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Cover Story

Garbage Collects Momentum

If you liken it to an odd collection of things deposited in a singular receptacle, then the Almo Sounds/Geffen recording act Garbage, and the band's self-titled album, might have something in common with its moniker. But this group's music can't be disparaged as trash. The collection of songs dumps heaps of emotion into neat little packages. Cash Box writer Karen Sidlow reports.

A Shining Ruby

WORK Records act Ruby's Salt Peter album might be an industrially-honed gem, but the collection's many facets, most notably the work of Scottish-born singer Lesley Rankine, makes this a precious offering. Cash Box pop writer Steve Baltin talks with Rankine.

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Lead Story

Azzoli, Atlantic's Co-Chair/Co-CEO



VAL AZZOLI HAS BEEN APPOINTED cochairman and co/CEO of The Atlantic Group, announced Warner Music Group's chairman and co-CEO Robert A. Daly and Terry Semel. chairman/co-CEO of WMG and Warner Bros. With this appointment Azzoli joins Atlantic founder and co-chairman/co-CEO Ahmet Ertegun in heading Atlantic.

Semel said, "Since coming on board at Warner Music Group, we have been very impressed by what Val has accomplished at Atlantic and by his strong vision for the future of the company. He had the unenviable task of keeping the label on course during a very tumultuous period, and he did so with uncommon character, skill, and aplomb...

Ertegun commented, "Since becoming president of Atlantic just over a year ago, Val has done a brilliant job-not only maintaining our status as the No. 1 label in the music business, but making major strides towards strengthening and expanding the company on a number of fronts. In the midst of all the well-reported changes that have taken place in recent months, under Val's stewardship we have just completed one of the best years in Atlantic history...I heartily welcome Val to his new post as co-chairman, and I am looking forward to working with him for many more years to come.'

Azzoli noted, "Needless to say, it is an extraordinary honor and privilege to be able to work alongside Ahmet Ertegun, who remains one of the few true pioneers of our industry.... I would like to thank Bob, Terry and Ahmet for their fantastic support and vote of confidence.'

Immediately prior to this new appointment, Azzoli had served as president of The Atlantic Group since November 1994. He joined Atlantic Records in June 1990 and was named v.p. in February 1991, with primary responsibility for the label's marketing activities.

Heavy D Tagged To Head Uptown

HEAVY D CAN ADD LABEL PRESIDENT to his lengthy resume as he has been named president of Uptown Records, according to an announcement by Doug Morris, chairman/CEO of MCA Music Entertainment Group (MMEG).

Already renowned as a rap artist, songwriter and producer, Heavy D, who served as Uptown's vp of A&R while current Motown Records chief André Harrell headed the label, will now be responsible for sculpting the creative direction of the company. MMEG's Universal Records will provide marketing sales and promotion support.

Credited with revolutionizing the hip hop genre, Heavy D with his group The Boyz have released a series of critically acclaimed albums and Heavy's collective sales have surpassed four million units. But MMEG, perhaps is interested in his A&R executive track record of having signed platinum selling act Soul For Real and newcomer Monifah.

Morris said of the appointment: "I'm very pleased that a creative force like Heavy D will be leading Uptown Records into the future...Heavy has shown a great knack for discovering and nurturing talent. I am confident that Heavy's vision for Uptown Records will allow the label to remain on the cutting edge of black

"This is a great opportunity to build on Uptown's accomplishments and explore new directions as well," commented Heavy D. "...I look forward to maintaining its reputation as a label which provides an artist-friendly environment. I am also extremely pleased to be able to continue my long, successful relationship

Uptown's roster also boasts multi-platinum selling artists such as Mary J. Blige and Jodeci.

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Chavous

Richard Palmese has rejoined Arista Records as sr. vp of promotion after a lengthy stay at MCA Records where he most recently served as president.



Palmese will oversee and direct daily activities of the Top 40, rock, A/C and video promotion. He will also facilitate communication between sales. marketing, black music and promotion departments. Palmese began his promotion career with Arista in 1975 and in 1983 joined MCA as executive vp of marketing and promotion. He was subsequently upped to executive vp/gm of the label and later moved into the president's post.

Qwest Records has named Don Eason vp of promotion. Prior to Qwest, the industry veteran was vp of promotion for Perspective Records and served at similar posts for A&M and Epic's black music divisions.
Sony/ATV Music Publishing has named Merril Wasserman vp of international acquisitions and affiliate relations. The newly-created post calls for Wasserman to seek agreement with U.S. writers and catalog owners to represent their interests and collect their income outside the United States. She additionally will act as general liaison between all Sony/ATV Music Publishing affiliates worldwide and all domestic writers and catalog owners. She joins the company from a vp post at

MCA Music Publishing, where she has served since 1989. Wasserman served as vp/gm of Private Music's publishing division prior to that.

Columbia Records has announced a pair of executive moves. Vicki Batkin has been named vp of television programming for the company. The newly-created job calls for her to pursue new and long-form television opportunities for artists on the Columbia and WORK Group rosters. She will also play a key role in the direction of the Columbia media department. Batkin has served as vp of the label's television relations since 1994, following two years as national directo: of TV promotion for Columbia on the West Coast. She joined the company in 1986 as an assistant in video production. And Julie Eisenthal has been promoted to vp of product development for the company. She will oversee daily activities of the East Coast marketing staff and supervise development and implementation of marketing plans as well as oversee departmental operations. Eisenthal will also continue to serve as product manager on key Columbia projects. She joined the company in 1992 and most recently served as director of marketing, having started her career as an A&R assistant at EMI Records in 1986. Midge Stathis has been promoted to vp of North American operations for Warner Music International, where she will oversee operations and administration at WMI's New York headquarters. Stathis, who joined Warner Communications in 1979 as director of marketing services for Warner Home Video, moved to WMI as a manager in 1986 to start up the company's Canadian operations. Donna Chavous has been named manager in the joint management venture known as SLBG, the partnership of Russell Simmons, Stan Lathan and Brillstein-Grey Entertainment. Chavous will be responsible for overseeing the development of SLBG's current clients and also signing new talent to the company with a focus on actors, writers and directors. The University of Southern California graduate began her career in the mailroom at the Creative Artists Agency, were she eventually trained with Paula Wagner and became an agent in 1987. Donna Caseine has been named manager of creative services for MCA Music Publishing North America for whom she will be responsible for exploiting the MCA catalog, signing artists and writers as a well as product manage talent from the existing roster. She has worked with the company for three years.

WEST

COAST

INDUSTRY BUZZ

EAST By J.S. Gaer COAST

It helps to have friends who've sold over 11 million records. Edwin McCain, whose debut album, Honor Among Thieves, is out on Lava/Atlantic Records, has concluded a deal with EMI Music Publishing. "Solitude," the first single from McCain's album, features background vocals by Hootie And The Blowfish's Darius Rucker. Pictured (I-r) at EMI's New York Offices are: Richard Crabtree, co-manager; Bart Weiss, sr. director business & legal affairs, EMI Music Publishing East Coast; McCain; Robert H. Flax, exec vp, EMI Music Publishing Worldwide; Rick Krim, sr. vp talent acquisition and marketing, EMI Music Publishing; Dean Harrison, co-manager; Matt Jones, tour manager.

MANHATTAN STORE FIREFIGHT: It is a timely sign of a strong pulse in the music industry, evidenced by New York City's retail landscape experiencing a sudden burst in mom and pop record store openings. The first volley of this burgeoning battle for position was fired over a year ago when Adult Crash opened in the far east of the Village with its hip and eclectic mix of rock and avant-garde. Now, in recent weeks stretching back to the holiday season, the lower portion of the island has seen the blossoming of three new stores. Ether on the far west side provides an opportunity to listen to anything you want at a private listening booth. Kim's Mondo is an extension of a local chain that has taken over an entire building at the gateway of the East Village. The three floors that attempt to be a megastore for underground culture. Opening up right across from the Tower Records complex takes a great deal of chutzpah. Strategically placed between all of these goings on is Other Music. The well-connected staff has been able to put together a series of in-stores that have had large turnouts. Included in that group so far has been an ex-member of the Television Personalities and Swell Maps—Jowe Head, the free form No Neck Blues Band and an acoustic set by Matador's Yo La Tengo. Much more to come. This much new competition is sure retail range wars which can only benefit the listening

MUCH MORE THAN FAIR: Last Tursday at Tramps was a rare chance to catch one of music's DIY masters, Jad Fair. The originator of Half-Japanese (whose importance was detailed in the documentary The Band That Would Be King) commanded the stage with his impish charm. With a steady stream of new side people, he swung through many of the classics by the group, most of which can be found on Half Japanese Greatest Hits out on the Safehouse label. With his ability to get in touch with that inner child of his, Jad can make even the most bitter cold nights into a summertime fling. On the same bill was Homestead's Smack Dab, Cakelike and having a CD release party Godco (also known as God Is My Co-Pilot) who's new one is 2 Puss

IT MUST BE AN ENGLISH SOLO RAIN: Between The Who's John Entwistle and The Kinks' Ray Davies you have over a half century of musical experience. What this will translate out to will be up to the listener when both venerated men of the British Invasion descend on the Big Apple. Mr. Entwistle will be playing with The John Entwistle Band at Tramps on January 30. You can call him Ray, but with a week long stand at the Westbeth Theatre Center starting on February 12, "iron man" may be a more appropriate term. Also a real legend in his own time is resuming his weekly gigs as Les Paul begins to play again after recovering from hospitalization. With a new venue, the Irdium, you can catch his trio every Monday starting the 29th.

By Steve Baltin

AH! IF ITS THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY it must be time for sun, shorts and softball. MTV recently held its seventh annual "Roek

'n' Jock'' softball game, to be broadcast at a later date. A capacity crowd at Blair Field in

Long Beach was on hand to enjoy the festivities, as stars from tv, music, film and baseball donated their time to raise money for the TJ Martell Foundation.

Crowd favorites included the blonde sitting on the side of the field (don't ask, it was like something out of Animal House) as well as home own hero Mike Piazza, who plays catcher for the L.A. Dodgers; Atlanta Braves' slugger David Justice, one of many good-hearted folks to spend the production delays signing autographs for teen-age fans in the bleaehers; adolescent singing star Monica; and Piazza's Dodger teammate, Eric Karros. The sports world was definitely the best represented, with such stars as Cecil Fielder, Kenny Lofton and John Franco joining the aforementioned players. Other participants from the music world included Alice In Chains' Jerry Cantrell and Naughty By Nature's Treach. Among those there from the TV world were Jonathan Silverman and the very popular Amy Yasbeck. MTV figures on hand included Jenny McCarthy, Bill Bellamy and Dan Cortese.

The day's highlights included the elephant, in the outfield (yes, it was real), the dunk tank participants, the USC Marching Band's version of the national anthem, Nate Morris, of Boyz II Men, leading the crowd in a sing along of "Take Me Out To The Ballgame," the home run derby, with quite a show put on by Justice and Karros, and Kenny Lofton's two-run homer. There was indeed a game played. As for the final score, you have to watch.

WHILE THE BEGINNING OF 1996 is seeing a wealth of new releases, as discussed here last week, the L.A. concert season is off to a slower start. But as anyone who lives here knows, it won't last. In fact, the first must see concert of '96 will be here near the end of February. Warner Bros'. k.d. Lang, whose sultry All You Can Eat record was one of the most underrated of last year, will be doing two nights at the Universal Ampitheatre, February 23 and 24. Anyone who's ever seen k.d. live knows this concert is not to be missed.

Other hot shows coming up include two Virgin Records acts who will be hard-pressed not to be upstaged by their respective opening acts. Lenny Kravitz brings his "Circus" tour to the Wiltern Theatre January 27, with exciting new Atlantic artist Poe opening up. Meanwhile, Blur plays the same venue January 30, with Maverick's The Rentals handling the support duties.

Some of the upcoming club shows worth checking out are performance artist Ann Magnuson at Luna Park January 26, former L.A. faves The Plimsouls at the Whisky the following night and Relativity band Govt. Mule at House of Blues, also on January 27. Another Relativity act, Alligator Gum, will be at Hollywood Moguls February 3. Capping the month of February is Johnny Cash at the House of Blues on the 25th. If nothing else, this should be quite the star watching gig.



They just keep growing and growing and growing...Following a pre-concert party that included sets by several baby bands, The Hard Rock San Antonio received an autographed guitar signed by members of Brother Cane, The Tea Party and Matthew Sweet's band. Presenting the guitar to Hard Rock General Manager, Trey Moore (far left), was Zoo Records Ginger McKenzie (far right) and Stuart Johnson, who plays drums for Sweet, as well as the band Love Jones. The bands were in town for a benefit show hosted by KISS-FM to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity.



Garbage Far From Disposable

By Karen Sidlow

"WITH THE NAME GARBAGE, we're kind of setting ourselves up for (unfavorable comments). Needless to say Butch Vig, the drummer for this Almo Sounds/Geffen recording act, is aware of the less-than-positive descriptions and various wordplays the hybrid band's catchy tag might invite.

While many know Vig as the cutting-edge producer who shaped the break-through, now-classic record Nevermind by cutting-edge trio Nirvana, and who was at the console recently for Let Your Dim Light Shine, the current collection from Minneapolis' Soul Asylum, Vig is honestly pleased with his position as the drummer in Garbage. He says, "It feels really good to be in a band. It feels cool for me to be in a band now-That kind of chemistry and dynamic verses working as a producer. I really like it."

The band is made up of the sweet yet cutting Scottish voice of Shirley (no-relation-to-Charlie) Manson, guitarist/bassist/keyboard player Duke Erickson, Steve Marker who proudly contributes samples, noises and more guitar sounds to the layered, yet comprehensive audio, and, of course, the aforementioned Vig.

How the band assumed its name is a lot simpler than how it developed its unique sonic identity. After a fellow musician heard one of the band's tunes—featuring countless loops and samples—he remarked: "This sounds like garbage!" Therefore, inadvertantly inspiring the group's name. Vig soon responded to the comment. "Exactly, and we're going to turn this garbage into a song." That's just what they did.

In order for Garbage to re-produce all the eclectic audio that was captured on record, touring bass player Daniel Shulman, known for his work on projects by rap/hip-hop stars Run D.M.C. and his band Double D Nose, has been added the line-up for the band's first run on the road. The group has already sold out clubs all over the United States and Europe, in addition to making a couple of guest appearances at one of the most influential radio sponsored events, KROQ's "Almost Acoustic Christmas" last December in Los Angeles, California. Due to positive response to the live shows and recorded material, the band plans to pass through the United States again beginning the end of February and following this five-week long jaunt, they are heading back to Europe for over a month worth of dates. During the summer of '96, Garbage is looking to perform at various festivals, with the possibility of some dates in Japan before heading back into the studio to create a new album by the year's end.

Prior to hitting the road again, Garbage is stopping by a recording studio to kick out a few more tunes for B-sides to the album's singles and compilation releases.

Garbage, the band's debut record, features such tunes as first single, "Vow" the controversial selection and second single, "Queer," which Manson explains as "surrendering who you are," and a soothing song that closes the 12 track release, "Milk." The band just finished filming videos for "Only Happy When It Rains" and "Stupid Girl." "Only Happy When It Rains," the bands new U.S. single is already being spun on "alternative" stations nationwide and the video was directed by



Garbage

fussy, yet creative, cameraman Samuel Bayer. Most know Bayer from his infamous "bee-girl" video for Blind Melon's tune "No Rain." addition to the overwhelming response in its native America, Garbage has received lots of favorable feedback from audiences and record buyers in Europe. To keep up with the Europeans demand for more Garbage, the band filmed a short visual to accompany "Stupid Girl," which is the current single overseas.

While the band and record Garbage are fairly new, its players boast a quiet bedrock of experience. In order to understand this quartet's conception, going back more than 10 years might provide a greater grasp of who the band members are.

Last decade, Erickson and Vig played together in two bands, Spooner and Firetown. Erickson played guitar and also fronted both outfits, while Vig played drums as he does in Garbage. Marker met the two and started recording some tracks for Spooner. In 1984, Marker and Vig started Smart Studios in Madison, WI, where all three still reside. After three albums of "garage rock," Spooner eventually mutated into Firetown. Incidentally, Firetown released two albums through Atlantic Records in the late-80's, with the first one being recorded on Smart's "meager eight-track."

Vig went onto produce several records, as in the abovementioned Nevermind and Let Your Dim Light Shine, also he was behind the board for releases from the Smashing Pumpkins and Sonic

In 1994, when Marker was watching MTV's 120 Minutes, he came across the video for "Suffocate Me" by Scottish band Angelfish. Ironically, Manson was the voice for Angelfish and when Marker showed the video to the others, Vig admits "we fell in love with her (voice)." Soon, they all agreed Manson would be ideal for what was soon to be called Garbage. All the band had to do was convince her of that.

