

Regional Distribs Merge In New Video Holding Co.

BY PAUL SWEETING

NEW YORK The ranks of purely regional video distributors thinned again last week with the announcement of an agreement between Sacramento-based Video Products Distributors and St. Louis-based Sight & Sound Distributors to merge their organizations under a new holding company,

Atlanta Growing Into A Major Black-Music Hub

BY JANINE MCADAMS

ATLANTA This Southern city is gradually becoming a major center of black music as more and more black recording artists and producers settle here

Bobby Brown has moved here and plans to open a recording studio. L.A. & Babyface have homes in Atlanta and have begun a record label here. Singer/songwriter/producer Larry Blackmon had based his production company here for years before he heard Miami's siren song and moved his operation south. Singer Peabo Bryson has lived and worked here for years. So has producer Dean "Sir" Gant of Platinum Plus Productions, who has worked with Anita Baker, George Howard, Madonna, Vesta, and Bryson.

Long considered a base of black political and economic power in the South, Atlanta is now taking on a new image-that of an emerging center of contemporary black music production that, while not equal to traditional music towns New York, Los (Continued on page 92) Home Entertainment Distributors Inc

That announcement comes only a week after two other distributors, Video Trend and Major Video, revealed their agreement to pursue a similarly structured consolidation (Billboard, Nov. 11).

The deals, if completed, will create two new "super-regional" distributors, as some of the participants have dubbed the resulting entities. Both the combined Video Trend/Major and VPD/Sight & Sound indicate additional acquisitions or mergers are strong possibilities as they seek to develop national reach while maintaining the regionals' reputation for service and careful attention to the needs of their accounts.

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Channel Denies Claims By Some Labels MTV Taking A Harder Look At Vids?

BY MELINDA NEWMAN

NEW YORK Although MTV has often been at odds with record companies over the content of clips submitted to the national music channel, some labels now contend MTV's standards have become increasingly restrictive. Some suggest the network is reacting to a perceived mood of conservatism across the country. Others say they are simply confused by what they view as inconsistent standards

However, MTV says there has been no change in its practice of reviewing clips. "This has always been a subjective process, but the standards are the same," says spokeswoman Carole Robinson.

Still, many labels feel that more

clips are being returned for edits or interpretation, especially since the music channel began requesting lyric sheets with the videos. From its inception, MTV has asked labels to submit a lyric sheet if there were some words that could

not be understood. However, since August it has requested lyric sheets for all submissions.

The problem of screening clips apparently has been exacerbated by an increase in tape submissions (Continued on page 92)

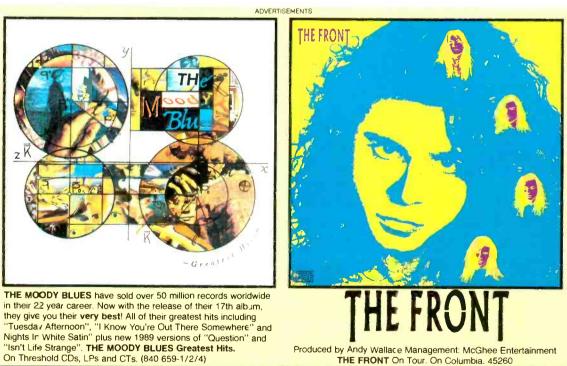
Classical Music Loses One Of Its Legends Vladimir Horowitz Dead At 86

BY SUSAN ELLIOTT NEW YORK Vladimir Horowitz. the last of the great romantic pianists, is dead. Universally admired, even worshipped, for his enormous sound, his astonishing technical command, and his penchant for taking chances that few other instrumentalists would even consider, Horowitz was unquestionably the most celebrated pianist of this century

He died in his Manhattan townhouse suddenly on Nov. 5 of a heart attack. He was 86. His last public appearance was on Oct. 11 at the Sam Goody store in midtown Manhattan, where he signed copies of "Horowitz At Home," his newest record for DG. Four days later, a full-page New York Times ad announced that the pianist had signed with Sony Classics, formerly CBS, the label for which he recorded in the '60s and early '70s.

Horowitz recorded extensively for RCA, HMV (now owned by EMI), CBS, and DG. He won a total of 23 Grammys, more than any other instrumentalist in any category; he was second only to conductor Sir Georg Solti as top overall Grammy winner.

Born as Vladimir Gorowitz in (Continued on page 97)



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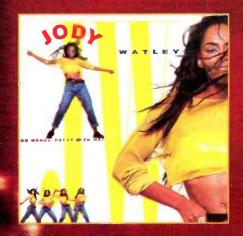
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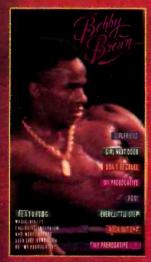


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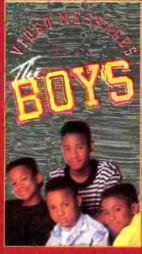
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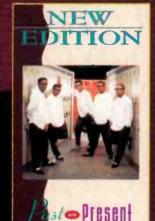
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DEADHEAD TV COMES TO LIFE

Deadheads have something new to be grateful for—a cable TV show made just for them. Billboard music video editor Melinda Newman dug up the details on Deadhead TV. **Page 32**

AD AGENCIES TRYING HDTV

High-definition TV may be years away from the consumer marketplace, but some ad agencies have already begun airing commercials shot in the format. Bruce Haring reports on this future trend. **Page 41**

THE BRITISH ARE COMING

U.K. firms HMV, the retail arm of Thorn EMI; W.H. Smith, a giant retailer; and Strand VCI, a video sell-through company, have all bolstered their commitment to the U.S. market. Nigel Hunter and Ed Christman report. Page 6

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P'Gram Finalizing Stock Sale Plans *Earmarks Proceeds For A&M Purchase*

BY DON JEFFREY

NEW YORK Philips' public offering of 20% of its PolyGram Records subsidiary (Billboard, Nov. 11) is expected to raise between \$560 million and \$700 million, before fees and taxes.

Net proceeds of the offering will be used to pay for PolyGram's pending acquisition of A&M Records, says Philips spokesman Ben Geerts. He notes that PolyGram agreed to pay \$460 million for A&M, \$40 million less than the figure speculated on in the media. That deal is expected to be completed by Jan. 1, he adds.

Geerts also says that when Poly-Gram acquired Island Records in July, it agreed to pay about \$270 million for that label. The figure bruited in the press was \$300 million.

Philips last week announced it will offer up to 35 million shares of PolyGram stock to the public at a price estimated at between \$16 and \$20 a share.

Before a definite price is estab-

change Commission. Geerts says shares may be traded on the New York Stock Exchange and the Amsterdam Stock Exchange by the end of this year. Philips will retain ownership of 80% of PolyGram's shares.

lished, Philips must obtain appro-

from the federal Securities and Ex-

PolyGram claims to be the No. 3 record company in the world in total sales, after Warner Communications Inc.'s recorded music division and Sony's CBS Records. In 1988, PolyGram's revenues amounted to \$1.6 billion, a 17% increase over the previous year. Its income from operations was \$154 million, a 25% yearly rise.

This proposed sale of stock is not PolyGram's first attempt to go public. In October 1987, Philips announced it was going to sell 20% of *(Continued on page 94)*

More Releases Sans Vinyl As Holiday Season Nears

BY DAVE DIMARTINO

LOS ANGELES As some label executives cite the upcoming holiday season as "the last Christmas that vinyl is really going to be a factor," scattered new album releases issued only on cassette and CD appear to be backing up such claims.

Though simultaneous LP/cassette/CD release remains largely the rule rather than the exception for the major labels, three recent releases on Warner Bros.—by new WB/Nashville signings David Mullen, Maura O'Connell, and the Marcy Bros.—are unavailable on vinyl, as is the latest MCA album by high-charting country star Reba McEntire.

Referring to the Warner acts without vinyl, Vic Faraci, senior VP at WB/Nashville, says, "These are new artists, and we anticipate the initial orders will be very, very light on artists such as these ... Therefore, we decided to release just the two stronger configurations and, down the road, if in fact these artists begin to break, chances are we would release the LP configuration."

At MČA, on the other hand, McEntire is hardly a new artist; MCA's decision to bypass a vinyl version of "Reba Live" was instead based on financial factors.

"If we did it on LP," says John Burns, executive VP at MCA Distribution, "it would have been a two-record set. It's a live package with 18-19 tracks. [The decision] was because of the price of a tworecord set. We felt that the marketplace on this was cassette and CD—and not LP so much, because of the nature of the product. A normal Reba McEntire album, yes," he adds, "we would absolutely release it on vinyl."

That the labels now find themselves debating the comparatively meager financial returns new LP product brings is typified by Geffen Records' recent handling of the album by British group Fuzzbox. Though the band's new album, "Big Bang," was initially slated to be issued only on cassette and CD, the label ultimately ended up changing its mind.

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Clovers, Etta James Among Recipients R&B Foundation Honors Artists

BY BILL HOLLAND

WASHINGTON, D.C. Seven seminal R&B solo artists and one vocal group have been selected as recipients of the first career achievement awards of the Rhythm and Blues Foundation. They were presented with the awards at a ceremony at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of American History here Nov. 10.

Recipients LaVern Baker, Charles Brown, Ruth Brown, Etta James, Jimmy Scott, Percy Sledge, and Mary Wells will receive tax-free cash stipends of \$15,000.

The six original members of the Clovers (John "Buddy" Bailey, Harold Lucas, Matt McQuater, Billy Mitchell, Harold Winley, and the estate of the late Bill Harris) were also honored, receiving a collective honorarium of \$20,000. All except Baker and James, who are touring, were on hand to accept their awards.

Attendees included members of the Congressional Arts Caucus and the Congressional Black Caucus; Marvin Bush, son of the President; and industry officials. Also in attendance were artists Rufus Thomas, Bonnie Raitt, and Lou Rawls, as well as members of the Orioles, the Cardinals, and the Swallows, who live in the Washington area.

More than 100 music industryites helped select this year's recipients from the 60 recommended performers. All of the judges were members of the R&B Foundation's board of trustees and artists' advisory committee, composed of performing artists, record producers, songwriters, and music journalists.

Preceding the ceremony, Sam Moore & the Memphis Horns performed at an invitation-only concert spotlighting music by the Stax/Volt writer/producer team of Isaac Hayes and David Porter for the '60s soul duo Sam & Dave.

Three other concerts with Moore & the Horns, all free to the public, took place here over the Nov. 10 weekend.

The concerts, the first segments of the Smithsonian's 1989-90 wide-variety All American Music Series, un-(Continued on page 96)

Industryites Slug It Out In Nashville

BY GERRY WOOD

NASHVILLE The Country Music Assn.'s Town Meeting seminar in Nashville sometimes bore a greater resemblance to a "Gunfight At The CMA Corral" than to an open exchange of ideas. Radio drew harsh criticism for its playlists, which were assailed as conservative and restrictive. Consultants were blasted for adding to the problem. Record label executives were criticized by radio for having tin ears and by songwriters for having cold hearts. Trade magazine charts-specifically those published by Billboard and Radio & Records-came under fire. Artists nipped at labels and radio. A good time wasn't had by all.

Except, perhaps, the CMA, which drew large crowds of industry and nonindustry attendees for the one-day conclave that cost \$65 (Continued on page 94)

Billboard Bows BDS Playlists

NEW YORK This week's issue of Billboard includes the first radio playlists ever published using information gathered by Billboard's new Broadcast Data Systems Inc. subsidiary. The 12 country radio playlists appear on page 49

The playlists are printed this week as a sample of the kind of information that can be expected from BDS. Billboard plans to use the information as the sole source for the Hot Country Singles chart beginning in January 1990. Other charts will be converted to BDS information throughout 1990.

BDS uses computer-based listening devices to achieve sevenday, 24-hours-a-day airplay monitoring.

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U.K. Retailers Boost Int'l Commitment HMV Eyes U.S.; Virgin Europe, Australia

BY NIGEL HUNTER

LONDON Two major British players in the international retailing of music, video, and related accessories are expanding their commitments in Europe and elsewhere.

Virgin Retail and HMV, the retail divisions of the Virgin Group and Thorn EMI, respectively, are planning continued growth overseas in the final decade of this century. Their philosophies differ, however, in regard to the possibilities of expansion in North America.

HMV has ambitious plans for the U.S. and Canada (Billboard, July 1). Already established in Toronto and Montreal, where it opened an 18.000square-foot store Nov. 9, HMV is targeting the northeastern states in the first phase of its U.S. campaign. Its first U.S. store, expected to open next year, will be located at 86th Street and Lexington Avenue in New York's Upper East Side, according to leasing agents in New York.

Virgin Retail, in contrast, has Europe, Australia, and eventually Japan in its sights. Will Whitehorn, Virgin corporate PR executive, explains that the U.S. is not under consideration for megastores at present.

"Virgin Records has a big investment in its American operation," he says, "and we'll stay with that for the time being.

Outside of the U.S., Virgin Retail's

BY ED CHRISTMAN

NEW YORK W.H. Smith, the gi-

ant U.K. retailer, has acquired sev-

en of the 18 units in the retail chain

run by Richman Bros. Record Dis-

tributors, a Pennsauken, N.J.-based

wholesaler that operates retail out-

lets under the name of Sound Odys-

sey and Variety Records. Terms of

The acquisition gives the British retailing giant 26 U.S. outlets. Earli-

er this year, W.H. Smith, which op-

the deal were not disclosed.

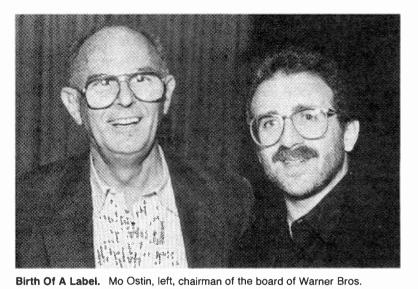
guidelines for opening stores in foreign markets are related to the Virgin Group's level of creative commitment in the various territories.

'We wouldn't consider opening megastores in territories where we haven't got a record company pres-ence and experience," says Whitehorn. "We also look for local partners in these ventures, although we retain control of inventory and presentation

policies.'

Virgin is planning to open some 15 additional megastores in Europe in the course of the next five years. The first will start operating next year in Milan, Italy, on a central site about half the size of the 18,000-square-foot Paris outlet.

Syd Pennington, who recently joined Virgin Retail from the Marks (Continued on page 95)



U.K. Vid Sell-Thru Co. Has **Big Plans For U.S. Growth**

LONDON An \$81 million management buy-out of Prestwich Holdings heralds a name change to Strand VCI and an aggressive international expansion for a company that has been established as the U.K. market leader in sell-through video for the last five years.

With financial support from the Chase Manhattan Bank, the Chase Investment Bank, and the Charterhouse Bank and a further \$63 million of working capital available, Strand VCI has ambitious plans for the U.S. and Europe as a video supplier and duplicator.

The company already has an of-

W.H. Smith Adds To U.S. Wee Three Chain

erates more than 300 Our Price rec-

ord stores in the U.K., acquired the

19-unit Wee Three chain, headquar-

tered in Philadelphia (Billboard,

surfaced at the rackjobbers' meet-

ing of the National Assn. of Record-

ing Merchandisers, held in Phoenix

Of the seven stores acquired by

W.H. Smith, four operate under the

Sound Odyssey name and three un-der the Variety Records logo. The

Oct. 21-23 (Billboard, Nov. 4).

Rumors of the latest acquisition

fice in Chicago and is moving to a headquarters in Santa Monica, Calif., where the U.S. operation will be headed by British-born Colin Walkden.

Strand VCI will launch a U.S. label in March with the aim of gaining a piece of the sell-through market. The company sees the U.S. as an outlet for its own or jointly produced programming, as well as acquired titles. Future product will be bought and developed wherever possible to include the U.S. rights; the U.S. operation will also provide a base for program acquisition. U.S. (Continued on page 95)

EXECUTIVE TURNTABLE

Records, and Irving Azoff, right, former MCA chairman, announce their joint

product will be manufactured and distributed by Warner Bros. Records

slated to open for business on Jan. 1.

venture in recorded music and music publishing. The new company's recorded

domestically and by WEA International in the rest of the world. The company is

RECORD COMPANIES. Art Jaeger is appointed executive VP of Capitol Records in Los Angeles. He was senior VP of the MCA Music Entertainment Group.

MCA Music Entertainment in Los Angeles appoints Paula Batson VP of public relations. She was VP of publicity, West Coast, for RCA Records. **Paul Ewing** is appointed VP of WEA International. He was founder of

WEA's affiliates in Hong Kong, Singapore, and Malaysia. Bruce Wong is named managing director of WEA Hong Kong. He was GM for the label.



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Epic Records in New York makes the following appointments: Lisa Markowitz, director of market relations, East Coast; Andy Schwartz, associate director of media services; and Ellyn Solis, manager of media relations, East Coast. They were, respectively, manager of East Coast publicity, Epic; a free-lance writer; and a tour publicist, Atlantic Records.

Columbia Records in New York promotes Steve Berkowitz to director of marketing and development, East Coast. He was associate director of product marketing for the label.

CBS Records in New York promotes Elizabeth Weinstock to director of human resources information systems and Kathleen Garretson to director of personnel planning and administration. They were, respectively, director of the employee investment fund, and director of human resources information systems for the label.



Larry Braverman is named national director of marketing at Elektra Entertainment in New York. He was director of new music marketing for the lahel

RCA Records in New York names Howard Gabriel director of product development. He was VP of marketing at Relativity Records.

PolyGram Records in New York makes the following appointments: Madelyn Scarpulla, product manager; Jon Polk, senior attorney for legal affairs; Andrew Wohl, attorney for legal affairs; and Julie Greifer Swidler, assistant general counsel for legal affairs. They were, respectively, local promotion manager, Mercury; attorney for legal affairs, PolyGram; an associate at Proskauer, Rose, Goetz & Mendelson; and senior attorney for legal affairs, PolyGram.

RELATED FIELDS. MTV in New York names John Cannelli VP of music and talent relations, and Joel Gallen VP of production. They were, respectively, director of talent and artist relations, and executive producer of special programs for the network.

• VIDEO PEOPLE on the move, see page 71.

CBS Records Distrib Appoints Progressive-Music Marketers

Feb. 25).

NEW YORK CBS Records Distribution has boosted its branches' attention to new music with the appointment of nine staffers to the newly created posts of progressive music marketing managers.

The nine regionally based managers will report to Jon Birge, VP of new music/video marketing at CBS, who will oversee a new progressive music department.

The move follows Columbia Records' creation last summer of an alternative marketing department headed by Steve Tipp. Birge says he consults regularly with Tipp and Jack Isquith, director of national promotion at Epic, in choosing acts for the new progressive music department.

"We're looking for every angle we can to develop new artists,' says Birge. "Obviously, we are fo-

cusing more heavily on certain as-

pects of retail. There are individuals

in these [alternative music] stores

and if you turn them on to the mu-

sic, they're going to become fans."

The new marketing managers

Most of the new managers are

former college reps or account ser-

They include Terri Denton, over-

seeing activity in the Southeast; Marilyn Gardner, the Mid-Central

states; Paul Jarosik, New England;

Ernest Kemeny, Los Angeles; Troy

Prickett, New York; Leah Reid

Mid-Atlantic states; Marnie Smith

Southeast states; Sally Spiegel,

Midwest states; and Tim Thomp-

son, Northwest states. THOM DUFFY

will serve a dual role for CBS. "I

see it as a combination of retail de-

velopment and artist development,'

says Birge.

vice reps for CBS.

Three over the next two or three months, says Peter Bamford, Wee Three's president. Moreover, the company expects to open a new store by Christmas, which will bring its total number of outlets to 27.

names will be changed to Wee

The relatively slow pace of W.H. Smith's move into the U.S. reflects management's desire to "learn about the market," Bamford says. He declined to say if that pace would be speeded up at a later date.

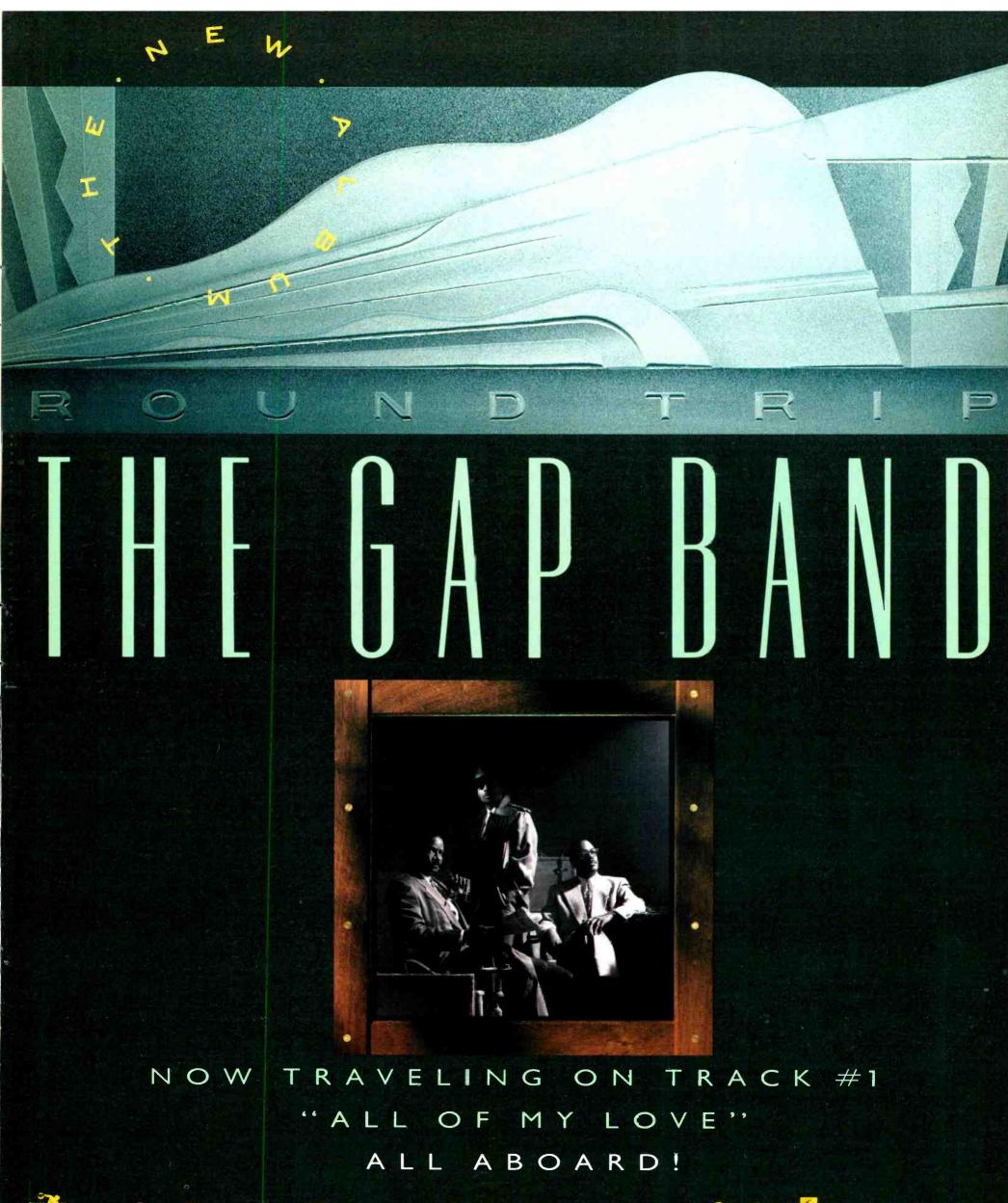
Richman Bros. is getting out of retail, says Richard Richman, president. "I think we are pretty good retailers . . . but there are so many big companies coming into the business that we don't think we could com-pete with them," Richman says. We are better equipped to be wholesalers than retailers.

The units sold by Richman Bros. are in Cherry Hill Mall in Cherry Hill, Shore Mall in Pleasantville, and Collegetown Shopping Center in Glassboro, three towns in New Jersey; Tyson's Corner Center in McLean, Va.; Montgomery Mall in Bethesda and Germantown Commons in Germantown, both in Mary land: and Dover Mall in Dover. Del.

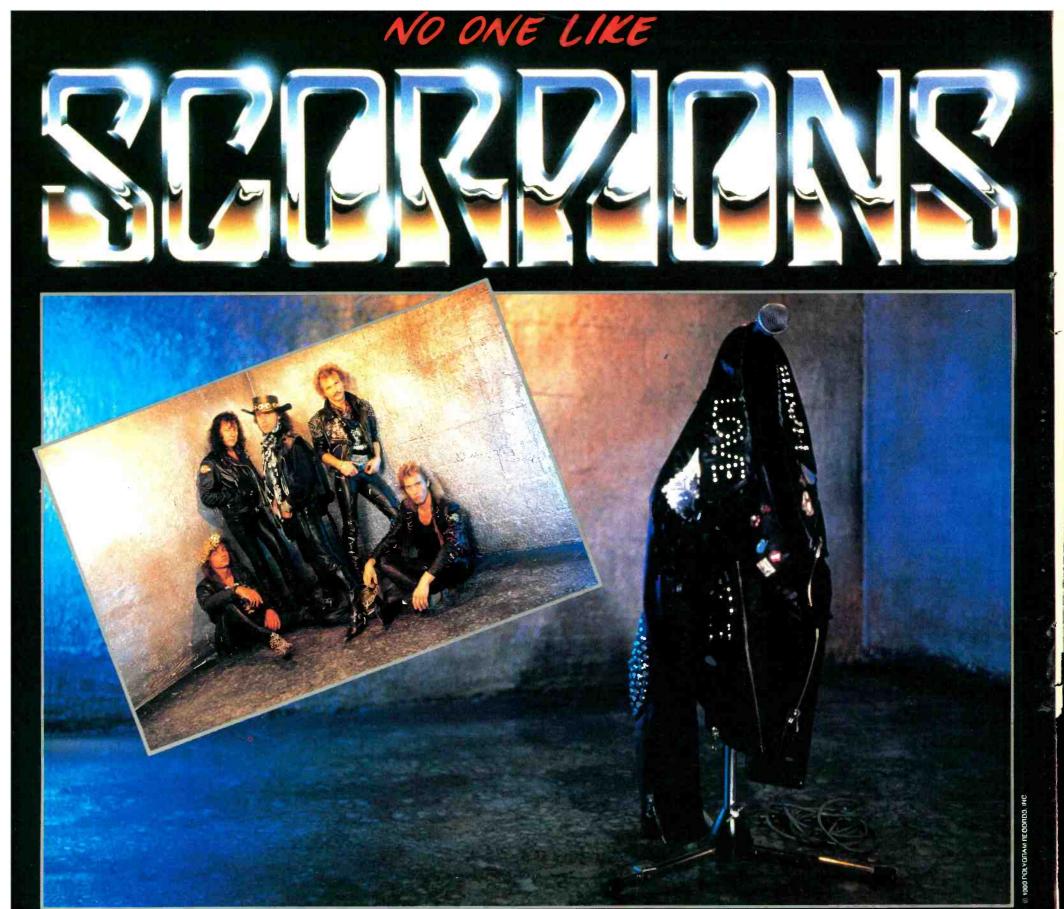
Bamford declined to elaborate on merchandising and real estate strat-egies. Since the acquisition of Wee Three, changes have been made in the operation, but they are probably not noticeable to most consumers, he says. As for type of stores W. H. Smith is looking for, he says, "We could have a mixture of mall and strip stores." Two of the newly acquired stores are in strip centers.

In addition to Wee Three, W.H. Smith operates more than 300 airport newsstands and 200 bookstores in North America.

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Beatles Work It Out With Capitol-EMI P&D, Royalty Case Settled Out Of Court

BY CHRIS MORRIS

LOS ANGELES Tying up a tangled skein of court cases dating back a decade, the members of the Beatles and their companies. Apple Corps Inc. and Apple Corps Ltd., have settled their differences with EMI Records and Capitol Records out of court.

A terse, four-paragraph statement issued by EMI Music here Nov. 8 said, "Bhaskar Menon, chairman, EMI Music Worldwide and Capitol-EMI Music Inc., and George Harrison, Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr, and Yoko Ono Lennon are very pleased to an-

nounce the settlement of all outstanding lawsuits between the artists, Apple, EMI Records, and Capitol Records.

"The parties have agreed, as a specific term of the settlement. that neither they nor their representatives or advisers will be permitted to make any comment or statement regarding the settlement other than as appears in this announcement."

No monetary figure was announced as part of the settlement. Although the gag provision leaves details of the settlement vague at best, an informed source says that McCartney-the only former member of the Beatles currently on the Capitol roster-was the last to settle with the labels.

Most of the discord between the Beatles and the EMI labels stemmed from alleged violations of two related agreements dated Sept. 1, 1969. In one, EMI granted Apple the exclusive right to manufacture and distribute the Beatles recordings in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. In the second pact. Apple assigned Capitol the right to press the Beatles' records.

Following a dispute over a provision of the manufacturing and distribution agreement regarding escalated royalty payments of 25% (Continued on page 89)



Drive My Karr. Gerry Griffith, left, senior VP of EMI, and Sal Licata, right, president and CEO of EMI, welcome Tim Karr, the label's newest signing. Karr's debut album, "Rubbin' Me The Right Way," is due out in January.

Majors Respond To Demand For CD Reviewers' Copies

BY MELINDA NEWMAN

NEW YORK Last month, Chrysalis Records became the first major label to switch its press mailing list to CDs with Paul Carrack's new album, "Groove Approved." Now other record companies are reviewing their policies on servicing writers.

A Billboard survey of major labels found that most record companies' first press mailing on new releases is still vinvl; most companies will then service a second configuration on request. But Warner Bros., RCA, Elektra, Atlantic, and Capitol are currently enacting programs whereby the writer is given a choice of CD, vinyl, or cassette.

"We're reacting to requests from press people for product on CD," says Warner Bros.' Bob Merlis. "It's clear that three years ago, it was a high-end situation; now CDs are in

the mainstream." At Warner-distributed Geffen Records, plans are to follow the Warner policy.

Columbia has yet to begin processing a survey it conducted earlier this summer offering journalists the choice of cassette or vinyl. "About 20% are already getting cassette, says a spokesperson for CBS. "CDs are sent out by request at this point where the publicist just takes the request over the phone.

Chrysalis switched to all-CDs because, says publicicst Frances Pennington, "I found I was sending out albums and then having to follow up with CDs. If people have a problem with that, then we'll do a specific list for cassettes." Vinyl will be available only on special request.

Even though publicists say servicing CDs costs a little more, the price is worth it to some. "It's somewhat (Continued on page 89)

Warren Has Top Two Hits; 'Storm' Rages; B-52's 'Shack' Up At No. 3; Satriani Flies In

DIANE WARREN this week becomes the first traditional songwriter in the rock era to have written both of the top two hits on the Hot 100. By "traditional songwriter," we mean someone who generally sticks to writing as opposed to an artist/writer or a producer/writer. Warren accomplishes the feat as **Bad English's** "When I See You Smile" holds at No. 1 and Milli Vanilli's "Blame It On The Rain" jumps to No. 2.

Only five other writers or writing teams have landed both of the top two hits simultaneously since 1955. Two

of them hit the jackpot in the '80s: Prince scored in April 1986 with his own Kiss" and the Bangles' "Manic Monday," and Jim Steinman hit in October 1983 with Bonnie Tyler's "Total Eclipse Of The Heart" and Air Supply's "Making Love Out Of Nothing At All. Barry, Robin, and

Maurice Gibb achieved



the feat during the Bee Gees blitz in 1978; John Lennon & Paul McCartney scored during the Beatles invasion

for co-writing the top two hits in 1956 This also makes Warren the first female songwriter to have the top two songs the same week. And the first songwriter from California. And the first who knows Cher personally. And the first ... oh, you get the idea.

of 1964; and Elvis Presley received label credit, at least,

ALBUM ACTION: Billy Joel's "Storm Front" jumps to No. 8 on the Top Pop Albums chart, becoming his seventh consecutive studio album to reach the top 10. That's his entire output since "The Stranger" 12 years ago. The album's first single, "We Didn't Start The Fire," vaults from No. 13 to No. 6 on the Hot 100 and may well become his third No. 1 hit.

The B-52's land their first top 10 album as "Cosmic Thing" jumps to No. 10. The group, whose influential "Rock Lobster" was only a midchart hit in 1980, climbs to No. 3 on the Hot 100 with "Love Shack.

Joe Satriani has the top new entry on the pop albums chart as "Flying In A Blue Dream" blasts on at No. 50. The guitarist's previous studio album, "Surfing With The Alien," took 17 weeks to crack the top 50. It peaked at No. 29 in May 1988

The Grateful Dead's "Built To Last" is next in line. bowing at No. 59. It's the band's follow-up to "In The Dark," its first top 10 album in a long and legendary career. That 1987 collection peaked at No. 6 and spawned the group's first top 10 single, "Touch Of Grey." Erasure's "Wild!," a joint release on Sire/Reprise

Records, vaults from No. 107 to No. 60 in its second week. It's sure to become the British duo's highestcharting album to date, topping last year's "The Innocents," which peaked at No. 49.

The Smithereens' "11" bows at No. 99, becoming the critically lauded band's fastest-breaking album to date.

The New York-based quartet's 1986 Enigma breakthrough, "Especially For You," reached No. 51; its 1988 Capitol debut, "Green Thoughts," hit No. 60.

AST FACTS: Quincy Jones returns to the Hot 100 at No. 86 with a new version of "I'll Be Good To You," the 1976 smash that he produced for the Brothers Johnson. The Brothers' version was Jones' first top 10 hit as a producer since a string of hits with Lesley Gore in 1963-64. The song launched the Brothers' career and paved

the way for Jones' crown-

ing success with Michael

Jackson. The new version

features Ray Charles, a

friend of Jones for more

than four decades, and

Chaka Khan. Charles, whose duet with Billy Joel, "Baby Grand," peaked at No. 75 two years ago, was most recently in the top 30 in 1967 with a cover of the Beatles' "Yesterday." Alice Cooper lands his first top 10 single in more than

a decade as "Poison" jumps to No. 9. Cooper was last in the top 10 in 1977 with "You And Me." The shock rocker also lands his first top 20 album in nearly 15 years as Trash" jumps to No. 20 on the pop albums chart.

Soul II Soul lands its first top 10 single as "Back To Life" jumps to No. 10. The group narrowly missed the top 10 in September when "Keep On Movin" " peaked at No. 11.

Jermaine Jackson lands his second No. 1 solo hit on the Hot Black Singles chart with "Don't Take It Personal." The singer first topped the chart as a solo performer in 1980 with "Let's Get Serious." Before that, he landed six No. 1 black hits with the Jackson 5. Jermaine rings the bell just a month after sister Janet topped the chart with "Miss You Much."

WE GET LETTERS: Bruce Kilgour, operations manager at The Musicland Group in Burbank, Calif., notes that album rock radio is-in the words of format veteran Jethro Tull-"Living In The Past." Kilgour notes that a dozen of the acts on a recent Album Rock Tracks chart were receiving album rock airplay 20 years ago: the Rolling Stones, Neil Young, Bob Dylan, Grateful Dead. Poco, George Harrison, the Kinks, Alice Cooper. Jethro Tull. Joe Cocker. Jeff Beck, and Peter Frampton (as part of Humble Pie).

Marty LeGere, music coordinator at WGY-FM Albany, N.Y., notes that each of New Kids On The Block's three current chart hits is from a different album. Look for all three singles to be in the top 40-maybe even the top 30-by next week.

John Farkas of Cleveland notes that two B sides are in the Hot 100's top 15. New Kids you know about, but you may not have known that Kix's "Don't Close Your Eyes" was the B side of "Get It While It's Hot."

CBS Label Beefs Up Rap Staff, Roster **Epic Gets 3 Ruthless Acts**

NEW YORK Epic Records is stepping up its pace in the rap market through a production deal with Ruthless Records, calling for the hot company to deliver to the CBS

Latin Balladeer **Pedro Vargas Dies In Mexico**

BY LUIS VEGA

MEXICO CITY In a time when crossing over was not a dream but. a tangible reality for Hispanic performers, nobody embodied this opportunity in the eyes of Latin America better than Mexican balladeer Pedro Vargas, who died in his sleep Oct. 30 at his home here. He was 85.

"His death marks the end of an important era in Latin music because he was the last survivor of a group of Mexican performers (Continued on page 88)

unit a total of three acts.

In making its second rap production arrangement-an earlier three-act tie-in exists with Ice-T and Jorge Hinejosa's Rhyme Syndicate-Epic is also building an internal rap marketing staff. By the end of the year, says Epic president Dave Glew, the section, which is yet to get a formal name, will total three staffers, led by already appointed Tony White.

The rap business requires marketing and promotion beyond the norm," says Glew. "For instance, there is a lot of activity on the onestop level. Here, one-stops deal with retail outlets not handled by CBS Distribution. Our staff will contact these one-stops and stores and make radio calls.

Ruthless has been supplying such labels as Priority, Atlantic, and Atco with such major rap acts as Eazy-E, N.W.A., The D.O.C., and JJ Fad.

For Epic, Ruthless president Eric "Eazy-E" Wright and production chief Dr. Dre will initially work on Above The Law and Devastating Twins for early 1990 release (Continued on page 94)

by Paul Grein

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New Acts Must Knock On Right Doors COMMUNICATION IS KEY TO SUCCESS

BY PHIL YORK

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This will sound like an advertisement for Billboard, but it's intended entirely to guide and assist those who, in the fringe markets or doing business as independents, have shown their ignorance by making such statements as the following: • "Billboard's got a monopoly on

things. It's not fair.' • "The 'insiders' and 'big guys' are keeping us out."

• "Ya gotta have millions to buy a

• "Nothing in Billboard relates to me."

Let me start out by saying that people who make these statements are really ignorant. I didn't say stupid. I just said ignorant. They have ignored the wealth of possibilities at their fingertips.

Songwriters who want to get song demos to the right publisher or producer, and artists and bands who want to shop product to record companies, take heed: Your guide, your road map, is your subscription to Billboard.

This magazine and one of its several annual directories, some enthusiasm, some talent, a telephone, and some stationery are all you need.

You don't believe me? Well, here's an example: A songwriter who complains that he can't get anywhere need only look in an issue of Billboard and carefully inspect the weekly charts. The writer will find there an entry by his favorite artist, along with the names of the producer and the publisher of that

song. Looking in the Billboard Buyer's Guide, the writer can then locate the addresses and phone numbers of the publishing company and the record label.

Now, if you're as talented a writer as you say you are, write a quality letter and introduce yourself. Keep it brief, state your case, and be profes-

sional. For heaven's sake, don't start

off by saying, "I've written 500 songs

and all of them are hits." That's the

kiss of death; quality is always senior

to quantity. Write a song for a specif-

ic artist and get the OK to send it to

Then, don't waste the chance by

sending a bad song demo on a crum-

my, grimy, unlabeled cassette. Learn

what a "hook" is, as that's what ev-

The same applies to A&R depart-

eryone wants. And be professional.

ment people. They are hard-working

folks. So don't insult their intelli-

gence. Put yourself in their shoes and

write them a professional introduc-

the right person.

tory business letter. You'll be surprised at how many will listen to your tape once as a response to your good communication.

But again, when you get the open door, don't send a dog through it. And don't gush emotional drivel and pleas. Just get better and repeat the procedure. Every tool you need to do

'When you get the open door, don't send a dog through it'

Phil York is an independent producer/ engineer who produces and directs music videos in Dallas.

> this with can be found in the Billboard publications.

nels. Only quality counts.

Once you've read this, if you complain, you're only showing how lazy or ignorant you are. Nobody said it would be easy to break through. You still have to earn your success. Every time I hear someone bitching that it's impossible to get a break, upon ques-

Want to know who has just been assigned to a job at a record company? It's in Billboard every week. But it won't do you any good to know this unless you establish communication with the industry and take care what you put in those communication chan-

tioning I invariably find that either the person hasn't sent anything out due to ignorance; the person is too bloody lazy to send anything out; the person hasn't bothered to try to make contacts, as it was "too hard to do"; or the person has not even written a song or made a tape. He just preferred to complain instead of doing anything creative.

It doesn't take a genius to be successful in this business. But it does require some energy and work. And the rewards are worth it. In fact, there may very well be no other reward as valuable as success in the arts, since the best part of a person is what he or she creates as an art. Some even treat living as an art and see every moment as creative. More power to them.

So the next time you've got the urge to feel down or be negative, think for a moment and decide who in the industry you need to communicate with And do it. Just that action alone will make you feel better.

And one more thing. When you get your big chance to make music for the millions, will it be to raise the society to greater heights or tear it apart, lyric by lyric? That's your responsibility. It's a big one. Nobody looks to governments for inspiration. They look to artists: the authors, the writers, the performers, and their kind. Hardly anyone trusts governments. But art goes deep. It is the food of the human soul. So be proud of the effects you create with your art. And you will be highly rewarded.



Ever notice how closely Paul Grein resembles rocker Paul Carrack? I

dare you to try this: Substitute a snapshot of Carrack where Grein's mug usually goes in the Chartbeat column and see if anyone notices.

Dennis Petticoffer Sun Valley, Calif.

KEEP THE LONGBOX

Regarding your editorial on the possible elimination of the 6-by-12-inch CD box, I can only express my belief that you are completely out of touch with the needs of retailers.

My own experience with nonboxed CDs comes in the form of imports. Nearly half of those were pilfered, thus leading us to discontinue offering them. By comparison, virtually none of our 6-by-12 boxed CDs have been lost to theft.

Regarding the environmental concerns you voice, I am concerned as well. I suggest making the package 100% biodegradable while keeping it in its 6-by-12 form.

As one of America's longest-established music retailers (since 1946), we have been offering CDs from the very beginning (more than six years ago). However, I can say that we will not stock CDs at all if the longbox is abandoned without

adequate provisions for theft protection. We would offer them only on a special-order basis. That is not an idle threat; it is a promise. I simply am not willing to accept any loss of merchandise due to shrinkage, and I think it's irresponsible for you to suggest that retailers should be willing to do so, regardless of the supposedly greater margin that might be possible with elimination of the longbox.

Gary Del Mastro Owner, Platters Seattle

CD PREVIEW GETS GOOD REVIEW

After reading about Chicago-area The Compact Disc Store in the Retailing section (Billboard, Oct. 28), I remembered what I loved about buying CDs in other countries and how much the longbox really irritated me.

In my native Australia and in Europe, where I last lived, CDs are wrapped only in their jewel boxes; there is no shrink-wrap and no 6by-12. The disks are taken out of their boxes and shelved behind the counter.

My favorite stores in these countries have a row of CD players with an electronic override on the open/close mechanism. The customer requests a disk and can. through headphones, step through the disk as he likes thanks to the forward/backward controls on the player. As [Compact Disc owner]

Jim Terra says in the article, when buyers can first hear what they are buying, they buy more!

So, for all the retailers out there who will complain about taking the CD out of the jewel box and then putting it back in, there are three good reasons to spend that extra 30 seconds. First, those valuable CDs can't be stolen because they are behind the counter. Second, previewing disks enhances sales. as Terra's experience shows. And third, access to the product before purchase results in increased customer satisfaction.

In addition, surely the little booklet that comes with the CD is put there to entice the buyer (ever tried reading what is inside a 6-by-12?).

I hope this idea helps everyone agree upon a solution soon, because we all know the whole thing will start again, with the digital audiotape just around the corner. Tom Blaxland

Radnor, Pa.

PMRC FOOTNOTE

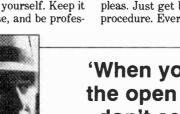
We regret the error in Music In Action's recent letter (Billboard, Oct. 7), in which we state that the Parents' Music Resource Center's founder, Susan Baker, and the Rev. James Dobson are on the board of Rev. Donald Wildmon's American Family Assn. However, Jennifer Norwood of the PMRC doesn't set the story straight in her Oct. 21 letter, either. The PMRC's Baker does sit on the board of Dobson's Focus On The Family ministry, which avidly advocates censorship, school prayer, and an end to the teaching of evolution, and serves as a forum for the likes of anti-abortion terrorist Randall Terry as well as the PMRC.

Are Dobson and Baker "affiliated" with Wildmon's group? No. Do they work together? Absolutely. Dobson's literature openly supports Wildmon's boycotts, such as the one against Pepsi and Madonna and the one against TV shows reflecting "new age" beliefs. (Are you hearing censor footsteps, George Winston?) As one of the PMRC's two most significant figures, Baker serves as the link between it and censors like Wildmon and Dobson.

That's the whole truth, not the half that Norwood wants to tell. Wake up, rock'n'rollers.

Dave Marsh Phyllis Pollack Howard Bloom Bill Adler Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Fledgling AC/Rock Hybrids: No Two Sound Alike

BY SEAN ROSS

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NEW YORK Although attempts at fusing album rock radio with AC go back as far as the mid-'80s, it says something about the still fledgling format that few of the AC/rock hybrids sound anything like each other, and that there are at least three separate subformats within the format, among them:

• Male AC: It is the name of a specific format offered by Burkhart/ Douglas & Associates, and currently used at WTGE Baton Rouge, La., but it was also the handle used in 1986 by the similarly targeted WRXR Chicago (now WNUA). Male AC stations are, in many regards, classic rock stations, but with a poppier, more current edge.

• Retro-Mellow: By the time most of the mellow rock stations of the '70s had died out, there were already successors waiting. Some were the adult alternative stations spawned by KTWV (The Wave) Los Angeles, which, in many cases, took in such artists as Al Stewart or Rickie Lee Jones. But a few recent additions, such as WBOS Boston and KDHT Denver, were more direct descendents: more vocal-oriented, but less hard-edged than a KBCO Denver or WXRT Chicago.

• Rock AC—That's how the most recent entry, the Milwaukee Journal's KRVK (The River) Kansas City, Mo., describes itself in the radio community (Billboard, Nov. 11). Developed with consultant E. Karl, KRVK plays a lot of music that would have fit the mellow rockers of the '70s—indeed, the River bills itself on-air as ''mellow, easy rock''—but works with a much tighter, much more AC-based list than a WBOS. (See Music Monitors, this page.)

Karl calls KRVK a "rock station in AC clothing that will be used like an easy listening station by [the audience]." Not coincidentally, Karl was also part of the development of WLTW New York, one of the prototype soft ACs that helped put that format's music in easy listening clothing.

Presentationally, there are a few major similarities between KRVK and soft AC: Records are allowed to fade almost completely away and are never talked over. Everything is back-announced, even though there are no currents. And there are *lots* of long, elaborate usage liners, i.e., "If there's nothing good on the tube tonight, let us keep you company with mellow easy rock"; "Set a car radio button to an AM station for news, one on FM for the kids, and a special one on FM for you," etc.

Karl was contacted by the Journal Co. about its newly acquired KCWV when the company's market research showed a general hole for "soft rock." "There was a huge group of people inside the 25-54 demo, basically 30-to-44-year-old men and women who did not like the rock available to them," he says. "They did not like all the other pop music on other stations that was too top 40-ish—Whitney Houston, New Kids On The Block, Bobby Brown. They like contemporary radio but don't like Richard Marx, Bread, Air Supply, Neil Diamond, and Barbra Streisand. We wanted to put together something that was not hard and screamy or pop and wimpy.

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WOKE UP & 'CHELSEA' WAS FAMILIAR

Despite the heavily structured nature of the River, Karl, who did the nighttime progressive shift at WNCI Columbus, Ohio, in 1969, does see a connection between KRVK and first generation mellow FMs. "I always loved all the original soft rockers like WMGK Philadelphia," he says. "It was a really good idea at the time, but it didn't work because it was current-based and adults don't like currents. You got the new Joni Mitchell and you went deep in the album. "Fifteen years later, all of that

"Fifteen years later, all of that music is gold, and everybody has it in their collection. So you can not only play 'Levon' by Elton John, you can play 'Madman Across the Water,' 'Indian Sunset,' and 'Goodbye.' When Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young came out, everybody played 'Teach Your Children.' Now you look at 'Carry On,' 'Deja Vu,' and 'Four & Twenty,' and people know them."

