S NO LIVING WITHOUT YOUG.Smith, D. Morris (pub.NA) TRULY SOMETHING SPECIAL K.Edmonds, B. Walson (Keer, Saba Seven/BMI) | 6 |
| TRUST MEGuru (pub.NA) (Near, Saba Seven/BMI) | 8 |
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| UNCONDITIONAL LOVE L.Campbell (Zomba, Art & Rhythm, ASCAP) VERTY SPECIAL A.Hardy, W.Jeffery, L.Peters (AZ Cold Chillin, WB, At Home, Jeffix/ASCAP) | 2 |
| WANT YOU BACKC. Warren (Louis St./BMI) WEAK B.A. Morgan (Bam Jams/Interscope-Pear/Warner-Tamerlane, BMI) WHAT'S UP DOO? (CAN WE ROCK)R. Roachford, J. Jones, L. Maturine, K. McKenzie, S. O'Neal (Zomba, Chrysalis/ASCAP, Can We Rock, CPMK/BMI) | 5 |
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| IAM DEED ELATEM CARRO STOKES (ZODDA/ASCAP) | 4 |

REVIEWS by M.R. Martinez

BUYAKA: The Ultimate Dancehall Collection (Big

BUYAKA: The Ultimate Dancehall Collection (Big Beat Reggae 7 14233-2). Producers: Various. There is a cornucopia of dancehall/toaster sounds on this 14-track collection, which also covers a plethora of topics. There are roots sounds, ala Sister Nancy, R&B-influenced dancehall vocals per Beres Hammond and dub mutations provided by folks like Terry Ganzie. Cutty Ranks turns in a rock steady/funk track with "Open Up." Another highlight is the track "Action," featuring Terror Fabulous with singer Nadine Sutherland.



■ GENERAL GRANT: Now Stand Tall (RA-Ra Ra-CD 2001). Producers: Various.

CD 2001). Producers: Various. Some of it is D-stainful. But General Grant manages to meld R&B, traditional sounds, swirling textures and an easy back beat to form a unique musical approach. This could be headed for major crossover. The opening track, "So Good, So Good," is a sparkling example of how black contemporary pop and dancehall can be joined. The musical miscegenation continues with the album's first single, "Call Me." Other tracks of note include "Pure Hate 'N Actin' Normal" and "Feels Like Fire."



■ CHILLY TEE: Get Off Mine (MCA MCAD-10856). Producer: The Bomb Squad.

There's no unique mic flow on this record, but this album does provide some accessible hip-hop. Much of it falls between the cracks—not quite hard-core, not quite freestyle. Musically, tasty minimalist funk is the cornerstone. The title track, "Get Off Mine," uses the classic riff from the Isley Brothers' "It's Your Thing." "I Guess She Didn't Know" serves up some quirky funk, but very little rap and "Snap Ya' Neck To This" shows off The Bomb Squad's production. production.



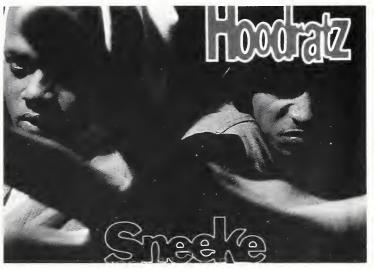


COMING OF AGE: Coming of Age (Zoo/BMG 72445-11064-4). Producers: Kashif, Charlie Singleton & Others.

& Others.

This Southern California quintet benefits from some skillful, unobtrusive production which permits their engaging voices to gain center stage. The group is a talented entry in the ongoing retro-soul derby that continues to alter the black contemporary music landscape. The group shows up on tracks such as the a cappella "One In a Million," the Isley Brothers classic "Between The Sheets," the funky kink of "You Turn Me On" and the irreverent "Lil' Hottie Got A Body." This group has a future.





■ HOODRATZ: Sneeke Muthafukaz (Epic EK 53227). Producer. Doh-Doh.

New York City Old School sensibilities are well represented on this 13-track commitment to strident hard core. Musically there is little remarkable on this collection. But lyrically, this group finds the flow and nerve to speak to people stealin' their rhymes ("Bootlegga"), the welfare system ("Free Cheeze"), treacherous poohnanny ("Murdered Ova Nuttin"') and never turnin' your back on those who smile but would do you harm (the album's title track, "Sneeke MuthaFukaz").

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THE RHYTHM



It was a star-laced affair, featuring Oleta Adams at a special live listening session featuring songs from her new Fontana/Mercury Records album Evolution, some songs from her platinum-plus debut Circle of One. Some of the artists that showed for the event, held in early August included Wesley Snipes, Halle Berry, Tears For Fears leader Roland Orzabal, Debbie Allen, and pictured with Adams (above left) Rosie O'Donnell and Jody Watley.

JAZZ/ADULT NOTES: Indie and / or boutique labels are making some noise in the land of Jazz, Adult Contemporary, New Age and World Beat. Labels such as Sin-Drome, Gyroscope, Earth-Beat/Warner Bros., Lipstick, Windham Hill, Higher Octave, Mo-Jazz, Private Music and others are releasing such a dazzling array of adult, jazz-oriented and ethnic musics that it's becoming increasingly difficult to cubbyhole any of the music. Artists like Peter White and Jim Chapell whose respective Sin-Drome Records album Promenade and Real Music collection Over The Top have been chart staples in recent weeks, are but a pair of the artists of this ilk quietly adding to the cash flow at retail. Some product to keep an eye on includes the Gyroscope Records release of Laraaji's Flow Goes The Universe and Harold Budd's Music For 3 Pianos, both of which will make noise in the New Age market, and receive some adult airplay on some jazz stations. New releases on Windham Hill Records by Alex De Grassi, John Beasley, and Nightnoise will in varying degrees have an impact on the NAC market. DeGrassi's built-in following will move his record through the pipeline, Beasley's strong jazz album (including several star guest sidemen) will provide him some cash register fuel and the major tour by Nightnoise, with DeGrassi and formidable pianist Liz Story, will help with sellthrough on this product.



Blue Note recording artist Benny Green earned major kudos as the recipient of the prestigious City of Toronto Glenn Gould International Protege Prize in Music and Communication. On hand during the presentation to Green, whose fourth Blue Note album was recently released, was legendary jazz pianist Oscar Peterson, also a Gould winner. The awards are given out by Canadian-based Glenn Gould Foundation. Pictured are (I-r): Bassist Ray Brown; guitarist Herb Ellis; drummer Jeff Hamilton; John Hnatyshyn, Governor General of Canada; Green; and (seated) Peterson.

TOP 75 R&B ALBUMS

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| 2 | THE WORLD IS YOURS (Rap-A-Lot/Priority 53861) Scarface | 63 2 |
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| 4 | BACK TO BASICS (Warner Bros. 45297) Maze Featuring Frankie Beverly | DEBUT |
| | FOR THE COOL IN YOU (Epic 53558) Babyface | |
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| 4 | BLACK SUNDAY (Ruffhouse/Columbia 53931) Cypress Hill | |
| 5 | TONI BRAXTON (LaFace/Arista 6007) Toni Braxton | 3 3 |
| 6 | SONS OF SOUL (Wings/Mercury 514933) | 5 6 |
| 7 | DA BOMB (Ruffhouse/Columbia 57278) Kris Kross | 2 2 |
| 8 | janet (Virgin 87825) Janet Jackson | 4 13 |
| 9 | MENACE II SOCIETY (Jive 41509) Soundtrack | 6 10 |
| | | 10 31 |
| 11 | IT'S ABOUT TIME (RCA 66074) | 9 26 |
| 11 | TI S ABOUT TIME (RCA 600/4) | 14 16 |
| 12 | BACDAFUCUP (RAL/Chaos 53302) Onyx | 7 5 |
| | POETIC JUSTICE (Epic 57131) Soundtrack | 1 3 |
| 14 | THE BODYGUARD (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack) | |
| | Arista 18699) | 15 34 |
| 15 | HEARTBREAKER (EMI/ERG 89740) The O'Jays | 8 3 |
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| 17 | THE UNTOLD TRUTH (Rowdy/Arista 37002) | DEBUT |
| 18 | LOVE DELUXE (Epic 74734) Sade | 16 36 |
| 19 | BRIAN MCKNIGHT (Mercury 848605) Brian McKnight | 18 9 |
| | BETWEEN THE SHEETS (Warner Bros. 45340) Fourplay | DEBUT |
| 21 | NEVER LET ME GO (Epic 53231) Luther Vandross | 11 9 |
| | COMPLEXITY A PRINT OF C. C. A. 7. (International Control of Contro | 12 22 |
| 22 | STRICKLY 4 MY N.I.G.G.A.Z. (Interscope 92209) | |
| 23 | FOR REAL THO (Atlantic 82462) LeVert | |
| 24 | BORN GANGSTAZ (DJ West/Chaos/Columbia 52903) Boss | 20 9 |
| 25 | LOVE'S THE PLACE TO BE (Mercury 518086) Will Downing | 23 2 |
| 26 | BREATHLESS (Arista 18646) Kenny G | 22 34 |
| 27 | AIN'T NO OTHER (First Priority 92230) | 26 6 |
| 28 | VOICE OFF JAMAICA (Mercury 518013) Buju Banton | 33 2 |
| 29 | SOMETHING'S GOIN' ON (Mavrick/Warner Bros. 45287) U.N.V | 21 5 |
| 30 | 21 & OVER (Loud/RCA 66280) Tha Alkaholiks | DEBUT |
| 31 | WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT (SOUNDTRACK)(Vrigin 88189) | |
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| | EVOLUTION (Fontana/Mercury 5114965) Oleta Adams | 19 2 |
| 32 | EVERYTHING (Mercury 518016) Joe | DEBUT |
| 33 | EVERTIFIER (Mercury 518016) | 24 25 |
| | LOSE CONTROL (Elektra 61394) | |
| 35 | THE NEW BREED (Wrap/Ichiban 8120) MC Breed | 28 12 |
| 36 | HERE COME THE LORDS (Pendulum/Elektra 61415) | 04 40 |
| | Lords Of The Underground | 31 13 |
| 37 | | 36 3 |
| 38 | PROVACATIVE (Motown 374636355) Johnny Gill | 30 9 |
| 39 | FEVER FOR DA FLAVOR (Luke 126) | 27 14 |
| 40 | HOOTIE MAC (MCA 10682) Bell Biv Devoe | 38 5 |
| 41 | JAZZMATAZZ VOLUME 1 (Chrysalis 21998) Guru | 29 11 |
| 42 | ALL OUT (Owest/Warner Bros 452113) The Winans | DEBUT |
| 43 | TILL DEATH DO US PART (Priority 57183) Geto Boys | 35 25 |
| 44 | IF I EVER FALL IN LOVE (Gasoline 10762) | 39 30 |
| 45 | WHEN SUMMER COMES (GPR 9724) George Howard | 44 3 |
| 46 | RUFFTOWN BEHAVIOR (Luke 202) Poison Clan | |
| 47 | DANGEROUS (Epic 45400) Michael Jackson | DEBUT |
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By M.R. Martinez

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First Priority/Atlantic recording artist MC Lyte (in Nike hat) was recently hangin' tuff at New York's Hard Rock Cafe, where she ran into members of the newly signed Maverick Records act N' Phase. Members of the group Include Tevlin Williamson, Melvin Baxter, Al Boyd, Marlon Davis and Donnie Mayes.

SOUND NIBBLES: Pocketown Records recently debuted the group Koncrete Level with the single "Turnin' Me On." The old school track was written by group member JuJuan Williams. Felony Davis forms the other half of the duo...Snoop Doggy Dogg should check with fellow rapper Slick Rick, currently serving time in a New York state prison on weapons charges. Rick can tell Snoop, being sought by the Los Angeles Police Department for driving the getaway car in a murder beef, what it's like to have a high-charting record while being behind bars.