Manson speaks of her initial contact with one of the people that became a bandmate. "I told my record company, 'This guy Butch Vig called' and they just about dropped the phone." Soon, these four opinionated adults got together and Vig explains, "We were originally just going to do a track or two. Then as we started getting to know each other, it just felt natural." Marker explains the chemistry the group brews. "You spend so much time together in a small room. I have no idea (what it is), but for some reason the four of us can stand

How is Garbage similiar to Spooner and Firetown? Erickson spells it out. "It is similiar as in (the previous bands) were song oriented and (they had) a lot of melodies. It was rock music. It was also similiar in some of the production values, but not nearly as hard-edged as Garbage has become.'

Vig goes on to tell of the differences between Garbage and his past units. "There's a lot more layers, instrumentation wisc, and there's a lot more influences. There's some punk, there's pop, there's rock... there's some techno. With Garbage we didn't try to sound like the current 'alternativerock-band-thing,' whatever that is. We would go as far as we could (in the studio), then we would start peeling things back and strip it away. All of the songs are basically pop songs when you strip them down. We're using the technology or lack of technology as a creative tool."

If all four musicians were successful prior to this enterprise, what would being in this band enhance? Vig personally explains, "I kind of like things that happen with bands, like arguing and creative tension... stuff that happens when you're working on arrangements or lyrics. The process is really interesting to me. To a certain extent because you're more involved in a lot of aspects of music when you're in a band, like writing, arranging... it's more satisfying.

What about Vig's promising producing career? "As long as we're having fun and it's interesting, we're going to stay in the Garbage-zone. I'm definitely committed to Garbage, indefinitely." Vig explains in no uncertain terms that he was a musician before he was a producer.

As for the near and not-so-near future of Garbage, Marker comments, "We're excited about translating the record onto some sort of stage. Then writing more songs together." Vig continues that, "We're (already) looking forward to doing a second record. We came up with a lot of ideas during the recording of this record."

And lastly, Vig defines his goal for Garbage. "The first thing that you do when making a record is to try and express yourself in a way that the members of the band think is cool. I'm sure some people will think it's utter crap, and some people will think it's a magnificant work of art. Some people probably won't really care. I guess I'd rather have an extreme reaction to it rather than no reaction at all." As yet, people have not tossed aside Garbage's music.

CASH BOX TOP 100 POP SINGLES

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	EXHALE (SHOOP SHOOP)(FROM "WAITING TO EXHALE")	•	
	(Arista 2885) Whitney Houston	2	9
	BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S	_	_
	(Rainmaker/Interscope 98138) Deep Blue Something	4	21
	HEY LOVER (Def Jam 7065) LL Cool J	3	10
		5	15
6	MISSING (Atlantic 87124) Everything But The Girl	8	14
7	ONE OF US (Blue Gorilla/Mercury 52368) Joan Osborne	12	11
8	DIGGIN' ON YOU (La Face/Arista 4419)	6	7
9	BEFORE YOU WALK OUT OF MY LIFE/LIKE THIS AND LIKE THAT		
	(Arista 5052)	9	13
	GANGSTA'S PARADISE (FROM "DANGEROUS MINDS")		
	(MCA 55104)	10	22
	SOON AS I GET HOME (Bad Boy/Arista 9041) Faith Evans	11	6
12	TONITE'S THA NIGHT (Ruffhouse/Columbia 78092) Kris Kross	14	6
13	FANTASY (Columbia 7321)	7	17
	TIME (Atlantic 87095) Hootie & The Blowfish	16	9
	ANYTHING (MJJ/550 7063)	15	15
16	BE MY LOVER (RCA 64446) La Bouche	17	9
17	YOU'LL SEE (Maverick 7900) Madonna	13	10
18	LOVE U 4 LIFE (UpTown/MCA 11258)	18	10
	NOBODY KNOWS (LaFace/Arista 24115) The Tony Rich Project	27	5
	TELL ME (Epic 77961)	22	21
	(Atlantic 07822)	29	2
	SET U FREE (Strictly Rhythm 12362) Planet Soul	24	11
23	TOO HOT (Tommy Boy 713)	23	5
	NO ONE ELSE (Bad Boy/Arista 9042)	25	4
25	RUNAWAY (A&M 581 194) Janet Jackson	20	19
26	BEAUTIFUL LIFE (Arista 2889) Ace Of Base	21	10
	WONDER (Elektra 61745) Natalie Merchant	28	6
28	BACK FOR GOOD (Arista 1-2848) Take That	26	22
29	YOU REMIND ME OF SOMETHING (Jive 01241) R. Kelly	19	12
	THE WORLD I KNOW (Atlantic 87088) Collective Soul	33	8
31	ONLY WANNA BE WITH YOU (Atlantic 87132) Hootie & The Blowfish	31	28
32	NATURAL ONE (FROM "KIDS")	٠.	_
	(London/Island 0430) Folk Implosion	35	5
33	GET TOGETHER (Giant 17750) Big Mountain	47	4
	AS I LAY ME DOWN (Columbia 77801) Sophie B. Hawkins	30	27
35	KISS FROM A ROSE (FROM "BATMAN FOREVER")		
	(ZTT/Sire/Namer Bros. 17896)	32	29
36	DREAMING OF YOU (EMI Latin 58490) Selena	34	11
37	FREE AS A BIRD (Apple/Capitol 5849) The Beatles	38	4
38	CARNIVAL (Elektra 64413) Natalie Merchant	39	23
39	HOOK (A&M 1176) Blues Traveler	46	12
40	JUST TAH LET U KNOW (Ruthless 5532) Eazy-E	40	3
41	RIDIN' LOW (Hollywood 64004) L.A.D. Feat. Darvy Traylor	43	8
42	EAST 1999 (Ruthless/Relativity 6332) Bone Thugs-N-Harmony	42	5
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44	ROLL TO ME (A&M 1114) Del Amitri	41	28
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FRANK BLACK: "Men In Black" (American 7980)

It may be a new label, but it's the same old Black. The former Pixies frontman, then known as Black Francis, is back with the high energy fusion of pop and punk that has made him one of the most respected voices in the underground music scene since the '80s. ''Men ln Black'' is a furiously paced song about paranoia that tackles the subject with the sharp wit

fans have come to expect from Black. A sure winner at Modern Rock and a safe bet at AOR, as well.

JANN ARDEN: "Insensitive" (A&M 0017 2)

Arden's very basic mid-tempo track should benefit at Triple A by the appearance of singer/songwriter Dillon O'Brian. A nicely-arranged cong, "Insensitive" doesn't break new ground, but as A&M proved with last year's Del Amitri single, "Roll To Me," Arden doesn't have to be revolutionary to have a hit.

■ EDDIE MONEY: "Take It From The Heart" (Wolfgang Records)

One can't help but get the feeling there's at least one Meat Loaf-type comeback in the cards for the former member of New York city's finest. It may not come with this John Waite-like adult contemporary/CHR ballad, but he's getting closer. Even if "Take It From The Heart" isn't Money's comeback hit, it's a step in the right direction. Besides, the guy responsible for "Baby, Hold On" and "Two Tickets To Paradise" is never gonna completely fade away.

DAG: "Sweet Little Lass" (Columbia 7058)

The latest single from this Philadelphia band's much underappreciated *Righteous* album finds the group delivering more of the exceptional funky grooves that have characterized earlier releases. "Sweet Little Lass" blends '70s funk with the slightest hint of rock dementia for a track sure to stick in the head. It's unfortunate that Dag doesn't fit a specific radio format because this is a band that deserves to be heard.



PICK OF THE WEEK



MELISSA ETHERIDGE: "I Want To Come Over" (Island 7136)

The second single from Etheridge's Your Little Secret collection finds the rockin' singer/songwriter getting a little more poppy. The edge that's found on all her fiery love songs is still there, but the music behind Etherdige's passionate vocals is slightly more melodic than usual. It's still vintage Etheridge, though. And, in keeping with her recent track record, the song is already being played on a consistent basis on CHR and Triple A stations throughout

the country. This single could jumpstart the album. Especially if she follows with a tour.

CASH BOX TOP 100 POP ALBUMS

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High Debut: Kris Kross

1	WAITING TO EXHALE (Arista 18796) Soundtrack	1	7
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3	JAGGED LITTLE PILL		
	(Maverick/Reprise/Warner Bros. 45901) Alanis Morrisette	4	28
4	CRACKED REAR VIEW (Atlantic 82613) Hootie & The Blowfish	3	67
5	THE WOMAN IN ME (Mercury 522 86) Shania Twain	8	36
	MELLON COLLIE AND THE INFINITE SADNESS		
	(Virgin 40861) Smashing Pumpkins	7	10
	(WHAT'S THE STORY) MORNING GLORY? (Epic 67351) Oasis	15	7
	SIXTEEN STONE (Trauma/Interscope 92531)	11	46
9	THE GREATEST HITS COLLECTION (Arista 18801) Alan Jackson	9	9
	FRESH HORSES (Capitol/Nashville 32080) Garth Brooks	5	6
	R. KELLY (Jive 41579)	12 17	7 4
13	THE MEMORY OF TREES (Reprise/Warner Bros. 46106) Enya CRAZYSEXYCOOL (LaFace/Arista 26009)	10	59
14	•	16	29
15	TIGERLILLY (Elektra 61745) Natalie Merchant	13	23 8
	SOMETHING TO REMEMBER (Maverick 61600) Madonna RELISH (Blue Gorilla Mercury 526699) Joan Osborne	28	11
17	ANTHOLOGY 1 (Apple/Capitol 34445) The Beatles	6	6
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S	(Sony 67291) Presidents Of The United States	20	21
	DESIGN OF A DECADE 1986/1996		
	(A&M 540399) Janet Jackson	18	12
	SOUVENIRS: GREATEST HITS (MCA 11394) Vince Gill	14	6
21	GANGSTA'S PARADISE (Tommy Boy 1141) Coolio	19	8
22	DOGG FOOD (Death Row/Interscope/Priority 50546) . The Dogg Pound	23	9
23	YOUNG,RICH AND DANGEROUS		
	(Ruffhouse/Columbia 67441) Kris Kross	DEE	BUT
24	FOUR (A&M 54026) Blues Traveler	22	51
25	ALL I WANT (Curb 77800) Tim McGraw	21	15
2	UNDER THE TABLE AND DREAMING		
	(RCA 66449) Dave Matthews Band	30	55
27	INSOMNIAC (Reprise/Warner Bros. 46046)	27	12
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	IT MATTERS TO ME (Warner Bros. 45872) Faith Hill	45	18
31	THE BRIDGE (Arista 18806)	24	7
	FROGSTOMP (Epic 67247) Silverchair	39	25
33	THE REMIX COLLECTION (Motown 530584) Boyz II Men	25	8
34	E. 1999 ETERNAL (Ruthless/Relativity 5539) Bone Thugs N Harmony	36	60
35	VAULT (Mercury 528718) Def Leppard	35	9
36	MR. SMITH (RAL/Def Jam 523845) LL Cool J	42	6
37	GREATEST HITS 1985-1995 (Columbia 67300) Michael Bolton	29	15
38	ALICE IN CHAINS (Columbia 67248) Alice In Chains	33	8
39	YOUR LITTLE SECRET (Island 24154) Melissa Etheridge	40	7

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RUST: Bar Chord Ritual (Atlantic 82822-2)

Rust's debut album, Bar Chord Ritual is a perfect example of why one should be careful of what they wish for. The quartet hits everything it was striving for on the 13-song disc. The problem is the band wasn't really sure for what it was aiming. And when it was, the band didn't try for much. The Dave Jerden-produced effort has some good moments musically, most notably on "Perhaps" and "Sister Charlene Francis." And the collection hits some high peaks lyrically, particularly during the wistful "Postcards," where vocalist John Brinton sings, the latest fad/where you scar yourself/and say you like the hurt." Ho However, those moments are sporadic at best. The finest moments come after the closing. If you scan the dead space, you'll find some humorous bits worth hanging out for. Between the band's lyrics and the comedic touch it shows at the end, Rust demonstrates it is a band worth watching in the future. In the meantime, the group has to settle for the inevitable success that is sure to come with this record.

■ BLACK GRAPE: It's Great When You're Straight...Yeah (Radioactive/MCA 11224)

Combine the defiance of Public Enemy with consistently joyous and pop-flavored dance beats that recall '70s soul and you have the uniquely infectious debut album from England's Black Grape. Best known for the visa problems surrounding the band's lead singer, former Happy Mondays' frontman Shaun Ryder, Black Grape's music can more than stand on its own. Take the slightly ambient sounds of "A Big Day In The North," a song that blends numerous styles to arrive at its one of a kind feel. The same can be said for the perky "Kelly's Heroes," the goofy calypso stylings of "Reverend Black



Let's hope the visas get straightened out as I can't wait to experience Black Grape's orgy of genres live.

Grape" and the irreverent reggae of "Shake Your Money." It's Great To Be

Straight... is a brilliant party album, guaranteed even get a cemetery bumpin'

JONNY POLONSKY: Hi My Name Is Jonny (American 43055-2)

Hailing from Chicago, Jonny Polonsky has one foot in the doorway of coolness, courtesy of Frank Black. The former Pixies frontman discovered the wunderkind, who plays all the instruments on his 10-song debut. Polonsky gets his other foot in the door by reaching for, and achieving, something different on the record. On tracks such as the opening "Love Lovely Love," "Gone Away" and "Uh-Oh" Polonsky incorporates the simplicity of the '50s with a '90s alternative sensibility. The result is something akin to an alternative Del Shannon. With Black's name firmly behind him, the two are going out on tour together shortly, expect Polonsky to make immediate inroads in the underground scene.

YOKO ONO/IMA: Rising (Capitol 35817 2)

Aside from Dan Quayle, no figure in the last thirty years has been the subject of such vehement barbs. And all because of who she married. The ironic thing is, if Yoko Ono had never married John Lennon, she probably would've gone on to be a somewhat respected, if mostly anonymous, artist. And she probably would have stayed away from singing. Now, I, like most of you, believe that to be a good thing. However, on Ono's latest project, she shocks listeners by making a guitar-driven rock record that works. Every bit as pretentious as her past endeavors, *Rising* places such lyrics as "I'm dying," which goes on for over six minutes, behind strong fusions of funk and rock. In addition, she hits the nail right in the middle of the head in the touching "Goodbye, My Love.." Pay particular attention to the line, "Don't listen to people who speak from hell." Rising is a good album, though not a great one, but more importantly, it's a grand statement that should be heeded.

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LOUDON WAINWRIGHT III: Grown Man (Charisma/Virgin 40625 2)

Yes, Loudon Wainwright III can be hilarious at times. And yes, there are moments on his latest effort, Grown Man, that are brimming with humor. Among the most notable examples are "Housework," a satirical look at the twangy world of country, and "The Birthday Present," a song about hitting middle age that Wainwright delivers from his shower. You heard right. However, to only journey through



Grown Man in search of moments that will make you smile is to do yourself a great injustice. On the lovely "Dreaming" and the heartbreaking "A Year," a song that rivals Harry Chapin's classic "Cats In The Cradle" for insight into the struggles of a parent/child relationship, Wainwright shows a great deal of heart—and conflict—behind his grin. It's that conflict that makes Wainwright's latest disc successful on multiple levels. It'll make you laugh, it'll make you cry. But, most of all, it'll make you feel.



■ MOJAVE 3: Ask Me Tomorrow (4AD 46084-2)

If the Velvet Underground and the Carpenters ever had kids together, they would make a record exactly like Mojave 3's beautiful, majestic and tragic Ask Me Tomorrow. On such tracks as 'Tomorrow's Taken'' and "Love Songs On The Radio" guitarist/vocalist Neil Hal-

stead's rich melodies and Rachel Goswell's dreamy vocals take listcuers to a place of heartache and beauty that has rarely been found in music. In addition, Halstead provides the voice on the lush "Candle Song 3" and Nick Drake-like vocals on "You're Beautiful." When the two team up on "Where Is The Love," the results are pure magic. Regardless of the combination, Ask Me Tomorrow stays at its lofty plateau. The outcome is a disc destined to be a classic for broken hearted lovers everywhere.