As for the male ACs, Karl says KRVK differs from them in that men are not the primary target. Rather, he says, the target is 50/50 male/female and women are used as the tie-breaker on individual songs. He also disagrees with those stations' use of currents and says that "classic rockers and male ACs feel compelled to play loud guitars. They have to play Led Zeppelin. We decided not to." (That decision, incidentally, extends to songs like "Going To California," which might fit texturally, although KRVK will play "Lucky Man" by Emerson, Lake & Palmer.)

NOT A NICHE FORMAT?

Although the appearance of rock/ AC hybrids—and the format experimentation of the last four to five years in general—bespeaks the fractionalization of most radio marketplaces, Karl is adamant that KRVK "is not a niche format. Kansas City is not L.A., where there are 76 stations in search of a niche. In this marketplace we had to do something unique with a pretty broad appeal."

Similarly, WBOS PD Bob Brooks says, "I think of a niche as being about a 2.5 share, and I see us as eventually being better than a 2.5, so I like to think of it more as a format hole than a niche."

Other AC programmers differ. Stoner group PD Smokey Rivers, who experimented with classic rock at night when he programmed WMJJ Birmingham, Ala., thinks there is room for KRVK, but says, "I just don't know if they can sell it to the audience. How do you go out there and say, 'We're going to play James Taylor, Billy Joel, etc., but we're not going to be [mainstream AC] KUDL?'"

Sandusky group PD Jeff Sattler, who oversees KRVK's other direct competitor, KLSI, points out that the River is "the second new station in a market. [Oldies] KCMO-FM has already come in with a big bang. Now it is coming in with a format that does not get the same kind of reaction.

"If there is a hole, it is more presentation- and marketing-related than it is music. How are you going to compete against [classic rock] KCFX and [album] KYYS when they're so much softer than they used to be and already garner huge 25-54 numbers?" (One answer on KRVK's part is its liners. Some of the early ones attempt to reposition KUDL and KLSI as wimpy and KCFX and KYYS as "hard acid rock.")

Sattler, ironically, has already experimented with the concept of rock in an AC context. As PD of KIOI San Francisco in 1984-85, Sattler added in some album cuts that were AC in texture (i.e., "Never Going Back Again" by Fleetwood Mac),

and some hits, like the Rolling Stones' "Satisfaction," that were definitely not AC-flavored. He admits now that such a format was "premature," but says that KIOI was trying to shed some baggage from an unsuccessful prior attempt at a "love songs" format.

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KRVK's "mellow, easy rock" slogan also generated some derisive comments from area programmers, some of whom considered it an oxymoron. Says Karl, "We asked people what the music was and that was what they gave back to us. Radio people are afraid of the word 'mellow' because they think it means hippie music. Nobody likes that word but the people."

THE RIVER IS WIDE

Rock/AC hybrids in the WBOS/ KDHT mode have the advantage of a progressive rock legacy where listeners expect broad and unusual segues. The more mainstream rock/ AC stations, however, face a challenge in fusing disparate pieces of music that people may like, but aren't used to hearing together. With the recent publicity about compatibility testing, due partially to researcher Jon Coleman's work in the field, even some mainstream AC programmers are finally worrying about being too broad.

about being too broad. The titles on KRVK run from "Born In The U.S.A." to "Ferry Across The Mersey." But PD Steve McFarland says, "Once you hear the format, it's not such a wide range of music. We saw it on paper and hoped it would be a nice sounding format. And it has exceeded our wildest expectations." And Karl says, "We've got all

And Karl says, "We've got all these computer programs to put us into corners. People don't use stations one song at a time. They listen to the whole product." Does he believe in compatibility testing? "It makes sense for stations that are narrowly targeted. I've done it at (Continued on page 74) Sample AC/Rock Music Mixes

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KRVK Kansas City

Eagles, "New Kid In Town"; CSN&Y, "Teach Your Children"; Rascals, "Groovin"; Animals, "Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood"; Eric Carmen, "Hungry Eyes"; Commodores, "Oh No"; CCR, "Who'll Stop The Rain"; Beatles, "Things We Said Today"; Doobie Brothers, "Long Train Running"; Gordon Lightfoot, "The Wreck Of The Edmund Fitzgerald"; Billy Joel, "My Life"; Kenny Loggins, "Forever"; Fleetwood Mac, "As Long As You Follow."



WBOS Boston

Billy Joel, "New York State Of Mind"; Phoebe Snow, "If I Can Just Get Through The Night"; Steve Winwood, "Arc Of A Diver"; Bonnie Raitt, "Nick Of Time"; Sting, "Consider Me Gone"; Boz Scaggs, "Miss Sun"; Elton John, "Club At The End Of The Street"; Special EFX, "Noel"; Bruce Hornsby, "The Way It Is"; Leon Russell, "Back To The Island"; k.d. lang, "Trail Of Broken Hearts"; Doobie Brothers, "What A Fool Believes"; Donald Fagen, "Glamour Profession"; Marvin Gaye, "I Heard It Through The Grapevine."



WTGE Baton Rouge, La.

Chicago, "Beginnings"; Jimmy Buffett, "Changes In Latitudes, Changes In Attitudes"; Ringo Starr, "It Don't Come Easy"; Robert Palmer, "Addicted To Love"; Elton John, "Healing Hands"; Jefferson Airplane, "White Rabbit"; Steve Winwood, "The Finer Things"; Huey Lewis & the News, "Back In Time"; Doobie Brothers, "It Keeps You Running"; Rolling Stones, "Brown Sugar"; Alan Parsons Project, "I Wouldn't Want To Be Like You"; Don Henley, "The Last Worthless Evening."

KKBT Still Rocks, But With Less '70s

LOS ANGELES As a station with a good deal of urban/dance content, KKBT (FM92) Los Angeles belongs more in a column with such adult top 40s as WKQX (Q101) Chicago, WOMX Or-

lando, Fla., or CJOM Detroit than with adult stations steeped in

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classic rock or soft rock

heritage. But by signing on with "Walk On The Wild Side," "Start Me Up," and, a few songs later, "Bang A Gong," PD Liz Kiley made it clear that some album-image material would be part of her station's music mix.

Five weeks later, however, while Kiley is quick to point out that KKBT is texturally about the same as it was at sign-on, a lot of the '70s rock is gone. "There were some songs that worked very well on paper," she said. "When you're dealing with a hybrid station, until you hear everything together, you can't know what will and won't work."

In place of some of the '70s rock, KKBT has added more '80s titles rock and urban. And Kiley points out that decisions are still being made on a song-by-song basis. "My Best Friend's Girl" by the Cars is out. But "Let's Go" is still on.

KKBT's target is 25-44 adults, leaning female. It is roughly 60% recurrent/gold. This is a recent earlyevening hour: Madonna, "Dress You Up"; Richard Marx, "Angelia"; Jody Watley, "Real Love"; OMD, "So In Love"; Bad English, "When I See You Smile"; Tina Turner, "Better Be Good To Me"; Phil Collins, "Sussudio"; Erasure, "Chains Of Love"; Curiosity Killed The Cat, "Misfit"; Bobby Brown, "Rock Wit'cha"; Hall & Oates, "Out Of Touch"; Quincy Jones, "I'll Be Good To You"; Modern English, "I Melt With You";

Temptations, "I Can't Get Next To You"; Van Halen, "Love Walks In"; New Kids On The Block, "Didn't I (Blow Your Mind.)"

When KKBT signed on with segues that joined "Oh Girl" by the Chi-Lites to "Love Song" by the Cure, a lot of industryites were baffled by the range of its music. But Kiley says that the station has done compatibility testing, something she says she has believed in for some time. And, she says, the listeners understand KKBT. "They don't seem to be confused at all. They know what it is. It's very familiar and very hit-oriented.

"What I expected [in listener reactions] is basically what I got. People are telling me that KKBT is easy to listen to for long periods of time, such as all day at work. That for the first time, they have a station that plays a variety of music and keeps their interest all day, and that they don't hear the same songs over and over." SEAN ROSS



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Best & Worst Of Publicity Stunt Week; Charlotte Loses Only Mainstream Top 40

STUNTED GROWTH: It wasn't top 40 KBEQ (Q104) Kansas City, Mo.'s first controversial promotion. Last year, a local newspaper accused the station of rigging a contest (the station was subsequently vindicated). Last August, an area donut store employee was nearly fired when morning man Randy Miller encouraged her to take off her blouse in front of customers.

On Nov. 2, as part of National Publicity Stunt week, Miller announced a "free money parade" in which he would toss cash from the station's mobile studio downtown at noon. Because KBEQ was using only three vehicles, it didn't call the local police for a parade permit—a parade starts with four vehicles—but KXXR GM Bob Gould did notify the authorities.

As you might expect from such a promotion, in which only a handful of police were controlling a crowd of 4,000 people, things did get out of control. Angela Fuller, 26, was pushed under Q104's van in the melee, although she escaped with only a fractured ankle. The station was ticketed for obstructing traffic.

Meanwhile, KXXR's Scott Hill was in the crowd with a tape recorder. KBEQ PD Kevin Kenney, who didn't know Hill was from KXXR, either offered to buy the tape from Hill, or was solicited by Hill who offered to sell him the tape, depending on whom you ask. Both agree that Kenney was interested in buying the tape and told him, "We've got plenty of money in the van."

Then there was the simulated shooting at album WMMR Philadelphia. The morning after the son of reputed mobster Nicky Scarfo was shot in a South Philly restaurant, John DeBella's morning sidekick Pat Goodwin was singing a parody song about the incident when he was "interrupted" by "sniper fire." That was followed by newsman Mark "The Shark" Drucker doing live inter-views with his brother ("he deserved it") and girlfriend ("he wasn't even good in bed"). Eventually, a listener called the cops, who arrived at 10



KXL's Awards Get Easier To Find. WKXL-AM-FM Concord, N.H., received the most awards at last month's State Broadcasters Assn. dinner. Mike Little, of the Vietnam Veterans of America, left, and WKXL PD Renee Blake display two of WKXL's seven Golden Mike awards.

a.m. with guns drawn. DeBella met them in the lobby

And album WGIR-FM (Rock 101) found a novel stunt for its 10th anniversary; it recreated the sound of the station in 1979. WGIR's one-day change was preceded by those ominous announcements from parent company president Scott Knight promising that the station would "become a thing of the past." Before listeners got the joke, 342 had signed a petition asking the station not to



by Sean Ross

send money; and the employees of one utility formed an office pool to guess what the new format would be.

Perhaps the best stunt of the week, however, took place at KZZP Phoenix. When morning man Bruce Kelly found out that KZZP-AM was being sold, he "took over" the AM and turned it into free-form K-Bruce. Nationwide group PD Guy Zapoleon came on to play oldies. Crosstown KKFR PD Ron Parker reportedly called in to impersonate rival KOY-FM PD Jay Stevens. Kelly's producer went on the air and his best friend from the seventh grade in Fargo, N.D., who had moved to town unbeknownst to him, recognized his voice. "Fish Heads" was designated the \$1.37 Song of the Day.

Meanwhile, top 40 WPLJ (Power 95) New York has named a winning school in its embattled New Kids On The Block school-spirit contest. Bishop Kearny High School, which has 1,400 students, falls well within the 2,300-ticket allotment that WPLJ had been forced to purchase for the New Kids' Monday (13) show at New Jersey's Meadowlands Arena after plans for a label-sponsored promotion with Columbia reportedly fell through.

As for the ongoing publicity stunt battle between Tampa, Fla., top 40s WRBQ (Q105) and Power 93 WFLZ, it turned ugly in early November. WFLZ says that night jock Tim Dukes and another employee, Michael Waters, were in Q105's parking lot-where they say they had business with an adjacent companywhen Q105 blocked their van, and an unidentified Q105 employee threw food and several lit bottle rockets at them. WFLZ PD Marc Chase says the station has pressed assault charges against the Q105 employee, whoever he may be.

Q105 GM Michael Horne, who says he witnessed most of the incident, denies seeing the food/bottle rocket incident, and claims that no charges have been pressed. He also says says the bulk of WFLZ's confrontation was with Q105's landlord, not with station personnel. And that

there were about eight WFLZ employees there, not two. Q105 says it has a trespass warrant against WFLZ: Power 93 claims it's only a letter from Q105's landlord. Horne also says that Q105's van had been spraypainted with the Power 93 logo several days earlier.

FIRST FALL TRENDS

WZOU Boston PD Steve Rivers got a going away present from his last employer, KIIS Los Angeles. In the first fall Arbitrend, KIIS-AM-FM is down 6.4-6.1, but squeaks into first place ahead of rival KPWR (Power 106), which went 6.1-6.0. AC KOST (6.8-5.8) drops for the first time since top 40/rock KQLZ began sending it disenfranchised AC listeners. Pirate itself slips for the first time since its March sign-on (5.5-4.6), putting it only slightly ahead of album KLOS (4.1-4.3)

Elsewhere in town, in classical KFAC's transition month to KKBT, it fell 1.7-1.2, while KKGO-FM's finearts mix was up 1.0-1.4. In mornings, KIIS' Rick Dees drops 7.5-6.9, tying him for first with KLOS's Mark & Brian (7.0-6.9). Up are KABC's Ken & Bob (5.5-6.1) and KPWR's Jay Thomas (5.0-5.5).

In New York, WHTZ holds at a 5.7 but has the No. 1 slot to itself again as AC WLTW slips 5.7-5.1. (Easy WPAT, counted as a combo, would tie Z100. This fall, however, it won't be. The FM has a 4.7). Other NYC numbers: Oldies WCBS-FM (4.2-4.1); top 40s WQHT (3.9-3.9) and WPLJ (3.5-3.3); urbans WRKS (3.9-3.8) and WBLS (3.7-3.4); rockers WNEW-FM (4.2-3.8) and WXRK (3.6-3.6); N/Ts WINS (4.5-4.9), WOR (4.3-4.6), and WFAN (3.1-3.3).

PROGRAMMING: NOVAK GETS NOD

At AC KFMB-FM (B100) San Diego, acting PD Mike Novak has officially been named PD/OM. Novak has been at B100 for more than three years as an operations assistant/ swing jock, and also programmed KYUU San Francisco, among others. He still needs a new morning-team member.

Novak only had to wait about three months for the official nod at B100. Ange Canessa, new PD of urban WLOU Louisville, Ky., had been doing the job as acting PD for about a year, and has overseen the AM station's rebound following the defec-tion of FM competitor WJYL. He remains MD/p.m. driver Top 40 WBCY (B108) Charlotte,

N.C., switches Monday (13) to AC as WBT-FM (107.9 Sunny FM) under consultant Dan Vallie. Former WBT-AM morning man Bob Lacy will do mornings starting in mid-December, at which point Rob Early will be transferred. The move, which stems partially from a consolidation of the AM and FM sales staffs, leaves Charlotte with no mainstream top 40-at least for the time being. (WCKZ has begun an evolution in

Major country chart changes are coming ... see page 49

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IN A MOVE THAT SURPRISED much of the industry, Malrite radio division president Dean Thacker is out after 10 months in the job, apparently as a result of style clashes with Malrite president/chief operating officer Gil Rosenwald. Thacker's position will not be filled for now; Rosenwald is expected to handle those duties himself.

STUART LAYNE, currently VP/GM of Emmis' WQHT (Hot 97) New York, is named VP/marketing for Emmis' newly acquired Seattle Mariners.

PHIL REDO, OM of WMEX/WMJX Boston for three and a half years, rejoins Viacom as GM of its WLIT Chicago, replacing Michael Murphy.

CARY PAHIGAN is named VP/GM of WVBF Boston, replacing Kenneth Spritzer; he was previously VP/operations for Sconnix Broadcasting.

SHAMROCK COMMUNICATIONS has named Jerry Gerson, GSM of its KMYZ Tulsa, Okla., GM of WGRX Baltimore, replacing Bill Hopkinson. Also, WEZX Scranton, Pa., GSM Tom Owens is transferring to WDIZ Orlando, Fla. Also in Orlando, Gary Kines is out as VP/GM of WHOO/WHTQ.

DAVID WEBB is named GM of KCFM Kansas City, Mo., replacing Bill Lochman. Webb was last VP/GM of WDZ/WDZQ Decatur, Ill.

GEORGE TOULAS, currently president/GM of American Media's WOCL Or-lando, Fla., is now VP/GM of its WDJO/WUBE Cincinnati, as well as a regional VP overseeing Orlando. A new WOCL GM will be hired.

MARK HANSON is the new GM at WCOL/WXGT (92X) Columbus, Ohio; he has been GSM of WHB/KUDL Kansas City, Mo., since 1985.

FREDERICK "RICK" CAFFEY is named VP/GM at urban WDIA/WHRK Memphis. He has been GSM of WTMX Chicago for the last seven years.

CHUCK DUNAWAY is the new VP/GM of oldies WRMX Nashville, replacing Dick DeButts. Dunaway was president/GM of WMFX Columbia, S.C., for the last three years.

MULTIMEDIA has elected president/CEO Walter Bartlett as chairman of the board for the corporation, replacing Wilson Wearn, now chairman emeritus. Bartlett will maintain his previous duties.

PENDING GMS: When NewMarket Media takes over WNOE-AM-FM New Orleans later this month, NewMarket regional VP Tom Kennedy will manage the station. Also, WRBQ Tampa, Fla., GSM Dan Carelli will be named GM of KCBQ San Diego when Adams Communications takes over that station, replacing Jeff Apregan.

STATION SALES: KZZP-AM Phoenix from Nationwide to Embee Broadcasting for \$975,000; KZKX Lincoln, Neb., from Steve Kingston's MusicRadio of Nebraska to Sherman Broadcasting for \$1.84 million.

that direction but still has a strong urban lean.) Meanwhile, co-owned WQXI-FM Atlanta will get rid of its longtime 94Q nickname and switch formats on Thursday (16).

Jeff Vidler, PD of AC CJFM Montreal, adds PD duties for sister N/T AM CJAD. GM Rob Braide had been acting PD for the stations ... Simul-cast easy listening outlet WEZI-AM Memphis is now Newsradio 1430 WNWZ under PD Dave Beveridge Religious WBZE Washington,

D.C., is now "International" WNTL and is in the process of segueing to brokered ethnic. Station manager Ates Gawad replaces GM Steven Brisker and PD/MD Reggie Halee ... WYCR York, Pa., PD Willy B. is now PD/p.m. driver at top 40 KWOD Sacramento, Calif. ... Bob Corbell is upped from evenings to PD at adult standards KTSA San Antonio, Texas, replacing Steve Warren, who leaves to launch a format consultancy. Also joining KTSA for mornings is Bill

Rohde from local AC KFAN. At album WIMZ Knoxville, Tenn. Randy Chambers is tapped as PD, replacing John Larsen. Chambers is currently on air at Satellite Music Network and KHYI (Y95) Dallas. He was also APD at WMJJ Birmingham, Ala.

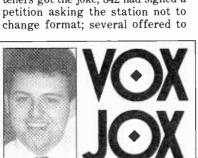
During the mid-'80s, top 40 WMGZ

(Z96) Youngstown, Ohio, attacked its major competitor with a sweeper that "WHOT is dead meat!" Now, said. Z96 is going easy listening on Nov. 26, becoming Joy 96 ... Greg Gordon, from WBGM Tallahassee, Fla., is the new PD/a.m. driver at AC WKRG-FM Mobile, Ala. Rick Freeman moves from nights to MD/afternoons. At WBGM, p.m. driver Rick Roberts is now PD; Bill Boothe joins for mornings from WZYB Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

PEOPLE: KERR TO WYNY?

Although no official announcement can be made until a no-compete clause expires on Nov. 26, and although no contract had been signed at press time, it now seems likely that former WPLJ New York morning man Jim Kerr will end up in that slot at crosstown WYNY (Country 103.5). Jimmy Harnen, whose "Where

Are You Now" was a hit on Scranton/Wilkes Barre, Pa., radio several years before it came back nationally, is now working in area radio. Harnen is the new APD at top 40/rock WWRB, the station owned and programmed by his manager Thom Greco. Harnen isn't leaving the music business. He says he's trying to decide whether to take a third single (Continued on next page)





Hits From Billboard 10 and 20 Years Ago This Week

POP SINGLES-10 Years Ago

- Still, Commodores, MOTOWN 2. Dim All The Lights, Donna Summer, CASABLANCA
- 3. No More Tears, Barbra Streisand & Donna Summer, columbia/ CASABLANCA
- Babe, Styx, A&M
- Heartache Tonight, Eagles, ASYLUM Rise, Herb Alpert, A&M
- 6. **You Decorated My Life**, Kenny Rogers, UNITED ATTISTS **Tusk**, Fleetwood Mac, warner Bros 7
- Please Don't Go, K.C. & the Sunshine Band, TK 10. Pop Muzik, M, SIRE

POP SINGLES-20 Years Ago

- 1. Wedding Bell Blues, 5th
- imension, soul cit 2. Come Together, Beatles, APPLE
- 3. Something, Beatles, APPLE
- And When I Die, Blood, Sweat & Tears, columbia 5. Baby It's You. Smith, DUNHILI
- 6. I Can't Get Next To You, Temptations, GORD
- 7. Suspicious Minds, Elvis Presley,
- 8. Smile A Little Smile For Me, The Flying Machine, CONGRESS 9. Sugar Sugar, Archies, CALENDAR
- 10. Take A Letter Maria, R.B. Greaves,

TOP ALBUMS-10 Years Ago

- 1. The Long Run, Eagles, ASYLUM In Through The Out Door, Led Zeppelin, swan song
- 3. Cornerstone, Styx, A&M
- 4. Tusk, Fleetwood Mac, wARNER BROS 5. On The Radio—Greatest Hits Volumes One & Two, Donna
- Summer, CASABLANCA
- 6. Midnight Magic, Commodores,
- 7. Rise, Herb Alpert, A&M
- 8. Wet, Barbra Streisand, COLUMBIA One Voice, Barry Manilow, ARISTA
- 10. Greatest, Bee Gees, RSO

TOP ALBUMS-20 Years Ago

- 1. Abbey Road, Beatles, APPLE 2. Green River, Creedence Clearwater Revival, FANTASY
- 3. At San Quentin, Johnny Cash,
- 4. Santana, COLUMBIA 5. I've Got Dem Ol' Kozmic Blues
- Again Mama, Janis Joplin, COLUMBIA Crosby/Stills/Nash, ATLANTIC
- Through The Past Darkly, Rolling
- 8. Puzzle People, Temptations, GORDY 9. Blind Faith, ATLANTIC
- 10. Blood, Sweat & Tears, COLUMBIA

COUNTRY SINGLES-10 Years Ago

1. Come With Me, Waylon Jennings,

- 2. Half The Way, Crystal Gayle,
- 3. Should I Come Home (Or Should I Go Crazy), Gene Watson, CAPITOL 4. My Own Kind Of Hat/Heaven Was A Drink Of Wine, Merle Haggard,
- 5. Broken Hearted Me, Anne Murray,
- 6. Blue Kentucky Girl, Emmylou
- Harris, warner bros. Blind In Love, Mel Tillis, ELEKTRA
- 8. Whiskey Bent And Hell Bound, Hank Williams Jr. ELEKTRA/CURB
- I Cheated Me Right Out Of You, 9.
- Noe Bandy colum
- 10. The Lady in The Blue Mercedes Johnny Duncan, COLUMBIA

SOUL SINGLES—10 Years Ago

- 1. Ladies Night, Kool & the Gang, DE
- 2. Still. Commodores, MOTOWN
- 3. I Wanna Be Your Lover, Prince,
- 4. Cruisin', Smokey Robinson, TAMLA
- Do You Love What You Feel, Rufus And Chaka, MCA 6. I Just Can't Control Myself, Nature's Divine, INFINITY
- 7. (Not Just) Knee Deep, Funkadelic,
- 8. Rapper's Delight, Sugar Hill Gang, SUGAR HILL
- 9. Rise. Herb Alpert. A&M
- 10. Move Your Boogie Body, Bar-Kays,

Kaye and Idzi.

Stations Stress Salaries, Benefits In Budgets 1990 Will See Less Cash Earmarked For Marketing

BY PHYLLIS STARK

NEW YORK As radio managers put the finishing touches on next year's budgets, the items that consistently emerge as the big increases for 1990 are salaries and benefits, according to an informal Billboard survey of GMs and group heads.

With "human resources" items up, the spotlight is moving away from marketing and promotionsthe much-hailed recipients of some of the biggest spending boosts in recent years-which will remain fairly even at most stations in 1990.

At many stations, the increase in benefit money is directly attributable to the rising cost of health care. AC WLAC-FM Nashville VP/GM Vic Rumore says his health insurance costs have doubled since last year. Voyager Communications group VP Phil Zachary says his company is budgeting an estimated 35% health insurance increase next year. For the first time in its history, Voyager's managers are contemplating turning over some of the increased costs to its employees. The group has also just introduced a 401(k) plan, which president Jack McCarthy also calls "a big expense."

Voyager's second-biggest increase for 1990 is salaries and bonuses. "We have a high commitment to people at Voyager," says Zachary. "We continue to recognize that the most important resource we have is quality people and we want to prevent them from going to other stations."

"Payroll costs will escalate a lot," concurs Larry Daniels, general program manager of country KNIX Phoenix. "Our morning guy has been here for 14 years. Our traffic reporter has been here nine, and our sports director has been here seven. These are people we want to keep, so we have to pay them.'

Despite rising human-resources costs, there were still some promotion/marketing boosters. "In this day and age of programming parity. [winning] stations market themselves aggressively," says AC KLTR Houston VP/GM Miles Sex-

ton, who has been steadily increasing his station's promotional spending in recent years.

Promotional costs are also increasing at some of the Hearst Broadcasting Group stations, most notably the ones in a "competitive FM situation," according to GM/radio David Barrett.

But other managers are leveling off or cutting back on next year's market-ing money. "We've always had good levels of marketing and promotional dollars," says Voyager's McCarthy, 'so there is no need to increase them." In fact, McCarthy says, they may even be cut at some stations.

And KISW Seattle GM Beau Phillips says that while he still regards marketing as the winning edge for stations, he will be looking to cut fat from his promotions budget for 1990 and move KISW away from bus cards and TV advertising and into "less traditional" vehicles.

Research budgets will increase at most stations with some, like KISW, even expanding in-house re-search departments. "If you did the same projects year after year, you could control the cost of research, says Sexton, "but KLTR is really aggressive about research so we

will be spending more next year.' Only Hearst's Barrett and KBCO Denver VP/GM Ray Skibitsky say they will not increase their research budgets significantly in 1990.

With increasing reliance on technology comes increasing costs. Among the major new expenses cited by Phillips are computer costs, including maintenance, software, and supplies. KISW will also expand its engineering department af-

ter adding a new 24-track studio. Both WLAC and KISW will see a large increase in their Arbitron expenses next year. WLAC's contract with the ratings service calls for an increase of 10%-15%. KISW's pact also calls for a "double-digit" increase, Phillips says.

These standard contract increases cover the "cost of doing business" at Arbitron and also take into account a decreasing long-term discount plan that is built into the contracts, says Arbitron VP of sales and marketing/radio Rhody Bosley. Among the escalating expenses that Bosley cites are increased telephone costs and travel expenses.

Although most stations are not planning any major cutbacks in the (Continued on page 74)

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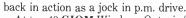
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from his current album, or start working on a new one. Also at WWRB, Mark Sinclair from top 40 WZZR Fort Pierce, Fla., returns to town for afternoons. WZZR welcomes Eric "Cadillac Jack" Murphy for evenings from KKQV Wichita Falls, Texas.

Jeff King, who joined AC KMGI (I107.7) Seattle several weeks ago for swing, is now music coordinator/p.m. drive, replacing Stitch Mitchell, as GM Bobby Rich finally makes himself a member of the morning "I Guys" team. Randy Lundquist moves from p.m. drive to midday ... Evann Lee goes from nights at WDIZ Orlando, Fla., to that shift at album WGTR Miami ... Classic rock WGFX Nashville ND David Hall is

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At top 40 CJOM Windsor, Ontario/ Detroit, Clay Hagel joins for mornings from AC CKRA Edmonton, Alberta, where he did p.m. drive. Andy Stewart stays on for news ... Mod-ern CFNY Toronto brings back longtime personality Live Earl Jive as 'chief music consultant." MD Kim Sommers is now "head of the music department" and there is no MD title, per se. Jive's wife, Beverly Hills, will do weekends for CFNY.

Diane Cridland, program coordinator of WOKV Jacksonville, Fla., makes the big jump to APD at KABC Los Angeles ... Jon St. John joins top 40 WEGX Philadelphia as production director/swing; he was most recently part of the morning show at similarly formatted WABB-FM Mobile, Ala.... Robert C. Allen is upped from production director to APD at country WCAO Baltimore . . Chris Lane joins country WOWW Pensacola, Fla., for mornings.

Taylor Communications group PD Russ Morley is accepting T&R for his company's upcoming takeover of WHLY (Y106) Orlando, Fla. Call 407-775-1777 ... Consultant Dean Landsman is moving offices; his new number is 201-461-5803.

Assistance in preparing this column was provided by Craig Rosen and Phyllis Stark.

FOR THE RECORD

In the Nov. 4 issue of Billboard, the article titled "When College Outlets Play The Hits" should have noted that WHPC Garden City, N.Y., shares a frequency with Adelphi Univ.'s WBAU, not Hofstra Univ.'s station.



Baltimore Band 98 Rocks To Record Deal. Chrysalis Records president Mike

Rock) in the band's hometown of Baltimore. The band was featured regularly on

98 Rock's nightly "Home Tapes" program. Pictured, from left, are Bone, Child's

Play's Brian Jack and John Allen, WIYY PD Russ Mottla, and the band's Nicky

Bone signed Child's Play to a recording contract live on the air at WIYY (98

DIONEER PRESENTS







P.D.: Casey Keating

A LOT OF LISTENERS were raised on 50,000-watt AM powerhouse KOMA Oklahoma City in the '60s, but PD Kent Jones was not one of them. Jones grew up in New York, listening to WABC, and in Cleveland, listening to WIXY, WGAR, and WGCL in the early '70s. He learned oldies at full-service AC WTVN Columbus, Ohio, as the host of a music magazine show. He picked up KOMA's '60s sound from airchecks.

And he picked up a lot of it. KOMA has succeeded the mid-'80s WDRC-FM Hartford, Conn., as the oldies format's most successful champion of retro-formatics. As KOMA strives to recreate its '60s sound, it also sounds a lot like the gold AMs of the late '70s: lots of PAMS jingles; references to the year something was a hit; promotions with local vintage-car clubs; and jocks who worked top 40 during the '60s and who talk at every break.

It's much different from the cleaner. tighter oldies FMs of recent years. But KOMA is posting comparable numbers to many of those stations. Since the September 1988 switch from adult standards to oldies, Jones, who thought he would be lucky to have a four-share 12-plus and a six-share in demo, has seen KOMA go 4.7-7.0, with almost a 13-

share in 25-plus men. That was good enough to place KOMA ahead of its classic rock FM KRXO (5.4-6.8). It was also enough to prompt the inevitable FM competitor.

Since the third week of October, AC KLTE has eliminated all its current material and has been billing itself as "classic hits.

In an era when most oldies programmers take pains to avoid sounding retro, Jones credits KOMA's success to the decision to exploit the station's legacy, to the point of reviving the old KOMA kissing tones (during which listeners are supposed to kiss their sweethearts) at night.

"In the '50s and '60s, KOMA meant a lot to the people who were listening. Not only in Oklahoma City, but also in 20-some-odd states at night. A lot of those people have relocated to OKC from Nebraska, Utah, Colorado, etc., and they're thrilled that KOMA is back and sounding the way it used to sound," he says.

Jones isn't worried that imaging that station so heavily around its heritage will burn out eventually. "The jingles are just as much a memory piece as the music itself," he says. "I don't think they'll burn. A good oldie doesn't burn and neither does a good jingle. Listeners sing the jingles back to us. They called in to wish us a happy birthday in September and they'd sing, 'Yours truly, K-O-M-A.'

"We're not trying to bring the obnoxious parts of '60s radio back, such as the screaming DJs who were OK for kids to listen to, but not for adults now.'

Before KOMA, Jones had a much different experience as PD of another oldies AM,



ADIO

WNDE Indianapolis. In his three-year tenure, Jones saw WNDE go from live gold to satellite to classic rock, simulcasting WFBQ's Bob & Tom morning show. By the time he left last fall, the station had FM competition from WKLR. Shortly thereafter, it switched to news/talk.

By the time Jones got there, WNDE had already spent its initial boost from going oldies, and was down to a 2.1 share. "We didn't have a lot of elements that we did here, such as the old jingles. We never really thought of doing that. "When I was there, management decid-

ed to make a few changes that, in hindsight, weren't in the best interest of the station. It played too much '70s/'80s music that took it away from hardcore oldies. I think the damage was done before we could do anything to change it.

Jones also points out that "WNDE was playing in the shadow of a very strong station. Most of the attention went to WFBQ. I fully understand why Great American did that. But there wasn't a lot we could do to get the on-air talent that would have made the station stronger.

Jones gives KOMA's jocks the freedom to produce their shows differently and to

'Listeners sing the

jingles back to us'

play with their music so that no two shifts sound alike. A recently monitored sample of Dink Bernardi's midday show featured the Paris Sis-

"I Beg Of You"; Sugarloaf, "Green Eyed Lady"; Ray Charles, "Georgia On My Mind"; Chantays, "Pipeline"; Stevie Won-der, "Signed, Sealed, Delivered I'm Yours"; Jack Scott, "My True Love"; Jay & the Techniques, "Apples, Peaches, Pump-kin Pie"; and the Marcels, "Blue Moon."

That music mix is fairly conservative. KOMA signed on broader, but has emphasized '56-64 material, based on early listener response, Jones says. It plays little '60s garage or psychedelia. It does, however, like many oldies stations, share heavily with the country FMs and will segue from Frank Ifield's "I Remember You" into Johnny Tillotsen's "Talk Back Trembling Lips" for that reason.

Since last year, KOMA has managed to drive OKC's two previous oldies stations into other formats. AM outlet WWLS has gone all-sports. KTNT has gone to Unistar's Niche 29. As for KLTE, which has a much stronger late-'60s/'70s orientation, Jones says, "KLTE has been playing more oldies since last year. They started saying, 'Today's Hits and Good Time Oldies,' which I think was in response to KOMA. Adding some oldies sure didn't help them then.

"There are some people who listened to us only because there was no oldies FM, and they'll go to KLTE. But I don't think any station can match the personality or the stationality KOMA has. We really have a 35-year lead on anybody else." SEAN ROSS

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WEEK	LAST MEEK	2 WKS. AGO	WKS. ON CHART	Compiled from a national Sample of radio playlists. ARTIST
F3	38	2 A	¥õ	LABEL & NUMBER/DISTRIBUTING LABEL
1	1	1	8 *	*DON'T KNOW MUCH * UNDA RONSTADT/AARON NEVILLE ELEXTRA 7-69261 4 weeks at No. 1
2	2	6	8 "	LISTEN TO YOUR HEART • ROXETTE
3	4	8	6	ANGELIA
4	3	4	9	WHEN I LOOKED AT HIM ARISTA 1-9868
5	5	5	*7	GET ON YOUR FEET EPIC 34-69064/E.P.A GLORIA ESTEFAN
6	9	27	3	ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE
7	6	2	. 10° ~	CALL IT LOVE CCA 9038 POCO
8	8	3	12	HEALING HANDS MCA 53692
9	13	23	4	HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO LIVE WITHOUT YOU . M. BOLTON
10	7	7	« 9	COLUMBIA 38-73017 YOU'VE GOT IT
m	11	16	-	ELEKTRA 7-69269 WE DIDN'T START THE FIRE
			8 8	COLUMBIA 38-73021 WE'RE NOT MAKIN' LOVE ANYMORE
12	10	10		COLUMBIA 38-73016
(13)	15	17	, 10	CAPITOL 44364
14	14	13	8	ATLANTIC 7-88830
(15)	19	26	6	THE WAY TO YOUR HEART SOULSISTER
16	12	9	13	CHERISH MADONNA SIRE 7-22883/WARNER BROS
	27	31	5	DIDN'T I (BLOW YOUR MIND) NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK COLUMBIA 38-68960
18	16	12	17	IF I COULD TURN BACK TIME CHER GEFFEN 7-22886
19	17	11	15	EVERYTHING BUT MY PRIDE CUTTING CREW WRGIN 7-99184
20	30	34	4	BRING IT ALL BACK GRAYSON HUGH
21)	34	37	4	LEAVE A LIGHT ON
22	22	20	20	DON'T WANNA LOSE YOU
23)	32	32	6	EVERYTHING JODY WATLEY
24				WALK ON BY MELISSA MANCHESTER
-	35	43	3	THE SAME LOVE THE JETS
25)	33	33	5	MCA 53734
26	20	24	9	WAS IT NOTHING AT ALL CYPRESS 1451/A&M
27	23	22	9	GIRL I'M GONNA MISS YOU ARISTA 1-9870
28	24	18	15	SHOWER ME WITH YOUR LOVE SURFACE SURFACE
29	25	21	13	ANGEL EYES ARISTA 1-9808 THE JEFF HEALEY BAND
30	26	25	20	RIGHT HERE WAITING RICHARD MARX
31	21	14	- 11	HAVE I TOLD YOU LATELY VAN MORRISON MERCURY LP CUT/POLYGRAM
32	31	28	6	ROCK WIT'CHA BOBBY BROWN MCA 53652
33	29	29	7	SOWING THE SEEDS OF LOVE TEARS FOR FEARS
				** *** POWER PICK *** ***
34)	43	- 1	2	THE LAST WORTHLESS EVENING ODN HENLEY, GUTEN 7-22771
35	36	40	4	THE ARMS OF ORION PRINCE (WITH SHEENA EASTON) WARNER BROS 7-22757
36)	40	-	2	WHEN I SEE YOU SMILE
37)	39	45	3	MOVE ON WATERFRONT POLYDR 873 066-7/POLYGRAM
38	38	46	3	TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU & ME ◆ D.WARWICK/J.OSBORNE ARISTA 1.9901
39	28	19	16	ONE SALES A LESS A
40	18	15	9	SUMMER OF LOVE JEFFERSON AIRPLANE
-			*	EPICLP CUT/E.P.A.
41	NE\	VÞ	1	SACRIFICE ELTON JOHN
42	41	41	3	CROSSROADS • TRACY CHAPMAN
43	44	39	11	IT'S NOT ENOUGH STARSHIP
44	37	30	21	THE END OF THE INNOCENCE
45	46	42	8	WHAT ABOUT ME MOVING PICTURES
46)	NEV	VÞ	1	I LIVE BY THE GROOVE PAUL CARRACK
47	42	36	20	CHRYSALIS 23427 SACRED EMOTION
48)	* ² NEV	-	1	CAPITOL 44379 BLAME IT ON THE RAIN ♦ MILLI VANILLI
49)	_		1123	ARISTA 1-9904 TAYLOR DAYNE
	NEV		1	ARISTA 1-9895
50	47	38	* 17	IF YOU ASKED ME TO MCA 53358 PATTI LABELLE

CBS Says It's Holding Firm After World Series Mishaps Sports Radio Syndication Is A Risky Game

LOS ANGELES For radio networks, as for television, securing the rights to major sporting events is a costly and somewhat risky proposition. Just ask CBS, whose 1989 Major League Baseball coverage didn't exactly end on a high note.

After two hotly contested league championships, CBS found itself with a Bay-area World Series-which probably alienated fans in other parts of the country-that was delayed by the Oct. 17 earthquake. When play resumed, the Oakland A's continued to dominate, and swept the series.

CBS VP/programming Frank Murphy acknowledges there was a 'very strange set of circumstances' surrounding the series, yet says it wasn't a complete disaster for CBS, because the network sold the World Series and League Championship broadcasts together to advertisers. "The risk is spread over a wider area than television," says Murphy. (World Series audience figures were not available at press time, but CBS expected a decline from last year's numbers).

"There is a minimal financial impact," acknowledges CBS VP/sales Steve Youlios, who says CBS will have to credit some advertisers. "There is very little that we have to make up, but for those that we do need to, we have half of the regular season of NFL football, and the entire postseason. It might be tougher to sell the next series. But like anything else, one series doesn't necessarily predict the other.'

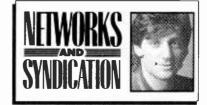
Network rivals, however, suggest that the series might have been a bigger disaster for CBS than the net-work is admitting. "I'm sure it wasn't good for CBS Radio," says ABC Radio Networks director of sports/executive producer Shelby Whitfield. "They probably needed six games to show some decent profit." Whitfield also acknowledges the regionality of the series, and the quake delay. "When it did resume, people weren't into it. It was a bummer all the way around."

This year's ill-fated World Series notwithstanding, CBS remains positive about baseball. Even before the 1989 season began, CBS renewed its four-year pact with Major League Baseball. In fact, the new agreement includes the 26-week Game Of The Week schedule, the All-Star Game, League Championship Series, and the World Series, plus new additions. Beginning next season, CBS will broadcast 20 Sunday night games, as well as holiday specials on Opening Day, Memorial Day, Fourth Of July, and Labor Day.

CBS has also been the main radio network for the National Football League for a decade, and recently renewed its contract with the league through the 1994 season. The 40game broadcast schedule includes all 16 Monday Night Football games, 14 regular season games, AFC and NFC playoffs, the Super Bowl, and the Pro Bowl.

Westwood One's Mutual Broadcasting System broadcasts a secondary NFL package, including weekly doubleheaders. ABC Radio Networks' pro sports package includes the National Basketball Assn.'s All-Star Game and championship finals.

The networks also recently acquired the rights to the National Hockey League's All-Star Game and Stanley Cup finals, yet CBS, with its extensive Major League Baseball and NFL packages, remains the leader in net-



by Craig Rosen

work sports coverage.

The reason for CBS' dominance is that it continuously outbids its rivals, who often worry that they won't be able to make a profit after investing millions for broadcast rights.

"We are not going to make a bid that is not a sound business proposi-tion," says ABC's Whitfield. "We would like to have the Super Bowl and the World Series, but if something is a real gamble, the affiliates understand. It has to be a solid, viable business venture.'

"We don't want to put ourselves in the position where we have a loss leader," says WW1 director of sports Larry Michael. "It is slowly reaching the point where it is hard to break even. The leagues want to make as much money as they can, and we want to make money on every deal

we go into. "Whenever you bid seven figures on something, you are rolling the dice," he adds. "It can be a lopsided game like a blowout in the first quarter of the Super Bowl. A lot of things can go wrong, but what's life without a gamble?"

AROUND THE INDUSTRY

Beginning Jan. 1, WW1 will distribute and sell "On The Radio" and a new three-hour weekly program produced by On The Radio Broadcasting's Jeff Leve. Also Jan. 1, WW1 will bow "BBC Classic Tracks," a (Continued on next page)



Jim Terr's novelty songs and parodies, political satires and comedy bits have been featured on NPR's "Morning Edition" and "Mountain Stage", the ABC, Mutual, NBC, United Stations and Olympia Broadcasting/Contemporary Comedy Networks, CBS Radio "Morning Circus," Doctor Demento and Voice of America/Europe, and covered by NBC-TV, Associated Press and Paul Harvey News.

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- Rick Saniek, assistant vice president, BM

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and a concern for human dignity ... a wonderful surprise? — Peter Ludwig, columnist for BILLBOARD Magazine

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		ŝ	RTON	Compiled from nationa radio airplay re	ports
THIS	VEE	2 WKS. AGO	WKS. ON CHART	TITLE LABEL & NUMBER/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	ARTIST
				* * NO. 1	
1	1	1	11	ROCK AND A HARD PLACE COLUMBIA 38-73057	ROLLING STONES 5 weeks at No. 1
2	5	_	2	PRETENDING DUCK 7-22732/REPRISE	ERIC CLAPTON
3	3	2	9	JANIE'S GOT A GUN	AEROSMITH
4	2	4	9	ROCKIN' IN THE FREE WORLD	NEIL YOUNG
5	8	15	3	REPRISE LP CUT	WHITESNAKE
\vdash				GEFFEN 4-22715 THE LAST WORTHLESS EVENING	DON HENLEY
6	4	5	10	GEFFEN 7-22771	LOU GRAMM
\bigcirc	13	17	4	JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME ATLANTIC 7-88781	
8	7	11	5	A GIRL LIKE YOU ENIGMA 44480/CAPITOL	THE SMITHEREENS
9	9	7	9	LOVE IS A LONG ROAD MCALP CUT	TOM PETTY
				* * FLASHMA	KER * * *
(10)	NE		1	ATLANTIC LP CUT	BONHAM
11	10	9	11	WTG 31-73034	
12	12	12	4	ARISTA 1-9899	GRATEFUL DEAD
13	6	3	<u>n</u> -	SOLD ME DOWN THE RIVER	THE ALARM
14	14	18	3	ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE ATLANTIC 7-88774	PHIL COLLINS
15	11	6	- 6	WE DIDN'T START THE FIRE COLUMBIA 38-73021	BILLY JOEL
16	15	10	9	WHEN I SEE YOU SMILE	BAD ENGLISH
			· ·	EPIC 34-69082/E.P.A.	TESLA
17	18	20	8	GEFFEN 7-22856 BIG BAD MOON	JOE SATRIANI
	20	22	4	RELATIVITY 10 32-4	
(19)	22	23	6	DON'T CLOSE YOUR EYES ATLANTIC 7-88902	KIX
20	16	13	-11,	I'M A BELIEVER A&M 1454	GIANT
(21)	23	27	4	POOR LITTLE GIRL DARK HORSE LP CUT/WARNER BROS.	GEORGE HARRISON
2	NE	WÞ	1	I CAN'T EXPLAIN MERCURY 876 190-4/POLYGRAM	SCORPIONS
			R.	*** ** POWER TF	
23	25	34	3	MCALF COT	THE KINKS
24	17	16	10	TIGHTROPE STEVIE RAY VAUG	HAN & DOUBLE TROUBLE
25	27	33	4	EVERYTHING YOU DO FIONA ATLANTIC 7-88823	(DUET WITH KIP WINGER)
26	28	28	6	BACK TO THE BULLET POLYDOR 889 976-4/POLYGRAM	SARAYA
27	19	14	11	NO SOUVENIRS ISLAND 7-99176	MELISSA ETHERIDGE
(28)	34	45	3	HIDE YOUR HEART	KISS
29	29	32	6	MERCURY 876 146-4/POLYGRAM	THE CALL
		52	1	MCALP CUT TERRIFYING	ROLLING STONES
(30)	39		4		MOTLEY CRUE
(31)	38	47	3	ELEKTRA LP CUT	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
32	32	38	5	RCALP CUT	THE DEL FUEGOS
33	31	30	6	BIG TALK COLUMBIA 38-73035	WARRANT
34	21	8	8 '	EVERYTHING IS BROKEN COLUMBIA 38-73062	BOB DYLAN
35	41	_	> 2	RUN STRAIGHT DOWN	WARREN ZEVON
(36)	49	_	2	500 MILES COLUMBIA 38-73013	HOOTERS
(37)	46	48	5	STILL IN LOVE	STAGE DOLLS
			× *	CHRYSALIS 23421 DON'T LET ME GO	BILLY SQUIER
38	40	42	3	CAPITOL 44456 STAND ON IT	JEFF BECK
39	35	39	. 4	ÉPIC LP CUT/E.P.A.	
40	24	24	7	MERCURY 874 934-4/POLYGRAM	N HUNTER/MICK RONSON
41	26	19	11	THE ANGEL SONG CAPITOL 44449	GREAT WHITE
42	43	37	15	WHEN THE NIGHT COMES CAPITOL 44437	JOE COCKER
43	37	43	5	LIVING IN SIN MERCURY 876 070-7/POLYGRAM	BON JOVI
44	30	26	7	CROSSROADS ELEKTRA 7-69273	TRACY CHAPMAN
45	36	31	12	SOWING THE SEEDS OF LOVE	TEARS FOR FEARS
46	47		2	FONTANA 874 710-7/POLYGRAM	DANGEROUS TOYS
				COLUMBIA LP CUT	WHITESNAKE
(47)		W	1,		MELISSA ETHERIDGE
(48)	NE	WÞ	1	ISLAND LP CUT	
49	NE	WÞ	1.	CAPITOL LP CUT	MARILLION
50	48	50	7	I REMEMBER YOU ATLANTIC 7-88886	SKID ROW
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NETWORKS (Continued from preceding page)

five-to-seven-minute shortform featuring rare live performances by the likes of Led Zeppelin, the Who, and the Beatles. The BBC's **Richard Skinner** serves as host of the feature, but for those who want to keep a local feel, the show is also available

in an unhosted version. Satellite Music Network has renewed its one-year pact with Radio Shanghai to broadcast "Lunchtime From America" in the People's Republic of China. The programming, which has been heard in China since November 1988, features SMN's Country-Coast-To-Coast, Pure Gold, StarStation, and Rock'N'Hits at noon and 5 p.m. Mondays through Sundays. The noon broadcast has an estimated audience of more than 1 million listeners.