DR. BAYYAN'S CORNER: More singles reviews from a teen perspective. Parental Advisory - "Maniac" - Savvy/MCA MCA 5p- 2757. Senseless violence is how the group Parental Advisory spells relief. Yes, this is a phat track, but there is no place for the positive here. It deals with mass murder, bags full of butcher knives and other treacherous things all chanted over a wicked Funkadelic riff...DMX -- "Born Loser" -- Ruffhouse/Chaos/Columbia - OSK 5370. Does black youth from the ghetto have anything to lose? DMX doesn't think so, that's why he's going all out to make it on this record. DMX tells the story of how he was brought up to be a loser. The moral of the story is what comes around goes around. A super phat track, this disc is well-rounded both lyrically and musically...Nikita - "All Over You, All Over Me" - Motown 37 4610222. This ain't hip hop, but it is passionate, and Nikita expresses her desires without holding anything back. It's done creatively, but there's a sense that they were pressed for time while recording it.



Run DMC, who has made a remarkable return to spotlight with the Profile Records release Down With The King, recently received the Pioneer Award at the 2nd Annual 360 Degree Black Hip Hop Seminar. They join Afrika Bambaataa as a recipient of the award. Pictured are (I-r): Royall Bayyan, president/CEO of 360 Degrees Entertainment; Run and DMC of the group.

TOP 30 HIP-HOP ALBUMS

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| 1 MENACE II SOCIETY (Jive 41509) Soundtrack | DEE | H IT |
| 2 THE CHRONIC (Death Row/Interscope 57128/Priority) Dr. Dre | | 34 |
| 3 BACDAFUCUP (BAU/Chaos 53302) Onvx | | 8 |
| 4 12 INCHES OF SNOW (Atoo EastWest 92207/AG) Snow | - | 18 |
| 5 BORN GANGSTAZ (DJ West/Chaos/Columbia 52903) Boss | _ | 1 |
| 6 THE BLISS ALBUM (Gee Street 514517) | • | 10 |
| 7 THE PREDATOR (Priority 57185) | | 26 |
| 8 19 NAUGHTY III (Tommy Boy 1069) Naughty By Nature | | 17 |
| 9 14 SHOTS TO THE DOME (Def Jam/Columbia 53323) L.L Cool J | | 10 |
| 10 3 YEARS 5 MONTHS & 2 DAYS IN THE LIFE OF(Chrysalis 21929) | 10 | 10 |
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| 11 NINE YARDS (Next Plateau/FFRR 1012) Paperboy | 12 | 16 |
| UPTOWN MTV UNPLUGGED (Uptown/MCA 1085) Various Artists | DE | |
| 18 QUAD CITY KNOCK (Wrap/Ichiban 8117) 95-South | 16 | 4 |
| 14 STRICKLY 4 MY N.I.G.G.A.Z. (Interscope 92209) 2Pac | 14 | 17 |
| 15 TILL DEATH DO US PART (Rap-A-Lot 53818) Geto Boys | 11 | 14 |
| 16 DOWN WITH THE KING (Profile 1440) Run-D.M.C | | 6 |
| 17 BIZARRE RIDE II (Delecious Vinyl 92222) The Pharcyde | 15 | 3 |
| 18 JAZZMATAZZ VOLUME 1 (Chrysalis/ERG 21998) Guru | 18 | 1 |
| 19 LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR (Cold Chillin/WB 45128) Big Daddy Kane | 13 | 3 |
| 20 CONNECTED (Gee Street/Island/PG 14061) Stereo Mc's | 19 | 6 |
| 21 REACHIN'(A NEW REFUTATION OF TIME AND SPACE) | | ٠ |
| (Pendulum/Elektra 61414) Digable Planets | 17 | 1 |
| 22 HARD OR SMOOTH (MCA 10566) Wreckx-N-Effect | 21 | 29 |
| 23 WHICH DUBIE U B (Immortal/Epic 53212) FunkDoobiest | 20 | 5 |
| 24 BANGIN' ON WAX (Dangerous/Pump/Quality 19138) Bloods & Crips | 22 | 14 |
| 25 0000000HHHON THE TLC TIP (Laface/Arista 26003) TLC | 25 | 1 |
| 26 BASS: THE FINAL FRONTIER (Magic/CDG 9413) D.J. Magic Mike | 23 | 1 |
| 27 HERE COME THE LORDS (Pendulum/Elektra 61415) | | |
| Lords Of tHe Underground | 27 | 1 |
| THE NEW BREED (Wrap/Ichiban 8120) | DE | BUT |
| 29 TOTALLY CROSSED OUT (Ruffhouse/Columbia 48710) Kris Kross | 28 | 63 |
| 30 WHO'S THE MAN (Uptown/MCA 10794) Soundtrack | 24 | 7 |
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TOP 30 RAP SINGLES

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| 1 RUFFNECK (First Priority/Atlantic 98401) |
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| (Def Jam 74984/Columbia) L.L. Cool J. 6 7 |
| 3 INSANE IN THE BRAIN/WHEN THE ST(Ruffhouse/Columbia 77019) |
| Cypress Hill 1 6 |
| CHECK YO SELF(Priority 53830) |
| 5 CHEIF ROCKA (Pendulum/Elektra 66302) Lords Of The Underground 4 6 |
| 6 ALRIGHT(Ruffhouse/Columbia 77103) Kriss Kross 9 2 7 GRAND GROOVE(Tuffbreak /A&M 0082) Intelligent Hoodlum 11 2 |
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| B LET ME ROLL(Rap-a-lot/Priority 53831) |
| 10 FLOW JOE (Violator/Relativity 1185) Fat Joe DEBUT |
| 11 GOTTA GET MINE(Wrap/khiban 93154) |
| 12 ALL SHE WANTED/HED RUSH(East/West 96042) Knucklehedz 18 3 |
| 13 40 BELOW TROOPER/ALL I THINK(Warner Bros 40764) Jungle Brothers 2 10 |
| 14 RECIPE (Chaos/Columbia 77081) Boss DEBUT |
| 15 IBWIN' WIT MY CREW/BONNIE & CLYDE (EastWest 96054) Yo Yo 8 9 |
| 16 INDO SMOKE (Epic 77026) Mista Grimm 17 2 |
| 17 THIS IS IT Y'ALL (Chemistry/Mercury 862314) Poizon Posse DEBUT |
| 18 VERY SPECIAL/STOP SHAMMIN (Cold chillin/Reprise 18437) |
| Big Daddy Kane DEBUT |
| 19 SLAM (JMJ/Chaos/Columbia 74882 Onyx 12 25 |
| 20 WHOOT, THERE IT IS (Wrap/Ichiban 0150 95 South 13 11 |
| 21 WHOOMP! (THERE IT IS) (Life/Bellmark 7900) Tag Team 20 7 |
| 22 WHAT'S UP DOC (Jive 42164) Fu-schnickens w/Shaquille O'Neal 22 12 |
| 28 ROLL W/THE FLAVOR (MCA 54623) Young Black Teenagers_DEBUT |
| 24 DON'T GIVE ME NO BAMMER (In-a-minute 8001) R.B.L. Posse DEBUT |
| 25 LET ME TURN YOU ON (Cold Chillin/Reprise 18542) Biz Markie 10 6 |
| 26 HUMPS FOR THE BLVD. (Psychotic 1203) Rodney O & Joe Cooley 16 4 |
| 27 THIS IS IT/RIP IT UP(Ruffhouse/Columbia 74764) Lin Que 21 5 |
| 28 WORK IT OUT (Luke 162) Luke 23 4 |
| 29 SIX FEET DEEP (Rap-A-Lot/Priority 53823) Geto Boys 24 14 |
| 30 FUPHORIA (Indexe (202) |



PUBLISHING/NEWS

By Fred L. Goodman



Cash Box **MUSIC PUB**

Arthur Braun

IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT: Publishing veteran Arthur Braun is back in L.A. After a three-year stint in Florida as president of the music pub division of The Kruger Organization (TKO). Braun brings his family and talents back to these shores with Drive Entertainment, the new recording and publishing concern formed by Don Grierson and Stephen Powers. While Grierson and Powers take care of the record side, Braun heads the pubbery as executive veep and general manager. He gets highly animated when discussing the new venture. "This [Drive] is very exciting," he says. "It's fun starting a new company with such industry vets like Don and Steve.

Braun's first order of business will be searching for songs to start building a catalogue. "We'll do it song by song, brick by brick," he explains. "We also will be acquiring existing catalogues as well. Whatever it takes to be successful."

Braun has the track record to help bring about that success. Before he was at TKO, he spent 15 years as head of the U.S. operations for the Dick James Organization (DJO), which included the Elton John-Bernie Taupin catalogue as well as tunes by Roger Greenaway, Roger Cook and Don Black, among others. At various stages with DJO, Braun was headquartered in New York, Nashville and, from 1985-89, in Los Ângeles. So the new gig has become a sort of homecoming for him.

Braun's looking forward to the challenge of building a company from scratch. "It's a very good time to be an independent publisher," he relates. "Because no matter how much acquiring takes place in this business, it still comes back to the basic writer who creates the product in the first place. If you don't have a place for writers to develop, you're not going to be building the future catalogues to be acquired in the next generation. I'm an old-fashioned type publisher. I do it the nuts-and-bolts way of creating songs of value for the copyright. It's easy to acquire if you want to pay the price. But to develop somebody that means something, that's where the skill comes in."

Welcome back, Arthur!

MILLIONS & MILLIONS!: "Georgia On My Mind," written by Hoagy Carmichael and Stuart Gorrell, and "More," written by Norman Newell (PRS), Nino Oliviero (SIAE), Marcello Ciorciolini (SIAE) and Riz Ortolani (SIAE), have surpassed the coveted five million performance mark, according to BMI. The songs are only the sixth and seventh BMI-represented tunes to reach this performance plateau. "Georgia" is published by Hoagland Music and peermusic; "More" by Elbo Music, E.B. Marks Music and C.A.M..

If played continuously at an average length of three minutes per play, five million performances would take more than 28(!!) years. Holy statement, Hoagy!

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Max Vague

By Joseph Stanley

WHEN YOU GO TO LOOK AT THE BACKGROUND OF



MAX VAGUE, be prepared for the name to fit. Max doesn't talk a lot about the early days of his career in Monterey, California, except to say that he taught himself to play keyboard and formed a band, The Freeze. He learned to write music and left Monterey for L.A., alone, in 1984. While there, he supported himself with his skills as a freelance graphic artist and wrote the scores for several documentaries, including a special on the GM

Sunraycer. All the time he was doing these "side jobs," as he sees them, he was laying the groundwork for his true purpose, which was anything but "vague": his own solo recording career.

When Vague begins to talk about his music a change comes over him; his eyes get brighter, his whole body becomes animated, a vehicle for conveying his feelings for the thing in his life that is most precious to him. Because he does feel so strongly about his work he is, when it comes studio time, a solo performer in nearly every sense of the word. Ninety percent of the music is played by Max. He does 98% of the vocals, 99% of the mixing, production and post production work on his albums. He is a technical wizard and perfectionist, and the quality and dedication he gives to his projects shine through on the finished product. His first CD was *Love In A Thousand Faces*.