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1	BEFORE YOU WALK OUT OF MY LIFE/LIKE THIS AND LIKE THAT		
	(Arista 5052)	1	16
	ONE SWEET DAY (Columbia 66700) . Mariah Carey & Boyz II Men	2	8
	SOON AS I GET HOME (Bad Boy/Arista 9041) Faith Evans	4	7
4	EXHALE (SHOOP SHOOP)(FROM "WAITING TO EXHALE")	_	
_	(Arista 2885) Whitney Houston TONITE'S THA NIGHT	3	,
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e	(Ruffhouse/Columbia 78092)	6 8	- 2
7	LOVE U 4 LIFE (UpTown/MCA 11258) Jodeci	7	34
	WHERE DO U WANT ME TO PUT IT (Perspective/A&M) Solo	20	
9	HEY LOVER (Def Jam 7065) LL Cool J	5	10
0	NO ONE ELSE (Arista 79043) Total	13	
	WE GOT IT (MCA 55148)	16	-
2	WHERE EVER YOU ARE (EastWest 9353) Terry Ellis	12	15
3	YOU REMIND ME OF SOMETHING (Jive 01241) R. Kelly	9	11
4	DIGGIN' ON YOU (La Face/Arista 4419)	10	8
5	DO YOU WANT TO (So So Def/Columbia 7022) Xscape	DE	3U'
6	CRUISIN' (EMI 32629)	11	14
7	HOOKED ON YOU (Elektra 61849) Silk	14	12
8	I MISS YOU (COME BACK HOME)		
	(FROM "NEW YORK UNDERCOVER") (Uptown 55107) Monifah	18	9
9	YOU PUT A MOVE ON MY HEART		
	(Qwest 7844) Quincy Jones Feat. Tamia	15	12
0	I'M NOT GON' CRY (FROM "WAITING TO EXHALE)		
	(Arista 12957) Mary J. Blige	DE	
	WHO CAN I RUN TO (So So Def/Columbia 78056) Xscape	17	14
2	TELL ME (Epic 77961)	19	24
	VISIONS OF A SUNSET (FROM "MR. HOLLAND'S OPUS") (Polydor/A&M 580962) Shawn Stockman	40	:
4	LET'S PLAY HOUSE	40	•
•	(Death Row/Interscope 53230) Tha Dogg Pound Feat. Michel'le	25	:
5	STILL IN LOVE (Mercury 56896) Brian McKnight	29	9
6	FANTASY (Columbia 7321) Mariah Carey	21	18
7	NOBODY KNOWS (LaFace/Arista 4115) The Tony Rich Project	38	2
8	CELL THERAPY (Laface/Arista 4113)	22	12
9	ALREADY MISSING YOU (Elektra) Gerald & Eddie Levert, Sr.	23	16
0	SENTIMENTAL (Arista 12852) Deborah Cox	26	19
1	DANGER (Mercury 7049) Blahzay Blahzay	27	10
2	ANYTHING (MJJ/550 7063)	28	14
3	TOO HOT (Tommy Boy 713)	30	7
4	HURRICANE (Jive 42335) The Click	33	8
5	DON'T GIVE UP		
	(Island 854478) Island Inspirational All Stars	35	3
36	JUST TAH LET U KNOW (Ruthless/Relativity 5532) Eazy-E	36	3
37	I REMEMBER (Motown 860480) Boyz II Men	37	8
8	HEAVEN (Perspective 7498)	31	23
9	I WANT YOU BACK (Interscope 92638) Pure Soul	32	31
10	BROKENHEARTED (Atlantic 6175) Brandy	24	21
	YOU WANT THIS PARTY STARTED		
	(Warner Bros. 17753) Somethin' For The People	50	7
	COME WITH ME (Gasoline Alley 55081) Shai	34	17
13	FUNNY HOW TIME FLIES (Atlantic 87093)	39	12

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44 45	RUNAWAY (A&M 581 194) Janet Jackson GANGSTA'S PARADISE (FROM "DANGEROUS MINDS")	41	18
46	(MCA 55104)	42 43	20 14
47	SORRY, I (Mercury 2410) Will Downing	47	9
48	YOU ARE NOT ALONE (MJJ/Epic 78002) Michael Jackson	46	25
49	SURRENDER (Elektra 64350) Kut Klose	48	7
50	EAST 1999 (Ruthless/Relativity 6332) Bone Thugs-N-Harmony	45	5
51+	FU-GEE-LA (Ruffhouse/Columbia 78194) The Fugees	62	2
52	I'M YOUR MAN (Atlantic 87097) All-4-One	49	9
53	I HATE U (Warmer Bros. 43592)	51	18
54 55	RUNNIN' (Delicious Vinyl/Capitol 58483) The Pharcyde I NEED YOU TONIGHT	53	10
	(Big Beat/Atlantic 98097) Junior M.A.F.I.A. Feat. Aaliyah	54	10
56	FAST LIFE (Cold Chillin'/Epic Street/Epic 78081) Kool G Rap	56	6
57	'TIL YOU DO ME RIGHT (Virgin 38494) After 7	57	29
58		85	2
59	LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE (Columbia 77908) Asante	59	15
	WHO DO U LOVE (Arista 07822) Deborah Cox	80	2
61	YOU USED TO LOVE ME (Bad Boy/Arista 79025) Faith Evans	58	30
62	IT'S ALL ABOUT YOU (Mecca Don/East/Vest 64347) Adina Howard	60	5 &
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67	TAKE A LOOK (Hollywood 64003)	71	7
68	I REFUSE TO BE LONELY (Zoo 14238) Phyllis Hyman	66	
69	PLAYA HATA (Noo Trybe 11025) Luniz LOVE OF MINE (Capitol 58441) Earth Gyrlz	76	12
71	WHERE IS THE LOVE (FROM "DEAD PRESIDENTS")	, 0	_
	(Underworld/Capitol 58604) Jesse & Trina	44	8
72	WINGS OF THE MORNING (African Star/RAL/Island 7199) Capleton	70	11
73	ICE CREAM (Loud 64426) Chef Raekwon	72	11
74	Y'ALL AIN'T READY YET (Big Boy 42331) Mystikal	73	7
75	SEX IN THE RAIN (Outburst/RAL 7194) Mokenstef	75	9
76	HOW HIGH (FROM THE "SHOW!") (Def Jam/RAL 9924) Redman/Method Man	74	21
77	PRETTY GIRL (Yab Yum/550 Music 77813) Jon B.	77	18
	WATERFALLS (LaFace/Arista 24108)	79	44
78 79	THE RIDDLER (FROM "BATMAN FOREVER")	19	44
	(Atlantic 87100)	82	8
80	LIKE MARVIN GAYE SAID (WHAT'S GOING ON) (Chrysalis/EMI 58494)	90	2
81	ONE MORE CHANCE/STAY WITH ME		
	(Bad Boy/Arista 79032) The Notorious B.I.G.	81 97	29 9
	BOMDIGI (Def Jam/RAL 7196) Erick Sermon O'L SKOOL (Mercury 2294) Isaac 2 Isaac	83	12
83 84	RETURN OF THE LIVIN' DEAD (Giant 17796) The D.O.C.	88	8
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94	DADDY'S HOME (PMP/RAUDef Jam 74312) Montell Jordan	92	10
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96 07	IN GOD'S HANDS NOW (Epic 7317)	63	13
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REVIEWS By Gil L. Robertson IV & Michael Hill



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LA BOUCHE: Sweet Dreams (RCA 66759) Producers: Various

This European music duo's album is on the cutting edge of what's hot and new on the dance scene. Their vocal delivery is crisp, fresh and full of personality that should provide them with a winning edge in the highly competitive world of dance/R&B. Imagewise this twosome has got what it takes to

make it in the video age, and they are ably supported by excellent production, background singing and songwriting support. Expect alternative and selected urban formats across the board to run after this one. Standout tracks: "Sweet Dreams," "Nice 'N' Slow," "Do You Still Need Me," and "Be My Lover."(GR)

SPEECH: Speech (EMI 8-37024-2-8) Producer: Speech

The '90s hip-hop story teller is back. Speech, formerly of Arrested Development, has released his debut solo project. This album holds true to the sound that A.D. popularized in rap music. It is full of the group's trademark folk music sound, and Speech, of course, laid down his now familiar style of



describing the social and economic woes of black people in America. The album is entertaining and has a few favorable tracks. "Can You Hear Me" and "Ask Somebody Who Ain't," are the two standout singles. "Can You Hear Me" is a great dance track which could do well in clubs. "Ask Somebody Who Ain't" is the best of Speech's social stories and should make loyal AD fans quite happy. Other tracks of mention include: "Like Marvin Gaye Said," "Filled For Real," and "Hopelessly." (MH)

■ VELL BAKARDY: Genuine Liqua Hits (American 2-43060-A) Producer: Various

How do you make a Vell Bakardy on ice? Take a rapper from Kansas City, sign him to Wild West Records, and give him some funky cool ass tracks and there you have it. This album is six-packed with tracks that will have 5-0 rolling all over your tail. As Vell states on his album, "Man, this is some deep s--t." The first single from this album is "Drink Wit Me," and it puts Vell in the race of '96. The other standout tracks are "Playa S--t," "Drunk Bitches" (featuring AMG), and "Deep S--t." Personal favorite: "Fantasy (It's Reality)." This track has what it takes to have females asking for Vell on ice. (GR)

PICK OF THE WEEK



KOFI: That Loving Feel-Ing (4W) Producers: Kofi and Henry Hill

The Nigerian-born pianist has definitely got a feeling that programmers and music consumers will be able to appreciate. This album is filled with excellently executed and arranged tracks that should allow the artist to score well on several formats. Genres from traditional jazz, adult contemporary, funk and vintage R&B are visited on this

record. The support that Kofi receives from his background musicians and singers is first rate. Urban, jazz, and quiet storm programmers get ready, because this fellow has got the goods to be the next big thing in the jazz fusion marketplace. Standout tracks: "Sunday Jazz Jam," "Sun Goddess," "Hip-Hop," and "Let Me Know." (GR)



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By Gil L. Robertson IV





Mrs. Rosa Parks, the mother of the Civil Rights Movement, was recently presented with a plaque at a reception kicking off A Tribute To Mrs. Rosa Parks album at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in New York City. The album features some of today's top gospel and R&B artists such as Yolanda Adams, John P. Kee, Shirley Caeser and Oleta Adams. Pictured here (I-r): Elanie Steele, co-founder of the Rosa Parks Foundation; Mrs. Parks; Gregory Reed, co-author of Quiet Strength; Barry Weiss, president of Verity Records; Hal Jackson, air personality, WBLS-NY; and Tara Griggs-Magee, director, Verity

HOUSE OF BLUES KING DAY CELEBRATION: The International House of Blues Foundation celebrated its 2nd Annual Spirit of The Dream Event in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. The program once again highlighted the aecomplishments of the late civil rights leader, with an emphasis on individual and collective responsibilities towards establishing racial equality, a harmonious humanity and peace. Emceed by local news anchor Pat Harvey, the event featured a number of speakers from the world of politics, music, film and television. Maxine Waters, Stevie Wonder, Jack Healey, Dalai Lama, Thich Nhat Hanh and Lou Rawls were presented with Spirit of the Dream Awards. Additionally, the House of New Media created dedicated areas on American Online (AOL)and the Internet (on the House Of Blues page) that celebrated Dr. King's life through a montage of images of him as well as quotes from his writings and speeches. The New Media division also hosted a series of cyberchats with various dignitaries who discussed the principles and influences that Dr. King's dream had on their lives. The overall mission of the International House Of Blues Foundation is to promote racial harmony and multi-cultural awareness by communicating the culture, historical, and artistic legacy of the Blues and Southern culture and to help put art and music curricula back into the public school systems. Sponsors of the event included LA-based American Video Group, Beantown Productions, Dubs Inc., S.I.R. Audio Video Company and Hvatt on Sunset.

M.A.R.E.E. ARRIVES: Gama Recording act M.A.R.E.E. (Music & Rhythm Equals Excellence) will embark on a twelve-city tour to support its new single, "So Sensitive" and album Six For One. The single and album which were both released in late November have been receiving steady radio play throughout the South. The video is in heavy rotation on BET's Video Soul. Six For One is the group's second album and was produced by Sony Innovator Award winner Bob Baldwin. Beb is best known for his work with pop recording artist Roberta Flack. Former EMI executive Glyniece Coleman is the executive producer. The album features the talents of boxing great Evander Holyfield, as well as Grammy winner, Najee and Headliner (Arrested Development). The group's debut album Schizo-Friend-O-Ya, yielded the hit singles "Lollipop" and "Drip Drop."

Dis N' Dat: During the months of February and March, MCA Records will join the nationwide celebration of Black History Month with a fill schedule of special promotional activities highlighting the label's long legacy and unparalleled roster of black artists. The centerpiece of MCA's Black History Month celebrations will be the label's MCA in the Street campaign, which will feature a caravan of specially equipped mobile DJ trucks visiting urban neighborhoods throughout the country. At present, visits are scheduled for New York, Los Angeles, The Bay Area, Memphis, Detroit and Chicago. The visits will include several personal appearances by various MCA recording acts, allow fans to participate in trivia contests and to receive copies of a special CD sampler of MCA acts and a limited edition Black History Month poster.



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JAIL HOUSE RAP ARTIST boycotted by record retail stores. The politicalization of rap music continues. Another prime example of this disturbing trend is a case going on in Sacramento surrounding Black

Market recording artist Anarae "X-Raided" Brown, who is currently in jail pending his role in the murder of a rival gang member's mother. The rapper has just released a new album Xorcist, which the rapper recorded by phone while in jail. The release of the rapper's new album created a sensation in the Sacramento area where local record retailers have boycotted selling the album. As a result of the retailers' actions an intense battle is now being waged over the violation of the rapper's First Ammendment rights. On one side the argument is that the rapper shouldn't have been allowed to record the album at all, while side two is countering with the argument that the rapper has not been convicted of any crime and is therefore allowed to express himself on record. The case goes to trial on January 22, stay tuned for details.



The D.O.C. recently celebrated the success of his latest release "Helter Skelter" with Atlanta's very own A-Town Players, who are also enjoying the success of the hit single, "Wassup, Wassup!" and follow-up single, "True Players." Pictured (I-r): Bonay, D.O.C., DJ Len and Lil Redd.

Steve Marley, so., of Bob Marley, and member of the Melody Makers, congratulates Prince Ital Joe backstage at the House of Blues in Los Angeles. Ital Joe, who has received international recognition with the release of Life In The Streets, a collaboration with Marky Mark on EastWest Records in Germany, is currently earning "respect" in the States. Prince Ital Joe is prominantly featured on the #1 rap single in America, "Respect," on the controversial CD Dogg Food by Death Row recording artist, Tha Dogg Pound. Pictured (I-r): Prince Ital Joe and Steve Marley.



THE RHYME



While in Los Angeles to shoot a video for "Where Ya At?," Mergela Records co-CEO Jimmy Thomas (left rear), Mergela co-CEO John Atterberry (middle rear), executive producer Jalai Farrakhan (right rear) and Ice T (front) take a second to floss for the camera.

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19 COLD WORLD (Geffen 1939) . Genius/GZA Feat, Inspektah Deck	9	3
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Rap Single Reviews

By Michael Hill

■ YOUNG ZEE: "Everybody Get" (Perspective 00081)

Perspective Records is on the move again. Jam and Lewis are gearing up to attack another area in the music community. On this maxi-single, Young Zee has the stuff of which stardom is made. The first single "Everybody Get" should move him into top 10 contention for '96. That's just the beginning. The next track on the maxi is called "Milk" and it is just how KRS-1 described it in the monologue. This KRS-1-produced track really excites me, and not to mention the performance by "Mr. Guest Appearance Himself," Busta Rhyme, did nothing but solidify the track's depth. Last is a track called "Juice Radio" and it is enough to convince me that Young Zee is no joke.

■ GENIUS/GZA (featuring Inspektah Deck aka Rollie Finger: "Cool World" (Geffen 4807)

The second single from the GZA, following the success of the "L quid Sword" single, has reached the deck. "Cool World" has no easy task before it. It has to make sure the GZA as a force to be reckoned with in the era of the Wu. You can tell the RZA laid his magic touch on the production of this single, and the GZA's lyrics were cool. But the single doesn't evoke the same excitement that the first single did. The track is phat though, and if it receives good rotation nationally it could place high in the charts.

XSCAPE: "Do You Want To" (SoSo 7314)

Xscape has released a ballad to give us a little calm after the storm. Following the high-flying act these girls have put on with their Off The Hook LP, this single is a welcome change for them going into '96. The Radio Edit is sweet, and the Quiet Storm Mix, incorporating the acoustic guitar just improves what is already good. This CD single also has that Mr. Dupri Extended Mix on it. It makes this single worth picking up to get this hard-to-find single. So if you call me and my phone is busy, you know what's up.



REVIEWS By Héctor Reséndez



CEARE FISCHER

RICARDO MONTANER: Viene del Alma (EMI Latin, 24383) Producer: Oscar Gomez. POP ROCK.