Unistar VP/affiliate relations Jim Teeson has been upped to senior VP/ affiliate relations . . . Former WNEW-AM New York local sales manager Jeffrey C. Nemerovski has been named director of marketing for WW1.

National Public Radio affiliate KUOP Stockton, Calif., is offering a decidedly non-NPR-like all-house-music program via Westar IV satellite on New Year's Eve. For information on "The Keys To The House," call Marc Dickerson at 209-946-2582 ... National gospel artist Vanessa Bell Armstrong will co-host Anderson Communications' "Inspirations Across America" for the week of Nov. 20-26 ... Inspirational magazine "Guideposts" is launching a 15-minute weekly broadcast edition; call 914-225-3681.

CALENDAR

Below is a weekly calendar of upcoming network and syndicated music specials. Shows with multiple dates indicate that local stations have option of broadcast time and dates.

Nov. 17-19, The Led Zeppelin Story, Unistar Radio Programming special, three hours.

Nov. 17-18, Tracy Chapman, On The Radio, On The Radio Broadcasting, one hour. Nov. 17-19, Shirelles/Don Murray/B.J. Thom-

as/Mickey Dolenz, Cruisin' America With Cousin Brucie, CBS RadioRadio, three hours.

Nov. 17-19, Motley Crue, Metalshop, MJI Broadcasting, two hours.

Nov. 17-19, Kashif, Star Beat, MJI Broadcasting, one hour.

Nov. 17-19, The Tina Turner Story, The Weekly Special, Unistar Radio Networks, 90 minutes. Nov. 19, Rolling Stones/Aerosmith/Bob Dylan,

Powercuts, Global Satellite Network, two hours. Nov. 19, Billy Joel, Hitline U.S.A., James Paul

Brown Entertainment, one hour. Nov. 20, Motley Crue, Rockline, Global Satellite

Network, 90 minutes. Nov. 20-26, Best Of The '80s—Part 1, King

Biscuit Flower Hour, DIR Broadcasting, one hour. Nov. 20-26, Robert Plant, Superstars Rock Concert Series, Westwood One Radio Networks, 90 minutes.

Nov. 20-26, Live Voltage: Testament, High Voltage, Westwood One Radio Networks, two hours.

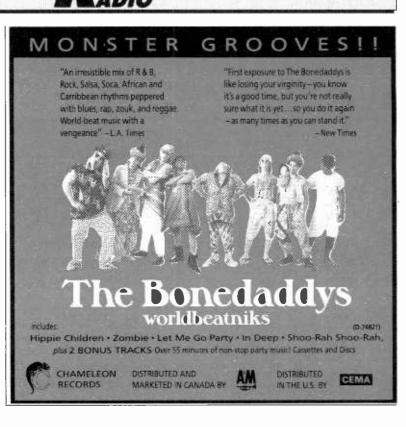
Nov. 20-26, Led Zeppelin/Steve Miller/Lou Reed, Classic Cuts, MJI Broadcasting, one hour. Nov. 20-26, Aerosmith, Rock Today, MJI Broad-

casting, one hour. Nov. 20-26, Motley Crue, Off The Record With

Mary Turner, Westwood One Radio Networks, one hour.

Nov. 20-26, "Dead On Arrival!: The Grateful (Continued on page 74)

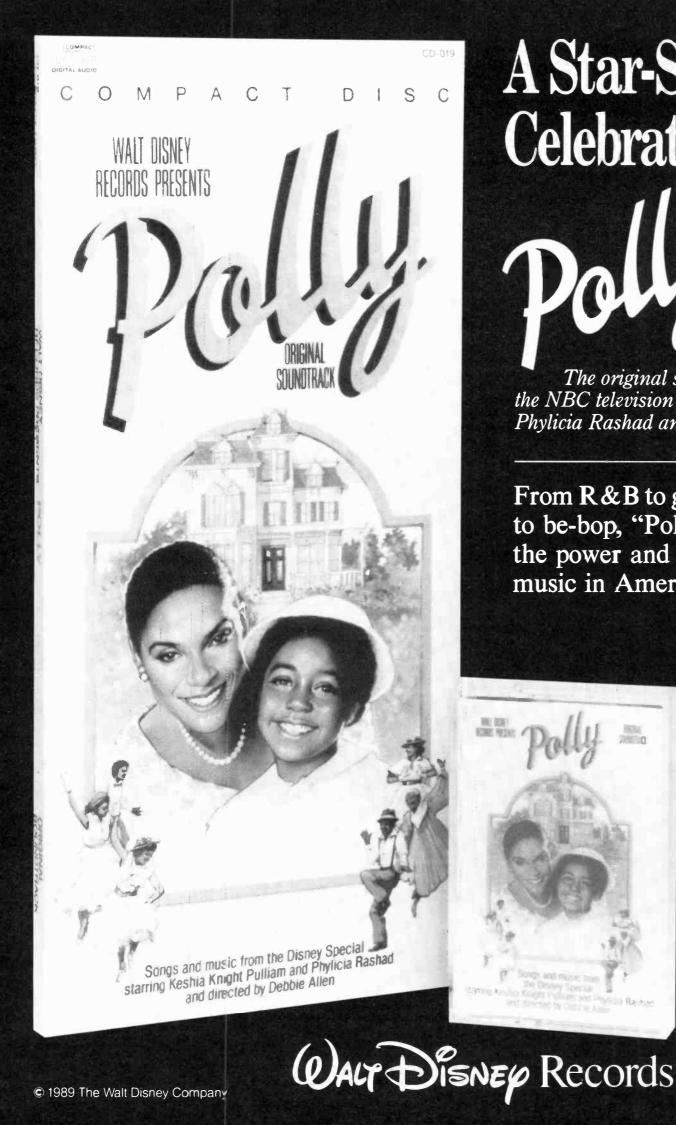
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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	2 WKS. AGO	WKS. ON CHART	Compiled from Commercial and College Radio Airplay Reports. ARTIST LABEL & NUMBER/DISTRIBUTING LABEL
1	1	8	; 4 *.	PROUD TO FALL SIRE 7-22924/REPRISE IAN MCCULLOCH 2 weeks at No. 1
2	5	6	4	LOVE AND ANGER KATE BUSH
3	4	3	7	PERSONAL JESUS DEPECHE MODE SIRE 7-21328/REPRISE
4	8	11	5 .	A GIRL LIKE YOU THE SMITHEREENS
5	6	7	*^7	INTO THE HEART OF LOVE THE MIGHTY LEMON DROPS
6	3	1	10	PICTURES OF MATCHSTICK MEN CAMPER VAN BEETHOVEN VIRGIN LP CUT
7	2	2	8	I WANT THAT MAN DEBORAH HARRY
8	9	10	6 🦕	CROSSROADS TRACY CHAPMAN
9	12	18	4	CONTACT BIG AUDIO DYNAMITE COLUMBIA 38-73043
10	15	20	3	SHOULD GOD FORGET THE PSYCHEDELIC FURS
(11)	14	15	· 5 [®]	MAKE BELIEVE MAMBO DAVID BYRNE Sire LP CUT/WARNER BROS.
(12)	17	_	2	BLUES FROM A GUN THE JESUS AND MARY CHAIN WARNER BROS. LP CUT
13	7	5	÷ 9	REGINA THE SUGARCUBES
14	13	14	× 9 ***	SICK OF IT THE PRIMITIVES
15	16	12	6 ;	DRAMA! ERASURE
16	20	_	2	DON'T ASK ME WHY EURYTHMICS
17	10	4	- 10	SOLD ME DOWN THE RIVER THE ALARM
18	19	26	3 、	THE LINE BETWEEN THE DEVIL'S TEETH PETER MURPHY BEGGAR'S BANQUET 9108/RCA
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Jermaine Jackson Does It All—Personally

BY JANINE McADAMS

NEW YORK From his early solo days with and without the Jackson 5 through his current recording career. Jermaine Jackson has maintained a consistent chart presence since 1972, usually with pivotal singles that have captured the mood of the moment. That is especially true of Jackson's current "Don't Take It Personal," the popular leadoff cut from his similarly titled third album on Arista.

The song, penned and produced by David Townsend and David "Pic" Conley of the group Surface, showcases Jackson's softly sensuous vocals and urges a former lover to pick up the pieces and move on with a minimum of fuss, a lyric that strikes a chord with many in

the cynical Love Connection generation. The tune's popularity has also been boosted by a well-photographed, ultra-romantic video, directed by J.D. Weber, that has received heavy airplay on BET, VH-1, and other clip outlets.

The album contains signature ballads, a few up-tempo grooves, and a pair of duets, with La La (''Rise To The Occasion'') and Miki Howard ("Make It Easy On Love").

Though Jackson himself is no slouch behind the boards, the project boasts a number of top-notch producers. Aside from Townsend and Conley, they include Kashif, Preston Glass, Dennis Lambert, Danny Sembello, former Prince sideman David Z, Marti Sharron, and Lewis A. Martinee. Arista

Sensation" in the early

'80s, gets assistance from

funk masters Bernie

Worrell, Bootsy Collins,

Maceo Parker, Mike Hampton, and Gary "Mudbone" Cooper on a

party record with scream-

ing guitars and loopy ca-

nine lyrics . . . Tommy

Boy's "Monster TV Rap Hits," the 14-clip home vid-

image (and better ratings) by booking more hot acts

head Clive Davis was executive producer, an indication of the high regard the label has for Jackson. Perhaps a simpler explanation for why Jackson did not produce him-self was that he was busy writing,

The album boasts top producers

recording, and producing tracks for the Jacksons' "2300 Jackson Street" simultaneously

Jackson admits that the album's stellar production lineup and overall AC/pop overtones were strategies hatched by Davis. "I just let Clive have it," Jackson says of the album. "He was confident in all the choices, so I went along. I have to admit he was right, because I didn't think that we would get [the album to make a mark] through the war of all the fast songs and up-tempo music out there, because it was so dominant.'

One might think that Jackson may have been worried about his album competing with projects by his recording siblings: The Jacksons' "2300 Jackson Street," sister Janet's smash "Rhythm Nation 1814," and brother Randy's upcoming Randy & the Gypsies album. Jackson says that adult-listening approach was deliberate: 'We felt we should come out with something slow but still with great lyrical content, something that would get its own attention

Make that personal attention, something listeners have obvious-

ly paid Jackson: "Don't Take It Personal" has climbed to the top of the Hot Black Singles chart. Aris-ta has planned a "Personal Party" tour of 10 major U.S. cities to support the album, says Mary Moore, director of artist development.

The parties are scheduled around Jackson's formidable business plans: He has been winging back and forth across the Atlantic to London to help open a number of Gold's Gym franchises (he is coowner), house-hunt, and to get his new London-based W.O.R.K. record label, which he founded with his brothers (including Michael). off the ground. The label will attempt to bring more new British talent to light in the States.

An avid student of film making, Jackson is also working to develop an eight-hour television miniseries about his family's rise to fame. "I'm producing with a gentleman called Stan Margolies, who produced 'Roots' and 'The Thorn Birds,' " says Jackson. "We don't have a script yet, but my mother's going to take part in writing it. It deals with how my mother and father met and all their life before we became the Jackson 5, then how we came to sing with Motown Records, the breakup, and how my mother and father were instrumental in putting together the Victory Tour-everything. What's great about it, too, is that I just talked to Suzanne DePasse at Motown and we're going to use all the original music." The project is expected to hit the small screen by mid-1990.

Barry White Is Back—And Better Than Ever

OVE UNLIMITED: That was the feeling flowing through the packed house at Spago's eatery in Los An-geles on Oct. 30, when A&M Records and BMI threw a bash for love master Barry White in honor of his second A&M album, "The Man Is Back." In attendance were producer Quincy Jones, A&M president Gil Friesen, White's wife and former Love Unlimited vocalist Glodean White, actress Dawnn Lewis, and various other members of the Hollywood record business community. White, who grew up in nearby Compton, looked trimmer

My Everything" on the 20th Century label, were rife

with disco rhythms, awash in strings, and rich with

White's romantic rap'n'soul vocals, which set him apart

as a songwriter, arranger, and band leader. The current

album's track "Follow That And See Where It Leads

Y'All" finds White decrying the state of the nation and

preaching self-determination, education, peace, ecologi-

cal awareness, avoidance of drugs, and the power of

AIN'T THAT GOOD NEWS: Rhythm And Blues

Foundation chairman Ray Charles announced the re-

cipients of the foundation's first career achievement awards at a special ceremony Nov. 9 at the National Mu-

seum of American History in Washington, D.C. The win-

ning recording artists, named for their lifetime contributions to R&B music, each receive cash honorariums of

\$15,000: LaVern Baker, Charles Brown, Ruth Brown,

the Clovers, Etta James, Jimmy Scott, Percy Sledge,

and Mary Wells. A \$1.5 million endowment by Atlantic

STUFF: Rush Artist Management and Apollo Theatre

Productions are co-producing a new 30-minute syndicat-

ed variety show featuring videos, interviews, comedy

bits, and features. The pilot of "New Music Report" is

expected to air in January ... Smokey Robinson will be one of six performers named Living Legends by

"The Pat Sajak Show," the late-night talk show hosted by the former "Wheel Of Fortune" ace, has slimmed

down from 90 to 60 minutes and is angling for a hipper

NARAS in a special tribute set to air on CBS Nov. 24.

Records in October 1988 supported the awards.

than in recent years, and the public's reception of his single "Super Lover" clearly had him in super spirits. The album re-establishes White's sensuous signature sounds, which he perfected with a string of hits from 1973-82: many of the early tracks, like "I'm Gonna Love You Just A Little More Baby," "Never Never Gonna Give Ya Up," and "You're The First, The Last,

faith. Right on, right on!

Vesta Her Love. A mesmerized New

York fan gets on his knees for a dose

of "Sweet, Sweet Love" and a hug

from A&M vocalist Vesta during a

support of her "Vesta 4 U" album

show at the Beacon Theatre in

The Rhythm

by Janine McAdams

eo compilation co-presented with rap station KDAY Los Angeles, features De La Soul, Rob Base & D.J. E-Z Rock, 2 Live Crew, M.C. Hammer, Kid 'N Play, Digital Underground, Sir Mix-A-Lot, and others. Its audio companion (cassette and CD) has 17 tracks; part of the proceeds will be donated to the Justiceville Home For The Homeless in L.A. In other Tommy Boy news: Queen Latifah's first single, "Ladies First," from her new album, "All Hail The Queen," drops this month, and a video has been complet-ed for the next De La Soul single, "My Buddy" ... "Next school" rappers the Jungle Brothers bow their Warner Bros. album, "Done By The Forces Of Nature," produced by DJ Red Alert, on Nov. 21. The first single is "Beyond This World" In the Everything Old Is New Again department: R&B hip-hop outfit By All Means is making chart strides with its remake of Marvin Gaye's 'Let's Get It On" (Island) while dance diva Sybil covers another Dionne Warwick nugget, "Walk On By" (Next Plateau). Also, Paragon Records duo Chaz & Joi take a stab at the Prince ditty "Sexy Dancer" on their new 12inch ... Warlock Records, known primarily for dance and rap product, has a new jazz artist in Kim Waters, whose new album is "Sweet And Saxy." His first single, a smooth saxophone instrumental cover of Anita Baker's "Givin' You The Best That I Got," bows this week and should go over well on jazz, AC, and urban radio ... With apologies to The Village Voice copy desk: Nelson George's number there is 212-475-3300, extension 218. Keisha Jackson, daughter of outspoken soul singing veteran Millie Jackson, has been signed to CBS Associated Records and has a new single and album, "Hot Little Love Affair.'



L.A. Bash Celebrates The Love Master's Latest A&M Album

'We want to keep the music up to date. We want to focus on what's hot and what's happening and have music as often as we can." says Joyce Coleman, talent executive for the show (and the only black talent exec at Pat Sajak Productions). Contact her at 213-852-2221 ... Guitarist Menace has a new single out on Jump Street Records that previews his album of the same name, "Doghouse." The artist, who co-wrote and arranged Taana Gardner's "Heartbeat" and Gwen McCrae's "Funky

and the

Blues

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Billboard. Hot Black Singles SALES & AIRPL ng of the top 40 black singles by sales and airplay, respectively, with reference to each title's composite position on the main Hot Black Singles chart.

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	SALES	ARTIST	HOT BLACK POSITION
1	1	DON'T TAKE IT PERSONAL	JERMAINE JACKSON	1
2	5	НОМЕ	STEPHANIE MILLS	2
3	2	YOU ARE MY EVERYTHING	SURFACE	6
4	8	SOMEBODY FOR ME	HEAVY D. & THE BOYZ	8
5	7	(DON'T U KNOW) I LOVE U	CHUCKII BOOKER	5
6	11	EVERYTHING	JODY WATLEY	3
7	3	ROCK WIT'CHA	BOBBY BROWN	13
8	14	I'M STILL MISSING YOUR LOVE	S.O.S. BAND	7
9	22	HERE AND NOW	LUTHER VANDROSS	4
10	9	EVERYTIME I TRY TO SAY GOODBYE	CHERYL LYNN	16
11	13	NEW JACK SWING	WRECKS-N-EFFECT	15
12	4	MISS YOU MUCH	JANET JACKSON	25
13	23	PERSONALITY	KASHIF	9
14	16	JUST CALL MY NAME	ALYSON WILLIAMS	11
15	21	AIN'T NUTHIN' IN THE WORLD	MIKI HOWARD	12
16	15	OOH BABY BABY	ZAPP	26
17	26	KNOCKIN' ON HEAVEN'S DOOR	RANDY CRAWFORD	14
18_	25	IT'S THE REAL THING	ANGELA WINBUSH	10
19	19	DR. SOUL	FOSTER/MCELROY	17
20	6	BABY COME TO ME	REGINA BELLE	19
21	12	DON'T MAKE ME OVER	SYBIL	34
22	10	STATE OF ATTRACTION	RHONDA CLARK	31
23	30	I'M NOT SOUPPED	TROOP	20
24	17	BUST A MOVE	YOUNG M.C.	44
25	31	CAN I?	DAVID PEASTON	23
26	28	ME SO HORNY	THE 2 LIVE CREW	50
27	27	BACK TO LIFE	SOUL II SOUL	40
28	37	ALL OF MY LOVE	THE GAP BAND	18
29	34	YO MISTER	PATTI LABELLE	22
30	33	FOOLISH HEART	SHARON BRYANT	21
31	—	WHATCHA GONNA DO?	TYLER COLLINS	30
32	—	LICENCE TO CHILL	BILLY OCEAN	36
33	—	TENDER LOVER	BABYFACE	24
34	—	KISS YOUR TEARS AWAY	LISA LISA & CULT JAM	27
35	36	LOVE HAS GOT TO WAIT	ERIC GABLE	32
36	35	JUST A FRIEND	BIZ MARKIE	52
37_	—	I THINK I CAN BEAT MIKE TYSON	D.J. JAZZY JEFF	35
38	—	LET'S GET IT ON	BY ALL MEANS	29
39	—	PUMP UP THE JAM TECHNOTRO	NIC FEATURING FELLY	49
40	24	SMOOTH OPERATOR	BIG DADDY KANE	70

ý		AIRPLA	Y	BLACK
WEEK	LAST WEEK	TITLE	ARTIST	POSIT
1	2	DON'T TAKE IT PERSONAL	JERMAINE JACKSON	1
2	7		LUTHER VANDROSS	4
3	4	HOME	STEPHANIE MILLS	2
4	5	I'M STILL MISSING YOUR LOVE		7
5	6	EVERYTHING	JODY WATLEY	3
6	8	(DON'T U KNOW) I LOVE U	CHUCKII BOOKER	5
7	10	PERSONALITY	KASHIF	9
8	11	IT'S THE REAL THING	ANGELA WINBUSH	10
9	1	YOU ARE MY EVERYTHING	SURFACE	6
LO	12	SOMEBODY FOR ME	HEAVY D. & THE BOYZ	8
11	13	JUST CALL MY NAME	ALYSON WILLIAMS	11
12	15	AIN'T NUTHIN' IN THE WORLD	MIKI HOWARD	12
13	17	KNOCKIN' ON HEAVEN'S DOOR	RANDY CRAWFORD	14
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7	21	YO MISTER	PATTI LABELLE	22
8	3	ROCK WIT'CHA	BOBBY BROWN	13
9	23	I JUST WANNA LOVE YOU	THE MAIN INGREDIENT	28
0	14	NEW JACK SWING	WRECKS-N-EFFECT	15
1	28	DR. SOUL	FOSTER/MCELROY	17
2	26	I'M NOT SOUPPED	TROOP	20
3	29	CAN I?	DAVID PEASTON	23
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5	30	LET'S GET IT ON	BY ALL MEANS	
6	9	EVERYTIME I TRY TO SAY GOODB	YE CHERYL LYNN	16
.7	31	WHAT YOU NEED	STACY LATTISAW	33
28	35	WHATCHA GONNA DO?	TYLER COLLINS	30
29	40	SILKY SOUL MAZE FEATU	JRING FRANKIE BEVERLY	38
30	34	PERPETRATORS	RANDY & THE GYPSYS	42
31	37	LOVE HAS GOT TO WAIT	ERIC GABLE	32
32	33	HIGHER THAN HIGH	TONY LEMANS	37
33	39	YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE		41
4	36	SUPER LOVER	BARRY WHITE	48
35	16	BABY COME TO ME	REGINA BELLE	19
36	_	RHYTHM NATION	JANET JACKSON	43
37	_	ALL NITE ENTOUCH F	EATURING KEITH SWEAT	46
38	—	SERIOUS HOLD ON ME	O'JAYS_	53
39	—	I'LL BE GOOD TO YOU	QUINCY JONES	54
40		REAL LOVE	SKYY	45



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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	2 WKS. AGO	WKS. ON CHART	Compiled from a national sample of retail TITLE and one-stop sales reports. ARTIS LABEL & NUMBER/DISTRIBUTING LABEL
				* * NO.1 * *
1	1	1	11	ME SO HORNY SKYYWALKER 127 (C) (M) THE 2 LIVE CREW 4 weeks at No. 1
2	2	4	7	CHA CHA CHA FIRST PRIORITY 0 96529/ATLANTIC (C)
3	4	6	9	NEW JACK SWING WRECKS-N-EFFECT MOTOWN 4654 (C)
4	3	2	21	BUST A MOVE DELICIOUS VINYL 1005/ISLAND (C)
5	6	10	5	SOMEBODY FOR ME
6	7	8	5	JUST A FRIEND COLD CHILLIN' 0-21342 /WARNER BROS (C)
\bigcirc	11	18	4	STEPPIN' INTO THE A.M. DEF JAM 44-68802/COLUMBIA (C)
8	8	5	9	I GO TO WORK + KOOL MOE DEE
9	5	3	13	SMOOTH OPERATOR COLD CHILLIN 0-21281 WARNER BROS (C)
10	17	24	3	I THINK I CAN BEAT MIKE T.
11	16	21	3	BEEPERS SIR MIX-A-LOT
12	12	13	7	GLAMOROUS LIFE
13	13	12	5	LETHAL WEAPON SIRE 0-21 325 WARNER BROS (C)
14	9	7	15	THEY PUT ME IN THE MIX
15	14	11	9	SAY NO GO DE LA SOUL
16	18	17	7	DO YOU REALLY WANNA PARTY? HIGH PERFORMANCE MASTYMIX 76979
17	15	15	7	YOU MUST LEARN JIVE 1275/RCA (C) ◆ BOOGIE DOWN PRODUCTIONS
18	10	9	17	IT'S FUNKY ENOUGH + THE D.O.C
19	28	_	2	THE D.O.C. & THE DOCTOR
20	24	_	2	FRANKLY SPEAKING PRIORITY 7274 (C) (M)
21	23	29	3	NOTHIN' BUT A GANGSTER
(22)	25		2	WAKE UP, WAKE UP!/LIVE
23	19	16	15	DO THE RIGHT THING ◆ REDHEAD KINGPIN & THE F.B.I VIRGIN 96552 (C)
24	22	25	5	RHYME FIGHTER APPLICUL 15497
25	NE	WÞ	1	F.B.I. ♦ DONALD-D RHYME \$YNDICATE 49:73102 (E.P.A. (C)
26	26	27	5	FIVE DOLLAR HIGH GUCCI 12141/HOT PRODUCTIONS (C)
27	30	26	4	LET'S WORK STRONG CITY 8020/MCA (C)
28	20	14	11	THE RHYTHM
29	21	19	11	PAUSE PROFILE 7262 (M)
30	NE	wÞ	1	SHE'S GOT A BIG POSSE ARABIAN PRINCE ORPHEUS 72259 (C)

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BLACK SINGLES A-Z PUBLISHERS/PERFORMANCE RIGHTS/SHEET MUSIC I GO TO WORK (Willesden, BMI) I JUST WANNA LOVE YOU (Knight Crew

TITLE (Publisher - Licensing Org.) Sheet Music Dist.

- 92 AIN'T NOTHIN LIKE THE LOVIN WE GOT (Criterion,
- AINT NOTHIN LIKE THE LOVIN WE GOT (Criterion, ASCAP/Field Day, ASCAP)
 AINT NUTHIN' IN THE WORLD (Chicago Bros., BMI)
 ALL MY LOVE (WB, ASCAP/Peabo, ASCAP)
 ALL NITE (Deep Sound, ASCAP/Biss 69, ASCAP/Vintertainment, ASCAP)
 ALL OF MY LOVE (Rajaca, BMI/Day Ta Day, ASCAP (Cred Choice BMI)

- ASCAP/Good Choice, BMI)
- 80 AS A MATTER OF FACT (Yellow Brick Road.
- AS A MATTER OF FACT (Fellow Brick Rodd, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP/D.Tree B, ASCAP)
 BABY COME TO ME (Gratitude Sky, ASCAP/Penzafire, ASCAP/Virgin, ASCAP) CPP
 BACK TO LIFE (Virgin, ASCAP/Virgin Songs, BMI/WB, CODE VIEW (Virgin, ASCAP) Virgin Songs, BMI/WB,
- ASCAP/Law Music) CPP
- ASCAP/Law Music) CPP BLAME IT ON THE RAIN (Realsongs, ASCAP) BUST A MOVE (Varry White, ASCAP/Young Man Moving, ASCAP) CAN I? (Stone Gate, BMI/Finesse. BMI) CAN'T GET OVER YOU (Amazement, BMI) DIDN'T (BLOW YOUR MIND) (Mighty Three, BMI/Bellboy, BMI) DOWT (UNIT TURK (INF THE DIMINE) DIMINE) 51 44

- 96 47
- 78 DON'T CHA' THINK (Hip Trip, BMI/Dear, BMI/Green
- DON'T MAKE ME OVER (Blue Seas, ASCAP/Jac 34 ASCAP) CPP
- DON'T TAKE IT PERSONAL (Colgems-EMI, 1 ASCAP/CBS_ASCAP/Multi_Culler_ASCAP)_CPP
- (DON'T U KNOW) I LOVE U (Selessongs, ASCAP) OPP DR. SOUL (Two Tuff-Enuff, BMI/Top Billin', ASCAP/MCA, ASCAP) ELECTRIC BOOGIE (Solomonic, ASCAP) 17 79
- EVERY MOMENT (Gateway Music House, ASCAP) EVERYTHING (Sizzling Blue, BMI/Newton House, 86 3
- BMI) 16 EVERYTIME I TRY TO SAY GOODBYE (Music Corp. Of America, BMI/Bayjun Beat, BMI/MCA, ASCAP) 87 FEEL SO GOOD (FROM "DO THE RIGHT THING") (Avid One, ASCAP/Perry Lane, ASCAP/Texascity,
- BML/O'Hara BMD 21 FOOLISH HEART (EMI April, ASCAP/Random Notes, ASCAP/Street Talk, ASCAP) 93 FREAK THE FUNK (Beach House, ASCAP/Stezo,
- ASCAP)
- FRIENDS B-4 LOVERS (Forceful, BMI/Willesden, BMI) 62 56
- GIMME YOUR LOVE (Grattude Sky, ASCAP/Virgin, ASCAP/Penzalire, ASCAP) CPP GIRL I'M GONNA MISS YOU (MCA, ASCAP) HEAT OF THE MOMENT (Epic/Solar, BMI/Kear, BMI) 98
- HELP (Tim Tim, ASCAP/Wokie, ASCAP/Whole Nine 82 Yards, ASCAP/T-Boy, ASCAP/MCA, ASCAP)
- 4 HERE AND NOW (EMI April, ASCAP/Ollie Brown
- HERE AND NOW (EMI April ASCAP/Olie B Sugar, ASCAP/DEL, ASCAP) HIGHER THAN HIGH (Lemans, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP/Gamson, ASCAP) HOME (Warner-Tamerlane, BMI) HOT LITTLE LOVE AFFAIR (CBS, ASCAP) 37

26

- 85 81
- I DESIRE (When The Seaman Hits The Fan. ASCAP/Def Jam, ASCAP)

BMI/American League, BMI) 66 I LOVE THE BASS (French Lick, BMI/Doll Factory,

90 28

- I LOVE THE BASS (French Lick, BMI/Doll Factory, BMI/Bug, BMI)
 I PROMISE (EI King, ASCAP)
 I THINK I CAN BEAT MIKE TYSON (Zomba, ASCAP)
 I WANNA BE RICH (Hip Trip, BMI/Calloco, BMI/Screen Gems-EMN, BMI/Jig-A-Walt Jams, BMI)
 I F YOU ASKED ME TO (FROM "LICENCE TO KILL") (Pacificance ASCAP (EMI opti ASCAP)
- (Realsongs, ASCAP/EMI April, ASCAP/U.A., ASCAP) 54 I'LL BE GOOD TO YOU (Kidada, BMI/Warner-
- Tamerlane, BMI) T'M 'N' DANGER (Black Lion, ASCAP/Captain Z, ASCAP/Alino, ASCAP/Singh Sang, ASCAP/Satsongs,
- ASCAP) CPP 20 I'M NOT SOUPPED (Gimme 1/2, ASCAP/Platinum
- Gold, ASCAP/Leftover Soupped, ASCAP/Disguise ASCAP)
- ASCAP) 7 I'M STILL MISSING YOUR LOVE (Karranova, ASCAP/Spider Fingers, BMI/Avante Garde, ASCAP/Interior, BMI) 89 IT'S FUNKY ENOUGH (Dollarz N Sense, BMI/Dotted
- Lion, ASCAP/Sylco, ASCAP) 10 IT'S THE REAL THING (Angel Notes, ASCAP/WB,
- JUST A FRIEND (Cold Chillin', ASCAP/Biz Markie, 52
- ASCAP/WB, ASCAP) 11 JUST CALL MY NAME (Def Jam, ASCAP/Pure Love, ASCAP/Minding, ASCAP)
- 27
- ASCAF/MINUNIG, ASCAF/ KISS YOUR TEARS AWAY (Forceful, BMI/Willesden, BMI/My! My!, BMI) KNOCKIN' ON HEAVEN'S DOOR (Ram's Horn, ASCAP) LET'S GET IT ON (Jobete, ASCAP/Stoned Diamond, 29 BMI)
- LICENCE TO CHILL (Zomba, ASCAP) 36 72
- LIVENCE TO CHILE (201003, ASCAP) LIVIN' LARGE (Pecot, ASCAP/Virgin, ASCAP) LOVE HAS GOT TO WAIT (Music Corp. Of America, BMI/Gunhouse, BMI) MAKE IT LIKE IT WAS (For Our Children, ASCAP) 32
- 60 50 ME SO HORNY (Pac-Jam, BMI)
- MISS YOU MUCH (Flyte Tyme, ASCAP) NEVER GIVE UP (Number 9, ASCAP/Davies Street, ASCAD) 25 74
- NEW JACK SWING (Virgin Songs, BMI/Cal-Gene, BMI) 15
- CPF NO FRIEND OF MINE (Jay King IV, BMI/Clarity, BMI) 67
- 26 83
- 77
- NO FRIEND OF MINE (Jay King IV, BMI/Clarity, E OOH BABY BABY (Jobete, ASCAP) CPP OOH CHILD (SBK Unart, BMI/Kama Sutra, BMI/Sleeping Sun, BMI) OWWWW! (Black Lion, ASCAP/Captain Z, ASCAP/Hallywood, BMI) PARTYMAN (Controversy, ASCAP) PERPETRATORS (Thumping, BMI) PERSONALITY (Music Corp Of America, BMI/GG Lovae Mixer BMI) 42
- PERSONALLY (MUSIC COP OF America, Bini/GG Loves Music, BMI) PUMP UP THE JAM (BMC, ASCAP/Bogam, ASCAP/Colgems-EMI, ASCAP) REAL LOVE (Skyyzo, ASCAP) REALLSTIC (Chappell, PRS/Empire, PRS/Chappell & 49
- 45 84 Co., ASCAP)

- RHYTHM NATION (Black Ice, BMI/Flyte Tyme, ASCAP)
 RICH GIRLS (Arrival, BMI)
- RIGHT AND HYPE (Cal-Gene, BMI/Virgin Songs, BMI) ROCK WIT'CHA (Kear, BMI/Epic/Solar, BMI/Green 64 13
- Skirt RMI) CPP
- Skirt, BMI) CPP 97 SAY NO GO (Tee Girl, BMI/Hot-Cha, BMI/Unichappell, BMI/Fust Buzza, BMI/Bridgeport, BMI) 53 SERIOUS HOLD ON ME (WE, BMI/Trycep, BMI/Wilesden, BMI) 100 SHE'S A SLAMMER (CBS, ASCAP/Jaman, BMI/Song-
- A-Tron, BMI) 38

- ASCAP/WB, ASCAP) 8
- ASCAP/WB, ASCAP) SOMEBODY FOR ME (EMI April, ASCAP/Across 110th Street, ASCAP/E-Z-Duz-It, ASCAP/E.F.Cutting, ASCAP/Velle International, ASCAP) SPECIAL (Island, BMI/Stanton's Gold, BMI/April Joy,
- 71 31 STATE OF ATTRACTION (Flyte Tyme, ASCAP/Avant
- Garde, ASCAP) SUNSHINE (Island, BMI/Onid, BMI)
- SUPER LOVER (Seven, BMI/Ba-Dake, BMI/Peradine,
- TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU AND ME (New Hidden 57 Valley, ASCAP/Carole Bayer Sager, BMI/Lauren Wesley, BMI)
- TALK TO MYSELF (Vertim, ASCAP/Wokie, ASCAP/Whole Nine Yards, ASCAP) TENDER LOVER (Hip Trip, BMI/Kear, BMI/Jenn-A-73
- 24
- Bug, ASCAP) TEST OF TIME (Jumpin' Off, BMI/Tocep, BMI/Virgin Songs, BMI/Dream Dealers, ASCAP/BMG, ASCAP) 55
- CPP 68 THINK ABOUT IT (Promuse, BMI/Howie Tee,
- BMI/Special Ed, BMI) TILL THE MONEY'S GONE (Gratitude Sky,
- 75
- ASCAP/Eddie Murphy, ASCAP) WHAT YOU NEED (Nookie, BMI/Go Left, ASCAP) 33 30 WHATCHA GONNA DO? (TLC, BMI/Dinger & Ollie
- WHATCHA GONNA DO? (TLC, BMI/Dinger & Ollie BMI/Dagwood, BMI)
 WHY YOU WANNA LOVE ME LIKE THAT (Hilliay, ASCAP/Brenda Eager, ASCAP/Saghill, ASCAP)
 YO MISTER (Controversy, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP)
 YOU MAR MY EVERYTHING (Colgems-EMI, ASCAP/Deep Faith, ASCAP/MUlti Culler, ASCAP)
 YOU'L BVCB Walk & DOME (Anong Natacon) 63
- 22
- 41 YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE (Angel Notes
- ASCAP/WB ASCAP 65
- ASCAP/WB, ASCAP) YOUR SWEETNESS (John Barnes III, BMI/Careers, BMI/Kymberli Armstrong, BMI)

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- - 99
 - A-Tron, BMI) SILKY SOUL (Amazement, BMI) SISTER ROSA (Sula, BMI) SLOW DOWN (MCA, ASCAP/Warner-Tamerlane, BMI/Kings Kid, BMI/Green Skirt, BMI) SMOOTH OPERATOR (AZ, ASCAP/Cold Chillin', 70



DERMAINE JACKSON GETS his first No. 1 single for Arista on the Hot Black Singles chart with "Don't Take It Personal." Actually, this is his second as a solo artist: The first, "Let's Get Serious" (Motown), was No. 1 for six weeks in 1980. "Personal" goes to the top with 39 No. 1 reports.

HUN FOR THE ROSES: The top of the singles chart is highly competitive, with so many bullets that I wouldn't make a bet on which records will survive next week. Let's look at some of the records with impressive points: "Home" by **Stephanie Mills** (MCA) is on 96 stations. It is new at WZHT Montgomery, Ala., and is No. 1 at five stations, including KRNB Memphis, WDAS Philadelphia, and WRKS New York. Retail gains place "Home" at No. 2 overall. "Don't Take It Personal" has a large lead and "Home" could hold at No. 2 another week. "Here And Now" by **Luther Vandross** (Epic) makes an incredible jump in both radio and retail points. Ten of its 98 stations already list it at No. 1, including WQQK Nashville, KHYS Houston, and WAMO Pittsburgh. It is new at at No. 26 at WIZF Cincinnati. "Everything" by **Jody Watley** (MCA) at No. 3 has been climbing steadily up the chart but may have trouble fending off Vandross' assault.

"SOMEBODY FOR ME" by Heavy D. & the Boyz (Uptown) has made steady gains on the singles chart. It has been reported by as many as 77 stations. It is top 10 at 39 stations and No. 2 at WQQK Nashville; WEDR Miami; KMJJ Shreveport, La.; and KDAY Los Angeles. This is a personal fave; will this be the big one that crosses for Heavy D.?

ON THE UP SIDE: Three records are outstanding performers. The Power Pick/Airplay runner-up is "I'll Be Good To You" by **Quincy Jones featuring Ray Charles & Chaka Khan** (Quest). It gains 21 new reports and jumps 64-54. "Make It Like It Was" by **Regina Belle** (Columbia) also gains 21 new reports and leaps 71-60. The most added record at radio is "Special" by the **Temptations** (Motown). It is on 55 stations and vaults 89-71.

UN THE DOWN SIDE: Four records lost their bullets this week in spite of good station gains. "Take Good Care Of You And Me" by **Dionne Warwick & Jeffrey Osborne** (Arista) received reports from nine new stations, including KMJM St. Louis, KACE Los Angeles, and WTLC Indianapolis. "Super Lover" by **Barry White** (A&M) gets seven new radio reports, including WJHM Orlando, Fla.; WBLX Mobile; and WYLD-FM New Orleans. "All Nite" by **Entouch Featuring Keith Sweat** (Elektra) earns eight adds, including KJLH Los Angeles; WEKS New York; and WEAS Savannah, Ga. "Perpetrators" by **Randy & the Gypsys** (A&M) is reported as new at WEDR Miami; WJJS Lynchburg, Va.; and KKDA Dallas. In every case retail points have not developed to match airplay gains, but these records could easily bounce back next week.

Could easily bounce back next week. **JANET JACKSON** DOESN'T MISS after all. Last week on the Top Black Albums chart, "Janet Jackson's Rhythm Nation 1814" (A&M) lost its bullet in the midst of five very strong albums. This week it regains its momentum and leaps to No. 1. The new single, "Rhythm Nation," is on 77 stations with 14 new radio reports and leaps 61-43.

HOT BLAC	K SI	IGLE	ES A	CTI	ON
RAD		T ADD	ED		
	PLATINUM/ GOLD ADDS 20 REPORTERS	SILVER ADDS 32 REPORTERS	BRONZE/ SECONDARY ADDS 47 REPORTERS	TOTAL ADDS 99 REP	TOTAL ON ORTERS
SPECIAL					
THE TEMPTATIONS MOTOWN	5	13	7	25	55
I'LL BE GOOD TO YOU QUINCY JONES QWEST	2	13	6	21	91
MAKE IT LIKE IT WAS REGINA BELLE COLUMBIA	1	9	11	21	75
OWWWW!					
CHUNKY A MCA	2	5	11	18	40
NO FRIEND OF MINE					
CLUB NOUVEAU WARNER BROS.	4	6	6	16	53
RHYTHM NATION JANET JACKSON A&M	1	4	9	14	77
OOH CHILD LEOTIS MERCURY	2	4	7	13	37
SILKY SOUI	2	4		15	3/
MAZE/F.BEVERLY WARNER BROS.	3	3	6	12	81
DON'T CHA' THINK AFTER 7 VIRGIN	2	3	7	1.2	33
TRY ME CHRIS MCDANIEL MEGA JAM	0	4	8	12	15
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REAL HEART REAL SOUL REA the brilliant new ballad by the follow-up to the #1 single **"START OF A ROMANCE"** from their Atlantic debut album **START OF A ROMANCE** (81853) 49 ON ATLANTIC RECORDS, CASSETTES AND COMPACT DISCS

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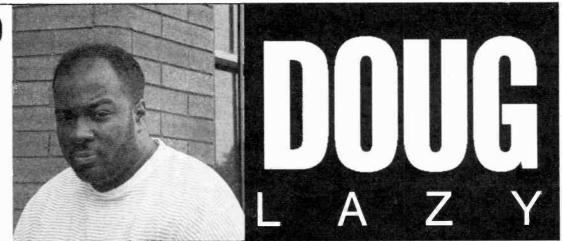
THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	2 WKS. AG	WKS. ON CHART	CLUB PLAY Compiled from a national sample of dance clu LABEL & NUMBER/DISTRIBUTING LABEL	b playlists. ARTIS
				* * NO.1 * *	
1	1	1	8	PUMP UP THE JAM SBK V-19701 3 weeks at No. 1 + TEC	HNOTRONIC FEATURING FELLY
2)	2	2	7	GIT ON UP D.J. INTERNATIONAL DJ990	FAST EDDIE
3)	5	11	9	I LOVE THE BASS ENIGMA 75524-0	♦ BARDEUX
4)	8	17	4	GET BUSY JIVE 1274-1-JD/RCA	MR. LEE
5	6	9	7	ME SO HORNY SKYYWALKER GR-127	♦ THE 2 LIVE CREW
6	4	8	10	WITHOUT YOU COLUMBIA 44 68822	GEORGE LAMOND
7)	7	13	6	LOVE SHACK REPRISE 0-21318/WARNER BROS	◆ THE B-52'S
8	13	16	5	SUGAR DADDY WARNER BROS. 0-21320	THOMPSON TWINS
9	3	3	11	SAY NO GO TOMMY BOY TB 934	♦ DE LA SOUL
10)	18	40	3	LOVE ON TOP OF LOVE-KILLER KISS CAPITOL V-15508	GRACE JONES
	9	12	7	SUMMER MADNESS RCA 9043-1-RD	KC FLIGHTT
11 12)					HEAVY D. & THE BOYZ
-	17	22	5	SOMEBODY FOR ME UPTOWN 23982/MCA	
13	21	34	4	PERSONAL JESUS/DANGEROUS SIRE 0-21328/REPRISE	DEPECHE MODE
14)	34		2	RHYTHM NATION A&M SP-12335	◆ JANET JACKSON
15	10	10	9	CHILDREN OF THE REVOLUTION/OOCHY KOOCHY SIRE 0-21290/W/	
16	20	28	4	BE MY TWIN CAPITOL V-15501	BROTHER BEYOND
17)	27	36	4	OUR LOVE (IT'S OVER) ACTIVE ACT-3063/SELECT	DEE HOLLOWAY
18)	28	38	4	HIGHER THAN HIGH PAISLEY PARK 0-21279/WARNER BROS.	TONY LEMANS
19	26	33	4	I GOT LOVE WTG 41 68867	MICHAEL RODGERS
20)	25	27	5	PICK UP THE PIECES (TO MY HEART) ARISTA ADI-9857	CINDY VALENTINE
21	11	6	11	MY HEART SKIPS A BEAT CAPITOL V-15498	THE COVER GIRLS
					*
22)	32	47	3	TURN IT OUT ATLANTIC 0-86284	HOME BOYS ONLY
23	24	30	5	LOOK WHO'S DANCING VIRGIN 0-96538	ARLEY & THE MELODY MAKERS
24)	37	_	2	DRAMA!/SWEET,SWEET BABY SIRE 0-21356/REPRISE	♦ ERASURE
25)	33	43	3	GIVE ME THE RHYTHM STRICTLY RHYTHM SR-1201	DESARAE WILD
26)	36	48	3	GET ON YOUR FEET EPIC 49 68877/E.P.A.	GLORIA ESTEFAN
27	14	5	10	MISS YOU MUCH A&M SP-12315	♦ JANET JACKSON
28	12	4	11	LOVE'S ABOUT TO CHANGE MY HEART ATLANTIC 0-86309	DONNA SUMMER
29	15	7	13	FRENCH KISS EPIC 49 68875/E.P.A.	LIL LOUIS
30)	38	-	2	SWEET TALK MANHATTAN V-15476/CAPITOL	♦ D'ATRA HICKS
31)		-	2	DOWN IN IT TVT 2611	NINE INCH NAILS
32)	40		2	WITH EVERY BEAT OF MY HEART ARISTA ADI-9896	◆ TAYLOR DAYNE
-	46	-		THE RACE/BLAZING SADDLES MERCURY 874 939-1/POLYGRAM	YELLO
33)	43		2		
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New Rap Releases Bode Well For Genre In The '90s

RIDE ON TIME: The rap scene continues to excite with new releases from old folks as well as new ones. Lately there has been a flow of good rap releases that show promise for the '90s. Hopefully the major labels will stop signing so many of the future stars and develop the ones they have seemed to accumulate like dust so they will get heard. This is a point well addressed by Nelson George in an insightful commentary on rap's 10th birthday ("Native Son"/ Village Voice, Oct. 24) when he parallels rap's current status with the decay of



by Bill Coleman

contemporary R&B. "One of the elements that diluted R&B in the last generation," he writes, "has been the majors' noisome meddling. Too many records issued-too many bad records issued-too little personalized artist development, too many folks promoting and marketing with zip understanding of its audience or traditions led R&B into a creative impasse." Enough said.