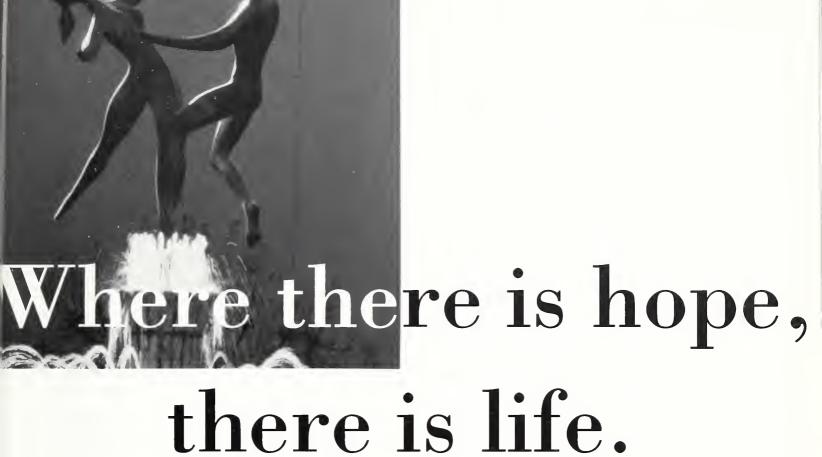
Technical magic aside, though, Max is, at the core, an artist. In just the same way as a painter takes a canvas and, with subtle brushstrokes, brings out the various nuances of form and color in his painting that give it a sense of reality all its own, Max uses voice, music, and words to bring out the same nuances of color and form—and temperature and emotion and instinct and weather and lust and loss and hope and despair—to give his songs a sense of reality all their own. Each song is a painting, each album a tapestry.

The music of Max Vague is difficult to categorize; it's rock, but it's not, at least not in the narrow American view of rock. In feel as well as in scope the closest comparisons would have to be Peter Gabriel, Sting and the Cure. Strong Lennon influences are also evident. Max Vague's music is global in its outlook. All types of musical styles are mixed and matched in ways that should never work, yet, somehow, they do. On the current CD, S.O.S. The Party's Over, his second so far, there are washes of guitar power chords and simple acoustic melodies. Primitive percussion—shakers, sticks, guitar thumps—lies in the same groove as the most advanced synthesizer sequencers available today.

As incredible as the music is, it takes a decided backseat to the lyrical strength of the album. The lyrics are simple, yet symbolic; there are several different levels of meaning to several of the songs. Of course, to quote the old saying, the fact that "it's got a good beat and you can dance to it," doesn't hurt the appeal of the CD a bit. In fact, several of the songs simply defy immobility; ya gotta dance to "Crying" (the best song about lust I've ever heard), "Lie" (all the songs on the album have one-word titles), "S.O.S.," and "Believe." The final gist of the album is neo-psychedelic. In fact, it comes back at the end to "S.O.S.," completing the trip.

In addition to the upcoming release of the S.O.S. The Party's Over CD with a live concert featuring a four-piece band at Nashville's Ace Of Clubs Sept. 16, 1993, fan clubs are forming in Japan as well as in the U.S. Also Vague and his label, MetroLord Records are currently shopping for major label distribution. For information on Max Vague or to find out how to get your own CD or cassette call MetroLord Records at (615) 251-7527.

Photo courtesy of Steve Green



Please join us as the City of Hope presents its "Spirit of Life" Award to Alain Levy on Thursday, September 30 at 7:00 pm at the Beverly Park Estates.

For more information and reservations, call Scott Goldman at (213) 626-4611.

LABEL PROFILE

Shiro Records

SHIRO GUTZIE, president of Shiro Records and its parent company Shiro Music Productions, has found his company being considered an international record company. But Gutzie, who launched Shiro Records in July 1991, has a different philosophy in how they break their artists. Unlike other independents who spend all their time trying to break their acts in the U.S., Shiro feels otherwise. "I see the world as our market. We believe in the global appeal of our acts. The goal is worldwide sales.'

Presently Shiro Records is distributed in 26 countries and plans 20 international releases and six domestic albums per year. Currently experiencing success with Tomi Kita in S.E. Asia, Shiro Reocrds is now focusing on its upcoming U.S. releases.

Global soul? That's what Civilization brings to their self-titled debut EP to be released September 28. This five-track collection was produced by band leader Doug de Forest, who, along with vocalist Al Berry, has been around the business for a while, touring with various acts. Most of the tracks give you an experience different from your everyday pop album, especially the first single "Mountain." Both artists draw on eclectic sounds from music the world over.

Civilization utilizes instruments from such far off nations as Uganda, Nigeria and the Ivory Coast. The band is influenced by ritual music from India, Asia and the Middle East; as well as new rock and soul groups from England and here in the States. Doug de Forest has worked with Martha Reeves and Patrick O'Hearn and was obviously influenced by both artists. But de Forest is no clone. In fact, he built and patented his own musical instrument called the "Modus Novus," a highly advanced percussion system. If that weren't enough, de Forest has entered the interactive multimedia arena using technology he refers to as "Live Video."

Berry comes out of the Peabody Conservatory at John Hopkins University where he studied and later met Christopher Max. Max took Berry on tour and a career was launched after hooking up with Max's producer Nile Rodgers. Rodgers, one of the most successful producers around, led Berry to gigs with Lionel Richie, Lenny Kravitz and the late Stevie Ray Vaughn. At just 28, Berry already has quite a resume; but he hopes to stand in the spotlight soon with his new group.

Shiro, who also writes and produces music adds, "We are concentrating on making the best possible music without compromising the integrity of our artists."

REVIEWS

By M.R. Martinez

J.K. FEATURING DAVE WECKL: Special (Lipstick LIP 89142). Producer: Jorg (J.K.) Kluetgens.

German-based bassist J.K. and company, including respected



jazz/fusion drummer Dave Weckl, conjure up memories of the old fusion days, when groups like Return To Forever, Passport and others who stretched sonic sensibilities from different perspectives. Each track serves as a recollective moment in the dialect of jazz fusion. With J.K. playing bass lead on several tracks, the dynamics of each composition are different. The tracks "Special," "I Still Love You" and

"Ride Home" best demonstrate the diversity of fusion on this album.

TOP 30 JAZZ ALBUMS

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| 1 NO ONE WORSHIPS THERE ANYMORE (Homeland 5139) . Bruce Haynes | 1 | 7 |
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| 2 PARDON ME, I'VE BEEN PARDONED (Manuel MFBC4) Manuel Family Band | 2 | 7 |
| 3 OHI I WANT TO SEE HIM (Psalms Min. 107) Susie Luchsinger | 3 | 7 |
| 4 ALL OF THIS AND HEAVEN TOO (HIS Prod.) Don Vinson | 4 | 7 |
| 5 FORGOTTEN FRIENDS (Expression 2001) Ken Holloway | 7 | 7 |
| 6 CRAZY 'BOUT JESUS (Expression 2004) Randy Coward | 11 | 5 |
| 7 BURN BRIDGE BURN (Independent) Cross Country | 9 | 6 |
| 8 LET'S GET THE DEVIL OUT OF HERE (Kings Day 12692) Judy Deramus | 8 | 7 |
| 9 MAMA PRAYS (Intersound 7011) | 6 | 7 |
| 10 THE MIDDLE MAN (Heartwrite 71192) | 5 | 7 |
| 11 GOD'S NEVER TOO LATE (Gospel Choice 1005) Del Way | 10 | 7 |
| 12 EACH STEP I TAKE (Morning Star) Fox Brothers | 12 | 7 |
| 13 AMERICA IN GOD WE TRUST (Victory) Bill Holcomb | 13 | 7 |
| 14 PRAY PRAY PRAY (Circuit Rider) | 15 | 7 |
| 15 WELL DONE (Damascus) | 16 | 7 |
| 16 I HEARD ABOUT A STONE (Some Dawn) Kevin Spencer | 17 | 7 |
| 17 A VERY SPECIAL GRACE (Homeland 5136) Walt Mills | 14 | 7 |
| 18 THERE BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD (Word 9357) . Paul Overstreet | 18 | 7 |
| 19 DIAMONDS FROM DUST (Dovesong) Pam Walker | 19 | 2 |
| 20 WAY DOWN DEEP (Homeland) White River | 20 | 3 |
| 21 THEY SEE MY DADDY IN ME (Horneland 9073) Margo Smith & Holly | 21 | 7 |
| 22 BLESSINGS COME IN DIFFERENT COLORS (HIS Prod.) Bill Adams | 22 | 7 |
| 23 ONE OF THESE DAYS (Heartlook) Rivers & Owens | 23 | 7 |
| 24 ALL I WANT, ALL I NEED (Expression) Kathy Yoder | 24 | 2 |
| 25 DEEP WELL (Calvary) Freemans | 25 | 4 |
| 26 IN HIS WILL THERE IS A WAY (Riversong 2862) Jeff & Sheri Easter | 28 | 7 |
| 27 THESE LAST DAYS (S&A Family) Steve & Annie Chapman | 26 | 7 |
| 28 LET MY FAITH BEGIN TO MOVE (Horneland 63) Billy Walker | 27 | 7 |
| 29 GLORY BOUND (HIS Min.) Brian Elliott | DEB | JUT |
| 30 LOVE IS AN UPHILL CLIMB (Benson 2090) Vince Wilcox | DEB | 3UT |

ERIC REED: It's All Right To Swing (MoJazz 37463 7006-2). Producer:

Eric Reed mostly lives up to the sentiment expressed in the album title with



the help of a mostly tight rhythm section (Gregory Hutchinson on drums and acoustic bassist Rodney Thomas Whitaker). Reed's playing alternates between rhythmic and lyrical, but he rarely separates the two in a song. His chordal structure is intriguingly angular. Perhaps his most introspective playing comes on the second track of the album, the aptly titled "In A Lonely Place." He renders a tasty cocktail-lounge

version of the standard "You Don't Know What Love Is."

COUNTRY NEWS BOX

SRO 1993 Nominees Announced

NASHVILLE—Nominees for the 1993 SRO Awards, recognizing outstanding professional achievement within the country music touring industry, have been announced by the Country Music Association. The SRO Awards will be presented Friday, October 1 during SRO '93, CMA's annual entertainment expo, which takes place September 30 - October 2 at the Nashville Convention Center.

The nominees for the 1993 SRO Awards are:

TALENT BUYER/PROMOTER OF THE YEAR:

- Joe Gehl, The Gehl Group, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- Ron Jett, The Grand Palace, Branson, MO
- Jim McCormick, Valley Forge Music Fair, Devon, PA
- Cindy Mills, Concerts In The Country, Cumming, GA
- George Moffett, Variety Attractions, Zanesville, OH
- · Bob Romeo, Don Romeo Agency, Omaha, NE
- Tom Trzos, The Palace At Auburn Hills, Auburn Hills, MI

NEW TOURING ARTIST OF THE YEAR:

 Suzy Bogguss, Billy Dean, Tracy Lawrence, Little Texas, John Michael Montgomery, Aaron Tippin

TOURING ARTIST OF THE YEAR:

 Garth Brooks, Brooks & Dunn, Billy Ray Cyrus, Vince Gill, Travis Tritt

ROAD MANAGER OF THE YEAR:

 Leonard Arnold (Trisha Yearwood), Tim Bowers (Ricky Van Shelton), Kelly Brooks (Garth Brooks), Carson Chamberlain (Alan Jackson), Mark Chamberlain (Travis Tritt), Mike Copeland (Marty Stuart), Terry Elam (Vince Gill), Graeme Lagden (Reba McEntire), Gene Roy (Kenny Rogers)

SUPPORT SERVICES COMPANY OF THE YEAR:

 Audio Visions, Omaha, NE; Bandit Lites, Knoxville, TN; RA Roth Lighting, Tucker, GA; Showco, Dallas, TX; Vari-Lites, Dallas, TX

FESTIVAL/SPECIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR:

 Farm Aid, Ames, IA; Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, Houston, TX; Jamboree In The Hills, Wheeling, WV; June Jam, Ft. Payne, AL; West Fest, Copper Mountain, CO

CLUB/THEATRE OF THE YEAR:

 Cheyenne Saloon, Cheyenne, WY; Coyote's, Louisville, KY; Crazy Horse SteakHouse, Santa Ana, CA; Grizzly Rose, Denver, CO; Toolies Country, Phoenix, AZ