His second recording for EMI Latin, Ricardo Montaner has had a successful career as both a singer and composer. With "Viene del Alma," there's a sharp focus on the album's romanticism and Montaner's insightful poetry. Matched with a well-executed musical production by Oscar Gomez, Montaner's style fits like an Armani suit. This album will undoubtedly

do as well as all of the international singer's previous works.

SAMY SANDOVAL: El Patron De La Cumbia (NRT, 1031) Producer: Samy Sandoval. TROPICAL/CUM-

From Panama, the sibling act of Samy and Sandra Sandoval started at an early age. Now they're regarded as the "Pimpinela" of tropical music. Samy and Sandra have recorded 40 single records and 3 long-play recordings. El Patron de la Cumbia marks their first CD project and gold award (Disco de Oro). They are currently one of Panama's most popular rising artists.



CLARE FISCHER: Just Me, Solo Piano Excursions (Concord, 4679) Producer: Clare Fischer. JAZZ.

Those familiar with the late Cal Tjader will well remember pianist Clare Fischer. On Just Me, Fischer treats everyone to a "piano jazz concert (at home)." The solo work was produced at the studio of David Abell Pianos. It was there that Fischer found the grand piano which eventually became a part of his home. There are standards like "Autumn Leaves," "Get-

ting Sentimental Over You," "I'd Do Anything For You," "After You've Gone," "Ill Wind," and "Topsy." Fischer renders an amazing version of the jazz classic "Round Midnight." It is the artist's three original Latin jazz numbers, however, that are intriguing: "Pra Baden," "Guajira," and "Pensativa." Look for Fischer's Concord Picante release Lembrancas (Remembrances) (CD CCD-4044).

PICK OF THE WEEK

OLGA TANON: Exitos y Mas (WEA Latina, 13090) Producer: Various. TROPI-CAL/MERENGUE.

Merengue icon, Olga Tañón, finally offers a long-awaited compilation of her greatest hits in Exitos y Más. The Puerto Rican singer's album went Platinum in the first week of its release. It contains material from her albums, the Platinum-winning Sola, Mujer de Fuego which went Double-Platinum, and her most recent album, the Triple-Platinum Siente El Amor. Pablo Flores adds his bonus



track with the remix "Ya me cansé de ese muchacho malo y mentiroso, y aún pienso que vendrá llorando...pero una noche más y...que se vaya!" One of the best mega-mixes around!

News From U.S. & Latin America



By Héctor Reséndez

EMI LATIN'S NEWSLETTER GOES

ENGLISH: To close an astounding year for EMI Latin, the labe introduced its Spanish language newsletter, EMI-Sario, in an all-English format. The EMI Times offers an excellent promotional vehicle for the label. This is especially true as EMI Latin carries forward its intention to introduce those artists, such as Selena and Emilio, for example, with mainstream potential.

José Behar, president of the label, describes his company's pro-active philosophy as being able to "anticipate events and take decisive action as opposed to reacting to circumstances and making last minute adjustments.'

The label recently added a Marketing Director, Fernando De Los Reyes, and a Manager of Special Markets, Lupe de la Cruz. Another executive was assigned to develop the label's catalog. International opportunities for the EMI Latin roster is to be overseen by another exec.

ON THE GRAMMY FRONT: Latin pop group and Sony Discos' internationally acclaimed La Mafia plans to release their new album, Un Millon De Rosas, on Jan. 30.

The group's current release, Exitos En Vivo, recently received a Grammy nomination from NARAS for Best Mexican-American Performance, an album consisting of live performances in Mexico and the United States.

Known for their multiple Gold, Platinum, and Triple Platinum Diamond recordings, La Mafia has been garnering aecolades since the mid-80s. Their last studio recording Vida also acquired a Grammy nomination in 1995.

After the release of Un Millon De Rosas, the group will embark on a major tour throughout Mexico and the U.S.

HANSEL AND RAUL REUNION: The return of the Salsa duo of Hansel and Raul was recently confirmed in Miami. The pair were signed by Sony Discos' v.p./GM, George Zamora.



(Standing L-R): George Zamora, v.p./GM, Sony Discos; José Luis Piloto, A&R director, Sony Discos; Harry Fox, sales & marketing v.p., Sony Discos. (Seated L-R): Hansel, Raul, and Fernando Beltran, promo v.p., Sony Discos.

NEW VIDEO RELEASES BY RMM: New videos by RMM's Salsa artists were recently released, per word from the label's publicity director, **Debra Mercado**. There's **Marc Anthony** with his single "Nadie Como Ella" from his Triple Platinum award-winning album Todo A Su Tiempo on RMM's Soho Latino label. The album has been nominated for a Grammy in the Tropical Music category. The actor-singer offers his best video performance as being completely enamored with a beautiful woman.

The Barry White of the Salsa world, Tito Nieves, has an interestingly humorous video, "No Me Vuelvo A Enamorar" from his RMM album Un Tipo Comun. Nieves plays a blue collar worker who wins the lottery and new attention from a woman who once spurned him.

Finally, Van Lester offers a festive video with fellow artists Ray Castro and David Navedo of the group Conjunto Clásico as well as Hilton Ruíz, Ray Sepúlveda, and others. The single is "A Mi Fiesta." Both Lester and Nieves' videos were produced, directed and edited by Eddie Harris and his company Visual Insight.

ON THE MEXICAN MUSIC SCENE: Mexican singer, Gildardo Alvarez, has released a single, "Hoy Te Extraño," on the indie California Music in Chula Vista, CA. The mariachi ballad was produced by Chuck Anderson who has worked with such talents as Juan Gabriel, Paloma San Basilio, Pandora, Alvaro Torres, Rocío Durcal and many others. Alvarez has been receiving air play and has been making TV appearances. The Toluca Lakebased Uno Productions is providing independent promotion of the artist.



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Indie Album Reviews

By Karen Sidlow

PICK OF THE WEEK



■ GINGERSOL: Extended Play (Dental Records 95-061)

Simply titled Extended Play, Los Angeles-based quartet, Gingersol. has presented a solid premiere album. The disc of 6 tunes, adding up to over 20 minutes of music, features songs with tame, almost misleading tags and sometimes salty lyries. Opening track "The Nicest People" greets the listener with a consistent melody, quickly twisting the screne mood with it's cutting yet sincere words. Other tunes that standout on this debut are "Here We Are" and "Never Noticed." Soon after Extended Play was recorded, Caroline Distribution got wind of Gingersol's sweet audio and agreed to market its product nationwide. Similiar to the absence of the word Gingersol in any dictionary, the sound these four guys create together cannot easily be defined. If the idea of constantly growing music and lyrics appeals to you, then so will this sparkling record.

■ AMERICA SMITH: Dance With Your Ghost (Callner Music 0001-21

In a mere two weeks America Smith's debut disc Dauce With Your Ghost took form. The first offering from this Springfield, IL foursome has been described by singer/songwriter Paul Knowles as a collection of songs about "contrasting religions... and desperate times for a whole nation of people." The presence of spiritual lyries, strong not-alwaysconservative opinions and cultural influences remain apparent throughout the 12 track release. The premiere single from the album, "Religion Water," freely points out obvious contradictions in the beliefs of the almost-cult-like. Bible-toting folks that tag themselves as the moral majority. Dance With Your Ghost succeeds in challenging organized religion and sparking questions in one's morals and ethics. Not an album for those with a weak soul.

SOUL-JUNK: 1952 (Homestead 227)

If you want to get your money's worth, investing in Soul-Junk's 1952 will surely leave you satisfied. The first part of this release. available on compact disc, consists of 31 songs and clocks in at over 70 minutes. Add to that the separately purchased second part of 1952, this time the format being vinyl and being made up of 16 more songs not featured on the CD. In all, the complete 1952 collection houses 47 songs and should occupy the listener for around two hours. Not many records can claim entertainment for the length of the average movie A few of the 31 tracks on the larger disc include "Sweet To My Soul," "Seeing Ear" and "Men Of Memphis Cracked Your Skull." And what does Soul-Junk sound like? Who cares, with this many songs to choose from any music lover can find a few hands full of tunes that are bound to simultaneously stimulate the ears and enhance the mird.

■ RED PETERS: I Laughed... I Cried... I Fudged My Undies! (Ugly Sisters 3002)

Imagine a perverted Frank Sinatra. Now you have a good idea of what Red Peters is all about. At first listen, this record of over a dozen tracks seems like a nice present for your parents or those with more "mature" tastes. Then, when you eateh wind of the risky lyries and glance at the album's colorful song titles, you may want to re-evaluate your gift-giving decision. I Laughed ... is a release for those who own a slanted sense of humor and take certain dialogue with, in this case, a large grain of salt. Tunes making up the disc include "Blow Me (You Hardly Even Know Me), " "Ballad Of A Dog Named Stains," and the festive anthem "Holy Shit, It's Christmas." With song titles that nearly cross the line of decency, language that is bound to kill your uptight grandma and music that will bring more tears to your eyes than chopping onions, what's not to love! An execlient collection to share with those with whom you want to leave an everlasting impression.

INDIE INFO

By Karen Sidlow

NEW YORK-BASED GRASS RECORDS has released product by acts such as the Wrens, Brainiac and the Toadies over the last two years. This year the label has relocated to new offices, expanded its staff and added to its already eclectic roster. Look for new discs from Omatic, Wasted Time and Half Hour To Go in the first quarter of 1996...In honor of Alligator Records' 25th anniversary, the blues label is celebrating with two new releases. Cool Down from Cephas & Wiggins and Long John Hunter's Border Town Legend are set to be in-stores at the end of January. In store now from Alligator is the current release from Steady Rollin' Bob Margolin's My Blues & My Guitar...Brand new label, Flip Records, is preparing to put out nearly a handful of releases before mid-year. Sporting the Flip Records logo, will be self-titled releases from Big Hate and Tin Star, as well as, discs from Hotheads and Go Dog Go...

CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED CAPRICORN RECORDS' act 311 is starting the new year off the only way they know how—on tour! The band, who recently earned a nomination for 1995's Club Tour Of The Year by Pollstar Magazine, will hit the road at the end of January appropriately billed between heavyweights Cypress Hill and the fresh sounds of Pharcyde. 311 is set to be on the road for the majority of 1996's first quarter, and odds are the band members will spend more time napping on tour buses and motel cots than getting a good night's rest in their beds at "home" this year ... Speaking of bands on the road, Lookout Records' pride and joy, The Mr. T Experience, is all too familiar with life away from a clean toilet and the squeezable softness of Charmin. In support of its new release, Love Is Dead,



The Mister T Experience

these *rockstars* are teaming up with former Lookout act **Green Day** and heading off to Europe in March and April. Before and after its European excursion, The Mr. T Experience, will be gracing stages in the United States and somewhere in between the band stops in Japan and Australia to make some noise...

VANGUARD RECORDS has recently made available *The Vanguard Years* by folk singer/guitarist **Doc Watson**. This four CD collection documents Watson's career from 1963 through 1971. *The Vanguard Years* is made up of 64 tunes, 17 of those previously unreleased, and a detailed booklet with rare photographs of this talented artist...**The Honeyrods**, a five-piece band based in Nashville, TN, has just put out its self-titled debut disc. The release of five tunes is currently available through **Del House Records**...San Diego-based **Cargo/Headhunter Records** has outdone itself again. *Big Hat, No Cattle* from **Chune** and **!Carlos!**'s *Amy Armageddon* are just two of the wonderful discs to make their way into stores over the last few weeks...Speaking of music that is pleasing to the ears, **Bongload Records**' first two releases of the new year are delicious. **Crutch**'s *Sold By Weight* and *Everything You Need* from Vitamade are shamelessly begging to be heard...

FOR THOSE WHO APPRECIATE JAZZ, look for Ambiance from The Marian McPartland Trio, and two separate releases from Maynard Ferguson, Body And Soul and Footpath Cafe. All three of the aforementioned collections are available through The Jazz Alliance...For more than 25 years, the Rounder Records Group has been putting out a rainbow of sounds. For 1996, the company already has a diverse selection of releases to choose from. Standout albums include Edge Of Night from Mike Henderson through the Dead Reckoning label, two compilation discs of Reggae music, Dub Over Dub and The Reggae Train, available through the Heartbeat imprint and Monster Mike Welch's These Blues Are Mine which sports the Tone-Cool logo. Some discs from the actual Rounder label are Lost Boy from Bruce Molsky. Chuck Carbo's The Barber's Blues and a Country compilation entitled Cattle Call...

FOR THOSE WHO THINK records released independently don't reach Gold or Platinum sales status, you're in for a surprise. Late last year A Fresh Aire Christmas, Mannheim Steamroller Christmas and Christmas In The Aire—all three discs from American Gramaphone's Mannheim Steamrol-

INDIE EXECS ON THE MOVE

■ Bruce Tenenbaum has been named president of the Left Bank Organization. Tenenbaum, who formerly held the title of sr. vp of promotion at MCA Records, will be based in Left Bank's Los Angeles office. Blockbuster Entertainment Group has named Junichiro Suzuki president of Blockbuster Video, Japan. Prior to Suzuki's position at Blockbuster, he served as the director of sales for Time Warner Video. Blockbuster currently has 29 video stores in Japan and Suzuki will be based in Toyko. Priority Records has promoted Andrew Shack to vp, business and legal affairs. Prior to his upping, Shack held the title executive director of business and legal affairs. Shack will continue to be based in Priority's Los Angeles office. Relativity Records has appointed Tom Cording to sr. director of media relations Cording, currently based in Relativity's New York City headquarters, previously worked as the national director of publicity at MCA Records. Barry Benson has been named national manager of urban radio and video for Rhino Records. Currently based in Rhino's Los Angeles office, Benson formerly worked as the national director of radio promotion for A&M's Tuff Break. In other Rhino news, Mark Pinkus has been upped to sr. director of licensing and special products. Pinkus previously held the title of director of licensing for Rhino.

Lee Solters Co. in Los Angeles has upped Steve Levesque to sr. vp of music. Prior to his promotion, Levesque held the vp of music post. Paul Farberman has been tagged vp of business and legal affairs for Fox Music Inc. Farberman, who previously held a similiar title at Universal Pictures, will be based in Fox's Los Angeles office. **Rykodisc** in Salem, Mass. has named Mike Marrone director of promotion. Marrone formerly worked as the program director at KIOT in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Brian Roberts has been upped to sr. vp of finance and administration for Zomba Music Publishing Group in New York. Roberts previously held the title of CFO/vp of finance for Zomba. Maxell Corporation Of America has appointed R. Scot Fain to the position of product manager for audio and videotape products. Fain will be based at the company's headquarters in New Jersey.

Jack S. Kenney has been named president and chief executive officer at Quantegy Inc. The company, headquartered in Redwood City, California where Kenney will be based out of, manufactures and markets Ampex brand audio, video and instrumentation media products.

Brentwood Music Publishing in Brentwood, Tenn. has announced two appointments. Former vp of product development at Brentwood Music, Dale Mathews, has been tagged vp of publishing. Pete Carlson, former director of publishing at Harding Music Group, has been given the same title at Brentwood Music. Marc Spector has been upped to director of marketing communications for JBL Professional, a leading designer, manufacturer and marketer of loudspeakers for recording and broadcasting. Spector, who formerly worked as the marketing manager for JBL, will work out of the company's Northridge, California office. Disc Manufacturing, Inc., an independent manufacturer of compact disc and CD-ROM's, has appointed Richard Law vp of audio sales. Before joining DMI, Law worked as the vice president of sales and marketing for the Advertising

ler—acquired the Multi-Platinum tag. A Fresh Aire Christmas and Mannheim Steamroller Christmas each topped the 5 million unit sales mark and Christmas In The Aire, a disc that at the time of certification was in stores for less than three months, has already accumulated sales of over 3 million pieces. In addition, celebrating Gold albums are Roadrunner recording act Type O Negative with its 1993 release, Bloody Kisses and David Bowie's four CD box set Sound And Vision which Rykodisc put out in 1989...

Checking Bureau, as well as holding a variety of positions at RCA

Records over the course of 15 years.

SURFDOG RECORDS, is preparing for the release of its new audio compilation MOM. The album's proceeds will go to the three-year-old Surfrider Foundation, a 25,000 member non-profit organization dedicated to protecting, preserving and restoring the world's oceans, waves and beaches. Artists such as Pearl Jam, Everclear, Reverend Horton Heat and Porno For Pyros have contributed to the disc of ocean-themed originals and classic surf music covers. In addition to contributing to the disc (set to be in-store before summer), members of Pearl Jam recently donated \$50,000 of their hard earned money to the Surfrider Foundation...Gramavision, a Rykodisc label, has brought back to life a few landmark releases. Oshumare from Billy Hart, Bob Moses's Visit With The Great Spirit, Episteme by Anthony Davis, and Bobby Previte's Pushing The Envelope have all, once again, been made available. New cover art has been used for the re-release of Visit With The Great Spirit and Pushing The Envelope.