ORCES OF NATURE: The Flavor Unit's "queen of royal badness" Queen Latifah makes one of rap's finer debuts this year with "All Hail The Queen'' (Tommy Boy, 212-722-2211). The "Aretha Of Rap" sets her own pace by utilizing a variety of producers (DJ Mark The 45 King, Prince Paul, "Little Louie" Vega, Daddy-O, and KRS-One) to tackle a number of musical styles from reggae to hip-house. Quite self-assured, the Queen hangs tough with her guests-Monie Love ("Ladies First"), De La Soul ("Mama Gave Birth To The Soul Children"), Daddy-O ("The Pros"), and D.J. Mark (A King & Queen Creation")-while providing some lyrical wisdom to accompany the slammin' grooves (which could easily hold up on their own). The album as a whole slams, but don't miss "Come Into My House," "Latifah's Law," and the aforemen-tioned cuts ... Nobody beats the Biz. "The Biz Never Sleeps" (Cold Chil-



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Breakouts: Titles with future chart potential, based on club play or sales reported this week

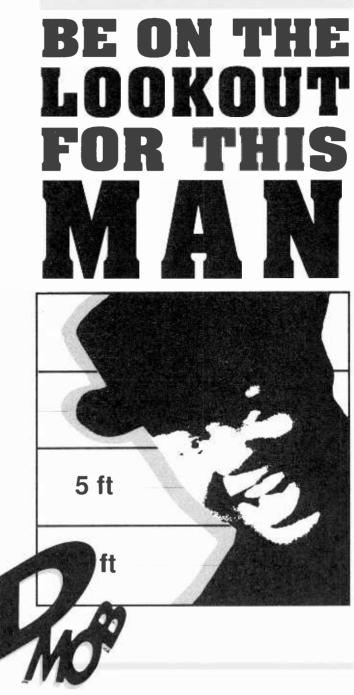
lin'/WB) from Biz Markie with Cutmaster Cool V keeps the promise of the distinctive-voiced rapper's debut. Keeping the production raw but involved, Biz's humorous narratives manage to keep you in stitches while your toes tap. Ushered in by the ge-nius hit single "Just A Friend" (this deserves to be a *pop* smash as well), "The Biz Never Sleeps" offers plenty of jams that are sure to become faves and bring the Biz even more fame: "She's Not Just Another Woman (Monique)," "Spring Again" (which borrows Roberta Flack/Donny Hathaway's "Back In Love Again" for rhythmic inspiration), "Me Ver-sus Me," "Check It Out," and "A Thing Named Kim" kick.

RIDDIM & RHYME: Besides "princess of the posse" Queen Latifah, dance hall reggae queen Shelly Thunder also effectively bridges reggae and dance hall with hip-hop and rap on her label debut, "Fresh Out The Pack" (Mango, 212-995-7800). On the traditional dance hall tip, hypnotic numbers like "Greatest Advisor," "Defence," "Relation," and a rerecorded version of her now classic "Kuff" seduce with Thunder's toasting and Sidney Mills' bass-pumping production. On the rap side, Thunder stands to gain even more street credibility with the KRS-One-produced "No Future In Frontin'," the funky "Working Girl," or "Dangerous." This is Thunder that reigns when given the mike ... Be on the lookout for Warner Bros.' reggae-hip-hop compilation called "Strictly Hip-Hop Reggae Fusion" by Funky Reggae Crew. A variety of artists contribute, but the highlight is definitely Lady Levi's safe-sex, valley girl reading of "Jimmy In The Valley," co-produced by KRS, Mills, and D-Nice.

STEPPIN' TO THE A.M.: There are quite a few newcomers that are making noise and some that will given the chance. There's a refreshing new consciousness emerging and it is reflected not only in the lyrical treatment but in rhythms and production as well. Some of our best producers these days are those involved primarily in rap. Be on the lookout for albums by the Jungle Brothers, 3rd Bass, and Digital Underground, who are going to be bringing the genre way into the '90s. In the meantime: Ice-T's got a few things on his mind and he's not afraid to let you know what they are. "The Iceberg: Free-dom Of Speech ... Just Watch What You Say" (Sire) is by no means soft-core and T's style—as always—is noholds-barred. By far his best yet, T keeps it mean with "The Iceberg," "The Girl Tried To Kill Me," "This One's For Me," and the kicking first single, "Lethal Weapon." Don't miss ... Everlast makes a strong debut with "Never Missin' A Beat" (Warner Bros.), which is a pumping P-Funk-inspired track that churns. Everlast's delivery carries the groove

with ease. By the way, he's also down with T's Rhyme Syndicate posse. Positively Black offers a promising collection with its self-titled project just released by Trumpet/Select (212-691-1200). Lyrically radical and to the point, the group draws its groove inspiration from such sources as Smokey Robinson ("Quiet Storm") and Queen (the first single,

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He is the leader behind the notorious group **D** Mob. He has already been linked to a series of underworld club hits.

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Disciple Arthur Baker Is Back On The Beat Producer Showcases Songwriting On A&M Album

BY DAVID NATHAN

LOS ANGELES After a period of relative inactivity in the U.S., producer Arthur Baker-who began his music industry career primarily as a remix engineer, later to create ground-breaking music with Afrika Bambaataa and the Soul Sonic Force-has re-emerged in the role of both artist and songwriter. With his debut A&M album "Merge" billed as Arthur Baker & the Backbeat Disciples, the Boston-born former DJ says that he now has the opportunity "to make his own musical statements."

"My ambitions have always been centered on being a writer and producer," says Baker-whose album features guest appearances by such vocalists as Jimmy Somerville (of Bronski Beat/Communards fame), ABC's Martin Fry, OMD's Andy McCluskey, and label mates Shirley Lewis and Al Green-concedes that his intention has never been to be an artist in the traditional sense. "I did a similar album at one point for Epic but it never came out, and, to be honest, on some of the projects I've done before for other artists, I've felt held back by just producing since I've always considered myself a songwriter as much as anything."

Through his remixing years (everyone from Bruce Springsteen to Talking Heads) and producing (including a major role in the Artists United Against Apartheid "Sun City" project), Baker occasionally made records "hiding behind different names. I had records out under names like Jack E. Makossa and Wally Jump Jr. and they turned out to be big hits overseas, particularly in the U.K."

When Baker's career hit a low ebb in late '86 as a result of a drug habit, he took time to re-evaluate and went to England "to re-establish my credibility, which I felt I had messed up in the States. I found that people in the U.K. knew my name from my early producing days [Wally Jump Jr.'s remake of the Ar-chie Bell classic "Tighten Up" and Will Downing's "A Love Supreme" were both top 10 U.K. hits] so it was easier for me to get myself back together there.

Baker's U.K. success helped set the stage for his A&M debut, which originated through the company's U.K. Breakout division. "I went [to England] every couple of months and I let A&M hear some songs I was working on and they gave me the opportunity to A&R the project myself working across the ocean."

Eventually, Baker ended up recording "Merge" at studios in a number of cities, including New

York, Paris, London, and Memphis. 'I didn't want to make a gimmicky album," says Baker. "It would have been easy to just do a house-oriented album but I wanted to stay true to myself. Although a lot of industry people have seen me as being simply dance-oriented, I've always had diverse tastes.

He explains that, in putting together "Merge," "I had a conceptto use different singers to fit the songs and to introduce new talent like John Warren, who's been a friend of mine from my Boston years, Tiny Valentine, and Mac Quayle. I really tried to get into that Philly song mold and was happy that I was able to work with [Somerville, McCluskey, and Fry].

But, says Baker, working with soul legend Al Green was the fulfill-ment of a dream. "He was my favorite black music star, the first singer I ever dug musically." Baker says he wrote "The Message Is Love" (a possible single candidate for the States and a current single in the U.K.) in December '87, but since Green had just released his hit duet with Eurythmics' Annie Len-

nox ("Put A Little Love In Your Heart"), Baker held off sending the song to him at that point. Once signed to Green's homestead, Baker got the tune to him, noting that he enjoyed working with the star so much that "hopefully I'll get to work with him again, maybe on his next album."

Currently represented on Billboard's Club Play, 12-Inch Singles Sales, and Hot 100 charts as co-writer of Taylor Dayne's hit "With Every Beat Of My Heart," Baker says that the success of his own album project "is super important. When I had my personal problems, a lot of the people in the industry considered that I had been a contender as a major producer. 'Merge' is an advertisement for my skills as a songwriter and producer and will hopefully attract some great groups to work with.

Baker is due to remix the first single from the new Quincy Jones album and says that he will be touring with many of the musicians who played on "Merge" after the first of the year, with initial dates likely to kick off in Europe.

NEW ON THE CHARTS

er Dee Holloway.

Making inroads on Billboard's Club Play and 12-Inch Sales charts is "Our Love (It's Not Over)," the first release from Active Records (212-691-1200) and the debut of sing-



DEE HOLLOWAY.

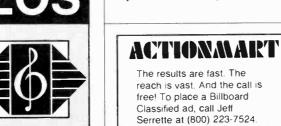
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"Escape From Reality"). Worth investigating ... Seattle's Sir Mix-A-Lot returns with "Seminar" (Nastymix, 206-441-8802). Besides the first single, "Beepers," cuts like "My

Hooptie," "National Anthem," and "The (Peek-A-Boo) Game" (yeah, this uses the Siouxsie & the Banshees hit) are highlights ... Albums also out: "Notorious" (Syndicate/Epic) by Donald-D; "Brother Arab" (Orpheus) by Arabian Prince; "Bad Sister" (Cold Chillin'/WB) by Roxanne Shante; "Rhythmical Madness" (Tuff City, 212-262-0385); "Diva" (Ji-ye/RCA) by Ms. Melodie; "Ride The Rhythm" (Wild Pitch, 212-594-5050).



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type" the at-first-reluctant singer had been urged for years by her brother/manager Gerald to pursue her vocal gift as a career. Holloway attended the Arts High School for Drama in Newark, N.J., where she was involved with both dance and drama, but it wasn't until another artist told her that she "didn't have what it takes to make it" that she

Self-described as a "shy, indepen-

dent, head-strong behind-the scenes

took her singing seriously. As fate would have it, producer George Morel was looking for a voice-a bill which fit Holloway perfectly. The result was the single "Our Love (It's Not Over)" which is not only climbing Billboard's dance charts but proving its case as a U.K. club hit as well. A new diva is born

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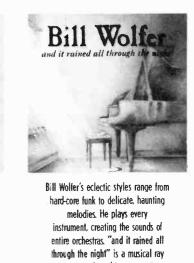


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SPARROW RECORDS' recent announcement of a new 40,000-square-foot facility in Jacksonville, Ill., is a personal vindication for Sparrow president **Billy Ray Hearn** and his son, **Bill**. The \$1.1 million warehousing and shipment fulfillment center is being built, in part, because of the label's enormous growth in an area the Hearns have championed in recent years: contemporary black gospel.

Sparrow's success with BeBe & CeCe Winans (cosigned to Capitol), the Patrick Henderson praise albums, Tramaine Hawkins, and the new Selah label was one of the real news stories in gospel music in 1989 and left other contemporary Christian music labels scrambling to catch up.

What Sparrow is dubbing its "central distribution center" was also prompted by the wildfire growth of the **Integrity Music** line. Integrity, which had been available only through mail before signing a distribution agreement with Sparrow, is reputed to have moved more than 3 million units in the past few years. If the praise and worship label continues to grow at that same rate, it could dwarf Sparrow itself in another two years!

All of which made it prudent for the Hearns to build the facility, which is located about 30 miles southwest of Springfield and Interstate 55 (which connects Chicago and St. Louis). The center will distribute to its accounts in the 41 states east of the Rockies and enable the label to respond more quickly during peak selling seasons.

The central distribution center is slated to open in mid-December and will require about 40 employees. The center will also distribute Sparrow's growing line of video and print publications, Billy Ray Hearn said.

ANOTHER VALIDATION of sorts was implicit in the joint announcement the other day by the Gospel Music Assn. and cable channel TNN. TNN will broadcast the 21st annual Dove Awards April 5, 1990, from the famed Tennessee Performing Arts Center in Nashville. (An incorrect date appeared in a story in the Nov. 11 issue.)

The Doves have had an erratic broadcasting record in the past. The awards have been occasionally telecast by various religious networks in the past, most notably by CBN. But it is almost criminal that an in-

High-flying Sparrow is building on its success

dustry that accounts for as much as 5% of all record sales and is featured on nearly 1,400 radio stations nationally has not had more extensive coverage for its showcase night.

While the Grammys have occasionally spotlighted gospel acts in the past (Amy Grant, the Imperials, and the Winans come to mind), the Doves are the only place many viewers would have a chance to see some of the genre's other stars—Russ Taff, the Rev. James Cleveland, Michael W. Smith, Steve Taylor, Petra, and the rest.

The Dove Awards are voted on by the 3,000-member GMA and have traditionally featured almost perfect attendance from gospel music's superstars. A TNN spokesman said the network's viewers have responded favorably in the past to programs featuring Grant, Sandi Patti, and the Southern gospel-singing Cathedrals. Additionally, the majority of gospel artists live in Nashville and its environs.

The TNN release said that the 90-minute special will be produced by **Reg Dunlap**, best known as the producer of syndicated series and specials, including "Dolly," "Emmy Awards For Sports," and two previous Dove Awards for CBN.



by Jeff Levenson

THE ODYSSEY OF BLACKS from Africa to America is a far-reaching tale, traversing territories far greater than the geographical distance between continents. It is a story that cries for sempiternal examination.

Because this migration is inexorably tied to the development of modern culture, so much so that resulting art forms have often scrutinized it in a gesture of creative self-reflection, it is especially fitting when jazz takes the lead; the music owes its lifeblood to this epochal passage.

John Carter, the Texas-born clarinetist and composer, is the most recent of jazz's adventurous souls to take inspiration from this period in history. He has just completed "Shadows On A Wall," issued on Gramavision, the fifth and final suite of his serial masterwork "Roots And Folklore: Episodes In The Development Of American Folk Music." The earlier issues on Gramavision are "Fields," "Dance Of The Love Ghosts," and "Castles Of Ghana"; "Dauwhe," his first work in the set, is on Black Saint.

Carter conceived of the project a decade ago, after his son had visited West Africa. He was taken by the notion that the forts and castles that dot the coast of Ghana were actually holding pens for citizens awaiting shipment across the ocean to a life of uncompensated labor. His compositions, he says, are "musical projections of the high emotions that must have gripped all the participants of this real-life drama." In this final chapter, he follows the black tide from America's Southern plantations to the Northern cities.

In all five movements, Carter has chosen the octet as his favored group configuration. "Shadows ..." is particularly well served by drummer Andrew Cyrille, reedman Marty Ehrlich, keyboardist Don Preston, and Carter's longtime playmate, trumpeter Bobby Bradford. Its performance premier is slated for Nov. 12 at the Brooklyn Academy of Music in New York, a highlight of this year's New Music America series.

T'S A FAMILY AFFAIR: One of Carter's early associates was **Charles Moffett**, the drummer with whom he played during his formative years in Fort Worth, Texas (homeboy saxophonist **Ornette Coleman** rounded out the troika). Since that time, however, Moffett has developed a stable of young players with whom he also enjoys working. They are the following

African immigration into the U.S. inspires a Carter set

Moffetts: Charles Jr., Codaryl, Mondre, Charisse, and Charnett. All are featured on bassist Charnett's new Blue Note release, "Beauty Within."

STUFF: Jive Records, known until now as a label issuing dance and rap music, has just established a jazz division featuring music from South Africa ... The Foundation for New American Music, an organization dedicated to commissioning symphonic jazz works, was recently given the original manuscript of George Gershwin's "Rhapsody In Blue," premiered in 1924 by the Paul Whiteman Orchestra ... Nineteen semifinalists from nine nations have been selected to compete in the third Thelonious Monk International Jazz Piano Competition. Sponsored by the Monk Institute of Jazz and the Kawai America Corp., the event will take place Nov 18-19 at Baird Auditorium in Washington, D.C. ... The avant-adventurous Knitting Factory will be taking its act overseas once again. This second annual visit to Europe in March will showcase Curlew, the Jazz Passengers, Sonny Sharrock, and other assorted forward thinkers. The tour will cover 28 cities.

TOP INSPIRATIONAL ALBUMSTM

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Deadheads Want (And Get) Their DTV Cable Show Brings Dead Culture To Life

BY MELINDA NEWMAN

NEW YORK A show for Deadheads made by Deadheads. That's Deadhead TV, a monthly half-hour program broadcast on approximately 25 different cable systems in more than 100 cities in 14 states. The latest to embrace DTV are

New York's two systems, Manhattan and Paragon cable.

The 19-month-old news magazine is the brainchild of San Francisco free-lance television producers Scott Wiseman and Kathleen Watkins.

"Kathy had an idea about the color and fun of the [Deadhead] scene and I had an idea about these touring Deadheads. When I couldn't go to a show, I wanted people to tell me what it was like and I figured there must be other people like me," Wiseman says.

Although the show relates information about the band members, it concentrates more on interviews with Deadheads, occasional chats with members of the group's crew, reports on recent tour stops, and topics of general interest to fans.

After the show premiered in San Francisco, word of mouth began to spread, and soon Wiseman was distributing the show to other cable systems. It airs on local access channels.

Because of the community-access status, the show is offered free, although the producers are starting to feel the pinch. In fact, DTV was put on hiatus for two months while Wiseman and Watkins lined up a new editing system. "We were renting one and we couldn't work on that anymore, says show publicist Donya Fahmy. 'Now we have a friend who will let us use his system when he's not, but that makes it hard to stay on a regimented schedule." The newest episode, No. 15, will be finished by the middle of this month.

The cost to make and duplicate each episode is about \$750, which the producers have been bearing themselves. "I'd like to see the show go commercial, because I don't think we can continue to car-ry the load alone," Wiseman says. According to Fahmy, some stores donate material, and one outlet in Iowa had agreed to start sending a blank three-quarter-inch tape so DTV doesn't have to carry that expense.

Some money is also brought in

VIDEO TRACK

LOS ANGELES

MGMM DIRECTOR Michelle

Mahrer lensed "On The Greener

Side," a new video for Mercury art-

ist Michelle Shocked, staged at

Hollywood's S.I.R., and produced

Angela Winbush has wrapped "The Real Thing" from her "It's The Real Thing" album on Mercu-

ry. Debbie Allen and Jerry Kramer

directed the clip, which casts the songstress as a car-wash employee-

by Alex Abramowicz.

by the sale of old copies of the show to Deadheads. Fliers advertising the show and the availability of back episodes are distributed at Grateful Dead concerts up and down the West Coast and were also handed out during the band's summer East Coast tour.

An example of the programming $% \left(f_{i}, f_{i},$ from last November's episode includes reports on the Dead's Southern tour, including stories from Miami, New Orleans, and Houston; Jerry Garcia Band shows; an "essay" on gambling lyrics in Dead songs; and the Dead's special "Rainforest" message to its fans.

Footage from concerts does not include performance scenes; instead, it focuses on the action outside the venue, given Deadheads' amazing propensity to gather around the arena hours, if not days, before the actual event.

"We look into what is the concept of this scene rather than all the bad press Deadheads get, like 'Drug-crazed Deadheads roam the streets,' "Wiseman says. "We describe when it's good and when it's bad." The November edition will run a story on the apparent murder of a Deadhead, whose body was found in the vicinity of New Jersey's Meadowlands Arena after a Dead show in October. "We'll hopefully get a photograph of [the victim] and will run that, so if people saw him at the show they can call the hot line and give some in-formation," Wiseman says.

Footage from the shows is provided by a core of about 25 Deadheads who volunteer their services and send the results to DTV. "We have a combination of professional video people who are also Deadheads, and Deadheads who want to work in video," Wiseman says. "We're basically training a lot of people because I found it's easier to train Deadheads in video than train video people in Deadheads.

Plans call for expanding the show's scope to include more indepth stories on peripheral issues. For example, the producers have been focusing on organizations that benefit from The Rex Foundation, the Dead's official charitable foundation. "We're doing a piece on Creating Our Futures, a teen activist camp that's heavily funded by Rex," says Fahmy. "We also do special episodes where we'll present a video from another organization, like Amnesty International or Greenpeace, that many Deadheads support.

And what does the Grateful Dead's office have to say about the show? It has given its tacit consent, although DTV is in no way affiliated with the group. "We call [Grateful Dead publicist] Dennis McNally to confirm information on the show because we don't want to be a rumor mill," Fahmy says. "But it's difficult to get cooperation on a more in-depth basis, because they tend to be skeptical of things coming from independent sources."

However, both Fahmy and Wiseman stress that the show never uses bootleg footage or music.



Rabbitt's Run. Universal Records' Eddie Rabbitt, center, croons on the set of his new video, "On Second Thought." Sharing the microphone are director Steve Boyle, left, and producer Greg Crutcher.



by Melinda Newman

N FOCUS: This week, we look westward to Colorado's Music Link. The 60-minute program, on broadcast TV in the Mile-High City, is also shown in Anchorage, Alaska, and Santa Fe, N.M.

The 17-month-old show is advancing at a rapid pace, according to director and host Mike Drumm. Starting in October, it began broadcasting twice weekly in Denver, and it also hooked up with acoustic album rocker KDHT Denver as its radio sponsor. The station mentions the show throughout the week, highlighting the feature interview. In return, DJs host a two-song set on the video show.

For 1990, the big push is to take advantage of its satellite distribution through Netlink Cable Distribution Service. "We've already accomplished the technical function since we're on Netlink," says Drumm. Now we have to gear up with the marketing link. We're talking with Media Link [to help spread news of the show's availability]. We're not looking for people to buy it; we just want people to view it." He added that he has also had conversations with a corporate sponsor who might be willing to come aboard once cable distribution for the show is in place.

Drumm describes Music Link's programming mix as eclectic, with artists ranging from Mary Margaret O'Hara and Poi Dog Pondering to Stevie Ray Vaughan and Georgia Satellites.

AP, RAP, RAPPIN' ON SUCCESS' DOOR: Tommy Boy has had great success with its first longform music video, "Monster TV Rap Hits." The 60-minute-plus video, which the label says is the first commercially available home video rap compilation, has sold more than 12,000 units in its first three weeks of release. Among the featured artists in the collection, which retails for \$15.98, are De La Soul, Rob Base & D.J. E-Z Rock, 2 Live Crew, M.C. Hammer, and Eazy-E. An accompanying cassette and CD, featuring four extra artists, is also available. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the project, produced in conjunction with Los Angeles rap radio station KDAY, is going to Justiceville/Home For The Homeless, an L.A.-based community group. Tommy Boy has been pushing the product on "Yo! MTV Raps."

VIDEO LAUNCH: As printed earlier in this magazine's very pages, MCA Records has bowed MCA Music Video, a full-service home video manufacturer and distributor. The first release date of Nov. 21 includes seven home videos from MCA, Motown, and GRP art-

ists. Priced from \$14.95 to \$19.95, the lineup includes longforms from Bobby Brown, New Edition, the Jets, Jody Watley, Reba McEntire, the Boys, and the "GRP Christmas Collection."

OT, HOT, HOT! The mercury may have been dipping, but on Nov. 2, Mark Freedman Productions was one hot company. Its directors were responsible for the top 5 clips requested on "Dial MTV." Man of the moment Mark Rezyka directed four of the videos: "Winter's Call" from Badlands, "Everything You Do" from Fiona, Dangerous Toys' "Scared," and Do" from Fiona, Dangerous Toys' "Scared," and Kix's "Don't Close Your Eyes." Alan Carter directed Shooting Star's "Touch Me Tonight." It's the first time in quite a while that one company has scored such a coup.

SPEAKING OF MTV NETWORKS: In its expansion of "New Visions," VH-1 has named producer/artist Nile Rodgers host of the Monday-Thursday night versions. Sunday's "New Visions" will continue to focus on jazz/new age and will be hosted by original host Ben Sidran. Rodgers' debut is Nov. 13 with Monday's rock theme. Tuesdays are devoted to folk, Wednesdays to world beat, and Thursdays to soul ... Across the hall, MTV is lining up celebs for the Jan. 21 Rock & Jock Diamond Derby, the annual softball game that benefits the T.J. Martell Foundation. Confirmed jocks are Mark McGwire, Oakland A's; Shawon Dunston, Chicago Cubs; and the Texas Rangers' Rafael Palmeiro ... Let's not forget comedy channel HA! The comedy network has signed a deal with Ron Howard and Brian Glazer's Imagine Films Entertainment Inc. to develop a series featuring the Second City Repertory Companies based in Chicago, Los Angeles, and Toronto. HA! has also signed a develop-ment deal with **MTM Enterprises**.

GONVENTION NOTES: As we all prepare for Billboard's annual video conference, a few reminders. While the Music Video Assn.'s meeting is slated for Friday afternoon (17), that's not to be confused with the Music Video Producers Assn. meeting, which will take place Thursday (16) from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Debussy Room at the Bel Age Hotel in Los Angeles.

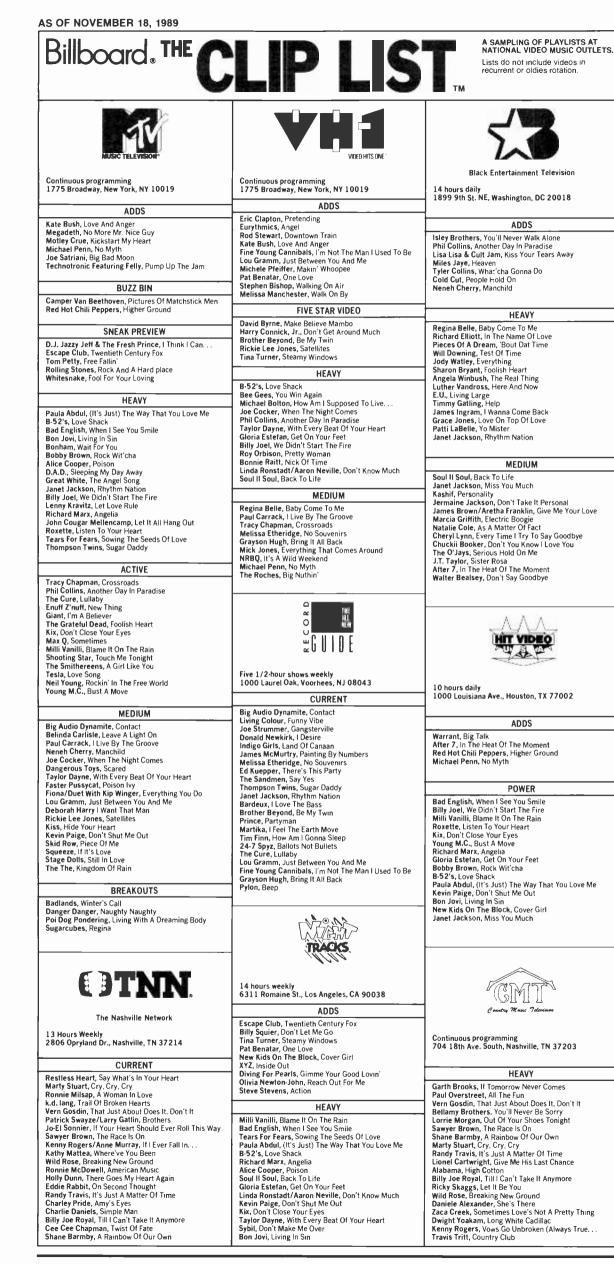
A friendly reminder: There's still time to register for Friday's American Video Conference gala awards banquet. For info, call 212-536-5088 or 800-950-1018.

NOTED VIDEO DIRECTOR Stephen Priest died of AIDS Oct. 20 in a Sydney, Australia, hospice. Priest directed more than 400 videos, including clips for Elton John, David Bowie, Duran Duran, INXS, Little River Band, and Meat Loaf. He also had a hand in developing the careers of directors Russell Mulcahy, Steve Hopkins, and Alex Proyas, among others. Fittingly, friends of Priest's are putting together a video tribute to the director. If you have any anecdotes or material that you would like to contribute, please contact David Hannay at 02-211-2725 in Australia.

cum-sultry chanteuse. Norman

Chameleon act Mary's Danish and Limelight director Jeff McQueen recently completed "Can I Have A Smoke, Dude?," a satirical performance piece shot in front of a smoldering fire station. The video is the second clip from the band's debut album, "There Goes The Wondertruck.

The Beach Boys just shot "Somewhere Near Japan," their latest FYI video, directed by Jim Yukich (Continued on next page)





The Real Thing. Angela Winbush, center, surrounds herself with star talent during the shooting of "The Real Thing," the title track from her Mercury/ PolyGram album. Debbie Allen, left, choreographed the clip, while Jerry Kramer, who worked on Michael Jackson's "Moonwalker," directed.

VIDEO TRACK

(Continued from preceding page)

and produced by **Paul Flattery** with **Irene Crinita** and **David Gordon**. The clip, from the band's **Capitol** release "Still Cruisin'," combines a storyline and concert footage of the band with separate shots of band member **Brian Wilson**.

member Brian Wilson. E.U.'s new Virgin video, "Livin' Large," was directed by Jane Simpson and Andrew Doucette for Silvey + Co. Tina Silvey and Mitchell Rothzeid produced the fast-paced, live-action clip, which was shot on location at the Ambassador Hotel here.

NEW YORK

THE SMITHEREENS rocked the Cat Club recently, when Scene Three's John Lloyd Miller directed the new video, "A Girl Like You." Director of photography Bob Gorelick shot the performance piece in black-and-white. Marc W. Ball produced and Capitol's Cynthia Biedermann was executive producer.

Phil Collins wrapped "Another Day In Paradise," a clip from his forthcoming Atlantic album, "... But Seriously." The FYI production, directed by Jim Yukich and produced by Paul Flattery, combines performance footage of Collins with stills of homeless people throughout the world.

Black & White Television's Paris Barclay recently directed the Kwamé video, "Sweet Thing." Natalie Hill produced with executive producer Marjorie D. Clarke. The crew shot footage of the Atlantic artist on location at his former high school.

OTHER CITIES

THE FOLKS AT National Video Center and Napoleon Videographics couldn't spring the Godfather Of Soul from a South Carolina prison for an appearance in his video duet, "Gimmie Your Love," with Aretha Franklin, but they were able to combine some vintage James Brown performance clips from "The Tami Show" with new color film of Franklin reeled in Detroit. S.A. Baron directed the clip for Limelight. The single, recorded prior to Brown's incarceration, comes from Franklin's Arista album "Through The Storm." Bill Parker of Renge Films has

Bill Parker of Renge Films has wrapped production on the Dionne Warwick video "Take Good Care Of You And Me," a duet with Jeffrey Osborne from her new Arista release. Composers Burt Bacharach and Carol Bayer Sager make cameo appearances. Parker directed photography and Karolyn Ali produced.

ACME Pictures director Stephen Buck recently lensed Lorrie Morgan's "Out Of Your Shoes Tonight" video. The Nashville-based clip comes from the RCA artist's "Leave The Light On" album, and was produced by Robin Beresford.



This weekly listing of new videoclips generally available for programming and/or promotional purposes includes artist, title, album (where applicable), label, producer/production house, and director. Please send information to Billboard, New Videoclips, Suite 700, 9107 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, Calif. 90210.

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Tuning In To Word On The Street Called Critical To Success CMJ Metal Meet Gets Down To Buzz-Ness

BY EVELYN McDONNELL

NEW YORK Everybody's buying heavy-metal music, panelists at the CMJ Metal Marathon, held here Oct. 26-28, agreed. But not everyone is a headbanger. Your average headbanger, according to Howie Abrams, label manager of In-Effect Records, is a "16-year-old, pimply faced, heavy-metal kid who buys millions of records." The Metal Marathon was held concurrently with the CMJ Music Marathon at the Vista Hotel here.

The consensus reached during three days of panels was that understanding the street buzz generated by these young fans is the key to finding, developing, and marketing a successful heavy metal band. And the biggest buzz at CMJ, at least, was about alternative metal bands.

The success of such acts as Motley Crue and Guns N' Roses has spurred industry interest in heavy metal, several panels noted. "Four or five years ago, you couldn't walk in through the doors of the major labels," Brian Slagel, founder and CEO of Metal Blade Records, said. "Now they all want metal."

The resulting bandwagon effect has flooded the genre with mediocre acts, complained almost everyone on the panels. "Eighty percent of the stuff out there shouldn't have been signed," said Jim Cardillo, national director of metal and alternative marketing at MCA

The problem, several panels noted, is that the major labels, which are snapping up acts with an eye toward finding the next Metallica, are either signing the wrong bands or the right bands too quickly. "They're not street level; they don't know what's going on out there," Cardillo said.

"Bands are being signed way too soon," Rich Spillberg of the band Wargasm said. "They're not being given time to develop."

Independent labels, metal magazines and fanzines, and college/metal radio, on the other hand, were perceived as much more in tune with the metal underground by panelists. ("Metal radio and college radio are basically the same thing," said Tracy Barnes, music director at Z-Rock, the syndicated metal program).

The biggest buzzword circulating at CMJ was alternative metal, a loosely defined label for bands ranging from the progressive Christian rock of King's X to the funk/ punk thrash of Faith No More and including such acts as Living Colour and Fishbone. "The kids want to hear something different," said Tim Bennett from WREK. "A lot of the stuff that's coming out now is too new to put a tag on," echoed Michael J. Schnapp, director of metal marketing/promotions at Epic.

Panelists noted, however, that major labels and radio stations seem wary of these acts. "A band that's original takes a longer time to break," explained Mike Faley, president of Metal Blade. "It's easier to get airplay on a band that's a clone."

"There's this whole new form of metal, alternative metal," Slagel said. "Nobody really knows what to do with it. It's so raw and different."

Panelists differed on the keys to marketing and developing acts. Some noted that the success of such bands as Warrant and Winger proves that artists can be broken from the top down. "If a label wants to break a band, they can," musician Nick Bowcott said. Others described such bands as pop metal acts and differentiated them from the heavy metal most marathon attendees were interested in. "It has *(Continued on page 36)*



Jerry's Kids. As Donald Fagen of Steely Dan, left, looks on, songwriter Jerry Ragavoy thanks a crowd at the Lone Star Roadhouse in New York who turned out for a recent all-star jam, led by Fagen in a rare appearance, to honor Ragavoy and partner Bert Berns. (Photo: Chuck Pulin)

Exploring The 'Heart Of Rock & Soul'; Heartfelt Hickman; The Right To Rock

by Thom Duffy

LONG AFTER THE vinyl 45 disappears, pop music at its best will be captured in the concise form of the hit single—and the shoulda-been hits. And which are the best singles in the three decades of rock music? Author and critic **Dave Marsh**, never at a loss for an opinion, tackles the query with exhaustive relish in "The Heart Of Rock & Soul: The 1001 Greatest Singles Ever Made," from New American Library (\$14.95).

"'Why don't you write a book about the 1,001 greatest albums,' somebody asked me before I'd barely begun," writes Marsh. "'Because no-

body goes around humming albums,' " he replies. "Singles are the essence of rock'n'roll. They're the stuff of our everyday conversations and debates about music."

Except, of course, among most rock critics, who, Marsh argues, have long been biased toward album acts at the expense of many rock'n'soul artists cited here. That term in the book's title is also delib-

erate. It affirms the scope and continuity of styles from R&B to rap, from gospel to country, that have shaped the rock era. All are represented here.

So what's No. 1? Marsh's nod goes to Marvin Gaye's "I Heard It Through The Grapevine," which "distills 400 years of paranoia and talking drum gossip into three minutes and 15 seconds of anguished soul searching."

Other rankings will delight—or rankle. (How can "Summertime Blues" by Eddie Cochran end up at No. 826? Or Elvis Presley's "Hound Dog" at No. 996?). But the rankings alone are not the point, except to get a dialogue going, which is the point. There is no quick reference list for lazy readers (and reviewers). Better to spend weeks with this book, as the Beat did, noting the links Marsh finds between records across decades (would you believe Joy Division's "Love Will Tear Us Apart" at No. 788 and "The Cold Hard Facts Of Life" by Porter Wagoner at No. 789?). Better to savor the rock history in the book's capsule essays and, best of all, to devour the anecdotes and personal picks, which will ring home for any pop fan with a rock'n'soul heart.

UN THE BEAT: Elektra Entertainment signee Sarah Hickman hit the Lone Star Roadhouse in New York to showcase songs from her disk "Equal Scary People," which sold some 5,000 copies on the Denton, Texas, indie Four Dots label before Elektra picked it up. The Texas singer's songs of individualism, humor, and vulnerability were even more affecting live, conveyed in Hickman's bright-eyed and offbeat manner for an audience of fans and Elektra execs ... A two-night celebration of the 20th anniversary of the folk club Passim in Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 19 and 20 brought out performers including Greg Brown, Nanci Griffith, Christine Lavin, Claudia Schmidt, Shawn Colvin, Rory Block, John Gorka, Patty Larkin, Suzanne Vega, and Cheryl Wheeler ... Love Tractor took a break from opening the B-52's' current tour to play the Beach Club Cafe in Orlando, Fla., a show marking the sixth anniversary of Murmur Rec-

ords, a top alternative retail shop in that city. And the '52's crew decided to bop by, triggering an eclectic jam that included "We Are Family," "Dancing In The Street," "Born To Be Wild," and "Are You Experienced?" "It was fun, to say the least," reports Murmur owner Don Gilliland.

BAD MOON RISING: With each passing week, the reports roll in-

and the shadows grow longer. An FBI official formally objects to a track from N.W.A.—written, of course, from a black, urban perspective. The 119-store Hastings chain begins in-house stickering of "offensive" product. **Pamida** stores in 12 states simply pull albums from shelves that any customer finds objectionable. Advocates of stickers on albums repeatedly say the practice is not censorship. But as wary retailers steer clear of those disks, the effect is the same. Now some label execs say they'll discourage acts from expressing offensive views (Billboard, Nov. 11).

To be sure, the lyrics of *some* recordings may well be repugnant, rife with sexism, bigotry, and ignorance. But impassioned criticism and education is the answer to that. Censorship is not, even under the guise of family values or marketplace decisions.

Yet amid this inexorable erosion of free-speech ideals—as they apply to recording artists—the record business remains disturbingly acquiescent. More artists want to speak out on saving the rain forest, it seems, than on their right to speak out in their music. This battle will likely be won or lost at the grass-roots level by fans and artists who know what the dangers are, who know what their rights are. A tool for that task is at hand. A pamphlet called "You've Got A Right To Rock" has been compiled by the newsletter **Rock & Roll Confidential**. Copies are available for \$3 each from RRC, Box 15052, Long Beach, Calif. 90815. Bulk rates are available. And we'll probably need them.



BY DAVE DIMARTINO

LOS ANGELES A founder of Showco Inc. who claims to have been expelled from the Dallas-based rock tour sound and lighting company in 1980 has filed a \$104 million fraud and conspiracy suit against his former partners.

In a suit filed in Dallas County District Court Oct. 24, Jack Calmes, current president of Dallas-based Syncrolite Systems Inc., claims that within six months of selling his share of Showco stock to another Showco executive in 1980, the company filed a patent for a lighting technology that would "revolutionize the concert services industry" and reap enormous financial dividends.

Calmes' suit seeks actual and spe-

cial damages in excess of \$54 million, \$50 million in exemplary damages, and a 31.25% share in all the profits and royalties of Vari-Lite Inc. and Showco. According to the suit, the re-

According to the suit, the research and development of that technology—variable parameter light, or Vari-Lite—had begun and was in development at Showco at the time Calmes agreed to sell his stock shares in the company.

Calmes claims that his former Showco partners deliberately withheld information about the Vari-Lite technology from him, and thus falsely represented the company's financial stability and future value. Further, claims Calmes, those false representations directly influenced his decision to sell his interest in the *(Continued on page 36)*



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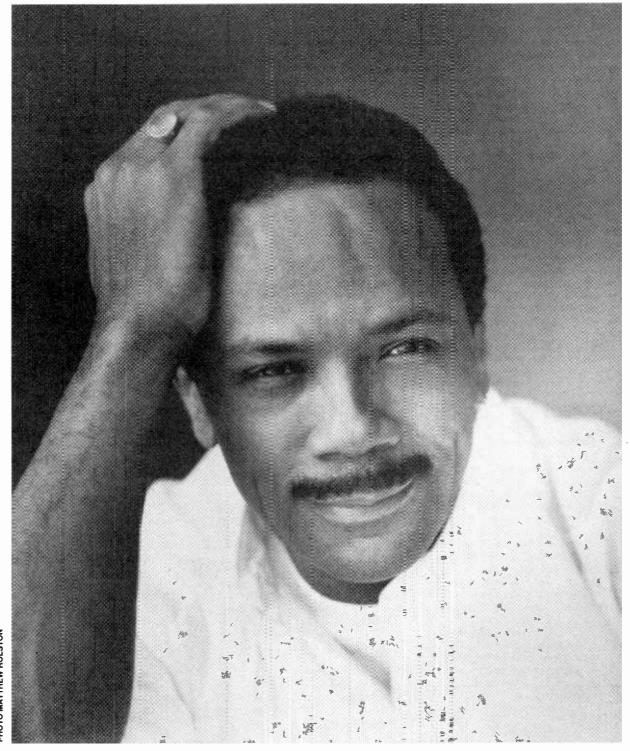


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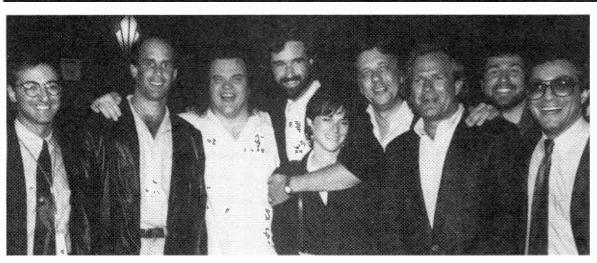
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MCA Meets Meat. The team of Meatloaf and producer Jim Steinman, who recorded the multiplatinum "Bat Out Of Hell" disk a decade ago, are now both signed to MCA Records and will collaborate on a new album next year. After a recent showcase at the Roxy in Los Angeles, Meatloaf celebrated his label signing with his managers and MCA execs. Pictured, from left, are manager George Gilbert; VP of special markets Bruce Resnikoif; Meatloaf; VP of marketing Geoff Bywater, VP of artist development Liz Heller; VP of album promotion John Hey; VP of field marketing Luke Lewis; MCA staff producer Bill Haller; and manager Walter Winnick.

Herb Alpert Bares His 'Abstract Heart' New Album Is A&M Records Co-Founder's 21st

BY DAVID NATHAN

LOS ANGELES With the release of his 21st album, "My Abstract Heart," A&M Records co-founder and Grammy award-winning artist Herb Alpert continues to tread new creative ground.

"I'm not conscious of any continuity when I go in to make a record," says Alpert, whose new album is a

NEW ON THE CHARTS

The Milwaukee band Oceans breezes onto the Top Jazz Contemporary Albums chart for the first time with "Ridin' The Tide." the group's debut release on Projazz/Intersound Records. The quintet is composed of saxophonist Warren Wiegratz, keyboardist Brian Nielsen, guitarist Mike Standal, drummer Mark Torroll, and bassist Terry Robinson. The band wrote and co-produced all material on the album.

Contemporary jazz and NBA basketball would seem an incongruous combination, but the members of Oceans can thank that sport for giving them their first break. Besides playing local clubs, the band was invited by Milwaukee Bucks fans to perform before games and soon gained a strong sports following in that city. With the support of local retailers who believed in the group, the members of Oceans recorded their first album. "Second Chance," which initially sold a reported 25,000 copies in Wisconsin. After receiving hometown airplay, national attention soon followed-KTWV (The Wave) in Los Angeles and Phoenix's KJZZ began playing cuts from "Second" and that exposure led to the deal with Projazz/Intersound this JIM RICHLIANO year.

marked departure from his previous release, "Under A Spanish Moon."

"I don't try to be commercial because you run into problems when that's your focus," he says. "My concern when I make an album is that it's a good record. That may not be the smartest way of looking at it from the business side."

Alpert adds that he was aware that "the promotion department at A&M [was] quite disappointed at the difference between my last LP and the one before that." The 1987 album, "Keep Your Eye On Me," went gold, thanks in part to the hit single "Diamonds," featuring vocals by Janet Jackson.

"I like the feeling of giving people pleasure with my music but I don't compromise in terms of having a hit which is not the end-all although I like the feeling of a hit record even now."

As with previous albums, dating back to "Rise" in 1979, Alpert has received immediate response from black radio on "3 O'Clock Jump," the first single from "My Abstract Heart." The album finds Alpert making music that "has a jazz flavor with a beat," he says, describing the single as "a shuffle—a combination of jazz and rock ... I heard in the high school jazz band." It was recorded with West Coast-based jazz musicians Shorty Rogers and Eddie Del Barrio, who previously worked with Alpert on "Under A Spanish Moon" and appear on several other cuts from "My Abstract Heart."

"Urban radio's been real nice to me," says Alpert. "I think I got pigeonholed with pop radio after all my records with the Tijuana Brass [1962-77], and it took a long time to break that mold because the music we made had a big impact. But black radio didn't care about my work with the Brass.

"They've been absolutely supportive since 'Rise,' unlike the fickle pop audience, who seem to be no longer buying an artist but the work of a hip production team. These days, the artist has become (Continued on page 38)

After 30 Years, Nothing Is Outside Of Stratta's Sphere

BY IRV LICHTMAN

ENT * . . .

NEW YORK Although not likely to get his feet wet in a metal project, Ettore Stratta has left little else on the music scene unexplored as he celebrates his 30th year as a record producer, composer, and conductor.

As a youth in Italy—he immigrated to the U.S. in the mid-'50s— Stratta's musical passions were largely concentrated in the American pop and jazz scene. His recording career, especially that as a young associate producer at Columbia Records in the early '60s, has brought him into studio contact with major artists, including Barbra Streisand, Andy Williams, Steve & Eydie Gorme, and Tony Bennett, among others.

He also had associations with such jazz luminaries as Duke Ellington, his idol while growing up in Italy, Dave Brubeck, and Jon Hendricks, among others.

Stratta was brought to Columbia by the late Nat Shapiro, who was a major executive at the label in both the international and music publishing departments and a well-known annotator of pop and jazz.

With vast changes taking place in pop, Stratta has managed to apply varied skills, including classical composition and conducting, to projects that suit his musical temperament and, happily, make chart news as well.

Twenty-one years ago, he brought Walter Carlos' "Switched On Bach" project to Columbia, helping to establish the synthesizer as a musical force.

And in recent years, he has enjoyed various chart runs with a Lena Horne comeback charter, "The Men In My Life" (Three Cherries), "The French Connection" (Angel), featuring classical themes played by major jazz artists, and "Anything Goes," with cellist Yo Yo Ma and jazz violinist Stephane Grappelli (CBS). Both the Angel and CBS sets are currently on the classical crossover chart. He is currently working on a follow-up to the Angel album, titled "The Russian Connection."

Another project about to get under way is an association with British Decca. Stratta will conduct a string orchestra that Decca—London Records in the U.S.—hopes will represent an updating of its Mantovani sound, one of the staples of success in the '50s and '60s.

To Stratta, his pop and jazz projects have a common denominator: that artist performances take flight with good songs. His concern that the song craft of yesteryear is no longer getting its proper due is somewhat softened by the CD revolution. Here, he claims, vast reissues programs are giving old pop classics new exposure. This, he adds, is beginning to be reflected in the various new albums that make use of old titles.

Yet, Stratta maintains that record label priorities are generally "upside down." He complains that "the sales department is telling the A&R department what they want."

On a more philosophical level, Stratta doesn't see the "same passion for music that I saw all around me when I worked at Columbia. I was making \$75 a week and felt lucky to be working with the talents and executives around then."

Stratta recently formed, with Pat Philips, New York-based Stratta/Philips Productions, which has mounted a number of shows, including an "80th Birthday Tribute To Stephane Grappelli," at Carnegie Hall. On Nov. 29, the pair's first symphonic project, "Absolut Concerto," is scheduled for Avery Fisher Hall, with works commissioned for the event by John Adams and Lukas Foss, among others, to be performed by the Orchestra Of St. Luke's.

SHOWCO SUED BY CO-FOUNDER OVER TIMING OF PATENT FOR VARI-LITE TECHNOLOGY

(Continued from page 34)

company.