VENUE OF THE YEAR:

 Billy Bob's, Ft. Worth, TX; Dollywood, Pigeon Forge, TN; The Grand Palace, Branson, MO; Lanierland, Cumming, GA; Opryland USA, Nashville; Palace At Auburn Hills, Auburn Hills, MI; Radio City Music Hall, New York City

TALENT AGENCY OF THE YEAR:

- Buddy Lee Attractions, Nashville
- Creative Artists Agency, Nashville
- Monterey Artists, Nashville
- William Morris Agency, Nashville
- World Class Talent, Nashville

ARTIST MANAGER OF THE YEAR:

- Narvel Blackstock, Starstruck Entertainment, Nashville
- Ken Kragen, Kragen & Co., Los Angeles
- Jack McFadden, McFadden Artists Corp., Nashville
- Stan Moress, Moress Nanas Shea Entertainment, Nashville
- Bob Titley, Bob Titley & Associates, Nashville

TALENT AGENT OF THE YEAR:

- Steve Dahl, Monterey Artists
- Joan Saltel, Buddy Lee Attractions
- Dave Schuder, Buddy Lee Attractions
- Rick Shipp, William Morris Agency
- Bob Younts, Bobby Roberts Entertainment

PUBLICIST OF THE YEAR:

- Jennifer Bohler, Starstruck Entertainment
- Cathy Gurley, Gurley & Co.
- · Pam Lewis, PLA Media
- Nancy Russell, Shock Ink
- Evelyn Shriver, Evelyn Shriver Public Relations

RADIO - SMALL MARKET:

 KFGO, Fargo, ND; KMIX, Turlock, CA; KTTS, Springfield, MO; WLWI, Montgomery, AL; WOVK, Wheeling, WV; WWNC, Asheville, NC

RADIO - MEDIUM MARKET:

KWEN, Tulsa, OK; WAMZ, Louisville, KY; WCOS, Columbia, SC; WESC, Greenville, SC; WMSI, Jackson, MS; WSIX, Nashville, TN; WUSY, Chattanooga, TN; WZZK, Birmingham, AL

RADIO - LARGE MARKET

 CISS, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; KMPS, Seattle, WA; KNIX, Phoenix, AZ; KSAN, San Francisco, CA; KSCS, Ft. Worth, TX; WQYK, St. Petersburg, FL; WUSN, Chicago, IL; WWWW, Detroit, MI; WYAY, Atlanta, GA; WYNY, New York City

Other events on the SRO '93 agenda include four talent showcases featuring 25 of country music's exciting entertainers, a full-service exhibit marketplace, an in-depth international conference, seminars and one-on-one roundtable discussions. SRO is geared toward individuals and companies involved in the touring industry, but anyone wanting to learn more about this key segment of the music industry is encouraged to attend. Current member registration will be \$225. New member registration will be \$275. Registration for individuals who are not eligible for CMA membership but who wish to attend SRO '93 is \$290. For more information about SRO '93 call (615) 244-2840.

CASH BOX CHARTS





#1 SINGLE: Billy Ray Cyrus



TO WATCH: Mark Chesnutt #34



HIGH DEBUT: Alabama #35



#1 INDIE: Kevin Charles #54

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| IN THE HEART OF A WOMAN (Mercury 934) Billy Ray Cyrus | | | | EASIER SAID THAN DONE (Arista 2564) Radney Foster | | |
| 2 THANK GOD FOR YOU (Curb 77574) Sawyer Brown | 1 2 | 11 | | WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT (Epic 77025) Doug Stone | | |
| 3 AIN'T GOING DOWN (TIL THE SUN COMES UP) (Liberty 79795) | | _ | | I'LL CRY TOMORROW (RCA 66210) Larry Stewart | | |
| | | 6 | | HERE GOES NOTHING (BFE/BMG 18562) Patti Miner | | 7 |
| 4 HOLDIN' HEAVEN (MCA 54659) | | | _ | FALLIN' NEVER FELT SO GOOD (Columbia 18465) Shawn Camp I NEVER CARED FOR MORNINGS (LRK Records KC693) Kevin Charles | | , |
| 5 WORKING MAN'S PH.D (RCA 66251) Aaron Tippir | 1 / | 9 | | I NEVER CARED FOR MORNINGS (LRK Records KC693) Kevin Charles EVERY LITTLE THING (Giant 42449))Carlene Carter | | 16 |
| 6 ONLY LOVE (Curb/MCA 54689) | | 9 | | I'M THE ONLY THING (I'LL HOLD AGAINST YOU) (MCA 54716) | 43 | 10 |
| 7 A THOUSAND MILES FROM NOWHERE (Reprise/ Warner Bros. 6057) | . 1 | 11 | 30 | Conway Twitty | 51 | 5 |
| 8 A COWBOY'S BORN WITH A BROKEN HEART (Curb 1038) Boy Howdy | | 14 | 57 | JANIE BAKER (RCA 66267) Shenandoah | | |
| 9 LOOKING OUT FOR NUMBER ONE (Warner Bros. 18463) Travis Trit | _ | 9 | | WEST TEXAS SAM (Platinum Plus AACDX 1101) Bill Gerick | | 8 |
| 10 PROP ME UP BESIDE THE JUKEBOX (IF I DIE) (Epic 77071) | • | • | | CAN'T BREAK IT TO MY HEART (Atlantic 82483) Tracy Lawrence | | 15 |
| Joe Diffie | 10 | 8 | | I WISH (Hickory 75407) Emie Ashworth | | 6 |
| ONE MORE LAST CHANCE (MCA 54715) Vince Gill | | 7 | | LAY AROUND AND LOVE ON YOU (RCA 66117) Lari White | | 2 |
| 12 IF I DIDN'T LOVE YOU (Arista 2578) Steve Wariner | | 12 | | WE GOT THE LOVE (RCA 66049) Restless Heart | | 17 |
| 13 WHAT'S IT TO YOU (Giant 24511-2) Clay Walker | | | | DOWN ON MY KNEES (MCA 54670) Trisha Yearwood | | |
| 14 BEER AND BONES (Atlantic 28420) John Michael Montgomery | | | | IT SURE IS MONDAY (MCA 54630) Mark Chesnutt | | |
| 15 LET GO (Asylum 61554-2) | | | | LOST IN THE NEON LIGHTS (Belltune TV8-3) Bobby Hood | | 5 |
| 16 EASY COME, EASY GO (MCA 54717) George Strait | | 4 | | EVERY TIME I ROLL THE DICE (Liberty 79002) Chris LeDoux | | BUT |
| NO TIME TO KILL (RCA 66239) | | 5 | | CHATTAHOOCHEE (Arista 2560) Alan Jackson | | |
| 18 THIS ROMEO AIN'T GOT JULIE YET (Arista 2580) Diamond Rio | | 8 | | SHAME SHAME SHAME (MCA 54668) Mark Collie | | |
| 19 NOTHIN' BUT THE WHEEL (Epic 77076) Patty Loveless | | 10 | | DANCE WITH THE ONE THAT BROUGHT YOU (Mercury 923) | | |
| JUST LIKE THE WEATHER (Liberty 79763) Suzy Bogguss | | 7 | | | 59 | 12 |
| 21 HE AIN'T WORTH MISSING (Mercury 918) Toby Keith | | 10 | 76 | RHYTHM AND BOOZE (Rockin J TV8-1) Norris Stewart | | |
| TRASHY WOMEN (Altantic 82335) Confederate Rallroad | | 6 | | HAUNTED HEART (Mercury 873) Sammy Kershaw | | |
| HURRY SUNDOWN (MCA 54688) McBride & the Ride | | 8 | | HELLO EARTH (Platinum Plus AAPL1101) Chris Shook | | |
| DOES HE LOVE YOU (MCA 54719) Reba McEntire with Linda Davis | 33 | 3 | 73 | WHY DID I WAKE UP (Treasure) Monte Lee | 77 | 4 |
| 25 WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN (Warner Bros. 6159) Little Texas | 11 | 16 | | HOLD ON, ELROY (Arista 2579) Dude Mowrey | | |
| 26 THAT WAS A RIVER (Epic 77118) Collin Raye | 32 | 5 | 75 | MOMMA'S ROCKING CHAIR (Killer) Sharon Kaye | 78 | 4 |
| 27 HALF ENOUGH (BNA 66047) Lorrie Morgan | 31 | 6 | 76 | WEEKEND SITUATION (Fraternity CP0001) Curt Powers | 80 | 4 |
| 28 RENO (BNA 62537) | 12 | 17 | 77 | WE'LL BURN THAT BRIDGE (Arista 2563) Brooks & Dunn | 66 | 17 |
| SHE USED TO BE MINE (Arista 2602) Brooks & Dunn | | 2 | 78 | A BAD GOODBYE (RCA 62503) Clint Black with Wynonna | 70 | 18 |
| THE BUG (Columbia 77134) Mary-Chapin Carpenter | 35 | 4 | | IT'S YOUR CALL (MCA 54496) Reba McEntire | | |
| ON THE ROAD (Arista 2588) Lee Roy Parnell | | 5 | | | | |
| I FELL IN THE WATER (BNA 62621) John Anderson | | 3 | 81 | CLEOPATRA, QUEEN OF DENIAL (Arista 2552) Pam Tillis | 74 | 19 |
| 33 MAMA KNOWS THE HIGHWAY (Curb 1048) Hal Ketchum | 16 | 13 | | CAN YOU FEEL IT (Liberty 79760) Ricky Lynn Gregg | | 8 |
| ALMOST GOODBYE (MCA 54718) Mark Chesnutt | | 2 | | I GOT A LOVE (Columbia 53198) Matthews Wright & King | | |
| RECKLESS (RCA 66296) | DEE | BUT | | MONEY IN THE BANK (BNA 62507) John Anderson | | |
| 36 QUEEN OF MY DOUBLE WIDE TRAILER (Mercury 969) | | | | THE HARD WAY (Columbia 74930) Mary-Chapin Carpenter | | |
| Sammy Kershaw | | | | IF MY EYES COULD TALK (Killer) Sylvia Winters | | |
| 37 DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR MAN IS (Arista 2606) Pam Tillis | | 3 | 87 | TELL ME ABOUT IT (Liberty 56985) Tanya Tucker with Delbert McClinton | 84 | 22 |
| 38 MY BABY LOVES ME (RCA 66299) Martina McBride | | 6 | | THE FLOOD OF '93 (Heartland) Dave Busch | | |
| 39 I'M NOT BUILT THAT WAY (Liberty 79797) Billy Dean | 44 | 4 | | YOUR TIGHT FITTIN' JEANS (Lion 626923) Del Pritchett | | |
| 40 A COUPLE OF GOOD YEARS LEFT (Columbia 77130) | 44 | | 90 | TEXAS TATTOO (Epic 74991) Gibson Miller Band | 86 | 15 |
| 41 GRAND TOUR (A&M 31454) | | 4 | | SOMEBODY ELSE'S MOON (Epic 74912) Collin Raye | | |
| 42 COWBOY BOOGIE (Warner Bros. 45319) Randy Travis | | 6 | | A MIND OF HER OWN (Liberty 79654) John Berry | | |
| 43 MASTER OF ILLUSION (Step One 466) | | 2 311T | | MAXINE (Kottage KCD0094) Terry Barbay | | |
| MASTER OF ILLUSTON (Step One 466) | | | | WHEN DID YOU STOP LOVING ME (MCA 54642) George Strait | | |
| 45 TWO STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION (Atlantic 5226) | JL | JO 1 | | AN OLD PAIR OF SHOES (Warner Bros. 18616) Randy Travis | | |
| Roger Ballard | DEF | 3UT | | NO FUTURE IN THE PAST (MCA 54540) Vince Gill | | |
| 46 TRUE BELIEVER (Liberty 79668) Ronnie Milsap | | | | THAT SUMMER (Liberty 79736) | | |
| 47 OL' RED (Giant 24490) Kenny Rogers | | 3 | | WHATEVER WAY THE WIND BLOWS (MCA 54678) Kelly Willis | | |
| 48 MOONLIGHT DRIVE-IN (BNA 62577) Turner Nichols | | | | TELL ME WHY (MCA 54606) | | |
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COUNTRY SINGLES