TOP 40 LATIN ALBUMS

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ARTIST	TITLE	CATEGORY	LABEL
1. GLORIA ESTEFAN	ABRIENDO PUERTAS	TROPICAL	SONY
2. LOS TEMERARIOS	CAMINO DEL AMOR	REGIONAL"	AFG SIGMA
3. PETE ASTUDILLO	COMO TE EXTRANO	TEJANO	EMI LATIN
4. SELENA	DREAMING OF YOU	POP	CAPITOL EMI
6. PEDRO FERNANDEZ	PEDRO FERNANDEZ	REGIONAL	POLYGRAM
6. BRONCO	ANMAL	REGIONAL	FONOVISA
7. MARC ANTHONY	TODO A SU TIEMPO	SALSA	sон о
8. DAVID LEE GARZA	ALGO DIFERENTE	TEJANO	EMI LATIN
9. LUIS MIGUEL	EN CONCIERTO	POP	WEA
10. THALIA	EN EXTASIS	POP	EMI LATIN
11. TITO ROJAS	POR DERECHO PROPIO	SALSA	MP
12. EL GENERAL	CLUBB 666	POP	BMG
13. LOS SABROSOS	P'AQUI Y PA' LLEVAR	MERENGUE	MP
14. ANA GABRIEL	JOYAS DE DOS SIGLOS	REGIONAL	SONY
16. LOS BUKIS	POR AMOR MI PUEBLO	REGIONAL	FONOVISA
16. JERRY RIVERA	MAGIA	SALSA	SONY
17. POCHY Y COCOBAND	TEMIBLE	MERENGUE	KUBANEY
18. JULIO IGLESIAS	LA CARRETRA	POP	SONY
19. HERMANOS ROSARIO	LA DUENA DEL SWING	MERENGUE	KAREN
20. PANDORA	CONFESIONES	POP	EMI LATI
21. MANA	CUANDO LOS ANGELES	POP/ROCK	WEA
22. BANDA A. R-16	CON SANGRE DE REY	REGIONAL	FONOVISA
23. ROCIO DURCAL	HAY AMORES	POP	BMG
24. REHENES	CANCIONES DE AMOR	REGIONAL	FONOVISA
25. OLGA TANON	EXITOS Y MAS	MERENGUE	WEA
26. SELENA	AMOR PROHIBIDO	POP	CAPITOL EMI
27. LOS TOROS	LO BAILAN BIEN	MERENGUE	POLYGRAM
28. TIGRES DEL NORTE	EL EJEMPLO	REGIONAL	FONOVISA
29. TUCANES D'TIJUANA	14 TUCANAZOS BIEN	REGIONAL	CAPITOL EMI
30. PEDRO FERNANDEZ	QUIEN	REGIONAL	POLYGRAM
31. TITO NIEVES	UN TIPO COMUN	SALSA	RMM
32. SONORA DINAMITA	CUMBIA CALIENTE	TROPICAL	VEDISCO
33. ENRIQUE IGLESIAS	ENRIQUE IGLESIAS	POP	FONOVISA
34. BOYZ II MEN	YO TE VOY A AMAR	POP	POLYGRAM
35. JUAN GABRIEL	EL MEXICO QUE SE	POP/REG	BMG
36. BANDA GORDA	CANDELA PURA	MERENGUE	MP
37. BANDA MAGUEY	ESTRELLA DE BAILES	REGIONAL	FONOVISA
38. CARLOS VIVES	LA TIERRA DEL OLVIDO	TROPICAL	POLYGRAM
39. TONO ROSARIO	QUIERO VOLVER	MERENGUE	WEA
40. WILLIE COLON	Y VUELVE OTRA VEZ	SALSA	FONOVISA

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Live Review

Blue By Nature

By John Rhys

B.B. KING'S BLUES CLUB, UNIVERSAL CITY, CA-For some reason many people assume that blues just doesn't come from California. Perhaps it's because of all the sunshine and the fact that the streets are pure 14 Karat gold. Plated that is. Well, California has seen it's share of hard times in the last few years, and as far as musicians are concerned things have never come easy in the Golden State. But it seems there are always exceptions to every rule and Blue By Nature is here as evidence of the exception.

Those who ventured into B.B. King's Blues Club Jan. 11 witnessed several performances most people never live long enough to see. Performances that provoked laughter and tears at the same time. It was easy to fall instantly in love with the music and the singing. I love vocalists who sing in tune first of all and second, people who give every ounce of their being or as I say, sing from the bottom of their feet. Karen Lawrence gives it up. There is a great deal of difference between yelling and giving it up. The blues involve the subtleties of experience and it was obvious to me that Ms. Lawrence does know the difference. Lawrence can sing, but the girl also has a great band behind her starting with the restrained guitar work of Mr. Fred Hostetler, a tasty player and then to a not quite as restrained but equally tasty drummer, Mr. Dan Potruch. Adding bottom to the thundering heartbeat is Mr. Charlie Diaz on bass extrordinaire and last but for certain, not least, Mr. Rick DuFay on lead guitar. As an aficionado of guitar for forty years, for a little while last Thursday night, I was rocketed into the fourth dimension. Where has this man been? He has chops, taste, a great sense of dynamics and timing plus a wonderful voice and sense of humor. To add to the overall strength of the stage sound was Mr. Joe Simon on Hammond organ. All the above contribute to one of the finest group of musicians that I have heard in years. And guess what? The crux of the group is from California. They performed quite a few tunes of note. But perhaps it's best that you get off your duff and hear Blue By Nature for yourself. Get the CD, Blue To The Bone on Shattered Music. then find out where they're playing. You'll be very glad you did.

NEWS (Continued from page 3)

Virgin, Janet Renew Affair

JANET JACKSON AND VIRGIN RECORDS have announced a new long-term worldwide recording pact renewing and expanding a partnership begun with Jackson's 1993 Virgin debut album janet, which has sold 10 million units worldwide.

Commenting on her new long-term partnership with Virgin, Jackson said, "I am excited to be re-signing with Virgin, particularly in light of the success we have had working together on my album, janet. Working with individuals who support an artist's need to express a vision and who are willing to maintain the integrity of that vision during the many phases in an album's life is extremely important to me. Virgin has supported me in this way. I look forward to continuing my relationship with the talented team of professionals that makes up the Virgin

Virgin Music Group Worldwide chairman/CEO Ken Berry said, "Janet is the very embodiment of a global superstar. Her artistic brilliance and personal appeal transcend geographic, cultural, and generational boundaries. We're thrilled to renew our creative relationship with her, and look forward to successfully working together for many years to come.

News In Brief

BLOCKBUSTER HAS GIFTCARDS: Viacom Inc.'s Blockbuster Entertainment Group and CES/NaBANCO, the largest processor of merchant credit card services in the world, recently joined forces to develop and deploy a stored value electronic giftcard that can be used the same as cash at Blockbuster Video, Blockbuster Music and Discovery Zone FunCenter locations.

The companies are negotiating for further business relationships and exploring opportunities with other major retail or service businesses to provide the giftcards to their customers as bonuses, premiums or gift certificates.

FILM REVIEWS

Paramount's Eye Is On Target

By John Goff



Sally Fields takes aim with real justice.

IF FILMS AND "ENTERTAINMENT" do merely "reflect"—using the protective password of purveyors of violence in media—the prevailing moods of society, then what's the image we're looking at here?

Paramount's release, Eye For An Eye may seem disturbing to some, at least one preview audience seemed uplifted by its outcome, greeting several moments with cheers and applause.

Moments of physical violence, felt more than seen, impact-aided with Digital force sound, leave lasting impressions. Director John Schlesinger opens the piece gently, but that's only momentary in cinematic terms. The gentleness is ominously shrouded by an unseen presence which also makes a lasting impression, and between the director's handling of the action, Amir M. Mokri's timed-release camera work and James Newton Howard's on-thenerve music, you're hooked into this journey of failed justice and needed relief to fully experience the emotional violence with which *Eye For An Eye* hits you.

Amanda Silver & Rick Jaffa's seript, based on the novel by Erika Holzer (which I haven't read, but will now), touches the raw nerves of a large—and growing—segment of society; and without preaching, since society as a whole can see the results of rape and death any evening on the TV news, shows the impact a single loss can have not only on the deceased's family but so awiully many others. There are some flaws, but they appear to be edits of peripheral expository material which ultimately doesn't adversely affect the central issue.

There are many telling issues dealt with, some almost flash-byes, some subtextual, revealing themselves only afterward, but all reaching into areas we as a society already know and have seen, if not first-hand experienced. The legal justice system being twisted to the point that it protects the criminal more than the victim or survivor; such organizations as the FBI more willing to spy on and infiltrate—and more successful surveiling and threatening with prison—ordinary citizens seeking relief than they are risking encroachment on the ''rights'' of criminals. The entire sequence of events is totally plausible, probable and probably being prepared somewhere at this very moment.

When Sally Fields' daughter is brutally raped and killed by remorseless sleazeball Kiefer Sutherland, who's then released on a judicial technicality, Fields becomes obsessed with the idea of true justice, not the kind meted out by the current system. The obsession tears at the fabric of her family which includes solid husband Ed Harris (not the daughter's father, who's a deadbeat dad) and their mutually shared younger daughter Alexandra Kyle. It also tears at her belief in the idea of Justice, The System, and lame Law Enforcement operations. Then she finds a way to make it all work.

Top 15 Weekly Film Grosses

RANK/TITLE	DISTRIBUTOR	WEEK	SCREENS	WKND TOTAL	AVG	TOTAL
1. 12 Monkeys	Universal	2	1,582	\$11,501,140	\$7,270	\$30,663,394
2. Don't Be A Menace	Miramax	1	1,010	\$9,632,409	\$9,537	\$9,632,409
3. Eye For An Eye	Paramount	1	1,528	\$7,929,086	\$5,189	\$7,929,086
4. Grumpier Old Men	Warner Bros.	4	1,923	\$7,621,851	\$3,964	\$51,859,141
5. Toy Story	Buena Vista	8	2,053	\$7,369,912	\$3,590	\$169,753,776
6. Jumanji	TriStar	5	2,218	\$7,014,656	\$3,163	\$77,101,225
7. Heat	Warner Bros.	5	1,704	\$6,691,991	\$3,927	\$53,528,100
8. Waiting To Exhale	20th Century Fox	4	1,349	\$6,460,005	\$4,789	\$53,574,510
9. Bio-Dome	MGM/UA	1	1,510	\$6,018,203	\$3,986	\$6,018,203
10. Father Of The Bride 2	Buena Vista	6	1,813	\$5,229,044	\$2,884	\$66,911,852
11. Two If By Sea	Warner Bros.	1	1,712	\$5,222,573	\$3,051	\$5,222,573
12. Dunston Checks In	20th Century Fox	1	1,290	\$4,015,116	\$3,112	\$4,015,116
13. Sabrina	Paramount	5	1,241	\$3,926,095	\$3,164	\$43,114,197
14. Sense And Sensibility	Columbia	5	203	\$2,203,356	\$10,854	\$9,710,786
15. Seven	New Line	17	902	\$1,710,045	\$1,896	\$88,856,400

Domestic box-office, which includes USA and Canada for the weekend of January 12-15, totaled \$92,545,482, breaking down to a \$4,199 per-screen average off a total of 22,038 screens, giving a combined total of \$677,890,768. (Courtesy Entertainment Data, Inc.)



The sensibilities of Eye For An Eye operate within the flaws of the system and ultimately says there's a way to kill within the system, however dangerous it may appear, to accomplish a goal.

Eye For An Eye could be a strong catalyst for our presently raw-nerved social structure since its primary target is that segment of the middle class forced to abandon dreams of peace and security and must, within the next decade if trends continue without relief, either turn and fight the growing crime or simply bow their head for the coup de gracé. It's going to be very interesting to see how this one performs at the boxoffice, and to see the how many films depicting such sensibilities will follow. Already there are several in the works or completed.

All the elements are solidly in place with Sally Field turning in an exceptionally well-shaded performance. And if a chiller is only as good as

its killer, this one's fine. Kiefer Sutherland—the role appears to have been Latino but here becomes quasi-Latino, perhaps for PC considerationdoesn't let up on mean. Maybe he got the role because he's so proficient in uttering the line "What are you gonna do, shoot me?" practiced in Stand By Me and The Lost Boys, but perfected here. He's perfectly nasty. Ed Harris gives solid support but never has a moment he can rise to show just how good he can be. Joe Mantegna as a police detective torn between defending a system he works in but doesn't necessarily believe in anymore layers his work nicely. Charlayne Woodard turns in a touchy performance as a shady FBI person and Natalija Nogulich glows briefly as the cooly professional lawyer who turns Sutherland back into society, giving the role an all-in-aday's-work manner which is as chilling as any we've seen on Court TV

Michael 1. Levy produced. Michael Polaire co-produced.

VIDEO

Mitch Perliss New Miramar VP

SEATTLE WASHINGTON-BASED MIRAMAR has named Mitch Perliss the company's new sales & marketing vice president, announced co-founder and president Paul Sullivan.

Perliss, a 25-year home entertainment software veteran, joined the company the first of January to help kick off Miramar's second decade of existence.

The continual success of Miramar is based on building a strong sales and marketing team," said Sullivan in making the announcement. It is for this reason that I sought out Mitch. We have a great, innovative product ready for release over the next couple of years and I'm confident that his track record of successful sales, marketing and leadership skills will elevate Miramar to its next level."

Perliss joins Miramar from his vp, West Coast operations stint at Anchor Bay Entertainment. "I relish the opportunity of being part of the team that leads Miramar into its second decade. We have a great product, an excellent distributor in BMG, a great staff and lots of exciting releases ready to take advantage of all the new technological advances. I look forward to the challenge of helping Miramar continue to grow.'

Perliss will open an office in Los Angeles, CA as well as commute to the corporate offices in Seattle.

Vid Biz

By John Goff



AS THE PREVIOUS SCREEN YEAR WENT, so goes this year's crop of videos. So look backward at your big screen memories to what you'll bring into the small screen for your home-time enjoyment...20th Century Fox Home Entertainment launched a new branded line, Premiere Series, similar to its other lines such as their Studio Classics, Twentieth Century Fox Selections and Family Features. The branded lines, aimed at the sellthrough arena have been very successful. Premiere Series kicked off with

White Men Can't Jump and The Last Of The Mohicans. Premieres will release bi-monthly. 20th will launch yet another line. FoxVideo Double Features, in February, to be released on a quarterly basis and include two genrespecific features from the 20th library. Launch selections for this line Sees Arnold

Schwarzenegger toplining Predator and Commando for action and the romantic comedy category rolling out Romancing The

Linda Hamilton

Stone and its sequel Jewel Of The Nile. 20th CFHE's rental topper for February looks to be the delightful Meg Ryan-Kevin Kline starrer French Kiss b/w Bushwhacked...Paramount Home Video is looking to recoup a bit with the January vid release of Jade, which didn't live up to expectations at the big screen boxoffice but which could well be profitable in the rental

February releases from Par include the Denzel Washington cyber-spacer Virtuosity and a release of the erotic older woman-younger man themed Showtime Original Pictures production The Man In The Attic starring Anne Archer and Neil Patrick Harris...Warner Home Video is counting on Steven Seagal's Under Siege 2: Dark Territory to light up a few \$ signs...MCA Universal Home Video should be slapping on the dollar-green make-up with its release of To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything! Julie Newmar which looks like a definite hit in the vid arena. January saw MCA HV opening the floodgates with Waterworld on videocassette early and a THX-letterboxed laserdisc version at the end of the month. In February look for a pair of laserdisc titles from director Don Siegal: Madigan and Charley Varrick. MCA U's also hitting the market with the top-rated made-for-USA Network's A Mother's Prayer which was based on a true story of AIDS mom Rosemary Holmstrom who died at age 36 in 1994.

The aces cast is headed by Linda Hamilton as Holmstrom and Noah Fleiss as her son; Kate Nelligan, Bruce Dern, S. Epatha Merkerson, Corey Parker and RuPaul. Laserdisc versions of MCA's Encore Edition Double Feature spotlights the teaming of star James Stewart and director Anthony Mann in both The Far Country and Bend Of The River. The latter is the one then-agent Lew Wasserman negotiated for Stewart to take a percentage of the \$, the first of its kind. And look what's happened now. Made Gentleman Jimmy a boodle though...still does...