Citing five counts of fraud, conspiracy, and negligent misrepresentation, the suit names as defendants H.R. "Rusty" Brutsche, John D. Maxson, James H. Clark Jr., Showco Inc., and its sister company Vari-Lite Inc. The individual defendants in the suit were co-owners of Showco with Calmes at the time of his 1980 stock sale; at present, Brutsche is president and CEO of both Showco and Vari-Lite, and Maxson and Clark are directors at Showco.

Calmes claims to have learned of the alleged fraud when his former Showco partners filed suit against Syncrolite earlier this year. That suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Dallas in March, claimed that Calmes' Syncrolite lighting systems infringed on patents held by a Showco subsidiary.

According to Jon Sparling,

Calmes' attorney, his client, in the process of defending himself against that lawsuit, discovered that the initial patent for the Vari-Lite technology was filed shortly after he divested himself of Showco stock in 1980.

Although Calmes' new suit would ordinarily be deemed invalid two years after the event due to the statute of limitations, Sparling says that the law maintains that the statute of limitations in this case can extend to two full years after the discovery of the event, which, says Sparling, occurred in November 1988.

After looking at Vari-Lite's patent infringement suit and "working backward and talking with people," says Sparling, "it was discovered that nobody could have come up with that invention in the length of time from the time that [Calmes] left Showco until the time they filed the patent. So we have to show and it will be our duty to show that he didn't discover it except within two years of the date of filing." Meanwhile, at Showco, Brutsche

Meanwhile, at Showco, Brutsche maintains that Calmes' suit is "an attempt to deal" with the Vari-Lite suit against Syncrolite. "He's using this as a tactic to dream up something," says Brutsche, "to create a diversion. It's been 10 years since he was bought out. Vari-Lite was a wisp in our eye at the time he left, so he's taking credit for everything. But it was developed after he left."

ALTERNATIVE ACTS GENERATE BUZZ AT METAL MEET (Continued from page 34)

entered the mainstream," Tommy Kealty, product manager at Rampage Records, said. "It's pop and it's going to be marketed like a pop record."

Most heavy metal must be developed from the bottom up, panelists agreed. "It's important for majors to adopt independent label psychology," said Alan Grunblatt, senior director of marketing at RCA. Creating a street buzz through mom-andpop retail stores, T-shirts, fanzines, and touring is crucial. "We have to develop the bands from the base," Steev Riccardo, national director of sales at Metal Blade, said.

"Heavy metal exists for its fans on a root level," agreed keynote speaker Bruce Dickenson, of the band Iron Maiden. "If you lose sight of that, the music will disappear."

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CHICAGO THE BEACH BOYS	Rosemont Horizon Rosemont, III.	Oct. 28	\$291,155 \$27.50/\$22.50	10,608 14,055	Jam Prods.
ANDREW DICE CLAY	Providence Civic Center Providence, R.I.	Nov. 5	\$290,280 \$20	14,514 seliout	Frank J. Russo
PAUL ANKA STEWIE STONE	Westbury Music Fair Westbury, N.Y.	Oct. 25-29	\$271,225 \$25	12,125 14,350 sellout	Music Fair Pro
MARLBORO COUNTRY MUSIC TOUR: ALABAMA GEORGE STRAIT MERLE HAGGARD RICKY VAN SHELTON	Madison Square Garden New York	Oct. 29	\$262.253 \$22.50/ \$20	13,039 sellout	Metropolitan Entertainment
MARLBORO COUNTRY MUSIC TOUR: ALABAMA MERLE HAGGARD RESTLESS HEART RICKY VAN SHELTON	The Palace of Auburn Hills Auburn Hills, Mich.	Nov 4	\$260,554 \$18.50	14,084 sellout	Cellar Door Pri Metropolitan Entertainment Belkin Prods.
GLORIA ESTEFAN & MIAMI SOUND MACHINE CHAS ELSTNER	The Palace of Auburn Hills Auburn Hills, Mich.	Nov. 2	\$245,310 \$18.50	13,260 sellout	Cellar Door Pri Belkin Prods.
THE JUDDS DAVID BALL	Ak-Sar-Ben Coliseum Omaha, Neb.	Oct. 23-29	\$225,000 \$50/\$30	53,843 63,200 sellout	Don Romeo Agency
STEPHANIE MILLS CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS	Fox Theatre Detroit	Oct. 27	\$224,275 \$25	9,357 seilout	Brass Ring Pro
CHICAGO Fh <mark>e b</mark> each boys	Roberts Municipal Stadium-Arena Evansville, Ind.	Oct. 26	\$182,560 \$20	9,128 9.750	Sunshine Promotions
JETHRO TULL IT BITES	Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum Uniondale, N.Y.	Nov. 3	\$171,321 \$18.50/ \$17.50	9,618 13,271	Metropolitan Entertainment Larry Vaughn Presents
STEVIE RAY YAUGHAN & DOUBLE TROUBLE JEFF BECK	UIC Pavilion Univ. of Illinois at Chicago	Oct. 28	\$164.040 \$20	8,407 sellout	Jam Productio
EURYTHMICS	Montreal Forum Montreal	Nov. 5	\$157,123 (\$183,206 Canadian) \$23.50	7,796 10,233	Donald K. Don Prods.
TESLA GREAT WHITE BADLANDS	Rochester Community War Memorial Rochester, N.Y.	Oct. 27	\$152,682 \$16.50/ \$15.50	10,063 11,000	Metropolitan Entertainment
BARRY MANILOW	Hartford Civic Center Hartford, Conn.	Oct. 28	\$151,845 \$27,50/ \$22,50	7,874 9,495	Cross Country Concerts
IETHRO TULL T BITES	Spectrum Philadelphia	Nov, 2	\$142,928 \$17.50	8,169 10,000	Electric Factor Concerts
FOM JONES FO <mark>ny</mark> Bumatai	Star Plaza Theatre Merriliville, Ind.	Oct. 27-29	\$140,826 \$19	7,454 10,200 sellout	in-house
IETHRO TULL T BITES	New Haven Veterans Memorial Coliseum New Haven, Conn.	Oct. 31	\$129,064 \$18.50/ \$16.50	7,361 9,260	Cross Country Concerts
THE JUDDS NITTY GRITTY OIRT Ban d	Northrop Memorial Auditorium Univ of Minnesota Minneapolis	Oct. 2 2	\$125,743 \$18.50	7,297 9.812	Pro Tours
IETHRO TULL T BITES	Providence Civic Center Providence, R.I.	Nov. 1	\$121,292 \$16.50	7, 351 8,500	Frank J. Rüsso
R.E.M. Pylon	Tallahassee Leon County Civic Center Tallahassee, Fla.	Nov. 1	\$113,973 \$17.75	6,921 7,500	Fantasma Proc New Era Prods
GLORIA ESTEFAN & MIAMI GOUND MACHINE CHAS ELSTNER	Pensacola Civic Center Pensacola, Fla.	Oct 27	\$113,905 \$18.50	6,505 sellout	Fantasma Proc
KENNY ROGERS EDDIE RABBITT	Walker Arena & Conference Center Muskegon, Mich.	N ov. 1	\$113,850 \$17.25	6,600 sellout	North America Tours
GLADYS KNIGHT DAVID PEASTON	Star Plaza Theatre	Nov. 3-4	\$107,206 \$19	5.684	in-house

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Alternative Radio Eats Up New Sugarcubes Disk

BY JIM BESSMAN

NEW YORK The Sugarcubes' sound may be hard to decipher, but as shown by the radio performance of their second Elektra Entertain-ment album, "Here Today, Tomor-row Next Week," it is no longer hard to digest.

"We just delivered the record and people ate it up," says Mark Cohen, Elektra's director of national alternative promotion, who says that the quirky Icelandic band's follow-up to last year's debut, "Life's Too Good," has been easier for alternative radio to swallow.

"Last time we had to push a bit because their music is so different, [that] you don't get it on first listen,' says Cohen of an album that eventually sold more than 350,000 copies do-mestically. "Originally, [vocalist/ trumpeter Einar Orn's] voice distracted from [vocalist Bjork Gudmundsottir's] incredible voice. But once people listened two or three times and got used to their sound, they fell in love with it."

Cohen points to the rapid climb of "Regina," the first single from "Here Today," on Billboard's Modern Rock Tracks chart at a time of heavy competition from the likes of Camper Van Beethoven and Red Hot Chili Peppers, as proof of the Cubes' increased accessibility-at least to its alternative home base. VP of A&R Howard Thompson, however, discounts any added label help.

"The beauty about the Sugarcubes is that they definitely have a sense of who and what they are as a group," says Thompson. "They're distinctive, but we believe the band will blossom Besides, if I told Einar what to do,

he'd probably hit me!'

"We're still having too much fun with our music to compromise to market [it]," says Gudmundsottir. "And we feel it's good enough for anybody and can go anywhere if people open their ears.

"There's been a funny misunder-standing about us," adds drummer Sigtryggur Baldursson. "We're not actually very serious."

Likewise, Gudmundsottir insists that the "Regina" video is not surreal. "It's just a collection of things we like-parachutes, lobsters, airplanes, palm trees, hula girls. What's more normal than Icelandic hula-hula?"



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THE LURE OF HIATT

Geffen Records has the biggest fish story heard in these parts in some time with the release of "Y'All Caught? The Ones That Got Away (1979-1985)," a CD/cassette compilation of material from singer/songwriter John Hiatt, an artist no longer on the label.

What is hardest to believe about this tale is the creative input afforded Hiatt by Geffen—

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"Traditionally, repackagings of old material by former labels are cheaply done with the hope of a quick sale to capitalize on the artist's current success since departing the label," says Hiatt's manager, Will Botwin. "But Geffen's made a strong, positive statement regarding John's output there by putting together such a nice package and giving us so much say."

age, and giving us so much say." Hiatt provided "all creative elements," including artwork (the cover photo features the dapper artist holding a fishing pole), title, and song selection from his three Geffen albums and two prior MCA sets. According to Geffen A&R representative Anna Statman, all the songs on the set were out of print.

"We didn't want people to be unaware of them," says Statman. "As for John Hiatt fans, it's terrible not to have access to them other than by paying \$75 for a cut-out at a swap meet."

cut-out at a swap meet." Geffen "really wanted to do it right," adds Statman, hence Hiatt's involvement, and also because "he's a great artist." Furthering its Hiatt revival, two of his three Geffen albums, "Riding With The King" and "Warming Up To The Ice Age," have just been rereleased in full. JIM BESSMAN

MONROE MOVES ON

Vocalist Michael Monroe, former lead singer of the Finnish glamrock unit Hanoi Rocks, has found a new collaborator in Little Steven Van Zandt. The New Jersey-bred musician either wrote or co-penned three of the tracks on Monroe's Mercury solo debut, "Not Fakin' It."

"I met Steven originally in London in 1985," Monroe says. "I was staying with Stiv Bators, and Steven came to produce his single. I was already a big fan of his. 'Voice Of America' is one of my favorite albums." While much of Monroe's album replicates the sound and style of his now-defunct Scandinavian group, some songs, like Little Steven's "While You Were Looking At Me," have a harder political edge. "I thought that it's about time

"I thought that it's about time to say something besides, 'Girls, girls, girls,' "Monroe explains.

But U.S. listeners will get a healthy taste of what made Hanoi Rocks tick when Geffen rereleases the band's European albums under Guns N' Roses' Uzi Suicide imprint.

"Axl [Rose] and all the Guns N' Roses were big Hanoi fans,"

HERB ALPERT BARES HIS 'ABSTRACT HEART' (Continued from page 36)

secondary with pop listeners; they're interested in instant gratification."

Alpert believes many of the fans from his earlier years would enjoy "My Abstract Heart," but he adds, "There's a whole audience out there who haven't participated in buying records for years; they feel like they don't fit when they go to a record store and they don't really listen to the radio. That's where a music video can be useful."

Inspired by a recent trip to Jamaica, Alpert is already considering his next musical venture, which will likely involve working with a reggae band. "I think that would be a nice musical marriage. There are endless things you can do with music, and working with other people inspires me," Alpert says. Currently producing albums for his wife, Lani Hall, and jazz legend Stan Getz, Alpert also devotes time every day to another artistic endeavor: painting. The cover art for his current album is an Alpert original; an exhibit is planned next year.

With the recent sale of A&M Records to PolyGram International (Billboard, Oct. 21), Albert and label co-founder Jerry Moss continue their roles directing the company. Albert says that doesn't detract

Monroe says. "They were pushing

they don't know who Hanoi Rocks

"I actually have two careers going," he continues. "It's going

to be good for people to see what

Hanoi was all about." Guns N' Roses demonstrated

their admiration for Monroe's

former band by inviting the

singer to join them on stage

Magazine and the L.A. club

during their set Oct. 13 at the

third-anniversary party for Rip

Cathouse, held at the Park Plaza

CHRIS MORRIS

Geffen to do the deal. Axl says

he's tired of hearing people say

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from his musical endeavors. What does stifle Alpert, however, "is the time it takes to get a record out. I can only work on an album for two or three months; after that, it starts to bore me," he says. "Inherently, now, with all the

"Inherently, now, with all the marketing plans that have to be put together on a record, it takes another three months at least until it can come out, by which time it can sound 'over the hill.' Of course, one of the advantages of being the owner of the company," Albert jokes, "is that I can push for my record to come out a little quicker."





DEBORAH HARRY The Roxy Theatre West Hollywood, Calif.

N A YEAR IN which no fewer than three Blondie-inspired bands—the Primitives, Darling Buds, and Transvision Vamp have released records, it's only fitting that punk's original blond pop tart should make her return. Opening a three-night stand at the Roxy Oct. 24 on her first solo tour, Deborah Harry proved she is still one of pop's more arresting performers.

Starting the show with a subdued but sensual reading of the Marvelettes' "The Hunter Gets Captured By The Game," Harry and her five-piece band, including longtime soul mate Chris Stein, put on a spirited hour-plus set heavy on Blondie's biggest chart successes and cuts from Harry's Reprise/Sire album "Def, Dumb & Blonde."

The decade-old hits "Dreaming" and "Heart Of Glass" have aged well, while new material like the Thompson Twins-penned modern rock track "I Want That Man" and the Prince-inspired "Kiss It Better" fit in well with past triumphs. Only the midsong raps in "Rap-ture" and "Get Your Way" sounded a bit hokey and dated.

Late in the set, as the band picked up the pace, Harry made the transition from disco diva to punk princess. For an encore, Harry gave a nod to her New York roots with admirable covers of Vel-vet Underground's "I'm Waiting For The Man" and the Ramones' "Pet Sematary," proving that al-though the band may be only a memory, the blonde in Blondie is definitely back. CRAIG ROSEN

THE BLACK SORROWS

The Roxy Theatre West Hollywood, Calif.

NEXPLICABLY, this superb Australian octet played to a mea-ger house for their U.S. debut Oct. 10, but the group's verve and energy crowded the dance floor by the end of a generous hour-plus set.

The Black Sorrows are the brainchild of Joe Camilleri (aka Joey Vincent), formerly of Australia's Jo Jo Zep & the Falcons. His new group's pungent sound, heard to advantage on its stateside Epic debut, "Hold On To Me," is an emphatic blend of Van Morrisonstyled rock-Camilleri acknowledged his debt to Morrison on stage—seasoned with helpings of blues, R&B, gospel, and jazz. Sadly, this heady stuff has yet to be embraced by American radio programmers.

From a set-opening tenor sax in-tro by Camilleri, the band never let up, storming through a magnificently paced show that highlighted the group's astonishing musical depth. Guitarists Jeffrey Burstin and Wayne Burt and lithe violinist Jen Anderson starred instrumentally, while sisters Vika and Linda Bull served as fine visual and vocal foils to lead singer Camilleri, who also held his own on saxophone, harmonica, and occasional mando-

Hard-hitting originals like "Hold On To Me," "The Chosen Hold On Io Me, The Chosen Ones," and "Chained To The Wheel," as well as covers of "Co-rinne, Corinna," "Sitting On Top Of The World," and a Burstin-Ca-milleri duet on "Love In Vain," stoked audience fires to a fever pitch. Maybe next time a larger following will wise up to this rare group's unquestionable power and spirit.

CHRIS MORRIS

MR. BIG ENUFF Z'NUFF The Cat Club, New York

THE CAT CLUB wasn't big enuff for this hard rock double dose of Mr. Big and Enuff Z'Nuff. A wall of superfluous speakers and an added sound board in the middle of the floor cramped an already sardinelike crowd of headbangers, many of whom were Atlantic Re-

cords' guests at a preshow party. But neither packed conditions at the Oct. 4 show nor high-decibel din obscured the better-than-average quality of both groups, espe-cially Atlantic "supergroup" Mr. Big. Showcasing Billy Sheehan, former bassist for Talas and David Lee Roth's band, as well as veteran rock vocalist Eric Martin, Mr. Big proved a supertight, showy entry in the hard rock genre, which, while somewhat cliched, was sel-

dom forced or phony. "Wind Me Up," the first single from the band's debut album, established Big's knack for melodic hard rock songs marked by solid group vocal choruses behind Martin's raspy but malleable tenor. Sheehan shone throughout, more voluble on four bass strings than many lead guitarists are on six.

A high point was a fabulous double lead by Sheehan and guitarist Paul Gilbert on "Good Rockin' Tonight," with a cover of Humble Pie's "30 Days In The Hole" chosen as an apt encore.

While earplugs were not enuff to battle the volume during an opening set by Atco's Enuff Z'Nuff, the band's performance seemed to satisfy all those standing on chairs until floored by club bouncers. The set by this psychedelic-outlaw-rock band from Chicago, drawn mostly from its self-titled Atco debut, also included a surprisingly effective version of the Beatles' "Dear Prudence." The band was quite good—even if bad sightlines and incipient deafness made it hard to tell.

JIM BESSMAN

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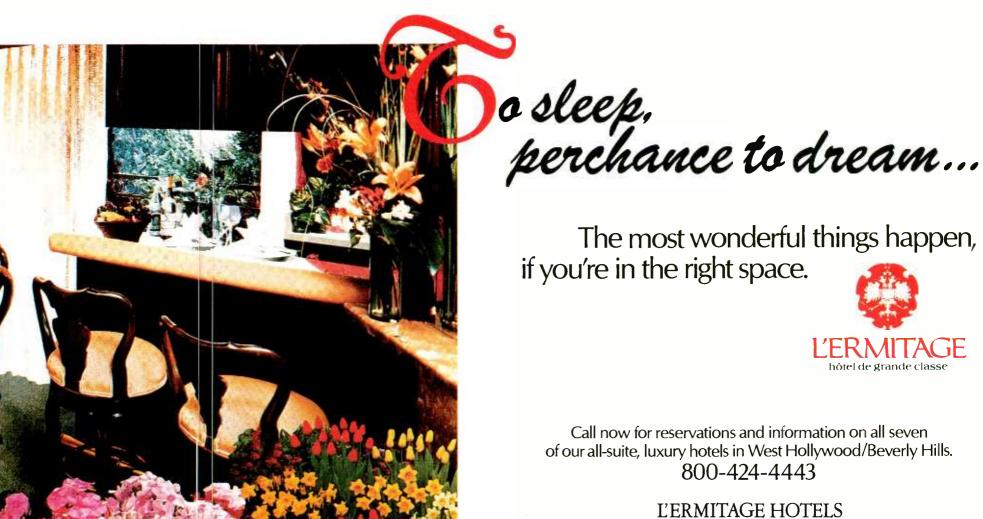
Orpheum Theater, Boston

HE LAST TIME David Byrne toured was with the Talking Heads in 1983 on the series of shows filmed for the movie "Stop Making Sense." Byrne says one of the reasons why the Heads have not played live since was because he was not sure they could top the excitement of that acclaimed tour.

Now Byrne is back-without the Heads—but the excitement of his "Rei Momo" solo tour is just as strong. This Oct. 26 concert was a wild, joyous affair inspired by Brazilian and other musical styles of Latin America and the Caribbean that Byrne has so wholeheartedly embraced. Trumpets blared. Bongos and congas kept an infectious beat. Byrne sang in English; his 15-piece Latin band stood behind him on a brightly lit stage and echoed him in their native tongue.

As the aerobic Sire artist hopscotched between musical styles, it was clear that his intent was to convey the music's spirit rather than create authentic reproductions. And while the music crossed continents, the wry lyrics were vintage Byrne—in other words, out of this world.

Along with wonderful songs from "Rei Momo"-and some dazzling singing by vocalist Margereth Menwzes—came revamps of the Talking Heads' "Mr. Jones" and "Papa Legba." GREG REIBMAN



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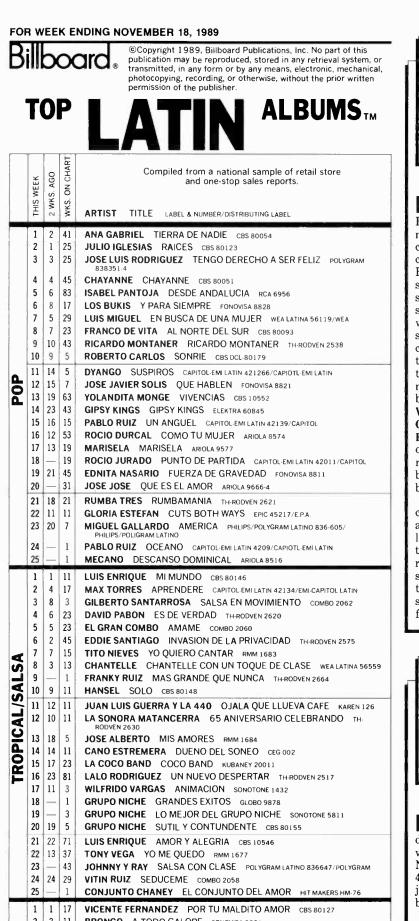


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by Carlos Agudelo

DAVID BYRNE's exploration of Afro-Caribbean/ Brazilian music has resulted in one of the most original hybrids in the history of the always changing crossover scene. So original, in fact, that it is hard to classify. Byrne adapted the drive of Afro-Caribbean/ Brazilian rhythms into his own ethnic potpourri-a sort of "Anglo-salsa." The outcome is an album that sounds a bit awkward to Latinos who know their music by heart. That impression, however, gives way to wonderment and sheer effusion once Byrne takes the stage. Staffed with some of today's best Latin musicians, Byrne's band offers a sound so progressive that, in terms of energy and involvement, it matches the best Afro-Cuban music of all time. For this experiment, Byrne has worked with the best names in the business, including Johnny Pacheco, Willie Colon, Wilfredo Vargas, Celia Cruz, Yomo Toro, Andy Gonzalez, Milton Cardona, Jose Mangual Jr., Barry Rogers, Lewis Kahn, and Charlie Santiago, to name only some. The exploration includes a whole range of rhythms, among them cumbia, merengue, mapale, bomba/Mozambique, reggae, chachacha, samba, and bolero

Despite Byrne's success in marrying all these musical forms together, one wonders if the Anglo public a great portion of which, through Byrne's appeal, is listening to Afro-Caribbean rhythms for the first time—will think this is what the American continent's rhythms of African origin are all about. Will the exposure of the music promote mainstream acceptance of the real Afro-Caribbean/Brazilian music? Will it result in better opportunities for Latin musicians, very few of whom have the resources to invest in a production as ambitious as this? Let's hope it does, and that Byrne's dabblings are only a first step.

PEDRO VARGAS, "AMERICA'S TENOR," died of a heart attack while sleeping in his Mexico City home Oct. 30. Born in 1904 in Mexico, Vargas was one of the pioneers of the bolero, which he sang in the late '20s during the first Mexican radio broadcasts. Vargas performed with some of the best singers of his time, including Sammy Davis Jr., Frank Sinatra, Benny More, and Agustin Lara, Vargas' compadre who composed many a bolero for him. Vargas toured extensively throughout the world, appeared in many

Byrne matches the best Afro-Cuban music of all time

films, and for 13 years had his own TV show. During the last years of his life Vargas was affected by diabetes and other ailments, which left him almost paralyzed and blind. Nevertheless, he continued to receive the homage of his people, who loved him for his voice, his personality, and the mastery with which he tapped the deepest emotions of the Mexican soul.

AT A SPECIAL CEREMONY AT SESAC's world headquarters in New York, the licensing firm awarded Hadem, its Spanish affiliate, with three trophies for excellence in the field of national performance activity—Latin. Honors were bestowed on the song "Cae La Noche" (Dyango) and on the albums "Chayanne" and "Rumbamanía" (Rumba Tres). On hand for the occasion were SESAC's VP and CEO, Vincent Candilora, international VP Joaquín Fernández, Hadem Music Co. co-owner Manuel López Quiroga, and Luis Mas, U.S. delegate of SGAE, the Spanish Authors' and Publishers' Society ... A Latin Amateur Night show will take place every Tuesday at the Apollo Theatre in New York. The event will be hosted by Pedro Biaggi and Alma Musik from WKDM-AM New York.



by Is Horowitz

KARAJAN'S VIDEO LEGACY: Sony Corp.'s president and CEO Norio Ohga and Eliette von Karajan, widow of the late conductor, signed an agreement Nov. 7 awarding Sony Classical distribution rights to 45 audio/visual concert programs conducted by Karajan and produced under his direction. The move had been expected (Billboard, Oct. 28).

They will begin moving out to retailers "in a few months," say Sony execs, with all product due to be released within two to three years. At first, all will be issued on laser videodisk, with tape configurations to follow.

Seventeen of the titles are live TV productions, and early releases will feature the 1988 New Year's Eve concert with the Berlin Philharmonic, coupled with a performance of the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No: 1 with **Evgeny Kissin** as soloist. There will also be a 1987 New Year's Eve Concert with the Vienna Philharmonic, and a performance of the Mozart "Coronation" Mass broadcast from St. Peter's Cathedral in the Vatican.

The remaining 28 programs are video productions never broadcast before. They include such Karajan specialties as Strauss' "Ein Heldenleben" and "Don Quixote," the Mozart and Verdi "Requiems," Beethoven's "Missa Solemnis," and the Brahms "German Requiem," in addition to symphonies by Beethoven, Bruckner, Dvorak, and Tchaikovsky.

The Karajan acquisition is said to underscore Sony's determination to play a key role in video software as well as hardware.

PASSING NOTES: Austrian violinist Thomas Zehet-

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mair, who has recorded a number of concertos for Teldec, makes his New York recital debut at the Frick Collections Nov. 26. Upcoming on the Teldec label by Zehetmair are the Brahms Concerto with Christoph von Dohnanyi and the Cleveland Orchestra, and the Schumann and Dvorak Violin Concertos with the London Philharmonic, under Christoph Eschenbach and Kurt Mazur, respectively.

A recent rundown of San Francisco recording activities got snarled in the telling (Keeping Score, Oct. 21). Actually, the orchestra under **Herbert Blomstedt** will complete its Nielsen cycle for London Records with a taping of the 2nd Symphony in December, to be paired

Sony Classical will distribute Karajan audio/visual programs

with the 3rd, recorded last September, and released some time in 1990. Nielsen's 1st and 6th Symphonies are due for release by London in January. The December sessions, incidentally, will also include a recording of the Mendelssohn 4th Symphony.

Teldec, which will have three recordings with Zubin Mehta and the New York Philharmonic in the can before this month is out, has extended its agreement with the orchestra and conductor for another two albums, to be recorded next fall. They are a Gershwin set including "Rhapsody in Blue" and "An American In Paris," and a Stravinsky program offering "Rite of Spring" and Symphony in Three Movements. Max Wilcox is producing.

Telarc Records was consulted on plans for a new acoustical ceiling to be installed above the stage of Cincinnati's Music Hall, the venerable home of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra ... Nina Bodnar has been named concertmaster of the Saint Louis Symphony. She is the third woman to fill such a post with a major U.S. orchestra. The Detroit and Minnesota Orchestras elevated women to similar leadership roles within the past year.

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Rampant CD Growth Has Sharpened Competition, Enriched Consumer Choices, and Widened the Gap Between the Astounding Numbers of Titles Available and the Actual Numbers Dealers Can Stock.

By IS HOROWITZ

n 1927, when Yehudi Menuhin performed the Beethoven Violin Concerto in New York with Fritz Busch conducting, the young artist was lauded for the maturity of his playng. He was just 11 years old.

ing. He was just 11 years old. If, with tongue half in cheek, we compare the growth of the classical record business on compact disk with this prodigious artistic phenomenon, we can't help being struck by even more startling time-frame observations.

Less than seven years after the introduction of CD, the format is by far the dominant carrier of classical recordings. It has not only reached maturity. In the view of some, it is already suffering some of the aches and pains of a more advanced age.

Catalogs are crowded. Duplications of standard repertoire are rampant. At least four price categories of product in CD alone complicate marketing and repertoire planning. Back catalog reissues, including many historic performances that remain artistically unique, pour out from label vaults. Due to permissive copyright law in some countries, a flood of live performances, 20 or more years old, have been diverted into the product stream.

These developments sharpen the competitive edge, even as they enrich choice for the consumer. And they don't seem to brake the ambitions of a continuing stream of newcomers to the field.

Just how many classical CDs are currently available? The statistics are elusive. No one really knows for certain. But Schwann Publications managing editor Paul Crapo is in a better position than most to risk an educated guess. Somewhat cautiously, he puts the number at about 15,000 ... and growing rapidly.

While major company release schedules have remained relatively static in number, new U.S. labels and a host of imported imprints keep swelling the totals. Crapo says new classical CD releases marketed by the four most active distributor/importers alone--Koch, Harmonia Mundi, Qualiton and Allegro—number as many as 250 a month.

True, the majors are stepping up cutout programs of slow-selling items, observes Crapo, but they are also converting many catalog titles to midprice and budget.

Statistics, although hardly definitive, are assembled on a continuing basis by the Recording Industry Assn. of America. In 1988, it reported that classical CD shipments to the trade by RIAA member companies totaled 14.56 million units, up 23% from the previous year. At suggested list price, these 1988 shipments were valued at \$226.1 million, an annual gain of 18%.

But CD returns also multiplied, another sign of industry maturity. Dealers sent 2.46 million classical CDs back to manufacturers last year, more than twice the number in 1987. That placed the 1988 CD net shipment tally at 12.1 *(Continued on page C-16)*

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Leonard Bernstein; John Williams; Yo-Yo Ma; Jessye Norman; Herbert von Karajan; Sir Yehudi Menuhin;

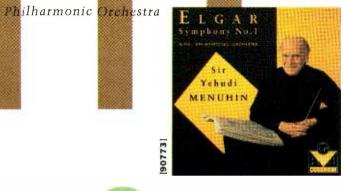
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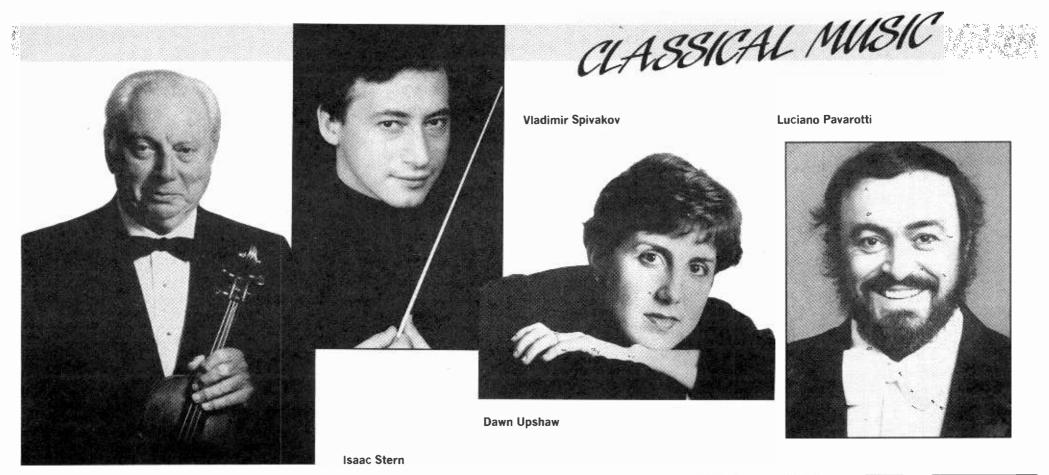


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LABEL STRATEGIES: Talent Wars, Bullish Euro Market, New Music Top Active Industry Agenda

By IS HOROWITZ

s large companies grow larger it becomes even more difficult to compete for major artists, notes Jack Renner, chairman of **Telarc International.** "They have deeper pockets." Although Telarc has more recording planned with Lorin Maazel, for example, the conductor's new obligations to Sony Classical may cut down on his availability. Nevertheless, Telarc does have a followup to Maazel's hit "Ring Without Words" album in the works.

It's necessary to review one's product mix often to compete effectively, says Renner. And it's becoming more important to keep European tastes in mind. The European Community accounts for more sales each year, and with the elimination of commercial borders in 1992, will assume even greater relative importance. Telarc expects to open an office shortly either in Paris or London.

Smaller indie labels also point to the vitality of the foreign market. Ward Bottsford, for instance, says his **Arabesque** label now traces more than half its total sales to Europe. Even more attractive to him are the absence of returns in the European marketing scene. A sale starts out as a sale, and finishes as a sale. And all but a handful of European retailers demand enhanced CD packaging, another cost-cutting attribute.

"I sometimes think we're on a treadmill," says **Angel Records** president Brown Meggs. "We crank out the same pieces over and over again." But he believes increasing attention being given to attractive new music, and what he characterizes as "lost treasures," is a hopeful trend.

Certainly he views the market as crowded. But he feels there is still "plenty of room in browser boxes" for good material. Somewhat fewer but more important Angel titles can be expected in the new year. The label's reissue program, however, will continue at full tilt. Meggs estimates it may take another two years before all meaningful Angel/EMI back-catalog finds its way to retail.

The Angel president, along with other industry chiefs, is disturbed at the recent passing of important classical media channels. During this year alone, High Fidelity, Opus and Ovation magazines have either exited the scene or been folded into other media. Meggs views the sale of KFAC Los Angeles and its conversion to rock programming as a major loss. Outlets for exploitation have dwindled, and others must be found. Angel, for one, may make more use of TV spots to compensate.

David Weyner, senior VP and GM of **PolyGram Classics** agrees that one way to lubricate the sluggish market mechanism is to make greater use of video. This and other poporiented techniques can be used to good advantage in stimulating consumer demand, he feels.

Additionally, the PolyGram classical labels can be expected to broaden their repertoire bases with more contemporary and "new" music, and to screen title duplication more carefully. Weyner stresses, however, that new versions of basic titles by both young and established artists, can hardly be neglected by international labels.

Lynne Hoffman-Engel, VP of **London**, is a strong advocate of new and non-standard repertoire. She believes it's one of the best ways to tap new audiences.

One plan London has in the works is to revive the company's long dormant Argo label, but now with a strong bias toward contemporary and avant-garde music performed largely by American artists. Argo, incidentally, was the imprint under which Sir Neville Marriner found his earliest recorded successes.

Among reborn Argo's first releases next spring will be music composed by Michael Torke, other titles performed by organist Carlo Curly and pianist Alan Feinberg, all of whom have gained attention outside conventional performing venues. And London's Nu Views crossover line will continue active, says Hoffman-Engel, with eight to 10 projects planned for the coming year.

The trick is to pursue these new avenues without neglecting the label's established artists as well as newer talent working primarily in the repertoire mainstream. But even here, the challenge is to find repertoire that is still fresh and not recorded to death, says Hoffman-Engel.

Within the PolyGram family of labels, **Deutsche Grammophon** takes a somewhat different view. VP Karen Moody says that crossover will continue to play a marginal role in DG strategies. The label may have contributed to crossover impetus with its star-studded hit recording of "West Side Story" some years back, but it nevertheless remains institutionally opposed to active pursuit of the genre.

DG's production of Bernstein's "Candide," scheduled to be recorded in London this December, with the composer on the podium and a cast that includes Jerry Hadley, June Anderson and Christa Ludwig, treads close to the definition border if, in fact, it does not tiptoe over.

On the price front, DG is preparing 3D Classics, an alldigital line of midprice CDs for introduction in the first quarter of 1990. Drawn from catalog, much of it relatively recent, couplings will be juggled in many cases even when the original releases are maintained in the active catalog. An example cited by Moody are the concertos for piano and cello by Schumann, with Justus Frantz and Mischa Maisky as respective soloists.

The standard repertoire, with a somewhat greater stress on 20th century music, remains the label mandate, says Moody. But rarely recorded masterpieces will also be given attention. She points to an upcoming production of Mussorgsky's "Khovanshchina," led by Claudio Abbado, as an example.

Basic marketing strategies at **Philips Records** will not change in the coming year, says Nancy Zannini, VP. But there will be a greater stress on developing younger artists via press and tour support, and more coordination between repertoire on disk and in concert. Violinist Viktoria Mullova's recent concert performances of the Shostakovich Violin Concerto, promoted along with the release of her recording of the work is cited as an illustration of this strategy.

of the work is cited as an illustration of this strategy. "We'll be doing everything we did before," says Zannini, "but we'll try to do it a little better."

Philips's will be launching its monumental Mozart bicentennial restrospective next year. Beginning in the fall and running into 1991, the label will release 180 CDs, in 44 volumes, comprising all of Mozart works from the K.1 Minuet and Trio for Piano, to the Requiem, K.626. Coordinated internationally, the project will be the subject of heavy promotional campaigns, and may link in with non-conventional sales channels as well as regular retail outlets. The midprice series will consist of items selected from past and recent catalog.

ECM Records, another label in the PolyGram complex, walks an often tenuous line between classical, and jazz or related non-composed music. Composed music, whether or not it falls comfortably into accepted classical definitions, is tagged "New Series" in the ECM catalog. This category, which encompasses the work of such composers as Steve Reich, Elliott Carter, Arvo Pärt, and artists like Gidon Kremer playing Schubert, or Keith Jarrett playing Bach, or the Hilliard Ensemble performing Perotin, reflects the eclectic tastes of ECM chief Manfred Eicher. Even he, it's said, it reluctant to predict what may come along next.

There are 30 such items in the ECM catalog, and an average of six New Series titles a year are anticipated. All remain at full price.

Even the largest records stores no longer have room to stock all available titles, comments Guenter Hensler, president of **BMG Classics.** So part of the competitive challenge is to make the product more attractive visually. He points to BMG's new package design returning "Little Nipper" to high visibility as a response.

On the content side, BMG is working to regain momentum in the non-crossover area, says Hensler. He feels that his label still has a way to go in re-establishing strength in the fullprice, "serious" classical arena. Much more support of touring artists can be expected, he says, as well as stepped-up *(Continued on page C-19)*

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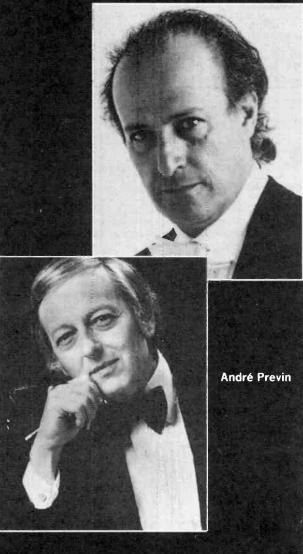
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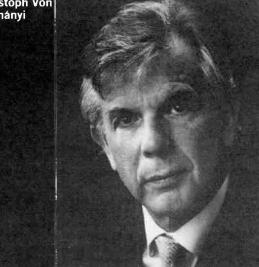
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INDIE DISTRIBUTORS/ IMPORTERS: Greeting Glut With Greater Selectivity, Plans for Expansion

By IS HOROWITZ

ndependent distributor/importers are also fighting the product-glut battle. But despite a more selective response to small labels bidding for representation, they seem committed to expansion. Without them it is unlikely that many small and mid-size

Without them it is unlikely that many small and mid-size indie labels would be able to pry open much of the impacted retail shelf space. A disturbing number of dealers have cut back on opening new accounts. Dealing with them separately is just too inefficient, they say. Larger and well-established foreign labels also often opt for independent distribution.

Koch International, one of the youngest but most vigorous companies, capped its import list last month with Supraphon, the old-line Czech label that was most recently distributed in the States by Denon America. The deal followed by about a month Koch's renewal of its pact with Chandos. Both these labels had been reported to be distribution targets by other entities.

Koch will be importing CDs from Supraphon, which now has its own pressing facilities, although it is taking over the stock that Denon had pressed but not sold. It expects to release about 10 to 15 titles a month until it catches up with back catalog and then taper down a bit. Supraphon's midline series, Crystal, will be introduced this month.

An even more recent deal will bring a large chunk of the Melodia catalog to Koch. In a new agreement with the Soviet label, Koch will have the right to distribute domestically those Melodia titles carried by Olympia Records, another foreign label in the Koch string.

Koch starts out with 21 Melodia titles this month, to be followed by another 20 or 30 in December, says Jeff Joneikis, manager of special projects.

In all, Koch handles more than 50 labels. Its largest seller has been Chandos, which accounts for about 40% of Koch volume, according to Michael Koepfle, general manager. Musicmasters comes next with 15%. The U.S. operation, set up 2 1/2 years ago, currently takes in about 10% of the Austrian-based parent company's \$65 million annual gross, he says.

"We still welcome small labels with interesting product and a continuous flow of new releases," says Koepfle.

Harmonia Mundi USA, a major indie distributor as well as a producing label, turns away about one new label a week seeking distribution. "We have to be extremely cautious about taking on new lines," says company president René Goiffon.

In assaying the current market scene, Goiffon sees significant advances in the total sale of better titles, a mark of the increasing size of market. Some 10% to 12% of "good" titles fall into this happy category. But the remainder do worse than in the past, a sign of the shortage of retail shelf space and the general overabundance of product. He also notes an oppressive increase in returns. It's not too difficult to take on something new and move out a couple of hundred copies. But they all may come back, he says. So caution is the watchword.

The company, however, is growing at a welcome pace, says Goiffon. He admits to a sharp drop in volume last year when Chandos switched over to Koch International, but otherwise shows no regret at its defection. That deficit, in any case, has by now largely been made up. Biggest volume in his stable of 40 labels come from his own Harmonia Mundi, and Hyperion and Unicorn imprints. Their market penetration show consistent gains, says Goiffon. He puts gross revenues at near \$6 million.

Although Allegro Imports turns down half the labels that solicit distribution deals, Joe Micallef, president, is on an active expansion track. Micallef and his associates took over the Portland, Ore., firm last spring and seem convinced that more aggressive marketing and promotion will speed rapid (Continued on page C-16)







CLASSICAL MUSIC

EXPANDING CROSSOVER BOUNDARIES: Baiting the 'Classical' Trap to Capture Fresh Audiences

By DEVRA HALL

ost industry executives agree that the big change in the marketplace for classical recordings is not the existence of crossover, but the new variations on old themes.

Today, movies and television commercials are fueling the classical crossover craze as moviegoers and TV viewers try to identify "music from the opera that Cher saw in 'Moonstruck,' " or discover "the name of the opera that Michael Douglas and Glenn Close both liked in 'Fatal Attraction'?" How many people recognized those operas as Puccini's "La Boheme" and "Madama Butterfly?" How many appreciated the humor in using Figaro's aria from Rossini's "The Barber of Seville" as background music for a Braun Cordless Shaver commercial?

"We are trying to educate people who like some of this music. Many are not even aware that what they are hearing is really classical music," says Sony Classical, formerly CBS Masterworks, marketing VP Harold Fein. According to Fein, classical crossover is not so much a musical genre as a marketing concept. At Sony Classical the crossover product is largely theme oriented, with titles like "Love At The Movies," "Mozart At The Movies," "Fright Night" geared toward Halloween, and the series of Dinner Classics with recipes by Martha Stewart, promoted as "the guru of good taste for millions of baby boomers." "Amore," one of two releases for this month, is billed as "the creme de la creme of romantic Italian opera" as heard in the films "Moonstruck" and "A Room With A View," as well as on the Tott's Champagne commercials. The second release is "Sonatas For Two Pianists" with Claude Bolling recording his original compositions with Emanuel Ax. The marketing

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collaboration herald "a fun-loving performance of these highly accessible new compositions."

In a society that markets computers as "user friendly," it should be no surprise that record companies are marketing classical or classically oriented music as being "accessible. One of the leading crossover acts for Telarc is Erich Kunzel & the Cincinnati Pops. The promotion for their "Symphonic Spectacular" release heralded "some of the most thrilling and accessible orchestral works of the last 100 years." Telarc owner/chairman/CEO Jack Renner's definition of crossover is "a generally classically oriented artist or group playing things that are accessible (there's that word again) to a lot wider marketplace." Nevertheless, even Renner admits there are times he can not decide "when crossover is crossover and when it's just light classical." Just like the movies, sequels are beginning to occur in recording. Following the still-continuing success of "Round-Up," Telarc released a sequel last month with Roy Rogers singing the title track, "Happy Trails," and Gene Autry reciting his Cowboy Code. Next release scheduled for Erich Kunzel & the Cincinnati Pops will include a suite from Danny Elfman's "Batman" score, along with other scores from Hollywood's sci-fi movies.

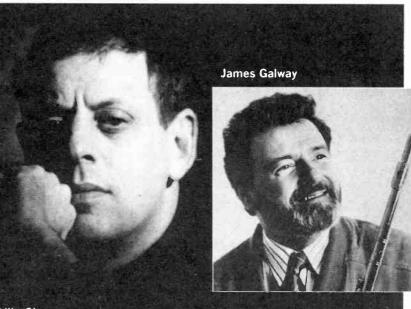
No mention of Telarc's crossover success is complete without Don Dorsey. He raised eyebrows with his first Telarc release in 1986 in which he synthesized Bach. Dorsey's "Bachbusters"

"Bachbusters" gave Telarc its first No. 1 hit, bumping the previous topselling "Amadeus" soundtrack and remaining in No. 1 position for 14 weeks. His second recording, "Beethoven Or Bust," hit the top of Billboard's crossover chart and held it for more than six months, making it the longest running No. 1 crossover album of the year. Telarc has scheduled a third synthesized classical album by Dorsey for release in 1990.

With crossover releases selling in six-figure quantities, many classical labels now believe they can not live by Beethoven alone. Nevertheless, it is easy to understand why some purists fight to clarify the line between entertainment and art. As a critic for the Berkshire Eagle wrote, "Bud Lite leads to Beethoven Lite."

Angel Records president Brown Meggs likens running a hard-core classical label such as Angel to being stuck on a merry-go-round. "I think we are all a little desperate. We have maybe a thousand good pieces, and we all keep remaking them with the latest artists," explains Meggs. One way to get off the merry-go-round and put a new slant on these pieces is to have nonclassical artists interpret them. This was done quite successfully at Angel with the release of 'The French Collection—Jazz Impressions Of French Classics," containing works by Debussy, Satie, Ravel, Poulenc and Fauré, as interpreted by New York jazz musicians Eddie Daniels, Kevin Eubanks, Fred Hersch, James Newton, and Toots Thielemans. Yet another alternative, says Meggs, "is to persuade good serious artists to take a look at material that's not among the thousand good classical pieces." Meggs favors the serious, historically important shows like "Show Boat" and It'e upcoming releases of "Kiss Me Kate" and "Anything Goes.

Peter Elliott, senior director of A&R & marketing for RCA Victor, feels that "crossover recordings are really an at-*(Continued on page C-12)*



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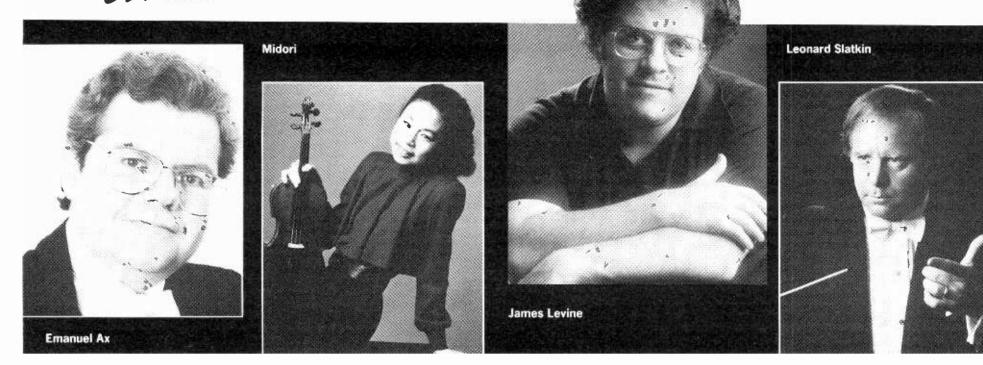


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CLASSICAL MUSIC



RADIO: Programming Innovations Help Format Stand Test of Time—and the Bottom Line

By CRAIG ROSEN

hen the 58-year-old classical radio institution KFAC Los Angeles was sold, and subsequently transformed into a contemporary rock station earlier this year, many observers predicted it was the beginning of the end for commercial classical radio.