| AIN'T GOING DOWN (TIL THE SUN COMES UP) K. Blazy, K. Williams, G. Brooks (Sophie's Choice Music/Sony Cross Keys Put Co., Inc./Major Bob Music Co., Inc./No Fences Music, BMI/ASCAP) |
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| Co., Inc./Major Bob Music Co., Inc./No Fences Music, BMI/ASCAP) |
| ALMOST GOODBYE B. Livsey, D. Schlitz Rondor (London) Ltd://rving Music, Inc., PRS/BMI/Don Schlitz Music/Hayes Street |
| Music, Inc., ASCAP) |
| A BAD GOODBYE C. Black (Blackened Music, BMI) BEER AND BONES S. D. Schafer, L. Williams (Acuff-Rose Music, Lazy Gator Pub., BMI) |
| THE BUG M. Knopfler (Chariscourt Ltd./Almo Music Corp., ASCAP). CAN'T BREAK IT TO MY HEART K. Roth, T. Lawrence, E. Clark, A. West (Loggy Bayou Music/Mike Dunn Music/JMV Publishing |
| ASCAP) |
| CAN YOU FEEL IT R.L. Gregg (Hoosier Hills, BMI/Milene, ASCAP) |
| Publishing, ASCAP) |
| CLEOPATRA, OUEEN OF DENIAL P. Tillis, B. Dipiero, J. Buckingham (Sony Tree, Little Big Town, American Made, Duck House, BMI) |
| A COUPLE OF GOOD YEARS LEFT G. Burr (MCA Music Pub, Gary Burr Music, Inc., ASCAP) COWBOY BOOGLES. MacDougall, D. Wilkie (Ghost Writers In Disguise/Trouble Clef Music, SOCAN) |
| A COWBOY'S BORN WITH A BROKEN HEART J. Steele, C. Farren (Farrenuff Music/Full Keel Music/Curb Songs, ASCAP, Far- |
| ren-Curtis Music/Mike Curb Music, BMI) DANCE WITH THE ONE THAT BROUGHT YOU S. Hogin, G. Peters (Sony Tree, WB Music Corp., BMI/ASCAP) |
| DOES HE LOVE YOU S. Knox, B. Stritch (PKM Music, ASCAP/Tom Collins Music, BMI) |
| DOWN ON MY KNEES B. N. Chapman (BMG Songs, ASCAP) DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR MAN IS C. Chase, D. Gibson, R. Smith (Artist Vision Music/MCA Music/Maypop Music, BMI). |
| EASIER SAID THAN DONE R. Foster (Polygram International Publishing/St. Julien Music, ASCAP, Mighty Nice Music, BMI) |
| EVERY LITTLE THING C. Carter, Al Anderson (Cross Keys Pub., Tortured Artist Tunes, Bash Music, This Big Music, ASCAP) |
| EVERY TIME I ROLL THE DICE M.D. Barnes, T. Seals (Irving Music/Hardscratch Music/W.B. Music Corp./E. 64th Music, BMI/ASCAP) |
| FALLIN NEVER FELT SO GOOD S. Camp, W. Smith (Patrix Janus/WB Music Corp., ASCAP) |
| THE FLOOD OF '93 (N/A) THE GRAND TOUR (N/A) |
| THE HARD WAY (N/A) |
| HALF ENOUGH W. Waldman, R. Nielson (Longitude Music Co./Moon & Stars Music/Englishtown Music, BMI) HAUNTED HEART B. Brock, K. Williams (Acuff-Rose, BMI, Sony Cross Keys, ASCAP) |
| HE AIN'T WORTH MISSING T. Keith (Songs Of Polygram IntriVTokeco Tunes, BMI) HELLO EARTH (N/A) |
| HERE GOES NOTHING J. Collins, Michael P. Heeney (BMG Songs, ASCAP/Songs of Polygram International, Bantry Bay Music, |
| BMI) HOLDIN' HEAVEN B. Kenner, T. McHugh (Tom Callins Music, Music Corp. Of America, BMI) |
| HOLD ON, ELROY D. Linde (EMI Blackwood Music, Inc./Linde Manor Publishing Co., BMI) HOMETOWN HONEYMOON J. Leo, J. Photoglo (Warner-Elektra-Asylum,BMI,Mopage,BMI After Berger,Patrix |
| Janus ASCAPWB ASCAP) |
| HURRY SUNDOWN K, Stegall, D. Henson, B. Mason (Warner-Tamerlane, Willisden Music, BMI/WB Music Corp., Denny Henson Pub., ASCAP) |
| I FELL IN THE WATER J. Solley, J. Stevens (W.B.M. Music Corp/Extra Innings Music/SES AC/Warner Tamerlane Publishing |
| Corp./Jeff Stevens Music, BMI) |
| IF MY EYES COULD TALK (N/A). I GOT A LOVE J. Leap (Harlan Howard Songs, BMI). |
| LILL CRY TOMORROW S. Bogard, R. Giles (WB Music Corp., Rancho Bogardo Music, ASCAP/Great Cumberland Music, Diamor |
| Struck Music, Patenrick Music, BMI) I'M NOT BUILT THAT WAY G. Teren, D. Pfrimmer (Willesden Music/G.I.D. Music, Inc., BMI/ASCAP) |
| I'M THE ONLY THING (I'LL HOLD AGAINST YOU) K. Williams, J. Diffie, L. Wilson (Sony Cross Keys Pub. Co., Zomba |
| Enterprises, Inc., ASCAP/Sony Tree Pub. Co., Songwriters Ink, Regular Joe Music, BMI) I NEVER CARED FOR MORNINGS An/Hampton (Meaners Music/Binoco Music, BMI) |
| IN THE HEART OF A WOMAN K. Hinton, B. Cartwright (WB Music Corp, Warner-Tamerlane Pub. Corp, Brupo Music, Tamerlane Pub. Corp., ASCAP/BMI) |
| IT SURE IS MONDAY D. Linde (EMI Blackwood, Linde Manor, BMI) |
| IT'S YOUR CALL L. Hengber, S. Harrington-Burkhart, B. Burch (Starstruck Writers Group, ASCAP, Burch Brothers Music, BMI) I WISH E. Ashworth (N/A) |
| JANE BAKER D. Linde (EMI Blackwood Music/Linde Manor Publishing, BMI) JUST LIKE THE WEATHER S. Bogguss, D. Crider (Famous Music Corp., Loyal Dutchess Music, Lazy Kato Music, ASCAP/BMI) |
| LAY AROUND AND LOVE ON YOU B. David, D. Gillon (Sony Cross Keys Publishing Co., ASCAP/Royalhaven Music, Inc., BMI) |
| LET GO D. Brown (Dickie Brown Music, ASCAP) LOOKING OUT FOR NUMBER ONE T. Tritt, T. Seals (Sony Tree, Post Oak, BMI/WB Music Corp. East 64th Music, ASCAP) |
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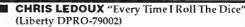
WILLIE NELSON "Still Is Still Moving To Me" (Columbia CSK 77184)

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From his most brilliant recording to date, Across The Borderline, "Still Is Still Moving To Me" is a captivating little single strengthened by a Spanish-acoustic guitar mix, poetic lyrics and an upbeat Willie vocal which is as interpretive, strong, and powerful as ever. Written by the Red-headed Stranger himself, the Tex-Mex ditty employs a really fast-paced rhythm with a distant crying steel that's gonna put you out there in another time or place if you listen closely and let the music do the talking. Don Was produced.



■ JEFF KNIGHT "Easy Street" (Mercury CDP

A much stronger approach than his previous singles, "Easy Street" just might be the one to make people remember Jeff Knight's name. Written by T.J. Knight & Curtis Wright, the tune blends a haunting enough melody with the rich-man-poor-man theme which is so popular in country music today. It just might work if radio catches on soon enough. Bud Logan & Harold Shadd produced Shedd produced.



His Liberty debut was a golden success thanks to Garth Brooks. Now let's see how LeDoux fares alone with "Every Time I Roll The Dice," the second single from his *Under This Old Hat* CD. Written by Max D. Barnes & Troy Seals, the mid-tempo waltzer has cowboy Chris singing with a cool country fiddle, accompanying steel, and some well-placed lead licks. The lady in the song is likened to a card game, and "I'm holding on for dear life..." Jimmy Bowen & Jerry Crutchfield produced the track.





■ DARON NORWOOD "If It Wasn't For Her I Wouldn't Have You" (Giant PRO-CD-6447)

This type of song has worked well in the past, so Giant's trying it again with Daron Norwood. "If It Wasn't For Her I Wouldn't Have You" says it all basically. J.L. Wallace & Terry Skinner wrote the tune of losing infatuation and finding real love. James Stroud & Jeff Carlton produced the light-hearted

PICK OF THE WEEK



DALE DANIEL "Coming Back To Haunt Me" (BNA 66283-2/4) Sultry, sexy and captivating. This one deserves some attention immediately! I haven't read her bio yet and don't know what she looks like as we go to print, but after listening to "Coming Back To Haunt Me," I'm a little haunted myself. From her BNA debut, *Luck Of Our Own*, this attention-grabbing tune was written by Dale Daniel & Rick Bowles with Jerry Crutchfield producing. Excellent stuff-radio's gonna love it!



TOP 75 COUNTRY ALBUMS

CASH BOX • SEPTEMBER 18, 1993

The square bullet indicates strong upward chart movemnt (G) = Gold (RIAA) Certified (P) = Platinum (RIAA) Certified