FEATURE

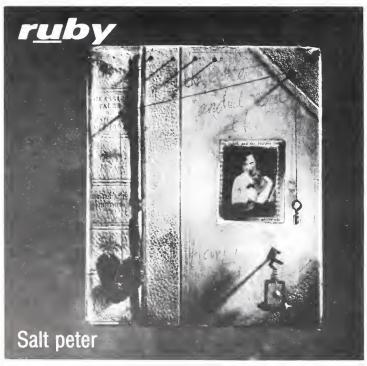
Feature

Ruby's Salt Peter: A Rough Gem

By Steve Baltin

IT MUST BE LESLEY RANKINE'S doppleganger that is sitting beside me by the pond at Sony Music's Santa Monica offices. The woman next to me seems wholly content with life, light years from the searing voice behind such lines as "I want some push to my shove, but your hand is in my glove/and I'm mad, bad, ripped raw and bleeding/Swinging like a beef hook on the hips of hell, and the stains on my boots say my life is going well/and to snap your skinny neck in two/would be the least that I could do," found on Ruby's WORK/Creation debut album, the gripping Salt Peter. In fact, on this afternoon, the woman tough enough to have cracked the boy's club of industrial supergroup Pigface (which also included members of Skinny Puppy and Ministry) is downright amiable.

Her ease comes largely from being in America. The Scottish-born singer, who spent the last several years in London fronting the popular group Silverfish, is currently making the rounds of couches in Seattle. Despite her lack of permanent residence, she has multiple reasons for her joy at being in the States. "Paraffin," the first single from the album, exploded out of nowhere to be a surprise hit near the end of last year. The song is being played on MTV's "120 Minutes" and hit number one on San Francisco's Live 105, in addition to gaining support from most major Modern Rock outlets in the States. However, Rankine's real pleasure thus far has come from a surprising source—doing interviews. According to Rankine, "every journalist in England started by asking, 'why'd you leave Silverfish?''' It's enough to make even the good-natured Rankine pull out her blue hair. Fortunately for her, since Silverfish never reached the same levels of success in the Sates, she is not being burdened with the question here. Though, she is quick to emphasize that it's not that she's unhappy with her work with Silverfish, it's just that the group is a thing of the past.



When Rankine relocated to Seattle to collaborate with Mark Walk on the project that was to become Ruby, she says she made a very conscious decision to take her music in a different direction. The result is the varied Salt Peter, an album that runs a gamut of styles, including industrial ("Flippin' Tha Bird''), the PJ Harvey-esque "The Whole Is Equal To The Sum Of Its Parts,"

the beautiful "Heidi" and "Paraffin," notable for its Suzanne Vega-like imagery. But Ruby is not just another female fronted rock outfit. In blending all these influences, Rankine and Walk have crafted a rich assortment of songs underlined by Rankine's arresting personality. Given that, unlike Silverfish, Ruby was conceived as Rankine's project, and the "band's" sound is guided by her, why not just call this project Lesley Rankine? After her experience being in a popular band she knows how easy it is to be stereotyped by one's style. She asks, "What if I want to change my music later on? I can't change my name.'

It's not likely she'll want to. Besides the record's surprise commercial success, it's earned early raves. In a recent three and a half star review, the L.A. Times heralded the album "as Rankine's arrival among the most interesting people, not just women, in rock.

There's only one place left Rankine has yet to conquer—the stage. That's coming shortly though. Despite the fact Salt Peter is driven by programming musically, Rankine promises Ruby will be a full band when it hits the road this spring. An experience she says she's very much looking forward to. On this day when she's full of surprises, her enthusiasm about hitting the road is one of the few things to be expected. She makes it clear, even when she's feeling friendly and in good spirits, that she is not one to shy away from a challenge.

Sidebar

How To Handle Too **Much Success?**

ONE OF THE FINEST MOMENTS IN James Brooks' brilliant script for Broadcast News comes when William Hurt's character asks, "What do you do when real life exceeds your dreams?" Sony Music's WORK Records was recently faced with that question when Ruby's "Paraffin" became a surprise radio hit, forcing the label to move the release of the Salt Peter album from January 30 to January 9.

Though it sounds like that would be a logistical nightmare, Barbara Bausman, Director of Marketing at WORK, says that wasn't the case. She says, "We were lucky because we had all the tools in place very early...By being over-prepared, we lucked out." Also working in the label's favor were two other key factors. The first one is Rankine herself. Bausman couldn't speak highly enough of her as a professional. According to Bausman, "She's so personable and she wants it. She's really focused." According to Bausman, the reason Rankine wants it so bad, is because it's all her brainchild.

The second reason is Salt Peter. Bausman says of the first time she heard the project, "We just knew it was something special." The public, critics and radio seem to agree, making things smooth sailing for WORK. So much so that Bausman says, "We're laying low on it." Bausman believes the reason for the record's success to be Ruby's unique sound. She says," We haven't done a hard push on it. There's been no hard sell from anyone here. People have responded because it sounds so fresh." She elaborates, "There's a lot of real stale music out there. This sounds real different.'

Bausman's belief has been validated by excellent radio support in cities like L.A., San Francisco and N.Y. Not surpisingly, the record has gotten off to a strong start at selected "hip" locations in those markets. At Arons in L.A. the album was the store's best seller its first week out. Much of the credit for that goes to the folks at WORK for putting the record out at a developing artist price, \$7.98 for cassette and \$11.98 on CD. If that still seems like too much for people, Bausman assures that the record will be available for "test spins" at listening stations.

With Ruby set to start a tour at the end of February, it would seem the buzz is just getting started. Sure enough, at the time of this writing, the album's second single, "Tiny Meat," was already picking up adds. That doesn't surprise Bausman though. She promises, "We intend to work this record for a long time...We think there are several more singles on it.'

CASH BOX TOP 100 COUNTRY SINGLES

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38 WALKIN' AWAY (Arista 1-2934)			5	90	IJUST CAN'T STAND TO BE UNHAPPY (MCA) Bobbie Cryner	80	13
37 WHAT DO I KNOW (Columbia 67223)			6	91	ALL I NEED TO KNOW (BNA 66562) Kenny Chesney	86	24
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48	SHE CAN'T SAVE HIM (Capitol Nashville) Lisa Brokop	49	8
49	SOLID GROUND (Atlantic) Ricky Skaggs	46	8
50	ON A BUS TO ST. CLOUD (MCA 11201) Trisha Yearwood	50	5
51	TALL, TALL TREES (Arista) Alan Jackson	18	12
52	THAT'S AS CLOSE AS I'LL GET TO LOVING YOU		
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53	NOTHING (Reprise 17734) Dwight Yoakam	25	13
54	IN PICTURES (RCA 66525)	29	15
55	WHAT IF JESUS COMES BACK LIKE THAT (Epic 67033) Collin Raye	54	5
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93	WHEN HE WAS MY AGE (Atlantic) Confederate Railroad	79	10
94	LEROY THE REDNECK REINDEER (Epic 78201) Joe Diffie	64	4
95	SHE'S EVERY WOMAN (Capitol Nashville 10301) Garth Brooks	89	18
96	I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO SAY NO (Arista) BlackHawk	90	23
97	IFI COULD SEE LOVE (Career 18789) Brett James	88	11
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CMA Presents Seminar

By Wendy Newcomer

THE COUNTRY MUSIC ASSOCIATION announced that it will join with Advertising Age and offer "Marketing With Country Music" May 8-10 at Opryland Hotel. The seminar hopes to educate corporate marketers and ad agency executives on how to use country music to market products.

"During the past two years, CMA has fielded hundreds of calls from corporate America seeking ways to use country music to reach consumers, increase sales and enhance brand imaging," said CMA exec. dir. Ed Benson. "CMA and Advertising Age began to explore ways we could join forces to educate corporate marketers and advertising agency personnel on the opportunities country music has to offer."

"Advertising Age is proud and excited to be participating in "Marketing With Country Music," said Edward R. Ernhardt, vp/publisher of The Ad Age Group. "Country music and the lifestyle concepts that are associated with this part of American culture are truly being recognized as a growing marketing trend within our industry. This seminar provides marketers with a first-hand look at how to capitalize on the relationship-marketing opportunities that the association with country music can deliver for their products and brands."

"Marketing With Country Music" is the first ever national forum to focus on the dynamics of advertisers and a specific genre of music. For the past six months, a CMA task force comprised of industry leaders has been working to develop a comprehensive program for corporate marketers. In addition to the seminars, several artists have committed to participate in the program, including Wynonna, Lorrie Morgan and BlackHawk. Judd's first tour was sponsored by Dial Soap and Morgan will be a part of the recently announced 33-city Kraft Country tour that begins in May. Other sponsors for the seminar are TNN, CMT and Warner/Avalon.

Reprise/Giant Share Promotion

CORPORATE RESTRUCTURING OF GIANT RECORDS and the separation of the Warner/Reprise Nashville labels has prompted an unprecedented merger in Music City industry. Reprise Records Nashville and Giant Records have combined resources to form a joint promotion staff.

"With the recent decision to launch Reprise as a stand alone company came the need to provide the artists and music at the label with the best promotion team possible," said Jim Ed Norman, pres. of Reprise Records Nashville. "When we learned that Giant was restructuring, we took advantage of the unique opportunity to give Reprise the benefit of a totally seasoned promotion staff already in place." Norman continued by saying that the new Giant/Reprise collective was a way to more effectively target radio promotion efforts.

"At Giant, we've had a solid first five years," said James Stroud, president of the label, "and during that period, we learned a lot about how to make our operation better. That's one of the reasons we decided to restructure and form this affiliation with Reprise—it will better support our artists and their music."

In related news, Jack Purcell was named sr. dir. of the new Giant Reprise collective. Others on the promotion team are the following regional promotion mgrs: Steven Sharp, Northeast; Ken Tucker, Southeast; David Berry, Southwest; Jean Cashman, Midwest; and Gary Greenberg, West Coast.

In Other News...

JOE REDMOND WAS PROMOTED to director of promotions for Marco Promotions, a record/radio tracking and promotion company. Redmond was previously Marco's manager.

GEORGE STRAIT'S FOUR-CD box set, *Strait Out Of The Box* is the first box set by a country artist to be certified double-platinum. In addition, Strait's 1992 *Pure Country* soundtrack hit five million (according to the RIAA), becoming the top-selling country soundtrack of all time.

CINDY K. WHITLEY JOINED Trifecta Entertainment, a Nashville-based entertainment marketing and PR company as director of publicity/corporate relations. Whitley will direct the company's corporate relations dept., which currently services clients such as the Fruit of the Loom Country Comfort Music Series, Gordon's Gin and Vodka 9-Ball Championship and the George Dickel "Ain't Nothin' Better" Country/Rock n' Roll Music Tours.

RIVER NORTH ART!ST STEVE AZAR, currently on a radio tour, arrived at KUPL in Portland, OR just shortly after a gunman shot two people in the parking garage and took four other hostages. Azar, Kevin Herring (vp./field promotion) and Carl Brown (West Coast promotion mgr.) we're unharmed and were contained in the garage while police and SWAT teams closed off the area. Azar's first single, "Someday," will be out in mid-February.



Some of country's hottest stars and industry leaders recently honored the Academy of Country Music's Fran Boyd, who was named the organization's exec. director. Pictured (I-r): (standing, back row) Scott Siman, pres. ACM; Gene Weed, ACM vice chairman & producer/director of the awards program; Bob Romeo, ACM chairman; and Joe Diffie. (standing, middle row) Jon Randall; Boyd; Mark Chesnutt; and David Ball. (kneeling) Bryan White; Daryse Singletary; and Ken Mellons.

ARISTA'S DIAMOND RIO SET A PRECEDENT with its new album, *IV*, due out Feb. 27. The project is the first country album to be recorded direct to hard disk. To capture a truer sound, Diamond Rio used the Fairlight MFX-3 Hard Disk Multi-Track System at Nashville's Midtown Tone & Volume studios.

ALMO SOUNDS RECENTLY COMPLETED the hiring of its radio promotion staff. National promotion dir. Larry Pareigis announced the following appointments: Theresa Durst, Southcast region; Jan Grimsley, Southwest; Mark Janese, West Coast; Rick Kelly, Midwest and Northeast; and Cassandra Tynes, promotion coordinator.

RCA LABEL GROUP RLG/NASHVILLE promoted and welcomed the following employees: Reese Faw, administrator, A&R, Aubrey Parker, assistant, A&R; Cindy Mabe, administrator, RCA Records' national promotions; and Judy Blair, assistant, creative services.

JAMBOREE IN THE HILLS will celebrate its 20th anniversary this July 18-21 with a special line-up of country stars. Scheduled to appear are Hank Williams, Jr., Merle Haggard, Confederate Railroad, The Oak Ridge Boys, Faith Hill, Tom T. Hall, Mark Collie, Tim McGraw and many more. Ticket buyers may receive a discount for the four-day event by calling 304-234-0050 or 800-624-5456.

AFTER A SHORT HIATUS, Mercury recording artist Sammy Kershaw has returned to Buddy Lee Attractions, Inc. for a worldwide exclusive booking agreement.

ASYLUM'S BRYAN WHITE was surprised during the label's Christmas party with the news that his self-titled debut had been certified gold. White's gold album is also a first for Asylum. In lieu of a plaque, White was presented with a yellow sheet cake decorated with miniature CDs and the good news. His second album is scheduled to be released in March.

THE AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS will have its share of live country music when it airs Jan. 29 on ABC. Scheduled to perform on the show are Garth Brooks, Reba McEntire and Shania Twain, along with co-host Jeff Foxworthy.

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Always...Mandy Barnett

By Wendy Newcomer

IN 1994 MANDY BARNETT AUDITIONED for the role of a lifetime—playing country legend Patsy Cline in the two-woman musical Always...Patsy Cline. Two years and 158 performances later, Barnett is embarking on another challenging role—playing the part of a new artist in the already-saturated field of country music.



Mandy Barnett

Although she's only 20-years-old, Barnett is no wide-eyed ingenue when it comes to the music business. After singing at the Ernest Tubb Record Store's "Midnight Jamboree" and impressing listeners with her mature voice, the adolescent was signed to MCA Universal at age 12 by industry veteran Jimmy Bowen. When Bowen moved to Capitol Records (later Liberty) he brought Barnett with him. She stayed a signee of Liberty until age 18 and even recorded three albums worth of material (never released). With adulthood unfortunately came reality; Barnett was finally dropped from the roster.

Cash Box spoke with Barnett as she prepares for the February 27 release of her self-titled debut album on Asylum Records. With a no-nonsense attitude and a voice that also gets down to business, it appears that Barnett has captured the spirit of her theatrical muse.

Cash Box: How was the Always...Patsy Cline experience—what did you learn from it?

Mandy Barnett: It was a great experience. It helped me get a record deal for one. It gave me a lot of exposure and publicity. It was like a showcase that I could have never had if I hadn't been doing that. And it paid the bills. So it did a number of things for me. It helped with performance and being able to perform with a band and...it was just a lot of fun. I'm ready to move on.

CB: Did you come to a point to where you thought it might hold you back?

MB: Yeah, I mean...I couldn't keep on doing it year after year. One, I would've gone crazy. Well, what I'm trying to say is, it served its

purpose. You know, it really helped me and I enjoyed what I did do, but...I couldn't do it again.

CB: How do you think that shaped your vocal style?

MB: I've always listened to Patsy Cline, so it's like (my) vocal style really hasn't changed. My music has changed quite a bit from when I was on

Liberty Records. 'Cause at the time I really didn't know what I wanted to do and I had people telling me what to do all the time. I really didn't do any thinking of my own until I started doing Patsy Cline, singing 24 great songs that have great lyrics, great melodies, and I could really sink my teeth into them. And I got to thinking, you know, this is really what I want to do. I want to do great songs. That shouldn't be so hard, you know, for me to do a record that I can believe in that has all this emotional content. Before, I hadn't been doing that. That's what I really wanted to accomplish.

CB: So the whole time you were technically on that label but you couldn't put out any product?

MB: Well, I guess we could've. But we didn't. I think Bowen was very smart and I'm very thankful to him for *not* putting anything out because I really don't think it would have flown. Because you know, I wasn't into it. I wasn't into what I was singing and it just wasn't working. And he knew that but he didn't exactly know what to do with me either. I guess

I just needed to grow up and do some thinking on my own. Do a little livin' and figure out what I wanted to do. 'Cause you know, you can't just tell somebody what to do and expect them to go out and do it and do it *right*.

CB: What was the studio experience like this time around with your new album?