Now, however, most classical broadcasters agree that the case of KFAC was a rarity, and one of radio's oldest formats will continue to evolve, and survive, despite the lure of fastbuck contemporary formats.

While classical broadcasters agree that the format still has life, their methods of keeping classical alive in their respective markets are quite different.

KDFC San Francisco GM Ed Davis has been using automated programming at KDFC for 14 years. "It doesn't matter if the announcer is live on the mike or recorded," he insists. "Automation is simply a way of doing things efficiently, and you don't make mistakes." Davis has also had success taking his automated classical programming to Anchorage, and Bakersfield, Calif., and hopes to have an AM station in Fort Meyers, Fla. on the air by the beginning of the year. "With the good Lord willing, I'm going to build 100 of these stations across the country," Davis says.

Aside from opting for automation, Davis also subscribes to a programming philosophy that has grown increasingly popular with classical programmers over the years. "Dayparting is an absolute necessity," he says. Davis says he doesn't make compromises by playing excerpts of pieces, but he does save the longer works for the evenings, and weekends, when listeners have more time to listen.

KKGO Los Angeles GM Saul Levine has no plans to play excerpts when his one-time jazz station goes all classical in January. "Generally classical music listeners are turned off by hearing excerpts."

Like most of today's classical music radio stations, KFSD San Diego features shorter pieces in morning and afternoon drivetime, VP/GM Russ Haberle says. "We have more music available to us than any other format. So we don't have trouble trying to find things to put on the air."

Like most broadcasters, Haberle realizes it's impossible to please every potential listener. "It's the music of the ages for all ages. You're reaching a lot of people, so you are not going to satisfy everyone. Some people like Bach and some don't."

WCLV Cleveland VP/program manager Robert Conrad admits that his station has skewed its programming toward younger audiences. "Since young people are the biggest population bulge on the planet right now, we have to cater to them." According to Conrad, WCLV has cut back on vocal music.

WFMT Chicago's Ray Nordstrand differs. "Listeners like

variety and want the whole range of music, but we are not going to give them a whole lot of shrieking sopranos and the most esoteric new music."

Conrad says his station's programming isn't that different from other stations in the market. "We do the time, temperature, weather, and traffic just like the pop station down the road."

Others express similar views. "Our thrust has been to drive it into the mainstream. To make it high profile and fun, not a museum," says WNCN PD/OM Mario Mazza. "This radio station is not so much a classical music station, but a radio station that plays classical music. You have to get more than classical music lovers. You have to get people that don't know your product and make them like your product."

Classical broadcasters across the board have adopted contemporary radio's dayparting strategy, but Mazza, and to a lesser extent, Conrad, have gone a step further.

While Davis' stations use canned voices, some classical outlets, like WNCN, are turning to the more friendly, and less sophisticated sounds of rock jocks. "The fact is both approaches work," says Nordstrand. "The upbeat more contemporary approach and the more traditional approach. What we all agree on is that the announcers have to be accessible, warm and personable. None of us want to be stuffy or pretentious."

KFSD's Haberle says he wants his hosts to relate to the audience. "I think that is very important. I stress that they become personalities. I want them to answer the phone when listeners call in."

Mazza says radio skills and personality are more important than knowledge of classical music. "I hire people from jazz, album rock stations, and any type of mainstream format, but they should have the sensitivity to learn the names of composers."

Others are using top 40's "less talk" approach. "In a survey the audience told us we talked too much," says Conrad. "One of the people wrote across the questionnaire, 'Shut up and play the music.' So we did, and we took that as a promotion line."

Conrad also notes that classical broadcasters have become more aggressive over the years in promoting the station. "The main thing about classical radio today is that we are very acutely aware of our need to play the ratings game the same as the rock stations do," he says. In the past, Conrad says he used to tell his hosts to not give the stations call letters more than once an hour. These days, however, you will hear the WCLV calls "at least three times during every stop set," Conrad says.

"Classical radio has to compete with cable TV, CDs, and live events," Conrad adds. "We have to run a little faster to stay in the same place. There are just so many things to grab the attention of the listeners, including other radio stations. We can no longer sit in the ivory tower and wait for listeners to find us."

One method classical programmers are using to go and get the audience is promotions. "We do a lot of high profile and wacky promotions with things that imply this radio station can be fun, regardless of the type of music we play," says Mazza. One promotion of note is the WNCN "air baton" contest, inspired by "air guitar" contests held by rock stations. WNCN also sends its cloaked "104 Phantom," sporting a white tie, tails and top hat, out on the town to award potential listeners \$104 in cash.

In Cleveland, Conrad's WCLV gives away tickets to concerts, records, and screening passes to movies. "We involve ourselves as much as we can in cosponsoring concerts and running contests."

"The classical audience likes to win tickets and be involved," adds KFSD's Haberle. The San Diego station has also given away trips, cosponsors concerts, and has done remote broadcasts from retail outlets.

remote broadcasts from retail outlets. "Most of us do have an occasional contest," says WFMT Chicago's Nordstrand. "We try to keep our audience interested with billboards and bus cards, but none of us have the heavy promotional budgets that rock stations do."

But there is some debate over whether promotions work for classical radio. In San Francisco, Davis' KDFC has managed to hold off Bay Area rival KKHI without stooping to promotions. "They sell promotions and we sell product," Davis says. But in New York, the more pop and promotional-minded WNCN has been giving the more traditional New York Times-owned WQXR a run for the money since it first broke even in 1981.

Still WQXR president/GM Warren Bodow is a firm believer in the more classical approach. "WNCN found an audience that grew up on album rock and is just starting to get used to classical. That kind of approach does have an audience, but I think that more people prefer the more traditional approach."

The broadcast industry as a whole seems to agree. WQXR was named classical music station of the year at the 1989 National Assn. of Broadcasters' Marconi Awards in September.

Yet WNCN's Mazza feels his approach may be the future for classical. "We are creating a new animal, a very untraditional animal, we hope will keep classical radio alive on radio for a long time to come."

While others theorize the future of classical might be limited to the AM band, most classical programmers aren't sure such a migration would be successful. "In a unique market I think it will work," says KDFC's Davis. "But if there is an FM [classical station] in the market, they are going to have a pretty tough time."

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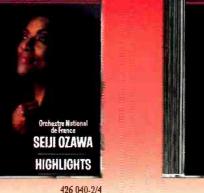


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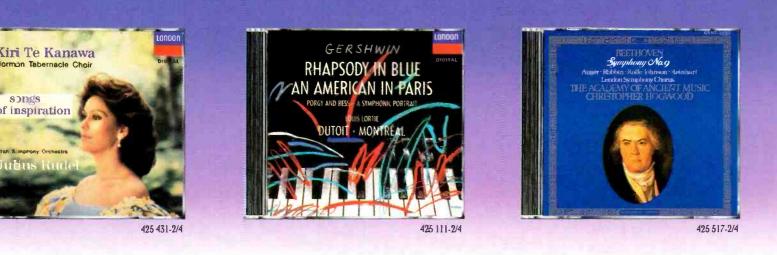


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tempt by classical artists to reach out and grab a new kind of audience. They are working on repertoire that expands the awareness of the public to their particular art or talent." Of course the wider the audience, the more receptive the media. More avenues for radio airplay and television exposure become available. In promoting the recent RCA Victor release "Inner Voices" by Richard Stoltzman with guest artist Judy Collins, Elliott says, "approaching 'Good Morning America' with Richard Stoltzman's latest Brahms sonata package is simply not as enticing. Offer them Richard featured with the beautiful Judy Collins singing a Joni Mitchell song, and it's more popular. It reaches out to a wider audience and it's exciting."

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RCA Victor recently released "The Home Video Album," featuring selections from their "Classic Film Score Series." But the big news is that it is the first recording to be released in Dolby Surround. "It's the first ever in the industry, and we have an exclusive on the Dolby Surround process for audio recordings," says Elliott. The next volume, "Classic Film Scores For Bette Davis," is scheduled to be in-store by Dec. 1, with expectations of a dozen more releases over the next year.

New marketing and advertising campaigns are yet another means for reaching out to grab that new audience. To opera lovers, the name Jessye Norman may be a household word, but since when does an opera recording command a budget big enough to afford a billboard on Hollywood's Sunset Strip? Normally, the number of potential classical consumers is perceived as too small to merit such an expense. Nevertheless, in the wake of the international media exposure that Norman received for her rendition of the French national anthem at the Bicentennial celebration in Paris, Philips Classics seized an opportunity to use the billboard approach to promote her newest recording, and hopefully re-energize her emerging new audience. In addition to the three-CD set contintaining the complete opera "Carmen," Philips Classics is also marketing a one-CD version with

highlights from the opera that they believe will have a much wider appeal.

Who are those new potential listeners/consumers? Sony Classical's Fein once referred to them as those who were "burnt out on Led Zeppelin but not yet ready for Mahler." Robert Woods, Telarc's owner and president, calls them hi-fi hobbyists. According to Telarc surveys, their consumers are "85%-87% male, between the ages of 25-44, with college educations and white-collar jobs, who have grown up on rock'n'roll and are coming to classical through crossover."

rock'n'roll and are coming to classical through crossover." London Records VP Lynn Hoffman-Engel says, "We are trying to tap into the baby-boomer audience who might really be ready for classical music and we're trying to present it to them in a friendly way." Their Nu-View line is "an answer to those who may have heard a lot of new age music, but are a little tired of it and maybe want something a little more sophisticated." Some of the pop marketing techniques are being used to reach this audience. Music videos are normally not done for classical artists. Nevertheless, Ute Lemper's classical crossover video of "The Alabama Song" from her "Kurt Weill" album proved worthwhile with its airing on VH-1. London has also begun experimenting with VNRs (video news releases), which combine music tracks and interviews by the artist. "We sent VNRs around nationally to every cable station in the U.S. and we succeeded in getting excellent airings."

Upcoming at London is a holiday release, "A Nu-View Christmas With Tom Stacy." Stacy, principal English horn player for the New York Philharmonic, collaborates with Chuck Mangione sideman Rob Mathes, who also did the musical arrangements.

Many look to jazz as a viable crossover genre. With a respectable audience, both in numbers and attitude, it is a perfect match with classical. At PolyGram, jazz and classical are marketed through one division. "We really feel that they live side-by-side and in many cases have the same audience, an audience for which good sound is of prime importance and is often synonymous with classics and jazz," explains Hoffman-Engel. Both London and Philips are aggressive about radio, offering promotions in conjunction with live performances in certain key markets. This has been especially effective in supporting the Boston Pops releases, which consistently sell in large numbers.

Jazz and new age play a significant part in the classical crossover product from Philips. Nancy Zannini, VP of Philips Classics U.S., says that they would have released "The Blue Chip Orchestra" with or without the new-age moniker, but admits "the fact that it happens to fit in to stores' new-age departments is probably making it more successful than if it were just marketed in the classical department." Zamfir's recordings used to be called "easy listening," but his pan flute and organ music in now fashionably compatible with today's new-age market.

In discussing "The Uptown String Quartet," Zannini points out that, as a brand new group, classical and jazz consumers are not yet familiar with them by name. "In this case you're just dealing with good music. And both the jazz and classical buyers respond to in an equally favorable way." This also appears to be true of the transitions from straight Bach to the subtly syncopated jazz rhythms on "Bach Swings With John Lewis." This Philips release went out "with strong recommendations to our sales people that when they sell it they sell it to the jazz department as well as the classical department."

Definitions of classical crossover vary from: (a) recordings sold in both the classical and jazz or new-age departments of the record stores; (b) classical artists performing popular material; (c) popular artists performing classical material; (d) classical music orchestrated for or performed by electronic "instruments"; (e) classical music performed by classical artists but packaged thematically and marketed to the aging baby boomer; (f) music that hard-core classical mavens listen to when they want to relax; (g) music designed to appeal to those who have not yet experienced "real" classical music; to (h) all of the above.

While industry executives may not all agree on a single definition, they do agree that crossover is a great way to sell records to a thirtysomething audience whose taste alternates between Springsteen and Scarlotti.



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VIDEO: CDV's Classical Edge, Laserdisk Push Raise High Expectations for Major Home Impact

By IS HOROWITZ

o Joe Parker, who heads PolyGram Classics video operation, CD video today bears more than a passing resemblance to compact disk shortly after it was introduced in 1983. At first, CDs were largely the province of classical labels, who promoted the new technology while pop divisions played wait-and-see. Lots more classics than pop is being sold on 12-inch laservideo by PolyGram today, an echo of the early CD experience. The ratio, however, is bound to change as the configuration gains adherents.

Most promising is the availability of new players at reduced cost (some advertised at \$500 or less) and the declared intention of major classical record labels outside the PolyGram family to introduce laserdisk and videocassete titles in the coming year. This even as non-record label video entrepreneurs enlarge already substantial classical catalogs.

logs. These developments, long awaited, are certain to increase public awareness of the technology. Parker advises retailers to dig those 12-inch racks out of storage. The LP may be gasping its last, but their rack dimensions are ideal for laserdisk.

What then are record label plans for marketing video? PolyGram's approximately 100 laserdisk titles will be bolstered by more than 50 new packages next year, with regular releases every month or two, says Parker, who also notes that the company will begin producing its own video product in 1990. Most material to date has come from Unitel.

Despite its commitment to laserdisk as the preferred carrier for classical video, PolyGram will become active in videocassette as well before the year is out. The enormous number of VHS players already in American homes cannot be ignored, says Parker. Ten to 20 titles are due in the first quarter of 1990. This is material that has already been issued on disk. Later in the year, Parker says he expects that simultaneous release of new titles on laserdisk and cassette will become the norm.

With video still a relatively new development for classical record companies, anomolies regarding expected rights will dot the relationship among competing labels. An example is the New Year's concert last Dec. 31 by the Vienna Philharmonic, conducted by Carlos Kleiber. Deutsche Grammophon is releasing the live concert in both video configurations, but the audio-only recording has been issued by CBS Masterworks.

In a reverse twist, CBS, now Sony Classical, will release the video version of Herbert von Karajan's last concert with the Berlin Philharmonic, a performance of the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1, with Evgeny Kissin as soloist. The audio-only version of the same performance is due out on DG. Sony Classical will enter the video era next spring on several levels. Laserdisks will be featured first, but tape, both VHS and high-definition TV, will follow shortly, says Günther Breest, president. It's also expected that hi fi 8mm cassettes will become a video carrier for classics before long.

HDTV techniques will be used exclusively on videos produced by Sony itself, says Breest, although they will be processed for release on conventional carriers as well. And the sound, in tandem with new audio-only recordings, will be captured on 30-bit digital equipment.

Programs already taped feature Isaac Stern, Itzhak Perlman, Katia and Marielle Labeque, Murray Perahia, Sir Georg Solti, and Sergiu Celibidache, in addition to the Karajan/Kissin package cited above.

In a major acquisition that will be released at retail over a period of a year or more, are more than 40 performance films starring Karajan. Video rights to this material were acquired shortly before the conductor died last August.

Sony Classical hopes also to assemble visual footage of performances by such former top CBS Masterworks artists as Glenn Gould and Leonard Bernstein for release on video.

To prevent split rights as in the case of the Karajan and Kleiber performances, Breest says that future artist contracts will, wherever possible, specifically cover both video and audio rights.

BMG Classics plans to have some video product out next (Continued on page C-16)

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million units, worth \$188.2 million at list.

Midline and budget CDs as a group gained against full price units, but still accounted for only one-third of the total, according to the RIAA. That percentage will surely be higher in the 1989 count, when assembled.

As for the other configurations, net shipments of classical cassettes in 1988, up 27%, came to 11.08 million units, worth \$69.5 million. And classical LPs refuse to die, although their hold on life became ever more tenuous. Gross vinyl shipments last year tallied 1.2 million units. But returns of 989,000 units trimmed the total for the year to 226,000.

The RIAA figures, while instructive, are far from comprehensive. They take into account only the reports of RIAA member labels. Many scores of indie labels, both foreign and domestic, perhaps hundreds, do not belong to the association, nor do they participate in the statistical roundup. If included, they would add significantly to the RIAA totals. (For the record, RIAA reporting members active in classics are CBS, PolyGram, BMG, Angel, MCA, the Warner group, A&M, Telarc, and Denon.)

Putting out new recordings has never been easier. With a DAT under arm and CD manufacture economical and readily available, almost anyone can take a flyer at the business— and many do.

But getting the recordings heard and sold is another matter. That is becoming more of a challenge all the time. There are limits to the number of titles dealers can stock, and for many the gap between that limit and available product is widening rapidly.

The challenge, though, has not dampened the spirit of those on the front lines. Marketing expertise has become an increasingly valuable asset, and more stress is being placed on its use. At least on the major label level, competition for the allegiance of superstar talent is heating up. The campaign by Sony Classical to boost the label to prestige peaks enjoyed by CBS Masterworks in its heyday, has added new tension to the battle for superstar allegiance. And the debut of WEA International Classics on the domestic scene certainly heralds more than a measure of new market competition.

The coming year will see other major labels joining the PolyGram group in marketing classical video, both on laserdisk and tape. It will also see at least one major, Sony Classical, introduce DAT as a prerecorded music carrier. And 1990 may also see the extension of superbudget CD marketing. Some majors, despite stated opposition to the development, are known to be surveying the field.

On the repertoire front, the boundaries of what is known as crossover continue to be stretched in order to bait a 'classical'' trap for people with more diverse tastes.

But despite the ripe market, new contenders continue to come along, anxious to try their hands at the challenging game. New alliances, mergers, and license deals proliferate as established firms and newcomers measure their competence in the arena.

VIDEO

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year, says Guenter Hensler, president. Both laserdisk and tape cassette will be used. A number of co-production deals are being considered, he says. But it's most likely that BMG's entrance into the field will

But it's most likely that BMG's entrance into the field will debut with a series of film transfers of performances by Arturo Toscanini, the legendary conductor who will also be the subject of a massive retrospective CD release by BMG.

Although no specific product was named, Angel president Brown Meggs says EMI in London is "bullish" about classical video, and is already assembling suitable material. First titles will be released here on cassette and laserdisk in the spring of 1980, says Meggs.

Teldec, marketed here by WEA International Classics, will also have video material on release early next year. Two audiovisual catalogs have been signed so far, says Peter Andry, senior VP, repertoire. One is the Allegro catalog, which holds music films produced by Christopher Nupen. Among these is a performance of the Schubert "Trout" Quintet, in which Zubin Mehta performs on bass, his one-time instrumental specialty. Other performers are Jacqueline Du Pré, Itzhak Perlman, Pinchas Zukerman and Daniel Barenboim. There is also an Elgar Cello Concerto played by Du Pré, with Barenboim conducting the Philharmonia Orchestra.

The other film catalog licensed by Teldec, says Andry, is the Metropolitan, which contains filmed concerts by such artists as Barenboim and András Schiff.

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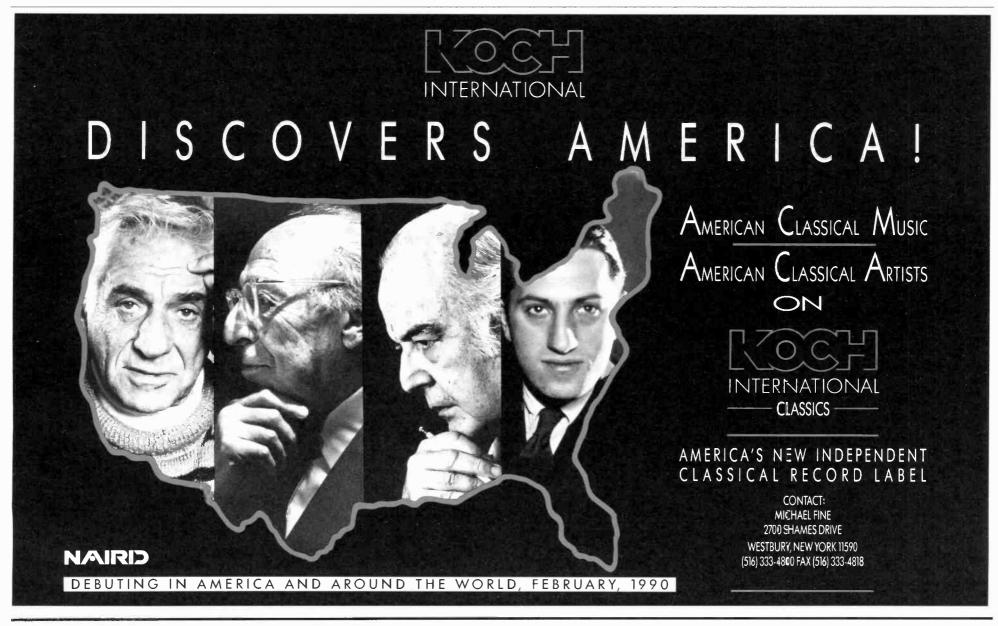
Almost 100 labels are represented at the present time, most of them classical, with another 20 to be signed shortly, says Micallef. New releases are not selling in the same numbers they did a year ago, he admits, but he plans no cutbacks. "We just have to work harder to get shelf space." He claims a sales rep force of 18, five of whom work out of Canada. Of the total, all but four devote full time to Allegro, he says.

Allegro works the price spectrum, from full price to superbudget. The distributor has only recently taken on exclusive representation of the Black Pearl line, which sells to dealers at \$2.50 each in box lots, or \$2.75 if ordered in blisterpack. In top-of-the-line, non-parallel EMI imports and Conifer are the largest sales producers, says Micallef.

As many as 250 new titles are released every month, of which about 75% are classical. In all, the company's current catalog numbers some 4,000 items.

Record magazines add a wider dimension to Allegro activities. The firm distributes the British publication Gramophone to retailers, as well as American Record Guide and CD Review. "We expect to add more music magazines," says Micallef.

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If Allegro turns down half of new label bids, it's also on the lookout for promising neophytes. Micallef calls such newcomers on his list his "nursery department." They must be nurtured. Every so often one breaks through as an important contributor. The Allegro chief points to Dorian Records as an example.

We have offers almost every day to handle new lines, says Otto Quittner, head of Qualiton Imports. And that's only for foreign labels; the firm doesn't handle domestic lines. But the importer passes on most of them. The field is just too crowded, says Quittner.

The number of CD players in consumer homes is not growing rapidly enough to accommodate the burgeoning increases in product diversity. The public has a wider choice, observes Quittner, so it often ends up buying fewer copies of any specific title. He notes that an album that sold perhaps 3,000 copies two years ago, today might not exceed 1,200. Volume is maintained by increasing the title base.

The firm's current catalog numbers almost 4,000 titles, furnished by some 35 suppliers, most of whom have more than one line. Bis and Hungaroton are among Qualiton's most active lines, but Quittner notes that historical recordings, mostly of live performances, supplied by such labels as Melodram, Nuovo Era, Pearl and Hunt, draw good response. Qualiton has acquired its own historical line for transfer to CD, Club 99, which comprises about 120 titles by such legendary singers as Caruso, Ruffo, Supervia and Pinza. First releases were shipped last month.

Chris Spinoza, of One World, sees lots of promise for industry expansion. An estimated 80% of past record buyers do not yet have CD players, he says, so the potential for growth remains significant.

One World acts as both a distributor and rep firm, and in one capacity or the other handles a label list that includes Arabesque, Omega, Smithsonian. Pantheon, Albany and Dischi Ricordi and CRI. Spinoza notes that the rep formula is useful in getting retail exposure for certain small or specialty labels as retailers become more reluctant to open new vendor accounts. But as a rep, One World acts as the vendor, selling from a catalog, but handling all billing itself.

This doesn't appear strange to Spinoza. "After all, we're in a onesy, twosy business," he says.

LABEL STRATEGIES (Continued from page C-3)

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Despite the product glut, BMG has no intention of cutting back on new releases. An ambitious "relaunch" of Eurodisk, for example, is promised for next year with new recordings and catalog items by such conductors as Eugen Jochum and Kurt Sanderling. One of the first steps Hensler took when he assumed the stewardship of BMG early this year was to shift the focus of Eurodisk away from a vocal/opera-only product line.

Among the more ambitious projects currently underway at BMG is a definitive edition of all extant Toscanini recordings, including titles never before released on disk. These will be issued next year, and a number of Toscanini films will make up the first classical videos (both on tape and CD video) to be marketed by BMG. Co-productions will provide other early BMG video product.

The adoption of a new name, **Sony Classical**, is not the only mark of change at what the industry and record-buying public have long known as **CBS Masterworks**. Under its president, Günther Breest, the label is going to exert lots of pressure on the status quo as it seeks to upgrade its already powerful influence in the U.S. and abroad.

If superstar artists are vehicles to speed access to consumer dollars, Sony Classical will seek more of them. Breest, the former A&R exec at Deutsche Grammophon, has intimate contacts with top talent worldwide, and is reported to have the financial support to fund an aggressive talent drive. New energy can also be expected to focus in technical and marketing areas.

Specifically, Sony Classical had engineered recording deals with Vladimir Horowitz, the Boston Pops, the Metropolitan Opera, and Itzhak Perlman, with more certainly to be expected, as well as a series of heavy commitments with orchestras in Europe. Here, Breest has indicated interest in the New York Philharmonic, both as a renewal of a traditional CBS classical link and to establish a strong orchestral base in the U.S. Scope of the latter deal, should it materialize, may depend on who ascends the NYP's podium when Zubin Mehta leaves that post a year-and-a-half hence.

The marketing of classical video, both on laserdisk and cassette, is on SC's early 1990 agenda, as is the introduction of digital audiotape; the label is the first major to declare a timetable for launching the controversial configuration. The label will also activate an early music program, using period instruments, and will remove most crossover material from shelter under the classical umbrella. Breest promises to maintain a heavy reissue and repackaging program to exploit secondary markets.

Among upcoming recording projects, Sony Classical will be recording an "Aida" and "Porgy and Bess" with Metopera forces under the direction of James Levine. The new Horowitz recording, begun in mid-October, was to feature the pianist in works by Chopin and Wagner/Liszt. Among the many Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra recordings is a clutch of late Mozart Symphonies led by Carlo Maria Giulini; he'll start with Nos. 38 and 39. Giulini will also record "Pictures at an Exhibition" with the BPO, and Ravel and Stravinsky with the Concertgebouw.

Zubin Mehta and the Berlin will record a complete "Salome" next fall, starring Eva Marton. As for Claudio Abbado, Breest notes that SC has a 20-CD commitment from the conductor who will be taking over as chief conductor of the BPO. Despite the depth of the obligation, it's also noted that Abbado's deal with Deutsche Grammophon gives the latter first refusal rights on new repertoire.

The creation of **Elektra/WEA** International Classics as a new facility to handle wholly owned Teldec and licensed Erato recordings in the U.S. is certain to sharpen competitive market edges. The move, effective this month, kicks off a determined drive to carve out a larger market share than these long-established labels have ever enjoyed domestically.

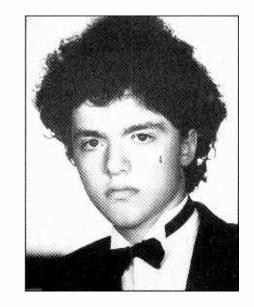
As of this writing, the new Elektra wing was still hiring staff to carry out the assignment under Kevin Copps, formerly with Angel Records, who will run the operation.

merly with Angel Records, who will run the operation. Peter Andry, senior VP for classical repertoire at WEA International, says that **Teldec** will release 60 or 70 new titles next year, supplementing a catalog that already numbers many hundreds of titles. Material will be broad-based, encompassing early music on original instruments to standard and contemporary repertoire.

New recordings with the New York Philharmonic under Zubin Mehta will appear on Teldec next year. Already in the can is a Mahler Symphony No. 5, with sessions scheduled for Holst's "The Planets." and Rachmaninoff's Symphony No. 2. There will be more recording with the Cleveland Orchestra conducted by Christoph von Dohnanyi, in addition to a large and on-going program with a number of European orchestras, including the Concertgeouw, the Leipzig Gewandhaus and the Frankfurt Radio Symphony, says Andry.

The WEA International exec looks for strong response to a recording by Alexei Sultanov, laureate of this year's Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, of both the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1 and the Rachmaninoff No. 2 with the London Symphony Orchestra led by Maxim Shostakovich. The competition was highly publicized, and was the subject of a nationally distributed 90-minute PBS TV show.

The **Erato** representation doesn't begin until Jan. 1, when BMG Classics' pact with the French company expires. At *(Continued on page C-21)*



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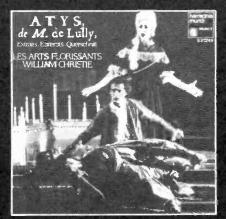
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first, stress will be on new titles, says Andry, with selections from Erato's vast catalog introduced gradually. Among upcoming projects he cites a series of Mozart operas conducted by Daniel Barenboim. Also in the works is an extensive program with the Orchestre de la Suisse Romande under Armin Jordan. A complete Debussy cycle is underway, as well as a series of Schumann recordings, including the four symphonies.

Virgin Classics has no intention of resting in a small-label slot for long. "We have a firm policy to compete with the majors," says Simon Foster, managing director. Future release schedules and recording plans lend credence to this goal.

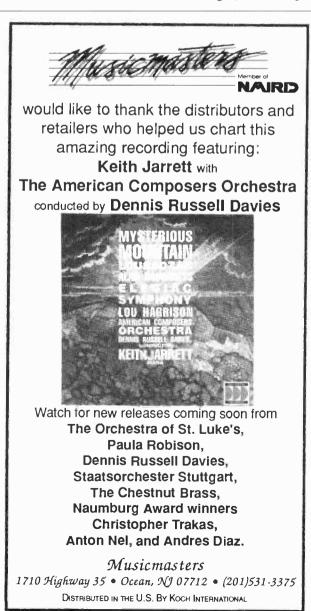
Beset by startup delays, the U.K. label has only released some 40 recordings here to date, half the number put out in Europe. But heavy releases this fall will bring U.S. catalog parity with Europe by the end of the year, promises Foster. And he projects a new annual product release rate of 80 to 90 titles.

Most interesting is Foster's determination to increase Virgin's artistic presence in the States. He hints at future ties with other American orchestras to supplement a current agreement with the Minnesota Symphony and its conductor Edo De Waart. "Big name" soloists, both instrumental and vocal, are also on the label's search list.

Foster is apparently not worried about declarations that the American market is saturated with product. He feels there's still plenty of sales elbow room. The U.S. remains the largest single market for classics, he says.

Among new projects is a series of recordings with guitarist Sharon Isbin, whose first for the label, a set of Bach Lute Suites, has just been released. Upcoming will be a Spanish and Latin American solo program and, with the Lausanne Chamber Orchestra another CD holding the Rodrigo "Concierto de Aranjuez" and "Fantasia para un Gentilhombre," and a Vivaldi concerto.

The American conductor Kent Nagano, whose performance of Prokofiev's "Love of Three Oranges," in the origi-



nal French version with the Opera de Lyon has just been released, will be heard in more orchestral and operatic recordings. And baritone Thomas Allen has been signed for a comprehensive lieder program.

Lee Smith, director of sales for **A&M Classics**, which distributes Nimbus, Delos and, most recently, Denon, is not too concerned about the host of labels battling for retail exposure. He admits that there has been a slowdown in sales of full price product. But he suggests that the problem is "too many price points rather than too many players." He believes the consumer's concept of product cost has been skewed.

The recent acquisition of A&M by PolyGram is not expected to impact soon, if at all, on the activities of the A&M-distributed labels, says Smith. At least, for now, things are proceeding as before.

"The classical record industry has always shot itself in the foot," says Steve Jacques, who guides the destinies of **Nimbus Records** Stateside. His caustic comment, echoing almost exactly that of Joseph F. Dash of CBS Masterworks a year ago, refers to the increasing attention given midlines and budgets by the majors, and its eroding effect on top-ofthe-line.

Nevertheless, Jacques believes lower prices have merit in certain cases; the new Nimbus Prima Voce line which bowed in October with five packages, for example. Jacques claims new standards of transfer from historic acoustic recordings have been achieved in these historic performances by such artists as Caruso, Ponselle and Martinelli.

Established release schedules will be maintained, despite the crowded market, says Jacques. He believes Nimbus has established a "stable consumer base" among collectors who appreciate the label's policy of long recording takes and the maintenance of performance integrity via little if any editing.

The Hanover Band, which has just completed a Schubert symphony cycle (No. 9 is to be released in February), is turning its attention to Mozart, with the Symphony No. 40 and the Basset Horn (clarinet) Concerto, due in March. And in recognition of its broader repertory scope, the English String Orchestra under William Boughton has changed its name to the English Symphony Orchestra. Its first recording under its new name is an Elgar set featuring the "Enigma Variations."

Delos continues to lay stress on its series of orchestral recordings of neglected American works. Many new projects are planned, stimulated in part by the top-10 chart success it is has been enjoying with its CD of Hanson Symphonies Nos. 1 & 2, with Gerard Schwarz and the Seattle Symphony. The label seems a step ahead of most that feel there is a strong potential in pursuing this once-neglected area of repertoire.

Actually, a complete cycle of the Hanson symphonies is in the works with Schwarz, says Rudi Simpson, marketing director. But the Seattle forces will also be recording generous portions of the output of David Diamond and Walter Piston. The latter's Symphony No. 6 will be recorded in December to join up with Piston's Symphony No. 2, already cut, and the composer's Sinfonietta to be recorded this month by Schwarz and the New York Chamber Symphony. Much of the label's work with the Seattle is made possible by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Standard orchestral repertoire is also within the Delos purview, but usually along with a twist. Thus, a first entry in a Schumann cycle, again by Schwarz, couples the First Symphony with the "Overture, Scherzo and Finale" and the "Konzertstück for Four Horns & Orchestra."

Simpson also calls attention to more Shostakovich due with the Helsinki Philharmonic under James DePreist. Sessions are scheduled in April.

As for **Denon**, A&M placed 89 catalog classical titles in the pipeline at the end of October, 49 of which were top-ofthe-line, and the remainder midlines. Four more full-price CDs were due in mid-November, including a continuation of Elihu Inbal's Berlioz cycle with the "Requiem," and more Bach from harpsichordist Huguette Dreyfus, this time the "Goldberg Variations." About 20 new titles will be added next year.

A&M's Lee Smith says there will be some pruning of the enormous Denon catalog. Not everything will be brought in, and some past full-price items will be recycled at midprice.

Nonesuch was one of the first widely distributed labels to blur lines separating classical from other related genres. That eclectic mix will continue into the new year, and beyond, says VP Peter Clancy. He notes that new material can be expected from pianist Mieczyslaw Horszowski. There will certainly be more from the Kronos Quartet, and works are scheduled by West Coast composer Ingram Marshall.

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New top-of-the-line releases will issue at a rate of about 25 a year, says Clancy, and more midlines, both from the Nonesuch catalog and the Explorer series, will be marketed in 1990

More than 100 classical titles rest in the catalog of Musicmasters, retail-oriented sister label of the major record club, Musical Heritage Society. Thirty or more new CDs are added annually, says label president Jeffrey Nissim, who does not foresee any cutbacks, despite crowded market conditions. "It's harder than ever to get to the retailer." he admits. Nor does he see any benefit in reducing segments of his catalog to midprice or budget. "We can't compete on price," says Nissim.

Chamber music is becoming a tougher sell, finds the Musicmasters chief, and the label is shifting more to orchestral projects and non-standard repertoire. Here, most work is being done with the St. Luke's and American Composers orchestras. A first-time chart entry last month of an Alan Hovhaness program with the ACO has encouraged this approach. But work with solo artists such as flutist Paula Robison and guitarist Fliot Fisk will continue, says Nissim.

Although New World Records has built a catalog that's largely unique, is has not escaped the consequences of product glut. Arthur Moorhead, director of marketing, puts it this way: As the majors issue greater quantities of midprice catalog, as well as more crossovers, they drain off a growing share share of dealer dollars. First access to retailer resources go to the majors; what's left, a shrinking chunk, is apportioned among the indies.

As a non-profit company, the label relies on foundation and government support for its recording projects. But such funding rarely includes resources for overhead or advertis-

ing. "We have been able to maintain our volume," Moorhead says, "but it requires more legwork, and some broader-based product." He says it's now necessary to visit major

CLASSICAL ALBUMS

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- THE MOVIES GO TO THE OPERA—Various Artists—
- VERDI & PUCCINI: ARIAS—Kiri Te Kanawa—CBS
- PAVAROTTI AT CARNEGIE HALL-Luciano Pavarotti-3.
- 4. WAGNER: THE 'RING' WITHOUT WORDS-Berlin Philharmonic (Maazel)—Telaro
- BERLIOZ: SYMPHONIE FANTASTIQUE—London Classical 5 Players (Norrington)—Angel
- 6. CBS
- BEETHOVEN: SYMPHONIES 1 & 6-London Classical 7. Plavers (Norrington)-Angel
- BAROQUE MUSIC FOR TRUMPETS—Wynton Marsalis— 8. CBS
- 9. BARBER/BRITTEN: CELLO CONCERTOS-Yo-Yo Ma-CBS
- 10. HOROWITZ IN MOSCOW-Vladimir Horowitz-DG BEETHOVEN: SYMPHONY NO. 3-London Classical Play-11.
- ers (Norrington)—Angel WINTER WAS HARD-Kronos Quartet-Nonesuch 12
- MAHLER: SYMPHONY NO. 2-London Symphony (Kap-13.
- lan)—MCA 14. MAHLER: SYMPHONY NO. 1—Concertgebouw Orchestra (Bernstein)—DG
- VERDI: REQUIEM—Dunn, Curry, Hadley, Plishka (Shaw)-15. Telarc
- 16 PÄRT: PASSIO—Hilliard Ensemble—FCM
- **REICH: DIFFERENT TRAINS**—Kronos Ouartet—Nonesuch 17 LUCIANO PAVAROTTI IN CONCERT—Luciano Pavarotti-
- 18. CBS
- 19. HOROWITZ PLAYS MOZART-Vladimir Horowitz-DG 20. LIVE IN TOKYO 1988-Kathleen Battle, Placido Domin-
- go-DG RACHMANINOFF: PIANO CONCERTO NO. 2-Evgeny 21.
- Kissin—RCA HANSON: SYMPHONIES 1 & 2—Seattle Symphony 22 (Schwarz)-Delos
- BACH: SONATAS & PARTITAS—Itzhak Periman—Angel 23.
- 24. SCHUBERT: LIEDER—Kathleen Battle—DG 25. HOROWITZ AT HOME—Vladimir Horowitz—DG

buyers at least every two weeks to keep on top of things. 'We have to fight harder for display space.'

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Without sluffing its mandate to concentrate on "serious" contemporary music. New World has recently moved into jazz and given more attention to musical theater. Marketplace success with Leonard Bernstein's "Candide" three years ago has led to other theater projects, two of which, 'Babes In Arms," and "Sitting Pretty," have recently been recorded and are awaiting release early next year. Normally, New World output has been about 12 titles. But

this fiscal year the number has risen to 16 to help swell its 60-CD total.

ProArte is another label that sees potential for growth abroad. Label's Michael Olsen says that additional foreign licensees and distributors will be signed in the coming year, and that new recording deals are being negotiated with performing ensembles in Vienna, Helsinki, Paris, and Israel. On the home front, Olsen says the challenge remains to find and exploit a repertoire niche that is still not too heavily duplicated. ProArte will be working with six to eight American orchestras in the coming year. About 20 new classical titles are projected.

ProArte, far from alone in being buffeted by increasing competition in budget and midline product, is mulling a direct confrontation with Laserlight and other superbudget marketers. Olsen says that reducing the price of the company 's Ouintessance line to superbudget levels is under consideration.

Arabesque continues to turn out 16 to 18 new classical titles a year to beef up a catalog which now numbers more than 130 titles. Ward Bottsford, president, who has already extended his operation to include jazz, has also created a sister label, Arabesque Too, to sidle into spoken word and children's material, as well as other categories that don't quite fit the parent label mode.

That latter imprint has already taped the Little Orchestra Society under Dino Anagnoste in Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf," Gail Kubik's "Gerald McBoing Boing," and Peter Schickele's "A Zoo Called Earth." Only the narration remains to be added, by Maurice Sendak, Carol Channing and Schickele himself, respectively. "Dear Millie" with Sendak is another upcoming project in this line, says Bottsford.

Next September, Arabesque will record another album with tenor Rockwell Blake, this a Handel program, performed with the English Chamber Orchestra and Nicholas McGegan. Bottsford also has more recordings scheduled with Mitch Miller conducting the London Symphony Orchestra. And in June he travels to Poland to record the Cracow Philharmonic in Schubert's Mass in E Flat. Elizabeth Söderström will be among the soloists. Gilbert Levine will conduct.

Smaller labels, particularly, often seek out recording associations that carry with them built-in promotional opportunities. Omega, for instance, has arranged for a number of recordings at the Aspen and Tanglewood Music Festivals, in addition to a budding program with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. Seymour Solomon, the former chief of Vanguard Records who formed Omega little more than a year ago, says he will be recording members of the Lincoln Center group in two Schubert programs beginning this month.

The crowded market holds no terrors for Brian Couzens, whose Chandos label continues to record at a hectic pace. At least 100 new albums are planned for 1990, he says, to be distributed here by Koch International.

New titles are coming from the Chicago Symphony and the Concertgebouw, as well the Residente Orchestra The Hague, the Bournemouth Sinfonietta and the Scottish National Orchestra. The latter, under Bryden Thomson, will be heard in all the Rachmaninoff Piano Concertos, with Howard Shelley as soloist. A complete survey of the Dvorak String Quartet by the Chilingirian Quartet is also in the works.

Among other projects scheduled are the Mozart Horn Concertos with Frank Lloyd as soloist, Prokofieff with pianist Boris Berman, Bax violin sonatas with Erich Gruenberg, and John McCabe at the piano, and a recital of French songs by Hugues Cuenod. The 86-year-old tenor is accompanied by pianist Julius Drake. Lots more English music is scheduled according to Couzens, and the firm's early music program under the Chaconne imprint will be continued.

MCA Classics continues a reissue program drawing on its large catalog holdings on the Decca, Westminster, Kapp and Command labels. At the same time, it will be releasing occasional items it has recorded on its own. An example cited by MCA exec Martin Fleischmann is a Mozart program by the Amherst Saxophone Quartet. Also upcoming in the new year are the first of series of cassette-only instructive musical programs, with narration by former MCA Classics chief Thomas Shepard. Music by Tchaikovsky, Beethoven and Vivaldi are covered in the first three releases. Catalog reissues will include more Andres Segovia albums, and "The Play of

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Daniel" by the New York Pro Musica, Says Fleischmann.

New titles from licensor IMP/Pickwick are due, including a two-piano set by John Ogden and Brenda Lucas, recorded just before the former's death earlier this year. MCA's initial CDs of Soviet performances furnished by Mobile Fidelitiy's erstwhile deal with Melodia, and the latter's Arts & Entertainment joint enterprise with Russian interests, and more are due.

A&E now has 19 artists on its roster, says Fleischmann. Among them is the violinist Vadim Repin, winner of this year's Queen Elizabeth Contest, who will be heard in works by Bach, Brahms and Wieniawski. Music by Cage, Crumb and Stockhausen will be featured in a second volume of the contemporary series, Alternatives.

It may be more difficult to find retail space for new product, but Larry Kraman of Newport Classic says he has no intention of easing up on new recording and release schedules. "We just have to work harder," he says. With 64 titles in his catalog, distributed by MCA Classics, he projects the number of new releases at 40 annually.

Newport has been a midprice line, but Kraman says he is now considering lifting it to or near full price. He doubts whether higher list prices would cut seriously into unit sales. bearing in mind the non-standard nature of much of his catalog

Bridge Records has one eye on the present and the other on the past. David Starobin, president, says that contemporary and traditional music break down just about equally in the company's young catalog and future recording plans.

In a move to broaden its repertoire scope, Bridge is launching a "World" line that will focus on indigenous music of non-western countries. David Lewiston, who was responsible for much of the "Explorer" music that appeared on Nonesuch, is the producer. Music from Tibet and Bali will be heard on the initial releases.

On the classical side, Starobin calls special attention to the last album recorded by the late Jan DeGaetani. Devoted to Mahler and Berlioz material, it will be released in December. Among new projects yet to be recorded is a set of lves violin sonatas performed by Gregory Fulkerson, with Robert Shannon at the piano, and an album of electro-acoustical works by British composer Jonathan Harvey. Starobin, who has an active career as a classical guitarist, also plans to record an album of 19th century music performed on an early classical guitar.

RPO Records, the label affiliate of the U.K.'s self-governing Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, claims a small profit after three years in the business. It has been represented in the U.S. by MCA Classics, but that association has unravelled and RPO is seeking another affiliation.

The RPO catalog holds 22 titles, with four more planned for the coming year. That's just about enough for a label its size, says RPO managing director Ian Maclay. On the agenda this month is a live recording of a concert in Moscow featuring Vladimir Ashkenazy both as conductor and piano soloist. And depending on funding success, the label hopes to mount a studio recording of Britten's "War Requiem," with André Previn on the podium.

CROSSOVER ALBUMS

Following is a recap chart of the top crossover albums during the eligibility period of Oct. 29, 1988 to Oct. 21, 1989.

- 1. SHOW BOAT—Von Stade, Hadley, Stratas (McGlinn)—An-
- 2. JAMES GALWAY'S GREATEST HITS-James Galway-RCA
- 3. UTE LEMPER SINGS KURT WEILL—Ute Lemper—London
- VICTORY AT SEA-Cincinnati Pops (Kunzel)-Telarc 4.
 - THE SOUND OF MUSIC-Von Stade, Cincinnati Pops 5. (Kunzel)—Telarc
- DIGITAL JUKEBOX—Boston Pops (Williams)—Philips BIG BAND HIT PARADE-Cincinnati Pops (Kunzel)-Te-7.
- MANCINI'S GREATEST HITS—Cincinnati Pops (Kunzel)-8.
- Telarc 9. A DISNEY SPECTACULAR-Cincinnati Pops (Kunzel)-Te-
- larc
- 10. POPS BRITANNIA—Boston Pops (Williams)—Philips
- SOUSA: MARCHES—The Wallace Collection—Nimbus THE BERNSTEIN SONGBOOK—Various Artists—CBS 11.
- 12. 13.
 - BY REQUEST ... THE BEST OF JOHN WILLIAMS—Boston Pops (Williams)—Philips
- 14. 1712 OVERTURE-P.D.Q. Bach-Telarc
- 15. RAMIREZ: MISA CRIOLLA—Jose Carreras—Philips

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Clients Are Airing Spots Shot In The Format Ad Agencies Pick Up On HDTV

BY BRUCE HARING

NEW YORK High-definition television may still be several years away from the consumer marketplace, but the advertising community is already jumping on the bandwagon.

This fall, major players like Kentucky Fried Chicken, Pampers, Honda, Sony, and Reebok are airing commercials shot in HDTV, a format that offers higher resolution and superior sound to conventional broadcasts, enhanced special effects, and wide-screen picture capabilities. And, according to sources familiar with the format, several major labels are planning video shoots in hi-def.