#1 ALBUM **Garth Brooks**





TO WATCH: Alan Jackson #2

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| 3 IT WON'T BE THE LAST (Mercury 514758) Billy Hay Cyrus | 2 | 11 |
| TELL MIE WHY (Curb/MCA 10822)(P) Wynonia | 3 | 16 7 |
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| 7 HARD WORKIN' MAN (Arista 18716)(P) Brooks & Dunn 8 THIS TIME (Reprise/Warner Bros. 45241-2)(P) Dwight Yoakam | 7 | 24 |
| S ALMOST GOODBYE (MCA 10851) Mark Chesnutt | 12 | 11 |
| 10 CONFEDERATE RAILROAD (Atlantic 82335)(G) Confederate Railroad 11 LIFE'S A DANCE (Atlantic 82420)(P) John Michael Montgomery | 17 10 | 30 29 |
| 12 COME ON COME ON (Columbia 48881)(P) Mary-Chapin Carpenter | 8 | 58 |
| 13 IT'S YOUR CALL (MCA 10673)(P2) Reba McEntire 14 BIG TIME (Warner Bros. 45276) Little Texas | 9 13 | 35 15 |
| 15 WIND IN THE WIRE (Warner Bros 45319) | 26 | 2 |
| 16 ALIBIS (Atlantic 82483)(P) Tracy Lawrence 17 TOBY KEITH (Mercury 514421) Toby Keith | 15 16 | 25 18 |
| IB CALL OF THE WILD (RCA 66251) | 34 | 3 |
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| 21 THE CHASE (Liberty 98743)(P5) Garth Brooks | 11 | 49 |
| 22 UNDER THE KUDZU (RCA 07863) Shenandoah | 24 14 | 5 11 |
| 23 SOLID GROUND (BNA 66232) | 31 | 3 |
| 25 I STILL BELIEVE IN YOU (MCA 10630)(P) Vince Gill | 20 23 | 50 10 |
| 26 LITTLE LOVE LETTERS (Giant/Warner Bros. 24499) Carlene Carter 27 BRAND NEW MAN (Arista 18658)(P3) Brooks & Dunn 2 | | 103 |
| 28 ROPIN' THE WIND (Liberty 96330)(P9) Garth Brooks | 28 | 98 |
| 29 HEARTS IN ARMOR (MCA 10641)(P) Trisha Yearwood 30 LET GO (Asylum 61544) Brother Phelps | 29 30 | 48 5 |
| RED & RIO GRANDE (BNA 66133) Doug Supernaw | 40 | 10 |
| 32 WYNONNA (Curb/MCA 10529)(P3) | 32 33 | 73 2 |
| 34 ONLY WHAT I FEEL (Epic 53226) Patty Loveless | 21 | 19 |
| 35 t-r-o-u-b-l-e (Warner Bros. 45048)(P) | 22 25 | 53 65 |
| 37 WATCH ME (BNA 66047)(G) Lorrie Morgan | 19 | 44 |
| 38 SLOW DANCING WITH THE MOON (Columbia 53199)(G) . Dolly Parton 39 GARTH BROOKS (Liberty 90897)(P4) Garth Brooks | 38 39 | 27 209 |
| 40 TEMPTATION (Morgan Creek 20018) Sheiby Lynn | 42 | 7 |
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| 43 SPINNING AROUND THE SUN (Elektra 61502) Jimmie Dale Gilmore | DEI 44 | : |
| 44 HONKY TONK ATTITUDE (Columbia 530021) | 43 | 18 53 |
| 46 WHERE THERE'S SMOKE (Columbia 52980) Gibson/Miller Band | 47 | |
| 47 THE GRAND TOUR (A&M) | 36 | BUT 117 |
| 49 GREATEST HITS 1990-1992 (Liberty 81367) Tanya Tucker | 50 | 18 |
| 50 IN THIS LIFE (Epic 48983)(G) | 53 35 | 51 5 |
| 52 DEL RIO, TX 1959 (Arista 18713) Radney Foster | 52 | 68 |
| 53 MARK COLLIE (MCA 10658) | 37 54 | 29 53 |
| 55 TRUE BELIEVER (Liberty 80805) Ronnie Milsap | 55 | 5 |
| 56 SONGS FROM AN AGING SEX BOMB (RCA 56227) K.T. Oslin 57 HOMEWARD LOOKING ANGEL (Arista 18649)(G) Pam Tillis | 56 57 | 18 46 |
| 58 JOSHUA JUDGES RUTH (Curb/MCA 10475) Lyle Lovett | 46 | 8 |
| 59 OTHER VOICES OTHER ROOMS (Elektra 61464) Nanci Griffith 60 UNDER THIS OLD HAT (Liberty 80892) Chris LeDoux | 59 45 | 25 39 |
| 61 ACROSS THE BORDERLINE (Columbia 52752) Willie Nelson | 49 | 23 |
| 62 READ BETWEEN THE LINES (RCA 61129)(P) Aaron Tippin 63 CAFE ON THE CORNER (Curb/Capitol 77574) Sawyer Brown | 58 63 | |
| 64 SURE LOVE (Curb 77581) | 48 | |
| 65 CAN'T RUN FROM YOURSELF (Liberty 98987)(G) Tanya Tucker 66 GREATEST HITS (MCA 10653) Patty Loveless | 65 66 | |
| 67 RICKY LYNN GREGG (Liberty 30135) Ricky Lynn Gregg | 67 | |
| 68 IT'S ALL ABOUT TO CHANGE (Warner Bros. 26589)(P2) Travis Tritt 69 SEMINOLE WIND (BNA 61029)(P) John Anderson | 70 69 | |
| 70 BIG IRON HORSES (RCA 66049) Restless Heart | 51 | 49 |
| 71 TRACY BYRD (MCA 10649) Tracy Byrd | 60 | |
| 72 WHAT COMES NATURALLY (Mercury 314514-710) Ronna Reeves 73 KELLY WILLIS (MCA 10789) Kelly Willis | 61 62 | 60 8 |
| 74 FIRE IN THE DARK (Liberty/SBK 98947) Billy Dean | 75 71 | |
| 75 FOR MY BROKEN HEART (MCA 10400)(P2) Reba McEntire | 71 | 95 |

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STEPHANIE DAVIS Stephanie Davis (Asylum 61546-

Even though this is her first record, Stephanie Davis will spend the rest of the summer and fall of 1993 opening shows for Garth Brooks, who has cut several of her songs. Playing before such an audience will indeed put her music to the test, and we'll know real soon how radio's going to react. About the album: Stephanie Davis, while balanced



with some light and uplifting tunes like the lead single called "It's All In The Heart," the super-sweet "Summer Nights In Dixie" and the shuffling "Lone Star Swing," is made strong through the vivid scenes conjured by the high-lonesome ballads like "Wind," "Talking To The Moon" and "Why Can't He Be You." Writing all but three of the songs contained here, Davis enlisted the aid of Asylum Nashville president/producer Kyle Lehning to make the album.

■ CHARLIE FLOYD Charlie's Nite Life (Liberty C2-80475)



This one really takes you for a ride! From Liberty's latest signee, Charlie Floyd, Charlie's Nite Life gives a musical adventure which begins with the boarding of a "Southbound Train" of Floyd's own ing of a "Southbound Train" of Floyd's own design, and ends with a close listen to "Grandma's Song." In between, stops are made at the jukebox when Charlie says "Mama Raised Me Right," but later decides that "Good Girls Go To Heaven" and "By George I'm Jonesin." Once in a while an artist comes out of the shoot with style, and let me tell you—this guy's got what it takes to make it: sex appeal, talent, and Liberty behind him all the way. Watch for the masses to catch on quickly and listen to radio for the lead single, "I've Fallen In Love (And 1 Can't Get Up)." Jimmy Bowen & Clyde Brooks produced some excellent tracks here. Good stuff!

■ BOBBIE CRYNER Bobbie Cryner (Epic AEC 53238) Daddy may have laid the blues on her, but Epic's Bobbie Cryner gives the impression that she's able to lay down some blues of her own. With a haunted, smoky voice that's reminiscent of some of Patty Loveless' better stuff, Cryner's debut is indeed an artistic success. Commercially, let's see where Epic takes her, 'cause Cryner's a cially, let's see where Epic takes her, 'cause Cryner's a triple threat attack of talent, voice and looks. She also finds Emmylou Harris & Dwight Yoakam lending vocal support to the project—Harris sings on "Too Many Tears Too Late" and Yoakam duets on the Buck Owens classic "I Don't Care." In her own words, "My music's not polite, it's not easy...but it's real and it's true." And isn't that what we're all looking for—something real and true? I'dsay yes, and "Go Bobbie!" Doug Johnson & Carl Jackson produced this hot country newcomer.



PICK OF THE WEEK



■ JIMMIE DALE GILMORE Spinning Around The Sun (Elektra 9 61502-2) Originally part of the Elektra/Nonesuch American Explorer Series label, Jimmie Dale Gilmore's music created a virtual whirlwind of critical acclaim for last year's After Awhile release. With the Elektra release of this year's Spinning Around The Sun, Gilmore provides even more of an eclectic roots mix of sophisticated music filled with short stories of grief and salvation. His approach demonstrates the ability to weave a tapestry of ridiculously honest emotions using a voice that's simultaneously ethereal, graceful and fiercely penetrating. Integrity aside, country radio is not likely to be riend Jimmie Dale Gilmore's music, so take the advice of an impressed critic and buy this disc. Unlike After Awhile, Spinning Around The Sun devotes considerable time to other people's material: two Butch Hancock songs, "Just A Wave" and "Nothing Of The Kind," Al Strehli's "Santa Fe Thief" and "So I'll Run," Jo Carol Pierce's "Reunion," and remakes of "I Was The One," "Mobile Line," and Hank Williams' "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry." Emory Gordy, Jr. produced.

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RADIO

By Brad Hogue

HIGH DEBUTS

1. ALABAMA—"Reckless"—(RCA)—#35
2. SAMMY KERSHAW—"Queen Of My
Double Wide Trailer"—(Mercury)—#36
3. CLINTON GREGORY—"Master Of Illusion"—(Step One)—)#43
4. TRACY LAWRENCE—"My Second Home"—(Atlantic)—#44
5. ROGER BALLARD—"Two Steps In The Right Direction"—(Atlantic)—#45

MOST ACTIVE

- 1. MARK CHESNUTT—"Almost Goodbye"—(MCA)—#34
 2. TURNER/NICHOLS—"Moonlight Drive-In"—(BNA)—#48
 3. REBA MCENTIRE/LINDA DAVIS—"Does He Love You"—(MCA)—#24
 4. PATTY LOVELESS—"Nothin' But The Wheel"—(Epic)—#19
 5. BROOKS & DUNN—"She Used To Be Mine"—(Arista)—#29

POWERFUL ON THE PLAYLIST—Billy Ray Cyrus tops the Cash Box Top 100 Country Singles chart once again this week as he moves up two from last week "In The Heart Of A Woman." Mark Chesnutt was a huge mover this week as was BNA's Turner/Nichols. Both moved a whopping 14 spots forward, Chesnutt to #34 with "Almost Goodbye," and Turner Nichols to #48 with "Moonlight Drive-In." Reba McEntire & Linda Davis jumped nine spots up to #24 with "Does He Love You." Brooks & Dunn take their change-of-pace ballad, "She Used To Be Mine" eight places higher to #29. Another eight-spot mover was Patty Loveless' "Nothin' But The Wheel," up to #19. Moving seven with "One More Last Chance" is Vince Gill, who slides into the #11 spot. Moving six spots this week is McBride & The Ride's "Hurry Sundown," and rounding out the significant movers is Collin Raye's "That Was A River," also climbing six spots to rest at #26.



(L-r) Step One Records president Ray Pennington is pictured here with new signee Gene Watson and Cash Box radio promoter Chuck Dixon. They are all ready to come out of the chutes with Watson's new single, "There's A Snake In The House."

RADIO NEWS-Klint Reid Associates, based in Chicago, Illinois is marketing Country Video Today, a music video program developed for television and designed as a unique and cost-efficient way for country radio to produce a weekly video program. For every station who has entertained thoughts of producing a video show, but found costs too exorbitant, Country Video Today is the answer. It was developed specifically with the concerns of radio in mind. Klint Reid Associates will produce a weekly, "plain wrap" video program using the station's own personalities as the hosts of the show, thereby adding a local flavor and personalized touch. Country Video Today is available on a first-come, firstserved basis within each respective market. For additional info contact The Entertainment Marketing Group at (615) 256-6329.

LOOKING AHEAD

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

1. MARK COLLIE—"Something's Gonna Change Her Mind" (MCA)

2. RICK TREVINO—"Just Enough Rope" (Columbia)

3. JOHN BERRY—"Kiss Me In The Car" (Liberty)

4. TWISTER ALLEY—"Dance" (Mercury)

5. RONNA REEVES—"He's My Weakness" (Mercury)

CMT Top Ten Video Countdown

| 1. Tracy Byrd Holdin' Heaven (MCA |
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| 2. Sawyer Brown Thank God For You (Curb |
| 3. Wynonna Only Love (MCA |
| 4. Joe Diffie Prop Me Up Beside The Jukebox (Epic |
| 5. Aaron Tippin Workin' Man's PH.D (RCA |
| 6. Billy Ray Cyrus In The Heart Of A Woman (Mercury |
| 7. Dwight Yoakam A Thousand Miles From Nowhere (Reprise |
| 8. Boy Howdy A Cowboy's Born With A Broken Heart (Curb |
| 9. Vince Gill One More Last Chance (MCA |
| 10. Clay Walker What's It To You (Giant |
| —Compliments of CMT video countdown, week ending Sept. 8, 1993. |
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INDIE CHART ACTION—Leading the Cash Box independents again this week is Kevin Charles on LRK Records with "I Never Cared For Mornings,"

which climbs up three to #54. Congratulations to Kevin for maintaining his position as #1 indie for three weeks in a

row! Trailing behind him is Ernie Ashworth with "I Wish" moving up three to #60 for the Hickory label. Bobby Hood on the Belltunes label takes "Lost In The Neon Lights" up to #65 this week, also up four notches, while Norris Stewart climbs five this week to #70 with "Rhythm & Booze."