MB: It was a lot of fun. I always had fun even when I went into the studio then. It's just that none of it was good enough to be released. It was...different than this, because this really, really meant something. And there was a lot of emotions. I think everyone gave a lot to this project—Kyle (Lehning) and Bill(Schnee) (producers) and Kara (Ross, A&R). I think we all just gave our all and I think that's the difference. Because before, that wasn't what was happening. This time around it's like we put blood, sweat and tears into the project.

CB: What led you to Asylum Records?

MB: I love Kyle Lehning—I think he's an honest man. Plus, I'd already done the huge label thing. I didn't wanna be lost in the shuffle again. That's part of my reason for being on Asylum, it's a real eclectic label. I think it's really cool. I wanted to be able to do something that I love and not compromise anything just so I can have a hit.

CB: Obviously Patsy Cline was a big influence. Who else did you listen to growing up?

MB: Connie Frances, Linda Ronstadt. I listened to a lot of gospel singers. Like Southern Gospel—Vestal Goodman and Lily Weatherford. I liked Tammy Wynette. Just a bunch of different people. Your influences, you kind of blend them

all together—so you can hear all of them coming out at times.

CB: How would you classify your sound for your debut album?

MB: It's kind of retro but at the same time it's modern, too. It's very different. I think it's pretty unique. I've had a few people say that it sounds like Patsy Cline, but you know, when I listen to it I don't really hear that. But I think a lot of times people say that because I played Patsy Cline. If I had played Connie Francis they might say the same thing.

CB: Is that an obstacle for you?

MB: Well, it could be. I really don't think it will be because I think it's totally different. You might be able to hear the Patsy Cline influence in me. But I think it's pretty definite when you listen to the soundtrack that I did with Always...Patsy Cline and when you listen to this that there is quite a bit of a difference in my phrasing. It's like Trisha Yearwood. You can hear Linda Ronstadt in her, but you can still tell it's Trisha Yearwood.

CB: When I listened to the album I wondered if the show had "rubbed off on you" or if that had just always been your sound?

MB: Well, it's my sound cause I mean...I can't just sound like Patsy Cline just for the hell of it. I guess I have a strong voice—lung power that's similar. But you know, my phrasing really is pretty different from hers. I think that one thing that may be similar about the album and Patsy Cline is that in her music there was a lot of emotional content. And on my album, that's what I wanted. That's what I looked for in minc when I pick songs. Songs with a lot of emotional content and great lyrics, great songs. And she had that too. She was a real interpretive singer.

CB: One thing that struck me about your voice is that you're only 20 years old, yet you seem to be able to convey so much heartache through your songs.

MB: Well, I was an only child brought up around adults. I didn't have a horrible childhood or anything like that, but I've experienced hurt. I've experienced disappointment. When I moved to Nashville I was 17. I've loved, I've lost. I've done a lot of the things that people much older than me have done. Maybe not as much, but I can still relate. It's like when I pick a song. I'm not gonna sing a song that I can't relate to. I can relate to having a 'Rainy Day,' (song from the album). And feeling sad and feeling hurt or lost.

CB: So what's next? What would you like for this album to do for your career?

MB: I hope it does well. But you know, I think my main accomplishment is the music. This is the first time I've ever been truly happy with something that I've done. I really feel that it's honest and I think that when you listen to the album that you're really getting a sense of who I am. And that's mainly what I wanted to accomplish. I didn't want to compromise my musical integrity just for a hit, like I've said before. And I hope that it does well. But you know, if it doesn't, then I can look back and say, 'I did the best that I possibly could.'

COUNTRY MUSIC

News (Continued from page 20)

TICKETMASTER ONLINE ANNOUNCED the results of its first annual "Live Event Poll." Winners for the most popular country event were (in order) Reba McEntire, Garth Brooks and Tim McGraw.

JOHN BERRY RECEIVED A GRAMMY nomination in the category of Best Male Country Vocal Performance for the song "Standing On The Edge Of Goodbye."

SHANNON PARKS WAS NAMED managing director of Vertical Records, the new label started by Bluewater Music owner Brownlee Ferguson. Parks will oversee day to day operations of the label.

CMT NAMED RON ADSETT as a consultant for the video channel in Australia. Adsett will act as a liaison between CMT and the Australian music industry.

GAYLORD ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY announced that it has ended its involvement in the Fiesta Texas theme park in San Antonio. The company transferred its ownership interest in the park to La Cantera Development Company, a subsidiary of United Services Automobile Assn., and will no longer manage the park after Jan. 31.

DIANNE PETTY WAS APPOINTED to the position of vice president for **Starstruck Writers Group**. Petty was most recently sr. vp of the creative dept. for **SESAC**.

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. WILL SOON BECOME the home of the The Country Music Fans' Hall of Fame Museum, where the stars and fans will be honored side by side. The museum will be developed under the guidance of country music exec. Ernest. W. Cash.

CMH RECORDS ANNOUNCED THE SIGNING of The Cache Valley Drifters, whose album is due out in March. The group's music will be introduced to the formats of Americana, country and bluegrass.

STEVE EARLE WAS NOMINATED for a Grammy in the category of Best Contemporary Folk recording for last year's critically acclaimed acoustic collection, *Train A Comin'*. Earle's next album, *I Feel Alright*, will be released March 5 on his own label, E-Squared, which is marketed and distributed by Warner Bros.

LEGENDARY COUNTRY/ROCK BAND EXILE welcomes home two popular members, J.P. Pennington and Les Taylor. The reunited group will continue its 30-year history despite performing a farewell concert in 1988.

TV WRITER/PRODUCER ROSEMARY KINGSLAND and music composer/producer Neil Jeffries recently formed Feed the Beast Productions to produce movies and documentaries for television.

MIKE SEVERSON WAS APPOINTED to the position of dir. of national promotion, Midsouth, for MCA Records/Nashville. Severson rejoins the label from sister label Decca Records, where he was dir. of regional promotion/Southwest.

POLYGRAM MUSIC PUBLISHING ANNOUNCED the following resignings, additions and promotions: Arista's Radney Foster has re-signed with PolyGram; Craig Morris of Polydor's 4 Runner was added to the roster, as was songwriter Bill Kenner; Robin Gordon was promoted to creative administrator; Tami Pryce to administration supervisor; and Lori S. Meeks to office coordinator.

THREE SUGAR HILL ARTISTS ARE UP for Grammy Awards: Byron Berline's Fiddle & A Song and The Nashville Bluegrass Band's Unleashed for Best Bluegrass Album; and "Sally Goodin" from Berline's Fiddle & A Song recording and "Thunder Road/Sugarfoot Rag" from Doc Watson's Docabilly album for Best Country Instrumental Performance.

EMI CHRISTIAN MUSIC GROUP's Amazing Grace: A Country Salute To Gospel (Sparrow Records) received a Grammy nomination for Best Southern Gospel, Country Gospel Or Bluegrass Gospel Album. Artists on the project include Martina McBride, John Berry, Susan Ashton and Alison Krauss and the Cox Family.

STEP ONE RECORDS HAS RELEASED the following new albums: The Emeralds 25th Anniversary Waltz Album and Give A Little Back, the new project by The Whites.



Hamstein Cumberland Music and parent company, Hamstein Music, proudly recognized three of their current writers, Porter Howell (of Little Texas), Tony Martin and Tom Shapiro, and one of their former writers, Brady Seals, for each receiving the CMA Triple Play Award (for having three number one songs within a calendar year). Pictured (I-r): Martin; Howell; and Shapiro.

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2	THE GREATEST HITS COLLECTION (Arista 18801) Alan Jackson	2	10
3	THE WOMAN IN ME (Mercury 522886) Shania Twain	3 4	44 5
4 5	SOUVENIRS: G. EATEST HITS (MCA 11394) Vince Gill ALL I WANT (Curb 77800)		14
6	STARTING OVER (MCA 11264) Reba McEntire	6	11
7	IT MATTERS TO ME (Warner Bros. 45872) Faith Hill	10	15
8	THE HITS (Capitol Nashville 29689)(P5) Garth Brooks	7	52 15
9 10	STRAIT OUT OF THE BOX (MCA 11263) George Strait JOHN MICHAEL (Atlantic 82728) John Michael Montgomery	8 11	38
11	GAMES REDNECKS PLAY (Warner Bros. 45856) Jeff Foxworthy	9	22
12	OUT WITH A BANG (MCA 11044) David Lee Murphy	19	18
13	GREATEST HITS-FROM THE BEGINNING (Warner Bros. 46001)	12	15
14	WHEN LOVE FINDS YOU (MCA 11047)(P) Vince Giff	13	80
15	NOW THAT I'VE FOUND YOU - A COLLECTION		
46	(Rounder 0325)	14 15	45 8
16 17	GONE (Reprise 46051)	18	14
18	I THINK ABOUT YOU (Epic 67033) Collin Raye	17	15
19	BRYAN WHITE (Asylum 61642) Bryan White	20	24
20	TOOLBOX (RCA 66740)	16	10
21 22	YOU MIGHT BE A REDNECK IF(Warner Bros. 45314)(P) Jeff Foxworthy NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON (Curb 77659)(P3) Tim McGraw	22 23	69 91
23	IN PICTURES (RCA)	25	19
24	HYPNOTIZE THE MOON (Giant 24640) Clay Walker	26	10
25	LOVE LESSONS (MCA 11242)	29	23
26	GREATEST HITS (BNA 66508) Lorrie Morgan HAVE YOURSELF A TRACTORS CHRISTMAS (Arista 18805) The Tractors	28 21	25 8
27 28	WLD ANGELS (RCA 66509) Martina Mc Bride	27	11
29	GREATEST HITS (Warner Bros. 46017) Little Texas	30	- 11
30	MUSIC FOR ALL OCCASIONS (MCA 11257) The Mavericks	33	11
31	GREATEST HITS VOLII (MCA 11201)(P3) Reba McEntire	34	114
32 33	O HOLY NIGHT (Capitol Nashville 32663) John Berry STANDING ON THE EDGE (Capitol Nashville 28495)(G) John Berry	24 35	5 42
34	TERRI CLARK (Mercury Nashville 52699)(P) Terri Clark	37	18
35	PURE COUNTRY (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)		
	(MCA 10651)(P3)	40	164
36 37	MR. CHRISTMAS (Epic 67045) Joe Diffie READ MY MIND (MCA 10994)(P2) Reba Mc Entire	32 36	4 86
38	WAITIN' ON SUNDOWN (Arista 18765)(P) Brooks & Dunn	39	63
39	LIFE'S SO FUNNY (Epic 67045) Joe Diffie	44	3
40	GREATEST HITS III (RCA 07863)(G)	38	62
41 42	NO ORDINARY MAN (MCA 10991)(G)	42 43	80 51
43	LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS	43	31
	(RCA 66593)	31	9
44	ALL OF THIS LOVE (ARISTA 18799) Pam Tillis	45	6
45 46	JEFF CARSON (MCG Curb 77744)	46 49	18 58
47	WHO I AM (Arista 18759)(P2)	47	77
48	SOMETHING SPECIAL (Columbia 67140) Doily Parton	41	15
46	WINGS (Decca 11261)	52	11
50 51	TAKE ME AS I AM (Wamer Bros. 45389) Faith Hill	50 48	100 78
52	KICKIN' IT UP (Atlantic 82559)(P3) John Michael Montgomery YOU STILL GOT ME (Giant 24639) Doug Supernaw		o, BUT
53	BLACKHAWK (Arista 18708)(P) BlackHawk	51	95
54	THE TRACTORS (Arista 18728) The Tractors	56	71
55	THIS THING CALLED WANTIN' AND HAVIN' IT ALL (Curb 77785)	58	15
56	THE HITS: CHAPTER 1 (Mercury 528536) Sammy Kershaw	54	15
57	WHAT A CRYING SHAME (MCA 10961)(P) The Mavericks	53	97
58	BRAND NEW MAN (Arista 18658)(P4) Brooks & Dunn	57	224
59 60	WHAT MATTERED MOST (Epic 66397)(G) Ty Herndon THINKIN' ABOUT YOU (MCA 11201) Trisha Yearwood	68 59	35 45
61	ONE EMOTION (RCA 66419)(G)	60	62
62	WHEN FALLEN ANGELS FLY (Epic 64188)(G) Patty Loveless	65	68
63	TRACY LAWRENCE LIVE (Atlantic 82847) Tracy Lawrence	55	13
64	COME ON COME ON (Columbia 4881)(P3) Mary Chapin Carpenter	66	174
65 66	TY ENGLAND (RCA 66522)	63 72	18 46
67	SUPER HITS (Columbia 64184) Willie Nelson	64	71
68	HARD WORKIN' MAN (Arista 18716) Brooks & Dunn	67	137
69	THE REDNECK TEST VOLUME 43	C 4	40
70	(Laughing Hyena 2043) Jeff Foxworthy THIRD ROCK FROM THE SUN (Epic 64357)(P) Joe Diffie	61 71	18 69
71	I SEE IT NOW (Atlantic)(P)	69	65
72	GREASTEST HITS 1990-1995 (Curb 77689) Sawyer Brown	74	48
73	AMAZING GRACE: A COUNTRY SALUTE TO GOSPEL	60	12
74	(Sparrow 1445) Various Artists LIFE IS GOOD (Capitol Nashville 32392)	62 70	13 11
75	YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT	_	

Album Reviews By Wendy Newcomer

■ BOBBIE CRYNER: Girl Of Your Dreams (MCAD-11324)

A debut album that was virtually ignored by the market was not the end of the fine for Bobbie Cryner. It was the beginning of the second chance that a new label can provide. Combining the womanty aura of Monroe (Marilyn) and Holiday (Bittie) with the hardcore reality of George Jones and Vern Gosdin, Cryner writes about strong women who are triumphant-even when they lose ("1 Didn't



Know My Own Strength"). Cryner is more appropriately described as a stylist than a singer; her bruised, husky voice is merely the instrument she uses to convey the details of personalities and situations that are the basis for life. Though she rips through covers ("Son Of A Preacher Man" and "Lesson In Leaving"), Cryner is most moving when singing her own plain-spoken material.



■ LINDA DAVIS: Some Things Are Meant To Be (Arista 07822-18804-

Davis' climb to the top of the charts has been sidelined by various label changes, lukewarm singles and all sorts of other things that make for a long journey. She is best known for being Reba McEntire's sometime duet partner and full-time backup singer; such noteriety has unfortunately put her between a rock and a hard place when it comes to her own

career. But Davis trudges on, this time yielding a forceful batch of material that includes an impressive cover of the Gladys Knight classic, "Neither One Of Us." Other shrewdly chosen songs are "Cast fron Heart" and "What Do I Know"both demonstrate her pliable range. Except for a nondescriptive duet with her current employer ("If I Could Live Your Life"), the album contains enough "oomph" to gain Davis some attention. Judging from the radio action of the title cut, Some Things Are Meant To Be might just be the album that does it.

CHELY WRIGHT: Right In The Middle Of It (Polydor 314-529-553-

Although press surrounding Wright's first album Woman In The Moon touted her as a traditionalist, this time around she seems to have taken a more modern turn. Songs like "Listenin' To The Radio" and "Affigator Purse" have a quirky tone that suits today's country/pop vibe, while the Wright-penned "The Other Woman" and "The Love He Left Behind" have a classic country quality. Wright's forceful twang ("Heart Shaped World") is sure to distinguish her from other singers on the radio; however, the restrained vocal treatment of "What I Learned From Loving You'' (the best song on the album) proves that less is often more.

PICK OF THE WEEK

■ PATTY LOVELESS: The Trouble With The Truth (Epic AEC 67269)

Describing the music of Patty Loveless is a difficult task-an artist of her caliber tends to evoke unabashed gushing instead of objective, "journalistic" writing. There is currently no other singer, male or female, who has a better handle on country music's past, present and future. Loveless' kiss-off anthems, "You Can Feel Bad" and "She Drew A Broken Heart" sound sweet as venomous sugar; her interpretations of "Someday I Will Lead The Parade" and "A Thousand Times A Day" are real and touching. Loveless'



new album The Trouble With The Truth comes out at just the right time. Victorious from the one-two punch of a CMA award and Grammy nominations, she gives fans and critics 10 more reasons to say "We're not worthy."