Although the U.S. has yet to agree on a standard for high-definition transmissions, the prototypes for tomorrow's HDTVs will be tested in the next 18 months, according to Mark Rosenker, VP public affairs for the Electronics Industries Assn. Gray-market Japanese HDTVs are available domestically. Hi-def commercials shot in the U.S.

Hi-def commercials shot in the U.S. must be transferred to other media conforming to national television standards before they can be shown on commercial TV.

At present, translating the HDTV shoots to film requires sending the tape to Japan for conversion. However, Sony plans to bring transfer equipment to the U.S. soon, a move that will greatly increase the speed of working in hi-def.

Don Slater, a partner and creative director at New York's Slater-Hanft-Martin advertising firm, has already shot three hi-def spots, one of them for Sony. He touted the format as something most agencies "should climb on tomorrow in terms of saving clients money when they're doing special effects on mats."

Slater also says, "I don't know what other agencies are doing, but directors are not familiar with it, so maybe that's why it's not growing so fast." He advises "everyone to go look at it. If you go up and look at the stuff on a hi-def monitor, it's awesome; you think your regular TV set is out of focus. We definitely plan to continue with it."

How will spots shot in hi-def look on regular television? Opinions are divided, but most firms say that a hidef shoot will translate well in current broadcast parameters.

The commercials that will appear on regular television will still look better than the average shoot, according to one source familiar with the format, who asked not to be named. "Although there's no highdefinition broadcasts, the heavy color saturation still comes through. Not only do reds and blues look better, but a wider spectrum of color can be translated."

Getting used to the technique and building up software for the rollout of commercial hi-def is the reason advertisers are already starting to shoot, the source says.

"It's important for them to look ahead to build a library. It's like the early days of digital audiotape; the hardware will be there, but there's no software. When hi-def starts to happen in shopping mall exhibitions ... the early pioneers will reap the promotional benefits."

Charlie Capuano, senior VP/executive producer at Young & Rubicam, cites hi-def's quick turnaround on special effects as the reason he chose to work in the format on a recent shoot. "We had a job that required special effects and a deadline that didn't leave time to do the special effects in film," Capuano says. "Using the hi-def system, we were able to do the special effects the next day, and then could start processing."

As to future HDTV projects for the agency, Capuano says "there'll probably be lots of situations where I say use it, because it's easy to see it happening in front of you and know it's working properly."

Despite the buzz on the new medium, one representative of a major packaged goods firm expressed dismay that agencies haven't already shown a great interest in HDTV.

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"We've been aware of hi-def for two years now and have encouraged our agencies to expose themselves to says the rep, who spoke on the it." condition of anonymity. "We're try-ing to figure out its good points. The proponents say it makes wonderful pictures that are evident on the home screen, but there are those that dispute it and say it comes out looking not much different than 35mm film. The rep notes that advertisers seem to have more interest in the format than agencies. "They feel that if the TVs aren't out there in the home, there's not a lot to get out of it yet.

"But we produce a lot of commercials—if it does have some properties that warrant its being used more extensively, we want to know about it."



Ready For The '90s. The Society of Professional Audio Recording Services (SPARS) elected new officers and board members recently. David Porter, of Music Annex, is the new president. Celebrating at the society's 10th anniversary gala, from left, are Steve Lawson, Steve Lawson Productions; Tom Kobayashi, Skywalker Sound; Porter; SPARS Northeast coordinator David Tieg; treasurer Dick Trump, Triad Productions; secretary Dwight Cook, Cook Sound and Picture Works; executive director Shirley Kaye; John Fry, Ardent Recording; Charles Comelli, Capitol Records; first VP Pete Caldwell, Doppler Recording; and Howard Schwartz, Howard Schwartz Recording. Feeling a little camera shy is chairman of the board Bruce Merley of Clinton Recording.

AUDIO TRACK

THE PURPLE POOL TABLE and bottomless popcorn bowl are just fringe benefits at Scream Studios.

Primarily a mixing and overdub facility, Scream houses a Solid State Logic 4056 total-recall G-series console, a Mitsubishi 32-track digital recorder with Apogee filters, a Mitsubishi 2-track machine, and Studer 24track analog and $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch 2-track recorders. Also in position is a Panasonic SV 3500 DAT recorder. Outboard gear includes AMS, Lexicon, Focusrite, GML, Forat, Eventide, Yamaha, and Drawmer.

Recently, David Kershenbaum and Paul McKenna recorded and mixed Warner Bros. albums for Marshall Crenshaw and Loey Nelson. Both projects were recorded and mixed digitally, with Kershenbaum and McKenna producing. McKenna engineered and mixed, assisted by Craig Doubet.

Also Scream-ing was Vassal Benford, who cut tracks and vocals on two songs, "Right Back" and "I Love You Just For You," for an MCA solo album by New Edition's Ralph Tresvant. Louil Silas Jr. was executive producer. John Hegedes engineered the 48-track analog recording, assisted by Doubet.

O'Bryan is producing his new album for **A&M**, with Doubet at the board. Ten songs have been cut so far. O'Bryan had **Janet Jackson** in tracking synthesizer and vocals for a tune titled "You Oughta Be With Me" (co-written by the two) for an upcoming Jackson project.

Also hot off the board is the 24track analog mix on Wild Flowers' new Slash album. The project was produced by Matt Wallace and mixed by Wallace and David Bryson.

Scream is located at 616 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, Calif. 91604.

NEW YORK

NUGROOVE ARTIST LISA LEE worked on her debut single, "When Can I Call You?," at D&D Recording. Ronald Burrell produced; Mike Rogers was at the board.

Richie Havens recorded at Krypton with Gene Pearla and Bernard Fox producing and engineering. The Uptown Horns and NRBQ partici-



Glasnost Trax. Martika and producer Michael Jay completed a cut for the Epic release "Music Speaks Louder Than Words" at Trax Recording Studios in Hollywood, Calif. In the studio are, from left, Michael J. McDonald, Trax engineer/owner, Martika, Jay, and Robyn Whitney, founder of Music Speaks Louder Than Words, the organization coordinating the first Songwriters Summit in Moscow. The project is a collaborative effort between American and Soviet composers. McDonald is one of few American engineers to have recorded in the U.S.S.R.'s Melodia Studios.

pated in Bread And Butter's best-of collection, produced by Peter Gallway, engineered by Tony Volante, and arranged by Krypton owner Murray Weinstock. Mike Stern engineered and produced Poi Dog Pondering's project.

Cissy Houston overdubbed vocals with daughter Whitney Houston at Sound On Sound. Ben Diggs produced the gospel tracks; Dave Darlington engineered and Eric Harris assisted.

LOS ANGELES

JERMAINE JACKSON cut a song for Arista at Alpha Studios. Dave "Pic" Conley produced, with Ian Gardiner at the board. Alpha's new Sony 3324A digital machine took to the road with the Who to record the group's Los Angeles concerts. Shadowfax tracked an album, "The Odd Get Even," for Capitol. Bob Margouleff produced; Joe Schwartz assisted.

Laura Branigan worked on vocals for Atlantic in Music Grinder with producers Steve Lindsey and Steve Kipner. Richard Cottrell engineered, assisted by Steve Heinke. Chris Poland, former guitarist for Megadeth, worked on his solo effort for Capitol. Casey McMackin engineered and Heinke assisted. Drummer Bobby Rock recorded and filmed an instructional drum video produced and directed by Desert Sky Productions' Jim Carey. Jack Joseph Puig ("Beaches" soundtrack) engineered; McMackin assisted.

At Artisan Sound Recorders, engineer Greg Fulginiti mastered the Muddy Waters six-record set.

Bret Michaels of Poison produced tracks in Summa's Studio B (Custom API/deMedio) on Suz E. Hatten. He mixed in "A" on the studio's 64-input SSL G-Series. Greg Price engineered; Kyleeoho Bess and Lori "Fu" Fumar assisted. Atlantic's Stevie Nicks mixed in "A" with producer Rupert Hine and engineer Tom Lord-Alge. Fumar assisted.

NASHVILLE

ERESA FARRIS TRACKED, overdubbed, and mixed at the Music

Mill. Ray Baker produced the Warner Bros. project, with Jim Cotton and George Clinton at the board.

OTHER CITIES

AT VANCOUVER SOUND in Vancouver, British Columbia, Joe Hardy produced and engineered Colin James' Virgin release.

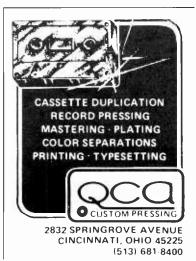
Wynton Marsalis recorded four original songs for an upcoming film at Goodnight Dallas, Dallas. Members of Marsalis' tour group performed on the sessions. Ruben Ayala engineered.

The group Walkers was in White Crow, Burlington, Vt., cutting tracks for its debut Atlantic project. Kevin Killen was at the Neve engineering and co-producing with Tom Dube and Mike Denneen.

Gregory D and Manny Fresh were in Planet Dallas in Dallas to record their Atlantic debut. Rick Rooney engineered; executive producer was Ernie Phillips.

Those Spanic Boys completed an album at A.D. Productions in Milwaukee for Rounder Records. Scott Billinton produced, with Dan Henszey at the Neve V-series console and tracking on a Mitsubishi X 850.

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BY STEVEN DUPLER

NEW YORK It has been an eventful two years for New York-based Greene Street Recording.

Since opening its new Amek/GML/ Quested mixing room (celebrated with a gala during the 1987 Audio Engineering Society convention here), business at the facility has taken off, says owner Steve Loeb.

Clients include L.L. Cool J, Arif Mardin, Jody Watley, George Clinton, Ziggy Marley, Ofra Haza, Aretha Franklin, Keith Sweat, Tower Of Power, and Public Enemy.

The GML-equipped Amek APC-1000 console, centerpiece of the mix room and one of only a handful of such desks in the world, is just one reason for the studio's success since its 1987 "rechristening," according to Loeb. The other reason is Greene Street's philosophy of urging its personnel to seek out and bring in projects, "allowing assistant engineers to become full engineers, and engineers to make the move to become producers.'

Loeb, a former jingle arranger, entered the studio business "like a lot of people do-sort of by accident. I was doing a lot of commercials in the mid-'70s, and I was getting harassed by a rep from a place called Basement Recording to come down and see the facility." he says. Loeb went, saw, became studio manager, and subsequently bought out the owner.

Basement Recording-later to become Greene Street—was "an ex-tremely esoteric facility," recalls Loeb. The studio, involved with work for Philip Glass and other nonmainstream artists, held the first Neve board in New York. "I think it was that taste of being 'the first' anything that later led me to investigate the APC-1000 when no one else had bought one yet," he says.

In the late '70s, Greene Street got its first taste of commercial success as Loeb led a musical transition from avant-garde to the burgeoning areas of rap and metal. "We did 'Christmas Rappin' ' for Kurtis Blow back in around 1977 on spec," he says. "It ultimately became a huge hit in Europe. and then later in the States. From that, we just kept on doing a lot of rap, and then moved into metal with the first Riot album for Capitol."

By 1987-still working with only 16 tracks-Loeb and Company worked on the first Run-D.M.C. album and Shannon's hit "Let The Music Play." Rod Hui, currently chief engineer and in-house producer at Greene Street, cut his co-production chops on those releases. "With the success of both those albums we stopped doing commercials-which had still been a staple business for us-and we also went 24-track with MCI decks and a Trident console," says Loeb.

In 1986, construction began on the Amek/GML room. Loeb says he was naive enough back then to think that he could build the new room for about \$400,000; the actual cost was \$1.2 million. He had at the time "only \$70,000 on hand," he says. "I remember distinctly going into the studio on two separate occasions and telling everyone to go home, that we were going out of business." Unexpected royalty checks from a rap record allowed Loeb to keep the doors open while the studio financed the construction of the mix room.

The risk Loeb took in bringing in an untested, as-vet-unbuilt board from Amek has paid off. But he says his desire for superlative sonics would not have allowed him to go for anything else. "I had experience being the first with the Neve when I bought the studio," he says. "Everyone wanted MCI at that point. But I knew the Amek had a great rep with all the right people-the sonics were great and the people were more audio-minded than businessmen.'

According to Loeb, who has stocked his studio with esoteric monitors (Quested and Mever Sound). "the trick is not to suffer from 'trademark-itis.' Buy what you think is great."

Greene Street operates under Loeb's philosophy: "Ânyone can buy hardware. It's not in the machines, it's in the people. Once you have good people, you have to give them good reason not to leave. You have to fulfill them, and let them go to the next stage of their development. Your tech people are artists, and they have to be treated as such.'

Steven Dupler is the former Senior Technology Editor at Billboard

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NEW PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

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NICHOLSWORKS: Three-time Grammy winner Roger Nichols was named chief recording engineer of Soundworks West Ltd. The studio is the former site of Hitsville Recording Studios, established by Motown Records. Contact: 213-850-1510.

UPDATE SEMINAR: The International Tape/Disc Assn.'s annual update seminar will be held Nov. 21 at the Waldorf Astoria. Contact: 212-643-0620

VIDEO SERVICES Corp. completed its acquisition of TVC Video Inc., a New York-based postproduction facility. VSC held 60% of TVC's shares and recently secured the remainder. Contact VSC: 201-767-1000.

WESTREX REDESIGN: Nac Westrex Inc., a newly formed company, purchased Westrex assets from Digital Entertainment Corp. The company will manufacture, engineer, and handle worldwide technical services and sales of Westrex products, including magnetic systems, optical recording systems, and electronic projector systems. Contact Nac Westrex: 818-898-2341

PRO LOGIC: Pioneer added a sound field processor to its Elite line that combines two 50-bit digital signal processors, Dolby Pro Logic surround sound, and multichannel 18-bit digital to analog converters. Contact: 213-835-6177.

ADING MIRAGE: Ensoniq's last Mirage keyboard was given away to Pittsburgh musician Keith Bailey. The unit was the company's 999,999th and last to roll off the production line. Contact: 215-647-3930.

MIDI CONTROL: New England Digital debuted MIDInet, designed to turn the Synclavier into master controller of a MIDI studio. NED also made postproduction software available for its PostPro and Direct-To-Disk digital recorder/editors, introduced three optical disk sound libraries, and debuted the Synclavier 6400 midrange workstation. Contact: 802-295-5800.

ASCAM DIGITAL: Tascam premiered its 24-track DASH digital multitrack recorder, the DA-800, with a suggested list price of \$99,000. The recorder is fully compatible with Sony's PCM 3324/3324A. Contact: 213-726-0303

LIVE SOUND: Panasonic/RAMSA introduced the 500 Series loudspeakers. The three-speaker modular system is designed for live sound applications from theater to arena environments. The speakers are assembled from WS-A500 midhigh frequency modules and WS-A550 low-frequency modules. Contact: 714-373-7277.

LECTRO-VOICE SERVICE: ESC Inc. has opened a full-line Electro-Voice service center in Richmond Hill, N.Y. The facility will service the Eastern region. Contact ESC: 718-846-2600.

KARE EARTH: Beyer offers the TG-X microphone line, which combines neodymium rare earth magnets and lighter diaphragms. The four-mike line includes a large diaphragm mike for rock vocal applications. Contact: 516-935-8000.

PRO TAPE: Sony Magnetic Products Co. is offering a complete line of pro audiotape. The line includes digital audio master cassettes and professional DAT digital audiotape. Contact: 201-930-6432.

SHURE GUIDE: A "Guide To Better Audio" is available from Shure Bros. to aid video specialists in improving audio quality on their productions. The company has also introduced the L Series wireless mike systems. Contact: 800-624-8522.

GASSINGLE SHELL: Shape Inc. will begin customer testing of a new cassette single shell in early 1990. The shell includes several patented features and begins production at the end of November. Contact: 207-282-6155.

AMAHA INTRODUCTIONS: Yamaha debuted the DMR8X digital multitrack mixer/recorder. The unit is an 8-track 20-bit digital recorder, 24-bit digital mixer, time code/locator, and automated mixing system. The company also unveiled the PM1200 pro audio mixer available in 16-, 24-, and 32-channels. Each has three-band EQ with sweepable midband and 80 hertz high-pass filter. Contact: 714-522-9011.

LASTIC LICENSE: Sunkyong Magnetics has licensed El Mar Plastics' patented design in the manufacture of interlocking hubs for cassette tape pancakes. Contact El Mar: 213-327-3180.

EXPANDING ANNEX: Music Annex Duplication has moved to an 18,000square-foot facility in Fremont, Calif. The new plant features Otari, Electro-Sound, Tapematic, and King gear. The facility's postproduction studio remains at its former location. Contact: 415-226-0800.

LOSS AT ZENITH: Zenith Electronics Corp., which last month announced an agreement to sell its computer business to Groupe Bull, reported a thirdquarter loss from continuing operations of \$9.1 million. Contact: 312-391-8181.

After Test Run. CBS Int'l **CD Plant Opens In Holland**

BY WILLEM HOOS

AMSTERDAM The third CD factory in the Netherlands is now in production after a brief test run.

A division of the CBS International Service Center, the \$4.2 million facility is located in Haarlem, next to a record plant. At present, only 3-inch CD singles are being manufactured by a staff of seven working a 24-hour schedule in three shifts under the supervision of Hans van Luit, deputy managing director of the CBS International Service Center. Production equipment is designed by Sony, parent company of CBS Records.

CDs will be distributed to 14 European countries, including Scandinavia, Benelux, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, and the U.K.

The new factory is a backup for the Sony CD plant in Anif, Austria, million. Holland's first CD plant was opened by Dureco, an independent record company, at Weesp Oct. 9, 1987. The second, at Tilburg, began production May 10, 1988, and is now controlled by the Dutch automation company IGA and operates under

which produces singles and albums.

The Haarlem annual capacity

through December will be 750,000,

rising to an annual maximum of 3.5

Storage Co. A fourth CD facility in the Netherlands will begin test operations in February 1990 at Uden within the framework of EMI Services Benelux (Billboard, Sept. 30).

the name of European Optical Data

Initially, the EMI plant will have two pressing machines, with a further four due to be installed in July 1990. The plant will officially open in September 1990.

Matsushita Gets Development Rights E-Mu Licenses Its G Chip

BY SUSAN NUNZIATA

NEW YORK E-Mu Systems and Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. of Osaka, Japan, have entered a technology licensing agreement.

The agreement involves E-Mu's new G chip, which will be used for product development in Matsushita's Technics home electronics keyboard line, says Jim Rosenberg, director of product marketing with E-Mu. The G chip is a sound-producing chip that forms the basis for E-Mu's Proteus and E-Max II digital sound systems.

According to terms of the agreement, E-Mu will grant Matsushita exclusive license for its proprietary technologies as well as its extensive sampled-sound library.

"We're always looking for options to expand our business, and this is a way to expand, especially with some of the new technologies we have," says Rosenberg. E-Mu began in the early '70s by li-

censing technology to Sequential

Circuits for that company's Prophet 5. Last year, E-Mu entered an

agreement with Baldwin that involved modifying its E-Max system to fit an educational environment. Currently in the early stages is an agreement with Baldwin to market Proteus through its distribution channels.

Proteus, which began shipping in late June, is a 16-bit digital sound module that has 192 samples from the company's Emulator III stored in ROM. It has a suggested list price of \$995.

Through the relationship with Matsushita, "we will be able to profit from the utilization of our technology in a market segment that our current products and distribution do not yet address," says E-Mu president Stephen Tritto. "Matsushita, which has already established brand recognition and strong worldwide distribution, will be able to set a new standard of sound quality and value in the huge home electronic keyboard market."





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Mass Merchants Fill Expanding Role in Special-Interest Sell-Through Surge

By KEN JOY

hen Walt Disney Home Video released "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" and "Bambi" at sell-through prices last month, it was as if Hollywood had shot adrenaline directly into the veins of the

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But it's not just blockbuster Holly-

wood movies that

coursing

'Teenage Mutant Turtles: Case Of The Killer Pizzas"

"Good As Gold" in



same merchants who sell millions of tubes of toothpaste each month. Mass merchandisers like K mart, Wal-Mart, Target Department Stores, F.W. Woolworth's and Montgomery Ward as well as booksellers like Walden and B. Dalton, are waking up to the healthy profits to be had in tapes that cover a range of

topics from flyfishing, to metaphysical oddities like Shirley MacLaine's "Inner Workout."

Other mass merchandisers like Sears and J.C. Penney, however, have eschewed the software market and are instead actively pursuing the hardware arena in hopes of capturing an ever-increasing portion of the consumer electronics pie.

Mass merchandisers, on the whole, are not set up for rental operations like video specialty stores and large audio/video stores, and must rely on lower sell-through prices in order to make carrying video as profitable as pushing

pulp novels. Until recently, that wasn't possible. But now, with most major studios and independent producers releasing their products at retail prices of under \$20, sell-through has become the sizzle and the steak that national retailers so desperately covet.

In fact, the sizzle has gotten so hot, that some retailers who had previously abandoned theatrical and special interest video, are re-entering the market, albeit cautiously.

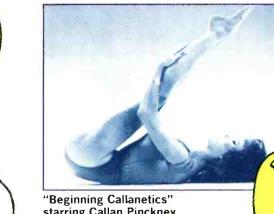
B. Dalton Bookseller is a case in point. Having left the video arena nearly two years ago during a corporate buyout, the 800-store chain began to test-market special interest and limited theatrical videos last month to coincide with the release of "Roger Rabbit" and "Bambi." Fifty of the chain's stores, located in shopping malls in nearly every major metropolitan area, have moved video products back into their stores in a specially designed four-sided stationary tower that carries kidvid, family, self-help and "classic" theatrical titles

"We got out of video two years ago mainly because the titles we were carrying really didn't fit our customer mix," says Kurt Ringquist, video manager/buyer for the B. Dalton (Continued on page A-3)



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Widening Distribution Channels Serving **Traditional and Alternative Outlets Are Driving Original Video Toward Even More Dramatic Sales** and Programming Breakthroughs in 1990.

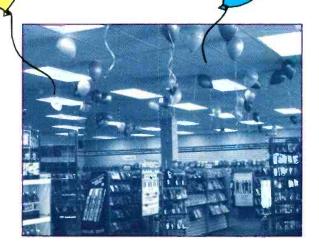


starring Callan Pinckney (MCA).



National Geographic's "In The Shadow Of Vesuvius' (Vestron).

"Jewels Of The Triple Crown" (CBS/Fox).



Increasing Consumer Awareness of Growing Library Raises Prospects for Top Titles

By JIM McCULLAUGH

he original video field continues to occupy exciting programming and expanding sales dimensions

In the past 12 months, special-interest programming has taken on some new programming wrinkles, pricing has shifted, and distribution has widened in both traditional retail and direct marketing channels.

Reflecting the area's potency, a recent issue of Billboard indicated that approximately half the titles on the 40-position Top Videocassette Sales chart fell into the non-theatrical category—at that time powered by the 300,000-unit-plus level of "The Best Of Eddie Murphy: Saturday Night Live," which peaked at the No. 2 spot.

Despite the fourth-quarter assault of "Batman," "Bambi" and "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," the original-video field was boasting its own 1989 successes and fourth-quarter contenders for sales and programming breakthroughs. At the moment, the hot major categories-at least in the

mainstream-appear to be sports, exercise, travel, long-form music video, new age/self-examination, and television fare.

This year, says Alexander & Associate senior analyst Jerilyn Kessel, the sell-through home video business, including both theatrical and special interest, should generate sales of about 55 million total units, up over 35% from last year. Of that amount, some 20%-25% of units sold will be nontheatrical, she observes.

Recently, at an International Tape/Disc Assn. seminar in Chicago, special-interest home video sales this year-excluding kidvidwere predicted to total 27.2 million units, representing \$325 million for program producers. 1990 sales were projected to reach 38.5 million unit sales, or \$420 million in revenue.

Many observers feel those numbers represent the picture at traditional distribution and retail. Because of the various assortment of players involved-ranging from big studios, to independents to specialty companies, as well as multi-layered distribution and regionality aspects, there are those who believe the current numbers and projections are higher.

"It's been a great year for original video, probably a breakthrough year," says Vestron Video non-theatrical programming VP Jeff

Vestron claims a notable success with its "Shirley Mac-Laine's Inner Workout," a kind of new age/self-examination hybrid tape "which we think has developed a new genre. It's already soared over the 100,000-unit plateau with a followup tape in the wings. In addition, he says, Vestron has been successful with a Michael Jackson retrospective, Arnold Palmer golf instruction, and a new Audobon Society documentary line.

"There have been huge success stories among our com-petitors also," he adds. "A couple of years ago, 100,000 units was a benchmark that few titles reached. Now it's happening with more regularity.

The numbers are rising, says Peisch, because of the ef-forts of "more and more savvy retailers giving time, space and energy to original video sell-through as well as the ever expanding alternative distribution networks. In addition to traditional distribution, we have a special markets division

which has nothing to do with video stores. They handle direct mail, direct response, premiums and many other opportunities.

Peisch.

From the programming per-spective, says Peisch, "this has been a big year for sports. It's what exercise was a few years ago and what children's was a few years before that. It's a hot genre now.

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By MICHAEL DARE

(Below is a survey of special-interest labels with new 4th-quarter self-improvement titles.)

here is no special-interest group that a video can-not be aimed at and successfully sold to—and no outlet too narrow or alternative to sell special-interest titles that specifically target their customers. When you hit your local hardware store, you can

buy some tools and learn how to use them in "Patios And Walkways" (Hometime Video). At your neighborhood beauty supply house, you can buy some scis-sors, and learn how to cut hair with "The Tiered Cut"

(Cobella Video Education). So it's no surprise that videotapes are showing up everywhere. At IVE, every tape is ac-

companied by some form of promotional gimmick. Read the magazine Golf Digest, call the 1-800 number, and get a free IVE instructional videotape with your subscrip-tion. Buy the "Gold's Gym" tape, which is sponsored by Mori-Nu Tofu, and get a \$50 gift certifi-cate at Gold's Gym, plus recipes for tofu milkshakes. The tapes themselves aren't targeted for body builders, just beginners who are willing to use household items for weights. One of IVE's most successful packages is "Women At Large," an exercise tape for ladies

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without anorexia. It's sponsored by Hain's Fitting Pretty, and each video-cassette will come with a free pair of pantyhose, or each pair of pantyhose will come with a free videocassette, depending on placement.

"We're supporting these tapes with an extensive trade campaign," says Dennis Moore at IVE, "and we're projecting sales of 50,000 copies of each. Special-interest tapes are labor intensive, so we only do one or two a year. Sales build on a successful special interest tape. It's the opposite of theatrical. There's no big push initially.

"Eighty percent of our business is done through mail order," says Steve Adams of **Healing Arts**, whose tapes are all positive and enlightening glimpses of al-ternative medicine (i.e., "Massage For Health," "The Yoga Journal"). "The special-interest market is in a precarious position, and as the industry matures, it's becoming increasingly problematic how the supplier places his product. It's all visibility. You have to have a little bit of everything. Through gift catalogs, I esti-mate we're in at least 30 million households at Christmas." This fall, Healing Arts will be releasing "Helping Your Child Sleep Through The Night," "Yoga For Be-ginners," and "The Essential Massage."

John Cleese claims that Video Arts tapes are what he does for a living and that he only does Monty Pythe does for a living and that he only does Monty Py-thon for a lark. One look at the numbers explains why. Video Arts are the world's largest producers of train-ing films, doing more than \$14 million in sales in 1987. The tapes themselves are all equally educa-tional and entertaining, many starring Cleese as up-tight characters who always get everything wrong—so we can learn from their mistakes.

Video Arts programs can only be licensed or rented, and they cost \$150 or more for one-to-three days use. With titles such as "How To Lose Customers Without Really Trying" and "The Unorganized Manager," the tapes are used for training by more than er," the tapes are used for training by more than 6,000 companies, including Federal Express, AT&T, and NASA. Their latest release, "Talking To The Team: How To Run A Meeting" features Hugh Laurie as a bumbling supervisor who learns how to deal more productively with his subordinates. As advertised, it not only delivers useful information, it's very funny. The lessons are universal, and apply to many situa-tions outside of the business world. These are self-im-provement tapes that actually work provement tapes that actually work.

Republic Pictures Home Video already have 29

travel tapes, and they're coming out with more in De-cember ("The Netherlands," "Tahiti/French Polyne-sia," "Eastern Canada," "Queensland/Australia," "English Countryside & Scotland," "The French Rivi-era," and "Mainland China.") These tapes are beauti-ful to look at, and provide plenty of information for po-tantial travelers. Not only that, but they function as tential travelers. Not only that, but they function as ersatz travel for couch potatoes, and as video souvenirs sold on location.

EGIAL INTEREST VIDEO

"We're obliged to actively seek out our market and touch them," says Valarie Kountze, senior VP of sales & marketing for Republic. "A good percentage of our business is direct marketing sales, so we've targeted mailings to travel agents, luggage stores, in-flight

magazines, plus cross-promos with TWA and RKO Warner.

This fall, Morris Video will be selling "L.A. Bodyworks," their sunshine and palm tree exercise tape, in K marts and sporting goods stores. They'll also be releasing various computer tu-torial tapes, including "The Consumers Guide To PCs" designed for those with experience or time to study. Can

you guess where they will be sell-ing them? That's right, and tapes will include rebate coupons for computer software.

Speaking of coupons, do you ever have problems using them? Then you probably need "Clipping Coupons For Fun And Pofit," released by NAC Home Video Inc. It contains such earth-shattering information as the fact that coupons with no expiration date may be used for as long as the product is sold. Stop the presses. Wood Knapp Video specializes

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 in non-theatrical tapes. They've already sold 150,000 of "Angela Lansbury's Positive Moves," and they count on it being a big seller again this Christmas. They're also releasing
 "NBC Sports: Highlights Of The 1988 Olympics."
 At the Video Professor, they produce their own tages on how to deal with computers and software

tapes on how to deal with computers and software, and they were the winners of the Best Educational Video of 1988 award by the American Film Institute and Billboard Magazine. Tapes like "Learning DOS," "Wordperfect," and "Lotus" are simple, easy to fol-low, and guaranteed to make anyone computer literate. They're not only sold in computer stores, but to government agencies, high schools, universities, technical schools, and corporate clients like Carnationanyone who may have to teach a lot of people about a new computer system.

Those with a special interest in misogyny should be sure to pick up "The Dice Man Cometh," a vicious gross-out by stand-up chauvinist Andrew Dice Clay. It will either have you laughing hysterically or burning your bra. It's coming out this fall on **Vestron**, along with three "Novas," a mind-boggling "Penn And Teller PBS Special," and a "Doobie Brothers Concert.

This summer, Best Film & Video Corp. sold their one millionth tape, which represents 600% growth in two years. They're significant players in the specialty market. "Consumers tend to like high-quality name recognition and good prices, so we like using movie stars or major franchised trademarks to give credibil-ity to our tapes," says Ben Tenn of **Best**. "We count on impulse buying. Video stores are a small portion of our business. We sell in bulk to mass merchants—K marts, supermarkets, drug stores, and book stores, with a 100% guaranteed return. A significant percent of our customers are females buying for themselves, or gifts for their family." In October, they'll be releasing "Between The

Wars," a series of historical documentaries narrated by Eric Sevareid, and the "Vietnam Home Movie Series," a fascinating collection of footage actually shot by soldiers in Vietnam. For Christmas, there will be "Christmas Sing-A-Long" and "Fireside Christmas Carols.

Though they normally specialize in art, opera, music, and dance, this fall **View Video** is releasing "11/22/63: The Day The Nation Cried," a documentary on John F. Kennedy that's a veritable boon for assas-sination buffs, who can check out Ruby shooting Oswald frame-by-frame. Also, look out for the "Home Video Guide To Pregnancy" and the "Home Video (Continued on opposite page)

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Guide To Childcare," both of which will cost substantially less than a pediatrician. Parents keen on saving money on baby sedatives will find it hard to pass up "Fantastic Lullabies On Video." You guessed it, they're available in maternity stores.

Spectacor is a sports-dominated video company that also owns a hockey team, a couple of stadiums, one or two coliseums, and seven pictures in the can. Their videos are impeccably tasteful and high profile, including 10 performances of the "Bolshoi In Moscow," all in beautiful digital stereo.

If you can't get enough of cul-ture, you probably need Kultur Video, who are devoted exclusively to the performing arts. Their latest fare includes Pavarotti, the Kirov Ballet, and Laurence Olivier's King Lear, but they're also releasing instructional tapes like "Jazz Dance Workout," the exercise tape that lets you dance your way into shape. Culture comes in many disguises.

New Era Media distributes abstract visual music tapes, featuring dolphins in slow motion, that are sold like books in gift and specialty stores. Through their "Wellness Series," you can count on Positive Imagery to get you through the night. If you were in severe pain and you didn't want to take medication, some of these tapes, like "Pain Manager," might produce a welcome relief from consciousness. Those feeling no pain at all might have more fun with "Attracting Birds To Your Backyard."



chain. "We're getting back into it

now because we have a handle on what our title mix should be, and because the average book-buying customer now is also a potential video-buying customer.'

Ringquist anticipates the kidvid and family categories will "nose out" the classic films category, but also expects special interest in-structional videos to provide a healthy contribution to the overall profitability of the venture. "After all," he says, "people who come into our stores to buy books do so because they want to learn something. Video is a logical tool for expanding the ability to teach. We see it as a natural tie-in.

Although B. Dalton will carry how-to titles in every category from golfing to crystal-gazing, video product—all of it "live"—will be housed in the specially built displays, and not displayed on the shelves next to related books on the topic. "Part of the reasoning for that is to reduce shrinkage," says Ringquist, "and part of it because we don't necessarily see that the video product can necessarily be cross-promoted to a book on the same subject.'

Ringquist says that store personnel will be well-versed on what video titles are being carried, and will (Continued on page A-8)



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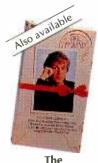
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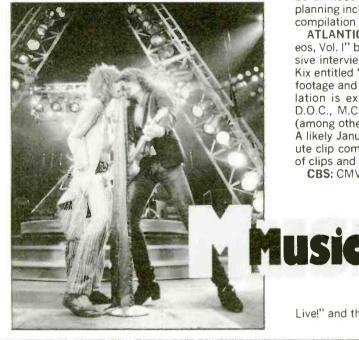
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By DAVID NATHAN

(Below is a survey of music-video labels with new 4th quarter home-video titles.)

&M: Current packages available through A&M Video include "Brenda Of The Light Bulb Eyes," a compila-This tion of videos by Robyn Hitchcock; and two volumes of "Night Of The Guitar," featuring various artists, with concert footage of '70s rock heroes such as Alvin Lee, Leslie West and Steve Howe. A new Michael Damian home video



consists of video clips and interview footage. A&M Video's current big seller is the recently-released Janet Jackson package, "Rhythm Nation 1814," described as a "telemusical" plus documentary. Due imminently is a concert footagebased pack by gospel artist Nicholas titled "Nicholas Live! the first of a couple of gospel-oriented home videos A&M is considering.

ARISTA: Through its 6 West Video division, Arista Rec-ords is bowing packages by Jeff Healey ("Live In London," concert taping with interview footage), a Milli Vanilli compi-lation of vidclips, with a "live" Kenny G. set (to include other footage) and an Anderson, Bruford, Wakeman & Howe combo of video clips and live tracks slated. 1990 releases in planning include a Eurythmics package and an Expose video compilation that will also include interview footage.

ATLANTIC: In October, Atlantic Video released "The Videos. Vol. I" by Winger, a clip compilation that features exclusive interview footage. A mid-November package is due by Kix entitled "Blow My Fuse—The Videos" with documentary footage and video clips. Atlantic's first one-hour rap compilation is expected by year's end featuring Kwame, the D.O.C., M.C. Lyte, the W.I.S.E. Guyz, Kool C, and Breeze (among others) with informal footage, interviews, and clips. A likely January release focuses on Phil Collins in a 70-minute clip compilation, with a Mike & the Mechanics package of clips and exclusive interview footage due early next year. CBS: CMV's most recent releases have included Rosanne Cash's "Retrospective" (featur-

ing video clips and other footage) and the first video package by Luther Vandross, "Live At Wembley," taped at the London venue earlier this year, along with Eddie Money's "Pictures Of Money" video clip compilation. Immediately due is New Kids On The Block with "Hangin' Tough

Live!" and the Who's "Live, Featuring The Rock Opera, Tom-(Continued on page A-10)

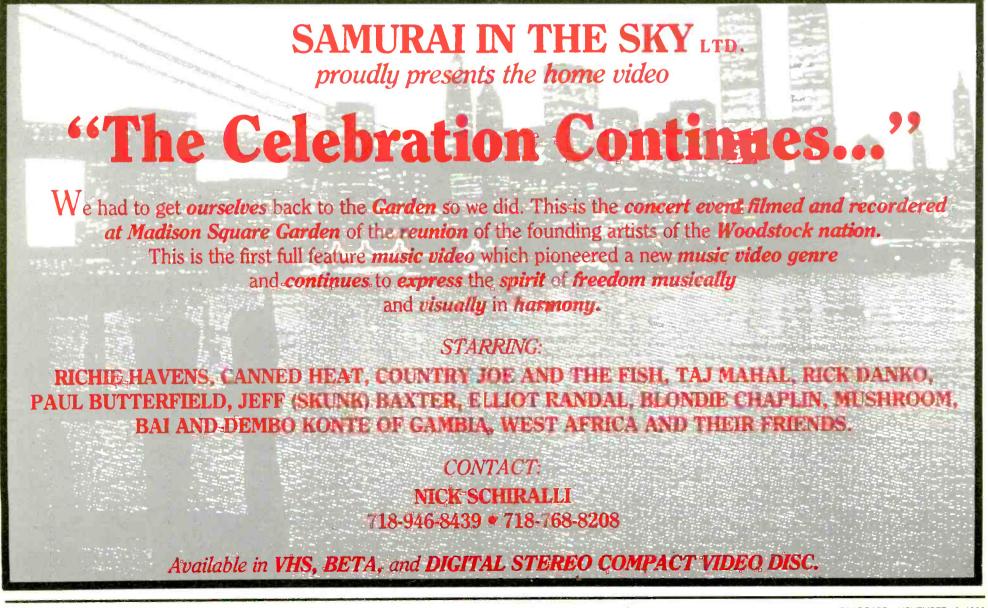


By PAM ARMENT

(Below is a survey of active kids labels with new 4th quarter titles)

AMILY HOME ENTERTAINMENT/IVE: New: "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Case Of The Killer Pizzas' (\$14.95); Current top sellers: "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" series (\$14.95); "Song City U.S.A." and "More Song City" (\$14.95 each); "Bach And Broccoli" (\$14.95); "Tommy Tricker And The Stamp Travellers" (\$39.95). Comments: Needless to say, better stock up on the "Turtles" phenomenon. "Bach And Broccoli" and "Tommy Tricker" are excellent productions and strong rentals.

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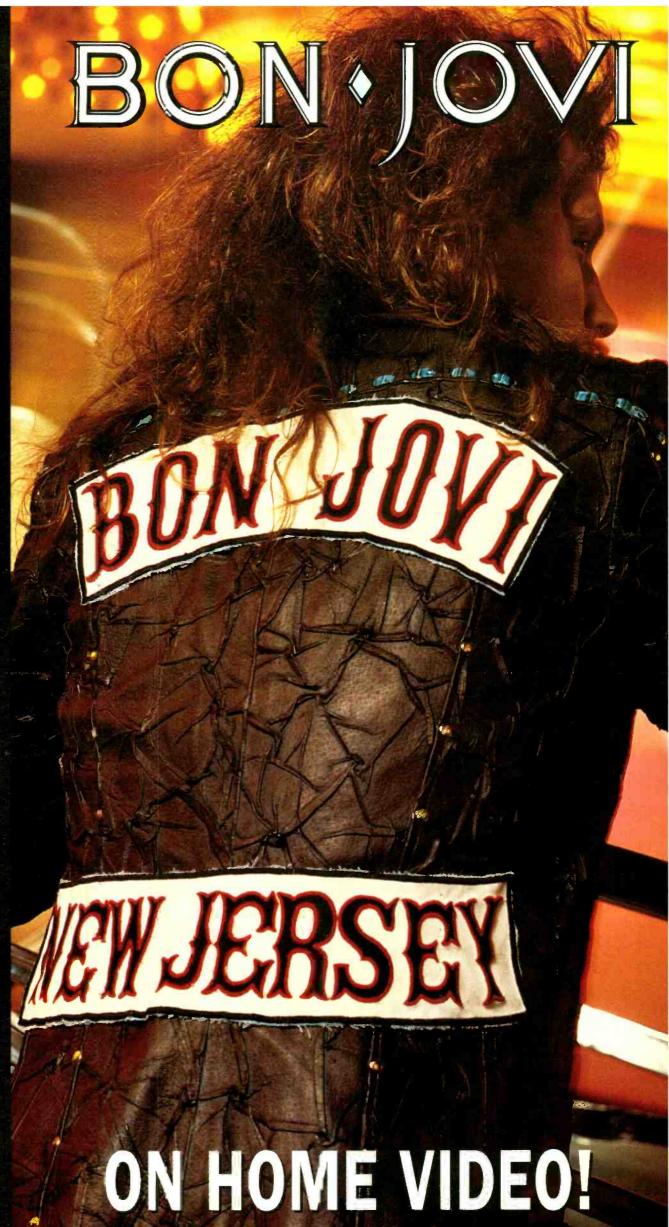


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HI-TOPS: New: Stories To Remember series, "Baby's Bedtime" (songs by Judy Collins), "Baby's Storytime" (read by Arlo Guthrie), "Beauty And The Beast" (Mia Farrow) and "Noah's Ark" (James Earl Jones/Stewart Copeland)— (\$14.95 each). Also new: "Lyle, Lyle Crocodile: The Musical 'The House On East 88th Street' (\$14.95); two more titles from "Pee-Wee's Playhouse"—"Pajama Party'' and "Pee-Wee's Store' (\$14.95). And: "Encyclopedia Brown, Vol. 1, The Boy Detective: The Case Of The Missing Time Capsule" (\$14.95); "Barbie And The Sensations, Vol. 2: Rockin' Back To Earth" (\$14.95); "Cricket's Club-house/Around The World With Cricket" (\$29.95); "Little Red Riding Hood" (\$14.95/Fisher-Price) and "Hansel And Gretel/King Grizzle Beard" (\$14.95/Fisher-Price). Current top sellers: "BabySongs' series (\$14.95) and "Madeline" (\$14.95). 4th Qtr.: More "Pee-Wee's Playhouse" titles, "Catches Cold" (\$14.95), "Tons O'Fun" (\$14.95) and "Pee-Wee's Christmas Special" with Frankie Avalon, Annette, Whoopi Goldberg, Magic Johnson, Little Richard, Oprah Winfrey, Zsa Zsa Gabor, and Santa Claus (\$79.95); "Encyclopedia Brown, The Boy Detective: One Minute Mysteries" (\$14.95); "Barbie And The Sensations/Barbie And The Rockers" (\$29.95); "My Pet Monster, Vol. 8: Little Bigfoot" and "Vol. 9: Monster Makes The Grade" (\$9.95 each).

Comments: Here's one label that can actually give Disney competition with many new and exciting quality titles. Dealers and distributors have difficulty keeping steady sellers "Madeline" and "Baby-Songs" in stock. And the excellent new Stories To Remember storytelling/music series featuring star voices should also do well.

CHILDREN'S CIRCLE: New: "Funny Stories" (\$19.95), "The Snowman" (\$14.95), "Norman The Doorman" (\$19.95) and "Maurice Sendak Library" (\$19.95); Current top sellers: "Doctor DeSoto," "Corduroy" "Really Rosie," "Happy Birthday Moon" (\$19.95 each). Comments: Stores if you are not

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HANNA-BARBERA: New: "Gulliver's Travels" is new to Storybook Classics series that also features "Three Musketeers," "Jack And The Beanstalk," "Black Beauty" and eight other titles (all \$19.95). Running through March 31, 1990 is a Halloween promotion with Cracker Jack that offers four H-B titles—"The Flintstones: Masquerade Ball," "Yogi Bear: Hoodwinked Bear," "The Jetsons: Team Spirit" and "Scooby Doo: A Gaggle Of Galloping Ghosts" (\$14.95 retail value each) for \$3.99 plus six Cracker Jack proof-of-purchase per video. Six Christmas titles include "Yogi Bear's All-Star Comedy Caper," "A Jetson Christmas Carol," "How The Flintstones Saved Christmas," "Jetson's Millions" (each priced at \$9.95), and "A Christmas Story" and "Hanna-Barbera's Christmas Sing-A-Long" (both \$14.95). Also in H-B's "Have A Yabba-Dabba-Doo Yuletime" sellthrough promotion is their bestselling, eight-title "The Greatest Adventure—Stories From The Bible" series (\$14.95 each).

RANDOM HOUSE: New: "Dr. Seuss" series titles, "ABC," "The Cat In The House Comes Back," "Hop On Pop," "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish" (\$9.95 each). Also new: "Richard Scarry's Best ABC Video Ever!" and "Best Counting Video Ever!" (\$14.95 each) plus three new "Berenstain Bears" titles, "Get Stage Fright," "No Girls Allowed" and "Forget Their Manners" (\$14.95 each). Current top sellers: "Berenstain Bears" series, "Sesame Street" series, "Elephant's Child," "Abel's Island," "Five Lionni Classics" (all \$14.95). Comments: The "Dr. Seuss" series is selling like hotcakes at \$9.95, and "Berenstain Bears" continue to be a strong seller.

CELEBRITY: New in Just For Kids line: "The Human Race Club" series titles, "A Story About Self-Esteem/A Story About Making Money," "A Story About Making Friends/A Story About Prejudice And Discrimination" and "A Story About Fights Between Brothers And Sisters/A Story About Handling Emotions" (\$29.95 each). Also new: "Wee Wendy" (\$39.95). Current top sellers: "The Little Fox," "Elm Chanted Forest," "Samson And Sally," "Foofur" series (\$39.95 each), "Seabert" series (\$29.95-\$39.95). 4th Qtr.: "Janosch: Stories From The Big, Fat Fabulous Bear," "Ovide And The Gang: Will Cy Take Over Paradise?," "Star Street: The Happy Birthday Movie," "Maxie's World: What A Girl! What A World!," "Cops: Fighting Crime In A Future Time" and "BraveStarr: A New World Of Trouble" (all \$39.95).

Comments: Celebrity's packaging is among the slickest in the business. Of the new product, good choices to start with are "Janosch" and the excellent "Human Race Club" series of entertaining special-interest titles with a positive message.

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Little Pigs" with Holly Hunter/Art Lande, "How The Leopard Got His Spots" with Danny Glover/Ladysmith Black Mambazo, and "The Fisherman And His Wife" with Jodie Foster/Van Dyke Parks (all \$14.95). Current top sellers; "Snowman," "Pecos Bill" with Robin Williams, and "Curious George" (all \$14.95).

Comments: Although we've become used to highly successful pairings of actors and books, the continuing excellence of the Storybook series reaches new heights with Jodie Foster's reading of "The Fisherman And His Wife." Also worth mentioning is the great music by Ry Cooder joining Robin Williams' theatrics on "Pecos Bill" and all the great music stars scoring the series. Check out the exquisite "Snowman" for the holidays.

CBS/FOX: New: four Playhouse titles in Shelly Duvall's "Tall Tales And Legends" series—"The Legend Of Sleepy Hollow" (Ed Begley Jr., Beverly D'Angelo, Charles Durning), "Darlin' Clementine" (Ed Asner, Gordon Jump, John Matuszak), "Johnny Appleseed" (Martin Short, Rob Reiner, Molly Ringwald), and "Pecos Bill" (Rebecca De Mornay, Steve Guttenberg, Martin Mull)—(\$19.98 each). Soon to be price-reduced: "Casey At The Bat" and "Annie Oakley." Among 12 titles reduced for Christmas to \$19.98 are "Miracle On 34th Street," "Cinderella," "Snow White And The Three Stooges," "Scrooge," "Dot And Santa Claus" and "Raggedy Ann & Andy"—as well as 19 Shirley Temple titles. At \$14.98 each are five "Mister Rogers" titles, seven animated "Dr. Seuss" classics, and 10 "Muppet" titles.