INDIE FEATURE PICK

■ Dave Busch "The Flood Of '93" (Heartland Music)

Rain! Rain! Rain! Here's a timely one. Dave Busch gives his own account of "The Flood Of '93." Similar to Waylon Jennings in vocal stylings, Busch ponders over the Midwest situation in company of excellent production with strong rhythms, jammin' drums and well-done vocals. Lyric's pretty cool too. Give it a shot!



The Marshall Tucker Band recently shot their new music video for "Down We Go" off their latest Cabin Fever Music album Walk Outside The Lines. The video was shot near Asheville, NC on the Blue Ridge Parkeay, Spartanburg, SC and Union, SC. Pictured (I-r) are: Doug Gray, lead singer/producer/director; Ken Mandel, director; Jim Gerik, producer/director; and Nick Gutfreund, Cabin Fever Music.



Liberty Records artist Chris LeDoux made a bang during his recent debut appearance on *The Tonight Show With Jay Leno*. He performed a cut from his new CD *Under This Old Hat* complete with pyrotechnics.



Ed Benson (right), executive director of the Country Music Association, discussed "The Power Of Country Music" at a recent meeting of the Nashville Advertising Federation (NAF). Members were also treated to a performance by songwriter Richard Leigh. Pictured (I-r) are: Larry Frankenbach, president of the NAF; Leigh; and Benson.

COUNTRY MUSIC

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Michael Grady

By Joseph Stanley

IN THE HEART OF AMERICA'S BIBLE BELT, preachers' kids often have the reputation of being the most ornery children in the



neighborhood. A lot of this can come from the pressure of unrealistic expectations set by their peers and their parents. În a sense, they are constantly "in the spot-light." Perhaps this is the reason that more and more "PK's" are making their mark in the spotlight of country and Christian music. Paul Overstreet, Holly Dunn, Mark Lowry, and Russ Taff, Shenandoah's Mike McQuire have all known the pressures of the PK spotlight, as well as the joys of the spot-

light at center stage.

New Christian rock-a-billy artist Michael Grady is yet another example of Christian music's "preacher-boys." Like all good country music, his songs reflect the routes of his family's life, their pilgrimage through trials and temptations, joys and sorrows. In fact, Grady's music is so lyrically meaty that he has been described as "Paul Overstreet with

an edge."

After Grady failed to make the basketball team in junior high, his father encouraged him to learn how to play guitar. "I came home from school every day and picked up that old guitar," Grady says. "Pretty soon I wrote my first song called 'Comfort Me Lord." It didn't take long for the music bug to get into Michael's blood. He taught his best friend to play bass and they put together a band called Chosen Generation. The group gained a good following and traveled throughout Indiana, "booking ourselves out of telephone booths," says Grady.

At 17, Grady moved back to Georgia with his family. He started one of central Georgia's most popular family nightspots. The Lightclub became a frequent stopping place for acts en route to Atlanta and Florida. After high school, Grady decided to go to a small Bible college in Tennessee, but, once there, his mind kept going back to a recording project that he had started at an Atlanta studio. He soon met Marcee, his future wife, and thoughts of Atlanta were moved to the back burner until a traveling preacher stopped in Cleveland, TN, and heard Michael's music. He offered to fund the completion of the Atlanta project if Grady would go on the road with him.

Michael took the opportunity, leaving Marcee behind, but a short while later, he says, "my love drew me back to Marcee." They were married and moved to Knoxville to serve at a church there. In 1990 Michael and Marcee recorded a contemporary Christian album called

Mercy River.

In 1992 Michael, Marcee, and their daughter, Lydiah, moved to Nashville to begin work on a second recording project, which, he believes, will define him as a country artist. Michael recently completed a tour through Texas where, he says, "The music was received with equal enthusiasm in clubs and churches," which is the aim of Christian music—to get the message to all the people. Grady will also be performing at two showcases in Nashville this month, at the Southern Living show on September 8, and at 12th & Porter Restaurant on the 16th.

Grady hopes that his music will serve as a bridge, bringing a message of faith and family values to the public. "I think my music can touch the heart of American families in places and in issues that they are facing. Country music is so popular right now that it gives us a creative way to draw people to hear what we're saying."



Christian Country artist Don Vinson (I) pays a visit to Vern Jackson during Jackson's recent stay at Nashville's Baptist Hospital following emergency surgery on an ulcer. He is now out of the hospital and doing much better.



Dwayne Allen of the Oak Ridge Boys recently visited the Homeland offices and stopped downstairs at Suite 16 Studios to listen to a few tracks from White River's new album. Pictured (standing, I-r) are: Cheyenne president Bill Traylor, Ronny Ricks, Bob Ashley, Benny Wood and Terry Exley. (Seated) Gene Reasoner, Dwayne Allen.

CHRISTIAN COUNTRY NEWS

CHRISTIAN SONGWRITER'S NIGHT ANNOUNCED-

Nashville's Christ Church (15354 Old Hickory Boulevard) has announced a Christian Writers' Night. The showcases are held every second Thursday of each month. Showcases will begin at 7:30 and end at 9:30 in the Thompson Building at the Christ Church facilities.

Each showcase will feature performances by six writers. Each writer will be allowed to perform once a quarter in order to allow as many writers as possible to be involved. Each writer must be booked in advance. Each month will also feature a performance by an accomplished guest writer who will also offer business tips and critiques of other aritsts on a one-on-one basis. There will also be a guest speaker each month. These will be varied to represent all facets of the writing and business ends of the industry.

The next writers' night will be Thursday, September 9, 1993. The guest writer will be Steve "Bulldog" Bivins. There will be two guest speakers, Tom Long of ASCAP and Bruce Koblish, executive director of The Gospel Music Association. For further information contact Connie Dale, PO Box 3221, Brentwood TN, 37024 or call (615) 333-1172.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!—In the past few weeks it has come to our attention that radio stations are having some difficulty getting Christian Country product. If you want your artists' songs to chart (and who doesn't!), the song must be reported to our chart department by our reporting stations. For the song to be reported by our stations, the music must be in rotation and be played by the stations. The stations CANNOT PLAY WHAT THEY DO NOT HAVE.

How can that problem be remedied? Call Cash Box immediately and request a list of our reporting stations (get a subscription form as well, while you're at it, so you can easily keep track of the charts). Then, as soon as product becomes available, make sure that all of the stations recieve copies of the product. The results of radio play will be seen in increased retail sales and, very likely, a place on the Christian Country Charts which will, along with making everyone involved with the project very happy, add its momentum to the increased retail sales.

To get a copy of our reporting station list call (615) 329-2898 and ask for the charts department, or write to *Cash Box Magazine* 50 Music Square South, Suite 804, Nashville, TN 37203, Attn. Chart Dept. Our message is the cargo, radio is the vehicle, product is the fuel that keeps the vehicle going; it's time for a fill-up. Thanks a bunch.

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN REVIEWS

By Joseph Stanley

■ TROY JOHNSON "Good (To Have The Lord In Your Shoes)" (Word)

This is a clear case that, sometimes, you can indeed judge a book by its cover. When the advance copies of this CD were shipped a few weeks ago, I was ver impressed by the quiet, strong look of the package. In what has become a highly competetive industry, hype seems to have overshadowed substance. The obvious lack of hype in a package has come to indicate that the music to be found inside can stand on its own, speaking for itself. "Good (To Have The Lord In Your Shoes)" is a clear example of that. This is a slickly produced, keyboard/synth driven jamming, funky, groove-powered hit. The strong Christian message comes out strong; the song begins with the words, "I've got a message for all of you skeptics...." Johnson's vocals are reminiscent of LeVert and other R&B heavy hitters. The music is smooth and engaging. A great debut.

■ NEWSONG"Got Me Going" (Benson)

Somehow it seems that the popularity of the latest album from Newsong, *All Around The World*, seems to grow exponentially. By the time "Got Me Going" gets finished tearing up the charts it is sure to be at an unprecedented high. When trying to figure out which secular group these guys sounded most like (to sort of give those not familiar with their style an idea of what they're missing), I couldn't really come up with a match. I finally settled on this: Newsong sounds like what it would be like to hear Michael Bolton sing lead for Huey Lewis and the News. The message is strong and clear: "Your love has got me going around the world." The music is a hot, swingy, jazzy, rocking uptempo dance cut. Great song, guys!

■ MARGARET BECKER"Keep My Mind" (Sparrow)

There is nowhere in the musical world—Christian, secular, or other—anyone to rival Margaret Becker. There are many male vocalists who tackle the "blue-eyed-soul" approach, but among female vocalists...To be sure, who would want to compare pipes with the likes of Natalie Cole, Dionne Warwick and Aretha Franklin? This green-eyed diva, however, meets and surpasses the standards for vocal excellence. When you figure in her vast writing talent and the message of hope and salvation carried by her music, she takes the cake. This song is no exception. It reaches beneath the surface and MOVES you. It makes you want to "keep your mind on higher things." Give this one an A+.

ALBUM FEATURE PICK

■ GEOFF MOORE & THE DISTANCE Evloution(ForeFront)

One of the greatest dangers a reviewer faces is that, in the face of such a huge volume of music, the good, the bad, and the ugly can sometimes tend to meld together. Cynicism creeps in and one begins to look at all music with a jaded eye. Luckily, every so often an album comes along that "makes the scales fall from one's eyes." Evolution is just such an album. This collection gets back to the basics in a number of ways. In the face of so many "social issues," basics like the fallacy of Darwinian evolution can fall by the wayside. Here, evolution is "redefined" as the growth one sees in his life with Christ in "Evolution...Redefined." The old standard "I Can See Clearly Now" makes a great followup to the lead-off single. "Life Together" gets to the most basic of basics—our love for each other doesn't just make life better, it makes it possible. "Heart To God, Hand To Man" also picks up on this theme. Musically, this album is basic as well. Strong, guitar-based, harmony-driven rock takes us back to a pre-grunge era. The sound is fresh, crisp and appealing. The album is lyrically strong without being pushy or preachy. Altogether it is a complete, solid, basic powerful collection of songs.