Cash Box COUNTRY



COUNTRY MUSIC

RADIO PLAYLISTS

Some of what's playing in heavy rotation:

WTSH-FM\Rome, CA

JEFF CARSON—"The Car"

BRYAN WHITE-"Rebecca Lynn"

TIM MCGRAW-"Can't Be Really Gone"

CLINT BLACK-"Life Gets Away"

FAITH HILL—"It Matters To Me"

WNCO-FM\Ashland, OH

BRYAN WHITE-"'Rebecca Lynn"

TIM MCGRAW-"Can't Be Really Gone"

FAITH HILL-"It Matters To Me"

CLINT BLACK-"Life Gets Away"

PAM TILLIS-"Deep Down"

WAAC-FM\Valdosta, GA

CLINT BLACK-"Life Gets Away"

PAM TILLIS-"Deep Down"

TIM MCGRAW-"Can't Be Really Gone"

BRYAN WHITE-"'Rebecca Lynn"

DOUG SUPERNAW-"Not Enough Hours In The Night"

WBRM\Marion, NC

CLINT BLACK—"Life Gets Away"

PAM TILLIS-"Deep Down"

JOHN BERRY—"If I Had Any Pride Left At All"

SHANIA TWAIN—"I'm Outta Here"

FAITH HILL-"It Matters To Me"

KIXS\Victoria, TX

DOUG SUPERNAW-"Not Enough Hours In The Night"

RHETT AKINS—"She Said Yes"

SHENANDOAH—"Always Have, Always Will"

TERRI CLARK-"When Boy Meets Girl"

JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY—"Cowboy Love"

WOKA\Douglas, GA

AARON TIPPIN—"That's As Close As I'll Get To Loving You"

SHANIA TWAIN-"I'm Outta Here"

GEORGE STRAIT—"Check Yes Or No"

ALABAMA—"In Pictures"

FAITH HILL—"It Matters To Me"

KDSR-FM\Williston, ND

KEITH WHITLEY—"Wherever You Are Tonight"

WESTERN FLYER-"His Memory"

AARON TIPPIN—"That's As Closc As I'll Get To Loving You"

JEFF CARSON—"The Car"

LITTLE TEXAS—"Life Goes On"

High Debuts

1. **ALABAMA**—"It Works"—(RCA)—#42

- 2. LONESTAR-"No News"-(BNA)-#43
- 3. LORRIE MORGAN-"Standing Tall"-(BNA)-#45
- 4. LITTLE TEXAS—"Country Crazy"—(Warner Bros.)—#46

Most Active

- 1. GARTH BROOKS-"The Beaches Of Cheyenne"-(Capitol)-#25
- 2. WYNONNA—"To Be Loved By You"—(Curb)—#30
- 3. KENNY CHESNEY--"Grandpa Told Me So"--(BNA)-#14
- 4. ALAN JACKSON-"I'll Try"-(Arista)-#19
- 5. TY HERNDON & STEPHANIE BENTLEY—"Heart Half Empty"—(Epic)—#23
- 6. NEAL MCCOY—"You Gotta Love That"—(Atlantic)—#40

POWERFUL ON THE PLAYLIST— The Cash Box Top 100 Country Singles chart is led by the Faith Hill single "It Matters To Me." This week's chart displays six big movers and four debuts breaking into the Top 50. Leading the way in the most-movement category is Garth Brooks and "The Beaches Of Cheyenne" taking an incredible 22-spot leap to #25. Wynonna and "To Be Loved By You" jumps 18 spots to #30, while "Grandpa Told Me So" by Kenny Chesney bounds 14 spots to #24. Three songs moved up 13 places—Alan Jackson's "I'll Try;" "Heart Half Empty" by Ty Herndon and Stephanie Bentley; and Neal McCoy's "You Gotta Love That." As for debuts, four artists hit this week's Top 50. Leading the way for the highest debut position with the single "It Vorks' is Alabama at #42; entering at #43 is Lonestar with "No News;" Lorrie Morgan debuts at #45 with "Standing Tall;" and Little Texas comes in at #46 with "Country Crazy."

CMT Top Twelve Video Countdown

1. BRYAN WHITE
2. FAITH HILL "It Matters To Me" (Warner Bros.)
3. DWIGHT YOAKAM "Nothing" (Reprise)
4. SHANIA TWAIN
5. TERRI CLARK
6. DOUG SUPERNAW "Not Enough Hours In The Night" (Giant)
7. COLLIN RAYE
8. TIM MCGRAW "Can't Be Really Gone" (Curb)
9. WADE HAYES "What I Meant To Say" (Columbia/DKC)
10. JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY "Cowboy Love" (Atlantic)
11. JOE DIFFIE "Bigger Than The Beatles" (Epic)
12. SAWYER BROWN "Round Here" (Curb)

-Compliments of CMT video countdown, week ending January 17, 1996.



POSITIVE COUNTRY

POSITIVE COUNTRY RADIO

This Week's Debuts

RANDY COWARD—"Say No"—(Rope-

burn)-#30

BRUCE HAYNES—"Church Of The Cherokee"—(Cheyenne)—#34
DEL WAY—"One Of These Days"—(Gospel Choice)—#36

Most Active

RONNY MCKINLEY—"Bull By The Horns"—(Cheyenne)—#18

BILLY WALKER—"Every Heart Needs A Chance To Shine"—(Tall Texan)—#15

MIDSOUTH—''Long Walk Home''—(Warner Alliance)—#17 THE FOX BROTHERS—''Squares''—(Sierra)—#26

Powerful On The Playlist

Leading the Cash Box Positive Country singles chart this week is Rivers & Owens with "Not Livin' That Way No More" on the Mark Five label. Susie Luchsinger moves up to the #2 spot with "You're It," followed by Cross Country's "My Choice." "Banking On Jesus" by Marvell moves up one more to #4, and The Manuel Family Band with "Look Who's Laughing Now" takes a three spot jump to #5. Terri Lynn and "No Stranger To Treason" moves to #6. "Child Support" by The Days moves up three to #7. "Let The Little Things Go" by Jeff & Sheri Easter breaks into the Top 10 at #8. Likewise, Judy Deramus makes the Top 10 at #9. Finishing off the Top 10 this week with "Daddy Talks To Jesus" is Marty Raybon.

LOOKING AHEAD

Singles that are still gaining ground at radio this week include: Lee Greenwood with "One Day At A Time," "There Is An Answer" by Don Richmond, and "Til They Know How Much You Care" by Wilcox & Pardoe



Light Records artists Wilcox & Pardoe recently performed a benefit concert for Outlook Nashville. Outlook Nashville provides services for infants, toddlers and adults with developmental disabilities. Pictured at Legislative Plaza in Nashville are (I-r): Tony Higginbotham, Outlook Nashville exec. dir.; Vince Wilcox; Don Pardoe; and Shirley Drescher, Outlook Nashville development director.

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1	NOT LIVIN' THAT WAY NO MORE (Mark Five) Rivers & Owens	2	8
2	YOU'RE IT (Integrity) Susie Luchsinger	4	8
3	MY CHOICE (Dove) Cross Country	1	7
4	BANKING ON JESUS (Glory Roads)	5	11
5	LOOK WHO'S LAUGHING (Manuel Family) Manuel Family Band	8	6
6	NO STRANGER TO TREASON (Intersound) Terri Lynn	7	10
7	CHILD SUPPORT (Cheyenne) The Days	9	5
8	LET THE LITTLE THINGS GO (Chapel) Jeff & Sheri Easter	12	7
9	HOW ABOUT YOUR HEART (TIMA) Judy DeRamus	11	7
10	DADDY TALKS TO JESUS (Sparrow) Marty Raybon	3	9
11	WHEN THE WORLD RUNS OUT OF PARTIES (Heartwrite) $\;\;$. David Patillo	14	5
12	HOEDOWN (Ransom) Ken Holloway	6	9
13	THE GIFT (Cheyenne) Lisa Daggs	20	3
14	SHE STAYS (Word Nashville) Ricky Van Shelton & Andy Landis	10	12
15	EVERY HEART NEEDS A CHANCE TO SHINE (Tail Texan) . Billy Walker	26	4
16	WILD HORSES (Brand Of The Cross) Scott Brown	17	6
17	LONG WALK HOME (Warner Alliance) MidSouth	28	3
18	BULL BY THE HORNS (Cheyeme) Ronny McKinley	33	2
19	COMFORT CREEK (Chapel) Barbara Fairchild	21	8
20	JESUS IS IN MY HEART (Curb) Tom DeVoursney	16	5
21	IN THE PALM OF YOUR HAND (Rounder) Alison Krauss	15	16
22	WHAT IF JESUS COMES BACK LIKE THAT (Epic Nashville) . Collin Raye	24	5
23	DRAWING PICTURES (Genesis) Brent Lamb	18	14
24	JIMMY GOT SAVED (Star Song) Brian Barrett	13	13
25	TAKE JOY (Amber Lane) Elaine Anderson	23	13
26	SQUARES (Sierra) Fox Brothers	37	2
27	MATTERS OF THE HEART (Gateway) Jeff McKee	19	19
28	BIT AND BRIDLE (Veritas) Mark Kilroy	31	4
29	THERE'S NO CROSS THAT LOVE WON'T BEAR		
	(Capitol Nashville) John Berry	22	12
30	SAY NO (Ropeburn) Randy Coward	DEE	BUT
31	LOVE COMES THROUGH (Warner Alliance) MidSouth	29	17
32	GO REST HIGH ON THAT MOUNTAIN (MCA) Vince Gill	25	16
33	A PLACE TO TURN AROUND (Gateway) Paula McCulla	27	34
34	CHURCH OF THE CHEROKEE (Cheyenne) Bruce Haynes	DEE	BUT
35	WE SHOULD ONLY HAVE TIME FOR LOVE (Rounder) $$ Claire Lynch	34	13
36	ONE OF THESE DAYS (Gospel Choice) Del Way	DEE	BUT
37	BE LIKE NOAH (Cheyeme) Lisa Daggs	30	18
38	I'M NOT ASHAMED (Benson) Brush Arbor	32	22
39	HELP ME (Columbia) Gatlin Brothers	38	11
40	(THIS THING CALLED) WANTIN' AND HAVIN' IT ALL		

(Curb) Sawyer Brown 36 12



CON MACHINE

LEISUREXPO '96 Set For Feb. 15-17

CHICAGO—The Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida will be the site for the Fifth Annual Exposition for the family fun, amusement and leisure industries.

LEISUREXPO '96 will showcase the latest in leisure/amusement products and services and will include a full slate of free educational

Last year's event saw an attendance of 4,860 from the ranks of some of the world's largest amusement and entertainment centers. Projected figure for this year's show is 6,000 plus.

The growth of this convention since its inception in 1992, when 100 exhibitors participated, lies in the anticipated booking of more than 500 exhibitors for '96.

Inquiries relating to booth rental space and advance registration should be directed to: LEISUREXPO '96, 920 Honeysuckle Lane, Wynnewood, PA 19096. FAX number is 305-448-4630.



BEAULIEU RETIRES FROM AMHIC: Raymond Beaulieu (r) of the Division of Retail Food Protection in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in Washington, D.C. accepts a plaque from Larry M. Eils, who serves as secretary of the Automatic Merchandising Health Industry Council. Beaulieu is retiring from AMHIC after 13 years of service to the council, which addresses food and public health issues in the vending machine industry. Eils is the director of health, safety and technical standards for the national Automatic Merchandising Association, the trade organization representing vending/food service operators, equipment manufacturers and related suppliers throughout the U.S.

'Valley Gold' Tourney Launched In Midwest

CHICAGO—The upper midwest states of Iowa and North Dakota paved the way for the 1996 "Valley Gold" tournament season. The eventual goal, at the conclusion of all qualifying rounds, is to send the winners to the North American Championships, scheduled to be held in Las Vegas, Nevada during the period of July 11-13, 1996

During the months preceding the big finale, thousands of darters will compete in hundreds of regional tournaments in virtually every state. At stake in each event will be prize money, memento awards and-of course-the opportunity to go to Las Vegas and vie for the Valley World Cup. At that time, winners will qualify for positions on "Team U.S.A.," which travels to Europe in the fall of '96 for international competition.

The lowa match, this past November, was held at the Bankshot Restaurant and Lounge in Fort Dodge, with 123 men and women competing. This tournament was sponsored by Amuse-O-Matic in Fort Dodge and the 32 Valley Cougar dart games used in the competition were supplied by Moss Distributing of Des Moines.

The North Dakota event was held at the Spur Bar in Dickinson, North Dakota with 38 men and women competing for \$380 in cash and other prizes. Lady Luck Vending of Dickinson sponsored the match and Hanson Distributing of Bloomington, Minnesota furnished the ten Valley Cougar dart machines used in the competition.

Further information regarding upcoming events may be obtained by contacting Valley Recreation Products, Inc., 333 Morton St., P.O. Box 656, Bay City, M1 48707.

'Idea Centers' To Be **Introed At ACME '96**

CHICAGO—The ACME Show Committee, in their ongoing efforts to provide innovative programs for operators attending the 1996 American Coin Machine Exposition in Orlando, will introduce "free educational" opportunities in the form of Idea Centers located throughout the exhibit floor.

The "New-To-The-Business Idea Center" will be staffed by AAMA

distributor members and will provide operators who are getting into the business with resources such as distributor prospects, trade journals and trade association information.

The "Media Idea Center" will feature displays of promotions submitted by operators throughout the country. These will include direct mail promotions, advertisements, TV and radio commercials and in-location promotions. The Media Idea Center will be staffed by public relations and marketing personnel from factories and trade publications.

The "Redemption Idea Center" will feature new products for redemption as well as marketing ideas and promotions used in redemption. Staffing in the Redemption Idea Center will be provided by suppliers and experts in redemption.

Operators are invited to submit their best promotion to ACME Show Management if they would like to be included in this idea-packed display.

ACME '96 will be held March 7-9 at the Orange County Convention/Civic Center in Orlando, Florida and is sponsored by AAMA (American Amusement Machine Association).

Further information may be obtained by contacting show management, W.T. Glasgow, Inc., 16066 South Park Ave., South Holland, IL 60473-1500 or phoning 708-333-9292. FAX number is 708-333-4086.

NEWS (Continued from page 15)

"JUNGLE" JACK WITH VIRGIN: High Chief/Barb Wire Records have announced that Virgin Records will distribute "Jungle" Jack Hanna's World CD. The CD, with a projected street date of April 2, is an AC/New Age/World music project initiated by zoo director Jack Hanna with a portion of the money from the project to be donated to The Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund and Partners In Conservation, two charities with which Hanna has a very long association.

The music for Jack Hanna's World was composed and performed by Mark

TOUR, INC. SUES: Tour, Inc., a new concert promotion venture formed by the financial partners that financed 152 shows produced by Joseph A. Balestrieri and partner/wife Leslie West (Balestrieri) in 1994 and 1995, filed suit December 22, 1995 seeking judgement against Balestrieri as well as against Broadway

Entertainment Investment, Inc. (BEI), for \$350,000 in notes and over \$1 million in business agreements in default to Tour's principals. The funds were advanced to pay talent deposit and advertising for concert performances nationwide by artists ranging from Kenny G to Travis Tritt.

DOLE ON MTV: MTV: Music Television has brought back its youth-oriented Choose Or Lose political awareness campaign for the 1996 presidential election. kicking off Choose Or Lose '96 with Tabitha Soren interviewing Republican presidential hopeful Bob Dole in New Hampshire. The interview, conducted Jan.

Choose Or Lose '96 will include long-form issue-oriented news specials, interviews with the candidates, and weekly coverage of the primary season, thc political conventions and the homestretch. The show will tour with a custom designed bus that will serve as a MTV News' production unit for the duration of the campaign with stops in Connecticut, New Hampshire, Iowa and South Dakota.



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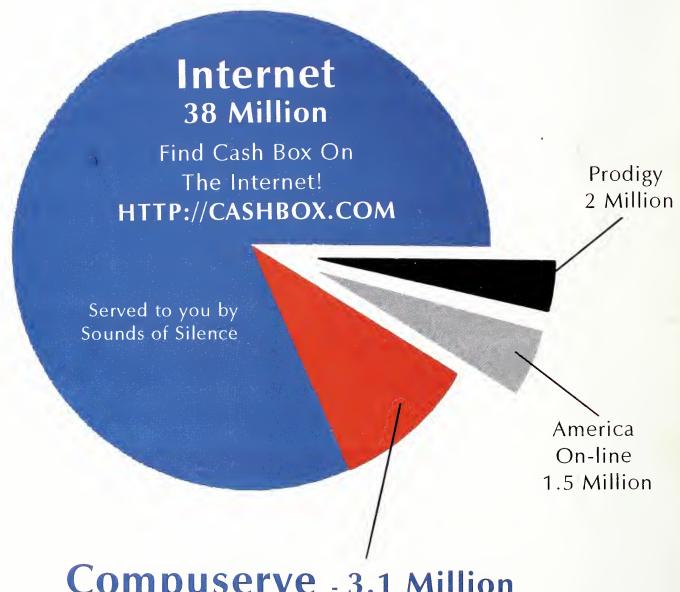
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