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| 3 | WALK ON BY (Sparrow 51327) Susan Ashton | 4 | 7 |
| 4 | SAVE ME (Warner Alliance 4148) Michael English | 2 | 8 |
| 5 | OVER YOU (Star Song 8189) David Meece | 12 | 7 |
| 6 | STEADY ME (Sparrow 1344) Out Of The Grey | 11 | 5 |
| 7 | PSALM 100 (Star Song 8275) Keith Brown | 5 | 7 |
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| 9 | I THIRST FOR YOU (Myrrh 6925382) Randy Stonehill | 7 | 8 |
| 1 | O WANNA BE (Myrrh 6925382) First Call | 10 | 7 |
| 1 | 1 LONG LOOK (Word 9361609) Sandi Patti | 15 | 5 |
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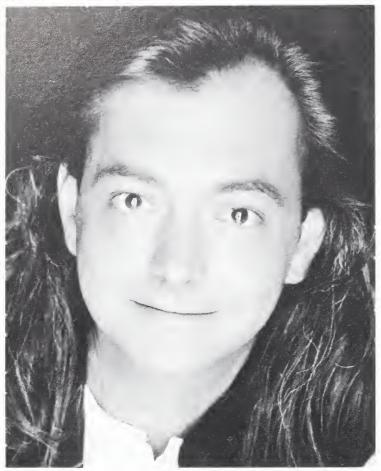
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| 4 | ALL OF THIS AND HEAVEN TOO (HIS Prod.) Don Vinsor | | 7 |
| 5 | FORGOTTEN FRIENDS (Expression 2001) Ken Holloway | | 7 |
| 6 | CRAZY BOUT JESUS (Expression 2004) Randy Coward | | 5 |
| 7 | BURN BRIDGE BURN (Independent) Cross Country | | 6 |
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| 18 | THERE BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD (Word 9357) . Paul Overstreet | 18 | 7 |
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| 20 | WAY DOWN DEEP (Homeland) White River | 20 | 3 |
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| 22 | BLESSINGS COME IN DIFFERENT COLORS (HIS Prod.) Bill Adams | 22 | 7 |
| 23 | ONE OF THESE DAYS (Heartlook) Rivers & Owens | 23 | 7 |
| 24 | ALL I WANT, ALL I NEED (Expression) Kathy Yoder | 24 | 2 |
| 25 | | 25 | 4 |
| 26 | | 28 | 7 |
| 27 | THESE LAST DAYS (S&A Family) Steve & Annie Chapman | 26 | 7 |
| 28 | LET MY FAITH BEGIN TO MOVE (Horneland 63) Billy Walker | 27 | 7 |
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| 30 | LOVE IS AN UPHILL CLIMB (Benson 2090) Vince Wilcox | DEB | UT |

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Walt Mills



THERE ARE FEW, IF ANY, in the Christian Country field today, who possess as rich and varied a musical history as Homeland recording artist Walt Mills. When asked about his earliest musical influences, Walt will invariably name such country music legends as Bill Monroe, Lester Flatt, Earl Scruggs and Hank Williams, Sr. "And then you turn around," he exclaims, "and my hero is Ray Charles." To be sure, any attempt to pin Walt Mills into a single category is a frustrating—shall we say impossible—effort, though he does turn out some serious country sounds. He explains it this way: "It's a mixture of things I like, that have touched me and continue to touch me, and somehow it comes out in what I do."

A native Texan, Walt spent his early years nurturing those country roots in the local country music shows. He remembers the early days as "a bunch of us just kickin' around...trying to get a start." The "bunch" included the likes of Jim Reeves and Willie Nelson, all at the "starving artist" point in their lives. In 1954, Walt's life took a turn in a different direction when he gave his life to God in June of that year; God was prepared to use him.

By the late 1960s, Walt's talents brought him into contact with Buck and Dottie Rambo. Soon after, on Buck's recommendation, Walt was signed to the Benson label. The hit single "Running Free," from his debut album, It's Jesus They Need, earned Walt a place on the secular country charts. The mid-70s brought a move to the Word label and another crossover hit, this time to the pop charts with "You Got The Power."

By 1980, though, Walt had left the recording studio for the TV studio and, to this day, he is a frequent guest on the TBN Network. In 1989 Walt signed with Homeland Recording and Publishing, a relationship that seems to only grow stronger as time goes by. Walt is currently working on his fifth album for the label, coming off of the tremendous success of *Hotel Hallelu*. The album promises to be the best ever from Mills, packed with the diversity he has become known for.

CCM News Briefs

WORD RECORDING ARTIST SANDI PATTI will sing "The Star Spangled Banner" at the dedication of the Francis Scott Key Park/Star Spangled Banner Monument. The dedication ceremonies will take place in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, September 14, 1993. Other celebrities participating in the dedication include E.G. Marshall, Dionne Warwick and Harvey Purcell. President Clinton has also been invited to make a special appearance. Well known for her rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner," Patti first performed the work during the rededication of the Statue Of Liberty in 1986. During the Gulf War, Sandi again led the nation with her rendition of the song. She has also sung the work for several Disney specials, a nationally televised USO special, and the Indianapolis 500.

KEITH KIRKWOOD, GENERAL MANAGER OF INTER-SOUND Christian Music, has announced a new national and international distribution agreement with Impact Records, effective immediately. Formerly distributed through Word, Inc., the label releases primarily inspirational recordings, including projects from such artists as Jim Cole, Cindy Epstein, Brent Henderson, Kelly Connor and Image. Intersound will distribute Impact releases to the CBA and secular markets.

warner alliance artist steve camp is the proud new father of William Marshall Camp. The bundle of joy arrived August 24 at 6:20 p.m., seven pounds and 18 inches long. Mom Kim and baby Marshall are doing fine. This makes number four for the Camp family. Maxfield is 4, Johnston is 2, and Jordan Ruth is 1. Congrats, Steve! ELEPHANTS ON THE MOVE!!!Formerly based in Dana Point, California, Pakaderm Records has moved. Their new address is: 617 Bradley Ct., Franklin, TN 37064. Their new phone numbers are: (615) 370-1705, (615) 370-1712 (fax). In explaining the move, David Del Sesto, label and marketing director says that, "Due to the heartwarming acceptance of our label since our first release in 1989 and the recent successes of Kelli Reisen and Guardian, it has become more important for Pakaderm to have a physical presence in the Christian Music capital. We're excited by the move and this opportunity that God gives us to be in personal contact with our peers on a daily basis."

AL DENSON HOLDS SECOND ANNUAL MUSIC CAMP—Benson recording artist Al Denson recently held the second annual Al Denson Music Camp. Chosen on the basis of audition tapes, over 85 artists and musicians from across the country attended the weeklong conference, which was held in Dallas, Texas. Participants attended seminars which covered everything from how to deal with sound equipment to what's involved in making a record. They also received expert advice on performance and recording techniques, as well as other aspects of the music business. Industry leaders such as Denson, writer and recording artist Paul Smith and A&R director Troy Van Liere participated.



Word recording artist Wayne Watson is finishing his first major studio release in nearly three years. *A Beautiful Place* is scheduled for an October 6 release. Pictured recently in the studio are (I-r): Mike Atkins, Atkins Muse & Associates, Inc., personal manager; Lynn Keesecker, A&R for Word Records; Wayne Watson; Greg Nelson, producer.



IFPA Spells **Success For** 'Sam's'!

CHICAGO—Sam's Amusement Company of Kenosha, Wisconsin is among the newest members of the AMOA-International Flipper Pinball Association, having joined the ranks in March of 1993, the goal being to translate local interest in pinball into a successful venture for the company as well as the community.

As noted by company president Sam laquinta, "Joining AMOA-IFPA allowed us to provide a level of competition and team participation that would benefit the local taverns and ourselves. Pinball has occome a very popular item, the craze of the '90s, and on top of that,

you don't have to be a skilled player to enjoy it."

According to laquinta, the league has been successful in bringing more players and patrons into area bars. "It's worthwhile for us regardless of whether or not we see the financial benefits right away," he said. "The point is the league is establishing the customer and location byalty that is important to our company.

Lisa laquinta, pinball league coordinator at Sam's, totally agrees. "We joined IFPA to build our base, promote good will in the community, and solidify customer loyalty," she explained. "It's the best opportunity we have, as operators, to keep our locations happy."

Sam's held the first of five local tourneys on June 12, with 12 to 20 entrants participating in each of the events. The first actual league match took place on July 12 with 11 locations and 15 teams involved.

Lisa credits IFPA with getting the program off the ground. "Things wouldn't have been nearly as easy if I would have had to start from scratch and do it all myself," she said. "The IFPA program is a complete turn-key operation. The advice and guidance available from IFPA headquarters and fellow members is a real advantage."

As preparations for the fall season begin, Sam's is receiving calls from location owners and players who are anxious to participate in the

Further information regarding leagues and membership may be obtained by contacting Doug Young at AMOA-IFPA, P.O. Box 442, Muskego, WI 53150 or phoning 414-422-0600.

Pictured alongside one of the league pins are Lisa and Sam Iaquinta, enjoying the sweet smell of success and the prospects of future leagues!



Lisa and Sam laquinta

Data East's Last **Action Hero Pin**

CHICAGO—Data East USA, Inc. announced the release of their latest pinball machine, Last Action Hero, featuring Arnold Schwarzennegger. Schwarzennegger's proven money-making capabilities together with his international celebrity status combined with the noted Data East technology make for a truly outstanding package!

As noted by Joe Kaminkow, vice president of engineering at Data East Pinball, "Last Action Hero is loaded with special features that are

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Further information regarding the availability of Last Action Hero may be obtained through factory distributors or by contacting Data East

USA, Inc., 1850 Little Örchard St., San Jose, CA 95125-1045.



Data East's Last Action Hero.

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VNEA Announces Slate Of Officers For '93-'95 Term

CHICAGO—Gene Urso of Madison Coin Machine (Monona, Wisconsin), has been appointed president and chairman of the board of the Valley National Eight-Ball League Association for the term ending June 30, 1995. Urso, a past president of AMOA, has been an active board member for the past nine years and was the 1993 recipient of the Warren Kelley Meritorious Service Award.

Other officers of VNEA include: Cheryl McCown of Charles Recreation (Eugene, OR), 1st vice president & executive committee chairperson; Gary Benson of High Country Games (Fort Collins, CO), 2nd vice president & treasurer; Gary Nelson of Stansfield Vending (LaCrosse, WI), 3rd vice president & chairman of the committee for the committees; Vince Leavey of Western Automatic Amusement (London, Ontario, Canada), director at large; Paul Huebler of Huebler Industries (Linn, MO), manufacturer director; and Chuck Milhem of Valley Recreation Products (Bay City, MI), secretary. Milhem also serves as Valley's liaison to the VNEA board.

NAMA To Open Southern Regional Office; Julianna Belcher Named Southern Manager

CHICAGO—James A. Rost, president of the National Automatic Merchandising Association, announced the appointment of Julianna B. Belcher of Marietta, Georgia to the newly created position of southern manager and counsel.

Ms. Belcher will open a regional office of NAMA in the Atlanta area, marking the association's first office in the southeast part of the country. NAMA's other regional offices are located in Encino, California (near Los Angeles) and in Reston, Virginia (near Washington, D.C.). The association's headquarters are in Chicago.

"I am pleased that Julianna is joining NAMA," commented Rost.
"Her presence in the Atlanta area will allow us to better serve our Sunbelt members and affiliated state councils."

Belcher is an attorney who is a member of the state bars of both Florida and Georgia. She has worked for law firms in both states and for the State of Florida House of Representatives. A graduate of the University of Florida, Belcher has both an M.B.A. and a law degree from Florida State University.

NAMA is the trade organization representing vending/foodservice operators, equipment manufacturers and related suppliers throughout the United States.



Julianna B. Belcher

Country Goes Pop!



Billy Ray Cyrus (I) and Arsenio Hall are shown backstage after Cyrus' recent appearance on Hall's nightime show, where Cyrus debuted his current hit single, "In The Heart Of A Woman." The country heartthrob is currently on an extensive U.S. tour to promote his new Mercury Nashville album, It Won't Be The Last.



Rosanne Cash celebrates backstage at The Paramount in NYC after her recent performance supporting her Columbia album, *The Wheel*. Pictured (I-r) are: Cash's manager, Will Botwin of Side One Management; Burt Baumgartner, Columbia sr. vp, promotion; Cash; Elaine Locatelli, Columbia director, adult contemporary promotion; Jay Krugman, Columbia vp marketing, East Coast; and Jerry Lembo, Columbia vp, adult contemporary promotion.



After performing his country hit, "The Grand Tour," on Nashville Now, A&M artist Aaron Neville (I) was treated with a surprise introduction to George Jones, the legendary singer who originally made the song famous. The tune, from Neville's album of the same name, is the first Aaron Neville track ever released as a country single.



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