GOODTIMES/KIDS KLASSICS: New: Six-title "Super Mario Brothers Super Show" series based on the Nintendo videogame (\$9.95 each). Also: first two of five "Berenstain Bears" titles, "Berenstain Bears Meet Big Paw" and "The Berenstain Bears Christmas Tree" (\$9.95).

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TRUE NORTH ENTERTAIN-MENT: New: "Kids Have Rights Too!" and "It's OK To Say No To Drugs!" (\$19.95 each) hosted by "Laugh-In's" Arte Johnson and featuring TV's Kim Fields, Jason Hervey, Khrystyne Haje, Alaina Reed, and Marc Summers.



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be able to refer customers who come in looking for specific books to check out the video display as well for titles on the same subject.

Of the 1,300 stores in the Walden Books chain, 1,200 carry nearly 1,000 special-interest titles ranging from MacLaine's "Inner Workout" to Tim Conway's "Dorf On Golf" series. "We also keep everything in the video section," says the chain's buyer, Brian Curtis. "We keep everything to the front of the store to reduce shrinkage, so it fairly negates doing any cross-promotion on the book shelves."

Curtis says his criteria for selecting special-interest titles for the chain's stores basically boils down to whether or not the customer would be better served by a book on the topic instead of a video. "We were pitched a 30-minute video on

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writing a resume, but felt that books on the topic would cover it better, so we passed," he says. "It requires me to be a critic of sorts, but that's what mass merchandisers do—ascertain the tastes of their customers and buy product accordingly."

Curtis echoes the tactics of other mass merchant video buyers who say they test an unproven title regionally before rolling a title out chainwide. "It's gotten to the point where we don't bring in several thousand copies of a tape that doesn't have a track record."

"Special-interest video is a very important part of our profit mix," says Curtis. "We promote our titles in a customer magazine called WB that features articles on the various videos we carry, as well as in-store signage and a video monitor that is always playing tapes." Curtis feels the key to making sell-through *(Continued on opposite page)*

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profitable at the mass-merchant level is high visibility to the consumer. "Play tapes, publish a magazine, do what ever you can to make the fact that you have specialty-video titles in your store very visible to your customers. They won't sell themselves, and customers rarely walk in looking for a specific title."

Rackjobbers also play an important role in the mass merchandiser's involvement in special interest video. The onus of deciding what's hot and what's not falls squarely on their shoulders and they advise the chains which titles to buy that have the potential of bringing the highest return on investment.

Rackjobbers, like Detroit-based Handleman Co., provide the staff to track and monitor the video business so the mass merchandisers don't have to. It's no small job. In 1988, nearly \$4 billion worth of videocassettes of all genres were sold directly to end users—up 50% from 1987 and quadruple the growth rate of video rentals. Typically, a mass merchant will carry upwards of 80,000 different items in stock at any one time. Add-

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ing prerecorded video to that product mix could swell the overall product count to nearly a quarter of a million units. The rackjobbers' in-house sales force acts as a buffer between the onslaught of product being released and the available retail space being allotted on the nation's retail floors to video. Handleman Co. controls about 15% of the total tape market in the country, and provides the bulk of video product for the K mart (1,400-plus stores) and Wal-Mart (1,300-plus stores) chains, which accounts for about 56% of Handleman's revenues, according to reports published in Forbes magazine. Says a Handleman spokesperson: "We're trying to convince the mass merchandisers that videos should really be crosspromoted in the departments that they relate to. Golf titles should logically be racked in the sports department, and car repair videos should be displayed in the automotive section. The bottom line is the amount of space that can be allocated to video displays, but when you consider that special-interest video-self-help, sports and exercise titles-make up about 16% of all videos sold, any extra space that can be allotted is a worthwhile investment.

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my." Upcoming projects include packages by Warrant, the Indigo Girls, and a possible Gloria Estefan & the Miami Sound Machine compilation, with a Rolling Stones project in the works slated for a 1990 release.

CABIN FEVER: New country music videos released in September include: "Hank Williams Jr.: Full Access" (90 min./\$24.95), "Some Enchanted Evening With Willie Nel-

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son" (\$19.95) and "Ranching: The Living Legacy Of The American West" (\$19.95) with music and lyrics by Charlie Daniels. Nearing completion is the video documentary on "Will The Circle Be Unbroken, Vol. II."

ELEKTRA: According to Elektra Entertainment, the only package due prior to year's end will be an as-yet untitled Sugar Cubes pack, which may include interviews and clips. Next year, the company plans home-video packages on Simply Red, 10,000 Maniacs and Metailica. EMI: EMI's home video division has been busy with a number of recent releases including Robert Palmer's "Video Nova," Queensryche's "Video Mindcrime" (a longform concept video), "Everlasting" by Natalie Cole, and "Bring It Back Again" by the Stray Cats, as well as "Born To Be Bad" by George Thorogood, "Look Sharp Live!" by Roxette, and Thomas Dolby's "The Golden Age Of Video." Expected first quarter of 1990 are packages from David Bowie, Tin Machine, and a various artists' AC compilation, with future releases to include product from Bobby McFerrin, the Pet Shop Boys, and the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

MCA: Several major artists will be featured as part of the initial release by MCA Music Video during the last quarter of this year. Bobby Brown's "His Prerogative" will be a compilation of multi-million seller Brown's videos, plus "live" concert footage. "Video Classics" features Jody Watley vidclips with interview footage, while New Edition's "Past & Present" is a one-hour retrospective that includes behind-thescenes material, group interviews,

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per quarter. **MPI:** Current product by MPI includes the Judds' "Across The Heartland," and Part 3 of the "Hard & Heavy" video magazine, featuring Queen, Axl Rose, KISS, Winger, Alice Cooper, and more. Part 4 of the series, with Aerosmith, Bon Jovi, Vixen, Skid Row, and others bows this month.

POLYGRAM: PolyGram's most recent releases have included Def Leppard's "In The Round—In Your Face," live home video and "Trial By Fire: Live In Leningrad" by Yngwie Malmsteen. Due by year's end is a Bon Jovi video compilation titled "New Jersey."

RCA: Currently doing well for RCA's Home Video division are Lita Ford's longform "Lita" package and "The Haunted Fishtank" by Love and Rockets, with a Restless Heart pack out and a Keith Whitley compilation set now available, along with a Jive/RCA release on Samantha Fox, featuring vidclips, concert, and backstage footage.

RHINO VIDEO: Rhino Video's most recent release is "Bad News Tour" featuring the stars of the hit TV series "The Young Ones" as a heavy metal band billed as "Britain's Answer To Spinal Tap." The package features special guest appearances by Ozzy Osbourne, Motorhead and Scorpions, among others.

ers. **SONY:** December marks the release of "John & Yoko—A Love Story" (\$79.95), with its soundtrack of 36 Beatles songs, while at the same time Sony drops prices on Beatles music videos "The Beatles Live," "John Lennon Live In New York City" and "John Lennon Imagine" to \$9.95. Also available is "The Paul McCartney Special" of interviews and previously unreleased footage, at \$19.95.

VESTRON: Current Vestron projects include "Listen To The Music," a one-hour long retrospective on the Doobie Brothers with concert and interview footage alongside video clips; and the re-release of "Rewind" by the Rolling Stones, featuring complete unedited versions of 12 of the group's videos. VIEW VIDEO: The N.Y.-based

VIEW VIDEO: The N.Y.-based company has three titles in current release: "Do You Know What It Means To Miss New Orleans" by Harry Connick Jr., "Live At Carnegie Hall" by Nancy Wilson, and "Cabaret Artist, 'Forever & Always" by Mabel Mercer, all live performances.

VIRGIN: Recent Virgin video releases have included a "Glamrock" various-artists compilation of rock and pop acts from the '70s, "The Invisible Touch Tour" by Genesis (live concert footage shot in London) and a retrospective package *(Continued on opposite page)*

MUSIC (Continued from opposite page)

on Jethro Tull, "This Is The First 20 Years." Due soon is a Paula Abdul pack dubbed "Straight Up" and featuring all of Abdul's Virgin videos plus interview and behind-thescenes footage. A projected first quarter release will be Steve Winwood's "live" concert broadcast this year on HBO.

WARNER BROS.: A country artists' package ("Countrified"), featuring Hank Williams Jr., the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Randy Travis, k.d. lang, Crystal Gayle, John Anderson, and Dwight Yoakam, and Yoakam's own "Lookin' For A Hit" were released by Warner/Reprise Video in recent months. New product out features rap star Ice-T ("The Iceberg Video"), a compilation of interviews, concert footage and video clips; and concert longforms, "101 Concert" by Depeche Mode and Laurie Anderson's "Home Of The Brave." Upcoming releases from the division will feature New Order ("Substance") and Jane's Addiction ("Mountain Song").

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In the pricing area, says Peisch, "we have always believed if the quality of the tape merits a premium price, \$29.95 or above, that's what pricing should be. Pricing can stay at those levels. That's been proven to us time and time again.

"The mass merchants supposedly have a rule against anything above \$19.98 but they took our Arnold Palmer tape at \$39.95. We've had some of our 'Dick Clark Best Of American Bandstand' tapes in mass merchants at \$29." "I'm not sure there have been

"I'm not sure there have been any single big programming breakthroughs in the last year," says Suzie Peterson, VP at MCA Home Video. "There's been expansion in areas where there were already breakthroughs. Shirley MacLaine seems to stand on its own. There have always been one-title phenomenons that don't quite fit into a category. She's a phenomenon on her own.

own. "Music and children's have made more inroads in the last year, and comedy ... those genres where we already had a foothold. Sports looks like it made the biggest inroads."

Peterson says MCA is about at the same posture in the non-theatrical area as they were a year ago, "concentrating on the single big titles in the main categories although we are always looking for the breakthroughs and trying to push the parameters."

On the distribution side, she says, "we continue to push out and find as many channels of distribution as possible and they continue to expand although we have been able to be very successful with our traditional distribution.

"One major trend this year," she continues, "is international. 'Callanetics' broke huge in the U.K. Sellthrough and original programming *(Continued on page A-12)*

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TOP TITLES

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on the international scene is becoming increasingly important."

In terms of pricing, she says, "we continue to evaluate it by title. Look at golf titles. They continue to command higher price points. A lot does depend on what you feel your main channel of distribution is going to be. There's no one philosophy."

One original progamming executive who is worried about pricing is Jim Jimirro, head of J2 Communications.

He says he is concerned that consumers may be getting too used to the lower price points in the theatrical sell-through area—both new releases and catalog—which he believes may be pressuring prices downward in general on video.

If that does occur, he says, original-program suppliers will be squeezed at the front end in terms of production costs for high-quality original programming.

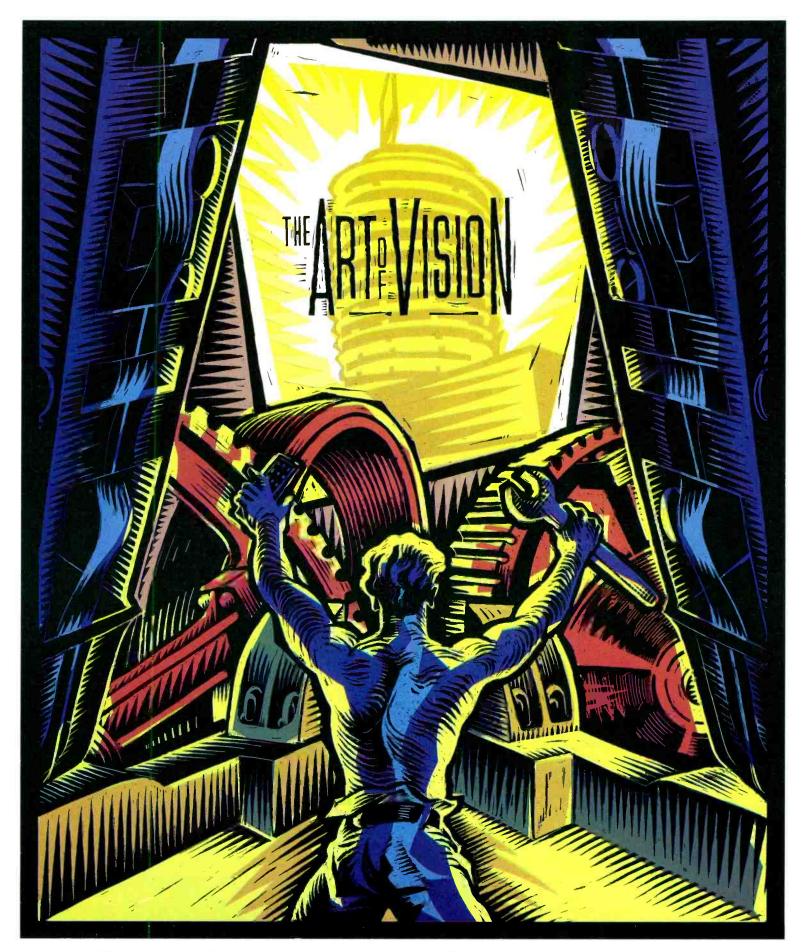
Claire Gruppo, president & chief operating officer of Special Interest Video, says, "Some of the things that are happening in this business

'A couple of years ago, 100,000 units was a benchmark that few titles reached. Now it's happening with more regularity.'

are pretty obvious ... further definition in the general consumer marketplace as to what kinds of categories people are genuinely interested in. Also, the price points of video have been coming down in recent years but the range of price points remains broad since we are often offering multi-volume sets. Individual titles might be primarily at \$19.95 of \$24.95, but re-packaging titles together that appeal to collectors can command higher price points.

"I think we are seeing a lot more stratification in pricing. There are more titles at \$19.95, but for an unusual product sold to the right person who really cares about that subject matter, much higher price points are not out of the question. We're beginning to find which titles have broader mass appeal. Those are settling at lower price points. For titles more targeted to a narrower audience, they can tolerate a higher price point. The pricing spectrum is increasing."

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A Second 'Hitchhiker' Sampler Rides Into Nashville

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BY JIM BESSMAN

NEW YORK CBS/Nashville's initial multi-artist "Hitchhiker" promotional sampler was such a hit at home that the mother label's pop divisions have jumped into the act as well.

The just-released "Hitchhiker Sampler Volume 2," while featuring Nashville acts Rodney Crowell, Rosanne Cash, Mary Chapin Carpenter, and the O'Kanes, also contains selections from CBS label artists Indigo Girls, James McMurtry, and Shawn Colvin. Plans for the next "Hitchhiker release call for a new "Exampler" format, also going out to retail.

"Going to the retailer is a logical extension of what we're doing,' Mike Martinovich, savs CBS/Nashville's VP of marketing. "There's a lot of great music that consumers are being denied through radio, and it's up to us to find ways to take that message to the people."

The first "Hitchhiker" sampler, released in April, was created to expose CBS/Nashville's hard-tocategorize new music, which is derived from folk, country, and rock influences. It came in two configurations: the sampler itself, consisting solely of the selected tracks (from forthcoming albums or from current releases up to three months old), and a companion, "Hitchhiker Radio Saga 1," which contained all that and more.

Comparable to the promotional "Intercords" music/interview discs CBS/New York services to noncountry radio formats, the "Hitchhiker Radio Saga" was designed to support the sampler with artist interviews and additional "catalog" music. The star-hosted piece (Carpenter does the honors on the current outing) could thus be used as a one-hour program.

While the "Hitchhiker" series was originally geared primarily toward college and alternative radio, positive field response brought requests for in-store and other-format radio use. In addition, CBS Records' pop side saw marketing potential for its acts via the "Hitchhiker" vehicle.

"After 'Hitchhiker 1,' some of our New York product managers were so excited that they asked [for their acts] to be included in future volumes," says Martinovich. 'And with artists like the Indigo Girls, you wouldn't know if they were Nashville-signed or not."

To further blur the new sampler's Nashville/country connota-tions, the "Hitchhiker" ships diships directly from CBS' manufacturing plants in Georgia and Indiana.

Noting the "new music" orientation of the "Hitchhiker" projects, director of media and artist development Allen Brown says that "Hitchhiker 2" will be sent to some 800 college and alternative stations, plus a small number of National Public Radio and album rock stations. It will also be available to

interested country stations

But in the "back of our minds," continues Brown, CBS/Nashville believed that the "Hitchhiker" series would eventually go retail. Hence, the forthcoming "Hitchhiker Exampler," due next February, was created. Named to avoid confusing consumers with what would otherwise have been a "Hitchhiker Sampler 3" title, the "Exampler" is comparable to a pair of "Exposed" low-priced double-album compilations released by Columbia in 1981 and 1982. Conceived by then New York-based Martinovich, "Exposed" similarly introduced "provocative new music" from the varied likes of Judas Priest, Adam & the Ants, Rosanne Cash, and Ian Dury.

"Consumer marketing has come to Nashville," says Martinovich. A follow-up "Hitchhiker Ex-

ampler 2" will ship in mid-1990.

Charting Of 1st Release, New Signings Bode Well For Label **Arista Nashville Is Off To A Fast Start**

by Gerry Wood

ARISTA ON THE RISE: The dynamic record company that gave the pop world such acts as Whitney Houston, Milli Vanilli, and Exposé is now making its move in the country market. Arista Records' new country division hit the Billboard Hot Country Singles chart with its first record-Alan Jackson's "Blue Blooded Woman." And the label has just signed Exile to a roster that also includes Lee Roy Parnell, Pam Tillis, Asleep At The Wheel, Rob Crosby, and Michelle Wright.

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A video on Jackson's song is receiving airplay on Country Music Television and The Nashville Network. And his album "Here In The Real World" is set for January release distributed by BMG. That will be Arista's first country album. With a first artist as real and genuine as Alan Jackson, we're confident

that Arista Nashville will be a viable presence leading into the '90s," said Tim Dubois, VP/GM of the Nashville office. Dubois has assembled a formidable team. Phran Schwartz, a dynamo at RCA, came to Arista as director of marketing and artist development. Allen Butler is national director of country promotion. He and one of the new regional promotion executives, Anne Weaver, both hail from RCA's Dallas office. Another regional promo exec, Mike Owens, comes to Nashville from KXXY radio in Oklahoma City. Former MTM Records staffer Ramona Simmons is executive assistant to Dubois; Anthony Van Dollen serves as A&R coordinator; Denise Nichols is promotion assistant; and Cheri Stiegele was named office coordinator.

Arista has two more video projects under way-Exile and Parnell are shooting videos to support their first releases. The label's Nashville division is off the launching pad, and the sky's the limit. Dubois, possessed with some of the finest ears in Music City, should make the Arista Nashville commitment successful from the start.

It's good for Nashville and the country music industry when a successful pop-oriented label establishes a country presence, and it's good for that label when its first releases start climbing the charts. Nashville Scene wishes good luck to Arista, its Nashville staff, and the talented acts that we'll be hearing and seeing in the future under the Arista banner.

OP GOES THE OSLIN: K.T. Oslin and the Nashville Contemporary Pops Orchestra will perform at a Nov. 29 benefit performance for the Nashville Songwriters Assn. International. The 8 p.m. show, set for the Tennessee Performing Arts Center in Nashville, marks the only Nashville-area performance by Oslin

this year. The gospel according to Oslin: "Songs are the backbone of the music business. Nashville, to a large degree, is a songwriter's community that recognizes the importance of that creative process. NSAI's sole purpose is to support, protect, and nurture that creative energy. I'm extremely pleased to be in a position to help the NSAI in their efforts on behalf of all songwriters." All seats are reserved, priced at \$16.50, and available at CentraTik outlets or by phoning 615-320-7171.

> CHOCOLATE Cowboy: Duane Allen of the Oak Ridge Boys is so hooked on the West Coast-distributed Sees Candies that he made a drive from Harrah's in Lake Tahoe. Nev., down the mountain pass to Reno to stock up on the goodies. Reno claims one of the biggest Sees stores in the chain,

so Allen bought enough to stock the Oaks' traveling organization for several months. That night, as the Oaks performed at Harrah's, a 13-year-old girl brought a gift to the stage. It was the largest box of Sees chocolates made. It's a wonder these slim guys don't weigh 300 pounds each ... Hank Williams Jr. joined the heady company of Prince, Madonna, Frank Sinatra, Fleetwood Mac, and Kenny Rogers when he was named one of the recipients of the Sony Tiffany Walkman award. The brainchild of Sony cofounder Akio Morita, the honor is given to artists from various music genres to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Walkman ... Add Ricky Van Shelton's name to the list of those country music stars who are helping with the South Carolina Hugo Relief Fund. After performing in Spartanburg, S.C., the CBS Records artist told the audience he would donate their ticket money back to the community to aid the hurricane victims. "I was touched that the audience in Spartanburg came to my show after what they had been through, and I wanted to thank them and return their money in some way," explained Shelton. Some \$20,000 went to the relief fund. Also, watch for Alabama to announce an upcoming Hugo benefit concert at the Univ. of South Carolina's Carolina Coliseum in Columbia, S.C.

SIGNINGS: Curb Records artist Cee Cee Chapman to Bobby Roberts Entertainment Corp. for exclusive representation ... Charlie Chase to the Harp Agency for personal appearance booking . . . Randy Anderson to Comstock Records ... Zaca Creek to Buddy Lee Attractions for booking ... Charley Pride signs with Justin Boots as a commercial spokesperson Charlie Rich to Celebrity International for booking.

Swear Off The 'C' Word. **CMJ College Panel Says**

NEW YORK College kids can like country music, too, but please, just don't call it that.

At the CMJ New Music Report's Music Marathon Oct. 28 panel "The Nashville Sound: Breaking Today's Country Music On College Radio" (Billboard, Nov. 11), the term "country" was nearly put on a level with George Carlin's famous words you can't say on the radio.

"Country music is absolutely viable," said Hits features editor Holly Gleason. "It's a matter of getting away from the 'C-word,' which is a dirty term.'

Songwriter/producer Josh Leo proposed substituting "American" for "country" when designating

"I don't like [the term] 'country music,' " he said. "I produce records that are called country be-cause there's no slot or format." Here he pointed to artists like J.C. Crowley-after instructing every-one to "forget Alabama," a more mainstream country act with whom he is also associated.

Panelist Mary Chapin Carpen-ter, who appeared at a CMA-sponsored CMJ concert with panel attendee Steve Earle and the Kentucky Headhunters the night before, wasn't sure if "country is entirely what I do," or rock, or pop. For her, the problem was the "'F-word,'" or "format," which 'F-word,'

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NEW ON THE CHARTS

"She's Got A Man On Her Mind" is the title of Curtis Wright's first song on Billboard's Hot Country Singles chart. The Pennsylvania native recently secured a label deal with Airborne Records and will release his debut album next



CURTIS WRIGHT

As a teenager, Wright polished his vocal talent in a neighborhood church choir and learned to play the guitar under his father's guidance. When his family moved to Roanoke, Va., he recorded three albums, two with his first group, The Cimmiron Band, and one with a subsequent act called Super Grit

Cowboy Band. After moving to Nashville, Wright landed a publishing deal with Willin' David Music Group and soon country artists like Ronnie Milsap and Patty Loveless were singing his songs. After becoming a member of Vern Gosdin's band and singing jingles for Burger King and Maxwell House, he set out for a solo career and was signed to Airborne two months ago.

Wright is currently opening across the country for Gosdin; his next single will be "You Saved Me," a song originally recorded by Loveless. JIM RICHLIANO



A New Era Of Country Charting: An Open Letter To Our Readers

In recent months, there has been a groundswell of criticism of Billboard's Hot Country Singles chart. That chart, we are told, has a tremendous influence on the fate of all country releases. Yet, our critics say, the chart does not accurately deliver what it promises: A weekly survey of the top records on country radio.

In fact, Billboard has long acknowledged that charting country airplay presents a whole set of problems that no publication has been able to adequately solve.

That is why Billboard, after several years of research and development and considerable investment, has decided to debut a system of real airplay measurement as the sole determinant of country singles chart numbers, effective in January 1990.

The central problem for country music is that the record companies and broadcasters often are at cross purposes. The labels are fighting to break acts and take as many singles as far up the Billboard chart as possible, while radio in general believes its audience is more conservative than the labels' goals would suggest.

Because of the decline in country singles sales, and the reliance by many stations on callout research—a system that in most cases does not begin to measure a record's popularity until well into its chart life, or even afterward—the numbered playlists that radio stations report to Billboard are less representative of real airplay than of the priorities of record labels. Because there is often no hard data behind many stations' lists, a system has been created where records climb up numbered lists, reach No. 1, and drop precipitously.

While labels and stations bemoan the system, and while many blame Billboard's point structure for reinforcing it, the fact is that most who participate do so willingly.

Unfortunately, the emphasis those in the industry have put on promoting for the charts has sidetracked time and resources from addressing other key concerns: Tighter playlists that threaten the new artist growth of the last three years, a lack of sales for all but the biggest artists, the lack of crossover, and the ongoing search for a new, younger audience to complement country's traditional core listeners.

The phenomenon of promoting for the charts exists in other formats, too, but has been exacerbated in the country format. For the last two years, we have been working to alleviate this problem in all the formats Billboard measures. During this time, we have invested vast resources in the only workable solution—a computer-based airplay monitoring system to secure real data for the Billboard charts through Billboard's new Broadcast Data Systems Inc. subsidiary.

On this page, we present a sample of the kind of real airplay information on which the Billboard charts will be based. The 12 station playlists printed here are derived from sevenday, 24-hours-a-day airplay monitoring (week ending Nov. 5). These lists include only current titles and recent recurrents; many stations play a high percentage of oldies. The stations selected represent a cross-section of those outlets currently being monitored as part of the start-up of BDS.

Rankings were created by counting number of plays and using Arbitron audience estimates for the actual dayparts in which songs were played to arrive at an estimated number of audience impressions. (These are the two figures at the right of each title. By adding two zeros to the second figure, you will have an idea of how many people in each station's listening audience actually heard each title during the measured week.)

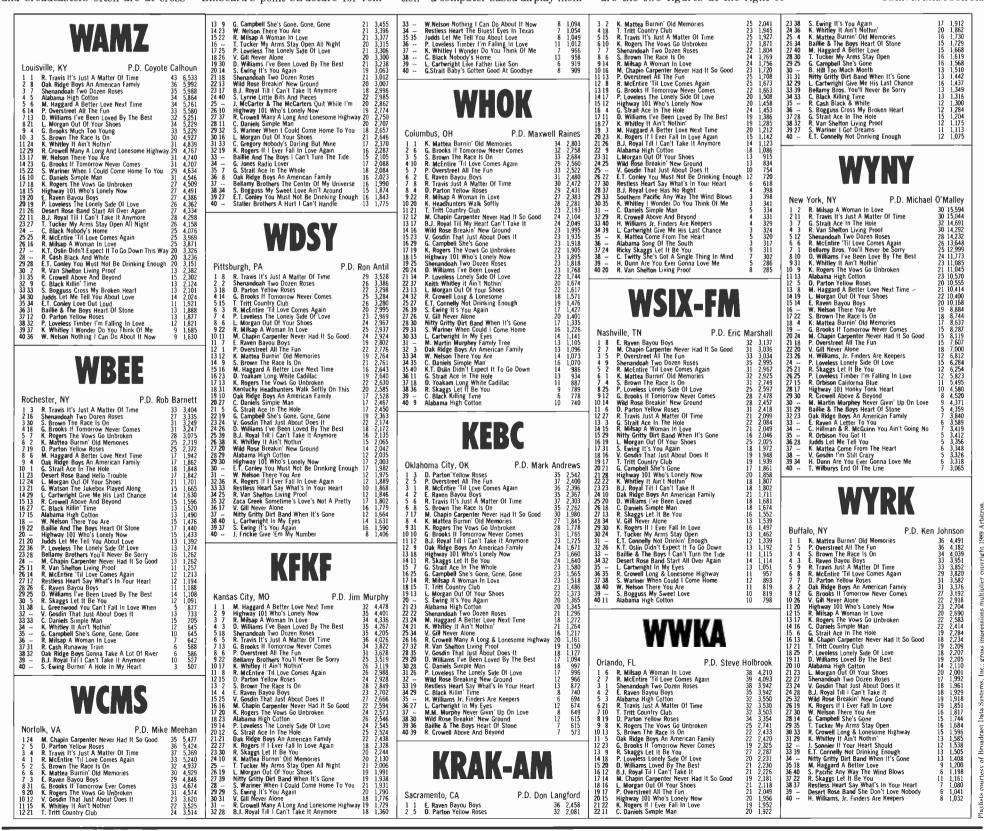
An arbitrary cutoff was used at position No. 40; indeed, you will notice that for many major-market stations, the bulk of the titles below No. 25 are recurrents. When this information is used for the charts, the entire BDS playlists will be used.

This is the reality of country radio. It is a much more conservative one than the country radio currently measured by any trade magazine's chart, but an accurate one—and one that will allow the industry to face its other challenges armed with real data.

We ask your patience in letting us get this system off the ground. And we welcome your input.

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	46 50	52	4	B.HALVERSON,R.BENNETT (A.CUNNINGHAM, M.IRWIN) RCA 9 I CAN'T TURN THE TIDE BAILLIE AND THE E	O14-7 BOYS
46	50	59	3	KLEHNING (M.BONAGURA, K.BAILLIE. C.BICKHARDT) RCA 9 OUIT WHILE I'M BEHIND JENNIFER MCCARTER & THE MCCART	076-7
47	53	58	4 ~	BLUE BLOODED WOMAN ALAN JACK	22763
48	51	53	5	ALTO JACH SHENROKSKSTEGALL (JACKSON, MURRAH, K.STEGALL) HARD TIMES FOR AN HONEST MAN	9892
49	52	54	5	HARD TIMES FUR AN HUNEST MAN JAMES HU T.BROWN (J.HOUSE, R.SERATTE) MCA	

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50	59	72	3	BLACK AND WHITE R.CROWELL,R.CASH (P.SMITH)	ROSANNE CASH COLUMBIA 38-73054/CBS
(51)	60	76	3	AMY'S EYES JBRADLEY (T.BROWN, J.P.HUNT)	CHARLEY PRIDE 16TH AVENUE 70435
52	47	44	21	YOU'LL NEVER BE SORRY	◆ THE BELLAMY BROTHERS
53	54	55	6	T.BROWN (H.BELLAMY, D.BELLAMY, D.SCHLITZ)	MCA/CURB 53672/MCA JOHNNY LEE
54	38	26	18	M.LLOYD.M.DANIEL (T.JOHNSON, L.SATTERFIELD)	CURB 10564 RICKY VAN SHELTON
(55)	63		2	S.BUCKINGHAM (J.MACRAE, S.CLARK) THREE DAYS	COLUMBIA 38 68994/CBS K.D. LANG
(56)	66		2	G.PENNY, B.MINK, K.D. LANG (W.NELSON) THE CENTER OF MY UNIVERSE	SIRE 7-22734/WARNER BROS. THE BELLAMY BROTHERS
57	61	69	3	T.BROWN (D.BELLAMY, H.BELLAMY, D.SCHLITZ) JOHNNY AND THE DREAMERS	MCA/CURB 53719/MCA SCOTT MCQUAIG
58		03	2	J.BOWEN,S.MCQUAIG (S.MCQUAIG, T.COLTON) SHE'S GOT A MAN ON HER MIND	UNIVERSAL 66028 CURTIS WRIGHT
59	72		2	NOT LISTED (C.WRIGHT, B.SPENCER)	AIRBORNE 75746/MCA
	69	-		H.SHEDD (D.ALEXANDER, P.NELSON)	MERCURY 876 228-7
60	57	51	21	KLEHNING (WHOLYFIELD, RLEIGH)	CONWAY TWITTY
61	45	32	13	IBOWEN (B.NELSON, D.GIBSON) RADIO LOVER	GEORGE JONES
<u>(62</u>)	80		2	B.SHERRILL (C.PUTMAN, R.HELLARD, B.JONES)	EPIC 34 73070/CBS
63	56	43	19	KILLIN' TIME J.STROUD,M.WRIGHT (C.BLACK, H.NICHOLAS)	CLINT BLACK RCA 8945-7
64	64	71	3	LOVE IS A LIAR AROBERTS.C.BLACK.B.FISCHER (B.FISCHER, C.BLACK, A.ROBERTS)	CEE CEE CHAPMAN CURB 10529
65)	NE\		1	A HURT I CAN'T HANDLE J.KENNEDY (J.FORTUNE)	THE STATLER BROTHERS MERCURY 876 112 7
66	70	82	3	WE DID IT ONCE (WE CAN DO IT AGAIN) N.LARKIN (D.KEES, P.RAKES, R.HOWARD, N.LARKIN)	PAL RAKES ATLANTIC 74-88800
67	68	75	3	CITY LIGHTS M.TILLIS,B.CANNON (B.ANDERSON)	MEL TILLIS RADIO 001
68	44	37	8	LONG WHITE CADILLAC P.ANDERSON (D.ALVIN)	DWIGHT YOAKAM REPRISE 7-22799/WARNER BROS.
69	76	_	2	IT'S BEEN ONE OF THOSE DAYS M.LLOYD (C.LESTER, T.DUBOIS, M.SEALS)	BOBBY VINTON CURB 10560
70	71	80	3	YOU'RE NOT EVEN CRYING R.HAFFKINE (S.KNOX, S.SESKIN)	THE MARCY BROS. WARNER BROS. 7-22753
71	65	70	4	I CAN'T HELP MYSELF R.RUFF (L.DOZIER, B.HOLLAND, E.HOLLAND)	TRISHA LYNN OAK 1083
72	48	33	17	SAY WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART T.DUBOIS,S.HENDRICKS.RESTLESS HEART (D.SCHLITZ, D.LOWERY)	◆ RESTLESS HEART RCA 9034-7
73	58	48	7	FAMILY TREE S.GIBSON.JE.NORMAN (T.SCHUYLER)	MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY WARNER BROS. 7-22765
74	55	41	9	SOMETIMES LOVE'S NOT A PRETTY THING E.KILROY (R.M.BOURKE, C.BLACK, S.BOGARD)	◆ ZACA CREEK COLUMBIA 38 69062/CBS
(75)	NE\	N 🕨	1	DON'T LEAVE HER LONELY TOO LONG R.BENNETT, I.BROWN (M.STUART, KOSTAS)	MARTY STUART MCA 53751
(76)	84	_	2	INVITATION TO THE BLUES HBRADLEY (R.MILER)	ANDY LEE SMITH
77	62	63	5	LITTLE BITS AN PIECES B.SHERRILL (D.DILLON, H.COCHRAN)	SHELBY LYNNE EPIC 34-73032/CBS
(78)	NE\	Ν►	1	WONDERFUL TONIGHT HSHEDD (E.CLAPTON)	BUTCH BAKER MERCURY 876 226-7
79	83	_	2	WHAT KIND OF GIRL DO YOU THINK I AM G.KENREDY (S.ELIWANGER, R.PORTER)	SANDY ELLWANGER
80	NE		1	BACK IN THE SWING OF THINGS	DOOR KNOB 89-334
81	73	56	20	R.SCRUGGS,D.DILLON (D.DILLON, V.GOSDIN, B.CANNON) FINDERS ARE KEEPERS	CAPITOL 79827 HANK WILLIAMS, JR.
(82)	NE		1	H.WILLIAMS, JR. B. BECKETT, J.E. NORMAN (H. WILLIAMS, JR.) THRILL OF LOVE	WARNER/CURB 7-22945/WARNER BROS. KENNARD AND JOHN
(83)	NE\	-	1	PKENNARD.R.JOHN (R.JOHN. P.KENNARD)	CURB 10563 RAY PRICE
84	NE\	<u> </u>	-	R.PENNINGTON (LLOGGINS, J.MCCOLLOM, D.ROLLINS)	STEP ONE 410 MARIE OSMOND
85		, ,	18	J.CRUTCHFIELD (GARVIN, JONES, WETHERLY) THE JUKEBOX PLAYED ALONG	CAPITOL/CURB 79808/CAPITOL GENE WATSON
86	85 74	81 74	23	PWORLEY,E,SEAY,G,BROWN (K,BELL, C,QUILLEN) GIVE ME HIS LAST CHANCE	WARNER BROS. 7-22912 LIONEL CARTWRIGHT
			3	T.BROWN,S.SMITH (L.CARTWRIGHT)	MCA 53651 J.D. HART
87	79	84 97		JBOWEN.J.STROUD (E.STEVENS, M.STUART) A RAINBOW OF OUR OWN	UNIVERSAL 66017
88	77	87	3	BLOGAN (B.CANNON, D.DILLON) GONNA HAVE LOVE	BUCK OWENS
89	88	78	6	J.CRUTCHFIELD.J.SHAW (B.OWENS, R.SIMPSON) SHE'S THERE	◆ DANIELE ALEXANDER
90	90	77	18	H.SHEDD (D.ALEXANDER) THE PICKUP TRUCK SONG	MERCURY 874 330-7
91	67	62	6	J.J.WALKER, J.ROONEY (J.J.WALKER)	JERRY JEFF WALKER TRIED & TRUE 1695 THE ILLIDDS
92	78	66	20	LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT LOVE B.MAHER (C.PERKINS, P.KENNERLEY, B.MAHER)	THE JUDDS CURB/RCA 8947-7/RCA
93	93	92	21	YOU AIN'T DOWN HOME S.FISHELL (JO'HARA)	JANN BROWNE CURB 10530
94	89	89	25	CROSS MY BROKEN HEART W.WALDMAN (V.THOMPSON, K.FLEMING)	SUZY BOGGUSS CAPITOL 44399
95	95	85	7	YOU PLANT YOUR FIELDS W.WALDMAN (W.WALDMAN, D.LOWERY)	NEW GRASS REVIVAL CAPITOL 44451
96	96	97	22	THE COAST OF COLORADO J.BOWEN,S.EWING (S.EWING, M.D.BARNES)	SKIP EWING MCA 53663
97	75	60	5	THE JAWS OF MODERN ROMANCE J.BOWEN.G.MORRIS (M.CODY)	GARY MORRIS UNIVERSAL 66026
98	98	98	20	HELLO TROUBLE P.WORLEY.E.SEAY (E.MCDUFF, O.COUCH)	◆ THE DESERT ROSE BAND MCA/CURB 53671/MCA
99	91	65	10	THIS NIGHT WON'T LAST FOREVER J.KENNEDY (B.LABOUNTY, R.FREELAND)	MOE BANDY CURB 10555
100	82	61	21	I GOT DREAMS J.BOWEN,S.WARINER (S.WARINER, B.LABOUNTY)	STEVE WARINER MCA 53665
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by Marie Ratliff

****BAILLIE & THE BOYS** have earned a place at the top and I think this record is the one to put them there," says PD **Ron Ellis**, WQIK Jacksonville, Fla., of "I Can't Turn The Tide" (RCA). "I felt their 'Heart Of Stone' should have been a bigger record than it got credit for, but I believe they'll make up for it with this one."

This record shows a real contemporary side of them," says MD Robynn Jaymes, WYYD Lynchburg, Va. "I could hear this on an AC station. I think that's a positive because it gives us a younger demographic appeal, especially among women 20-30. That's what I like about playing the record." The record is charted this week at No. 46.

The Marcy Bros. tested well at WYYD, too, on "You're Not Even Cry-ing" (Warner Bros.), says Jaymes. "We got 100% positive reaction on an audience test, and that's highly unusual for a new act. The phone reaction was impressive, with people saying, 'Great song, lyrics that rip your heart out.' I think the group shows off the fine harmony they're capable of producing."

NEW FACES: Curtis Wright, who has his first single on Airborne, "She's Got A Man On Her Mind," has already established some good songwriter credentials, not the least of which is his co-written "A Woman In Love," currently moving up the chart at No. 12 by Ronnie Milsap. Wright's first vocal effort is getting some good reaction in several mar-kets. "Curtis Wright sounds like a major [artist] in sound and produc-tion," says MD H. David Allan, KRKT Albany, Ore. "This is a very wellproduced record."

'I think he's going to be an up and comer that people need to look at," adds MD Scott Shafer, KJNE Waco, Texas. "He has the makings of a Clint Black or a George Strait." Wright's single is at No. 58 in its third week on the chart.

"Another up and comer," says Shafer, "is Scott McQuaig. His single ["Johnny And The Dreamers" on Universal] is very good. In fact, the whole [self-titled] album is great-there's several more single possibili ties in it. I hope they go back and rerelease his last record, 'Honky Tonk Amnesia,' after he gets established because that's a super song, too.'

LOCAL MOTION: "k.d. lang is striking a chord with people around here," says MD Dave Tindell, WKTY LaCrosse, Wis. "Her 'Three Days' [Sire] is getting a lot of calls and many of them want to know when she'll be coming to town." Lang's record was last week's Hot Shot Debut and moves to No. 55 on this week's Hot Country Singles chart.

"You only have to hear it once and it makes a big impression on you," says MD Steve Roberts, WFMB Springfield, Ill., of Desert Rose Band's "Start All Over Again" (MCA/Curb). "I added it right out of the box and we immediately started getting tons of calls on it." It is charted this week at No. 43.

"Suzy Bogguss has got the best voice I've ever heard in my life," says PD John Boudreau, KOUL Corpus Christi, Texas. "I don't know what it is, but that girl can really sing." "My Sweet Love Ain't Around" (Capitol) is at No. 41.

HOT COUNTRY SINGLES ACTION RADIO MOST ADDED

	GOLD ADDS 35 REPORTERS	SILVER ADDS 59 REPORTERS	BRONZE/ SECONDARY ADDS 60 REPORTERS	TOTAL ADDS 154 REP	TOTAL ON ORTERS
NOBODY'S HOME					
CLINT BLACK RCA	17	27	37	81	89
START ALL OVER AGAIN					
DESERT ROSE BAND MCA/CURB	5	10	12	27	99
MY ARMS STAY OPEN					
TANYA TUCKER CAPITOL	13	4	9	26	134
BLACK AND WHITE					
ROSANNE CASH COLUMBIA	4	8	10	22	66
DON'T LEAVE HER LONELY.					
MARTY STUART MCA	0	5	17	22	22
I CAN'T TURN THE TIDE					
BAILLIE AND THE BOYS RCA	3	7	10	20	86
SHE'S GOT A MAN ON.					
CURTIS WRIGHT AIRBORNE	1	8	11	20	38
A HURT I CAN'T HANDLE					
STATLER BROTHERS MERCURY	1	9	8	18	24
THREE DAYS					
K.D. LANG SIRE	0	8	9	17	48
RADIO LOVER					
GEORGE JONES EPIC	0	7	10	17	30

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- 25
- AMY'S EYES (Loose Ends, ASCAP/Prater, ASCAP) 51 BACK IN THE SWING OF THINGS (Music Corp. Of
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- ASCAP) CPP/WBM A BETTER LOVE NEXT TIME (Johnny Christopher, 39
- A BETTER LOVE NEXT TIME (Johnny Christopher, BMI/Chris Wood, BMI) BLACK AND WHITE (Prestoons, ASCAP/Curb, ASCAP) BLUE BLOODED WOMAN (Kayteekay, ASCAP/Tom Collins, BMI/Murrah, BMI) 50
- 18 BREAKING NEW GROUND (Kayteekay, ASCAP/Dixie Caroline, ASCAP/Cholampy, SESAC/PolyGram International, ASCAP/Amanda-Lin, ASCAP) HL
- International, ASCAP/Amanda-Lin, ASCAP/ HL BURNIN' OLD MEMORIES (BMG, ASCAP/Warner Tamerlane, BMI/Believus Or Not, ASCAP/Screen Gems-EMI, BMI) HL/WBM THE CENTER OF MY UNIVERSE (Bellamy Bros., 17
- 56
- ASCAP/Don Schlitz, ASCAP) 67 CITY LIGHTS (TNT BMI)
- THE COAST OF COLORADO (Acuff-Rose, BMI/Hidden
- COME BACK BRENDA (ESP, BMI/Songs Of PolyGram, 87 BMI)
- COUNTRY CLUB (Triumvirate, BMI) 15 94 CROSS MY BROKEN HEART (EMI April, ASCAP/Ides Of March, ASCAP/Irving, BMI/Eaglewood, BMI)
- DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO GO DOWN THIS WAY (Wooden 37
- Wonder, SESAC) DON'T LEAVE HER LONELY TOO LONG (Songs Of 75
- PolyGram, BMI) 73
- PolyGram, BMI) FAMILY TREE (Screen Gems-EMI, BMI/Writer's Group, BMI/Bethlehem, BMI) FINDERS ARE KEEPERS (Bocephus, BMI) CPP GIVE ME HIS LAST CHANCE (Silverline, BMI/Long Run, BMI) WBM GONNA HAVE LOVE (Beechwood, BMI) HARD TIMES EAP AN UNDESS MAN (Towareity 81
- 89
- 49 HARD TIMES FOR AN HONEST MAN (Texascity,
- HARD TIMES FOR AN HONEST MAIN (Texastity, BM/A.H. Rollins, BMI/Seratted Edge, BMI) HL HELLO TROUBLE (Tree, BMI) HL HIGH COTTON (Shobi, BMI) HOUSE ON OLD LONESOME ROAD (Colgems-EMI, BSCAD Antona, BAIN) 98 42 61
- ASCAP/Maypop, BMI) A HURT I CAN'T HANDLE (Statler Brothers, BMI) 65
- 53 I CAN BE A HEARTBREAKER, TOO (Let Cord. SESAC/AMR ASCAP)
- SESAC/AMR, ASCAP) I CANT THELP MYSELF (Stone Agate, BMI) I CANT TURN THE TIDE (Colgems-EMI, ASCAP) I GOT DREAMS (Steve Wariner, BMI/Screen Gems-EMI, BMI/Irving, BMI) CPP/WBM 71
- 46 100
- 60 (I WISH I HAD A) HEART OF STONE (EMI April ASCAP/Ides Of March, ASCAP/Lion Hearted, ASCAP)

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IF I EVER FALL IN LOVE AGAIN (Warner-Elektra

- IF TOMORROW NEVER COMES (EVANCE, ASCAP/Mayor Bob, ASCAP) IF YOUR HEART SHOULD EVER ROLL THIS WAY AGAIN (MCA, ASCAP/Ten, ASCAP) IN MY EYES (Silverline, BMI/Long Run, BMI) INVITATION TO THE BLUES (Hudson Bay, BMI/Trio,
- 76 BMD IT AIN'T NOTHIN' (Millhouse BMI) HL 23

IF TOMORROW NEVER COMES (Evanlee,

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- IT'S BEEN ONE OF THOSE DAYS (Warner House of Music, BM/WB Gold, ASCAP) IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME (Trio, BMI/Alley,
- 3 BMI/Iza, BMI) HL
- 31 IT'S YOU AGAIN (Acuff-Rose, BMI/Milene, ASCAP)
- IVE BEEN LOVED BY THE BEST (PolyGram International, ASCAP/Ranger Bob, ASCAP/Careers, BMI) CPP/HL 11
- THE JAWS OF MOOERN ROMANCE (Gary Morris. 97 ASCAP)
- IOHNNY AND THE DREAMERS (Steel Hill, 57
- 85
- JOHNNY AND THE DREAMENS (Steel HIII, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP) THE JUKEBOX PLAYED ALONG (Next-O-Ken, BMI/Ensign, BMI/BMG Songs, ASCAP) CPP/HL KILLIN' TIME (Howlin'Hits, ASCAP) CPP LET IT BE YOU (Cross Keys, ASCAP/Silverline, BMI) 32
- LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT LOVE (Brick Hithouse 92
- LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT LOVE (Brick Hithouse, BMI/Irving, BMI/EMI April, ASCAP/Welbeck, ASCAP/Blue Quill, ASCAP) CPP/HL LITTLE BITS AN PIECES (Tree, BMI) HL LIVING PROOF (Intersong-USA, ASCAP/Hide-A-Bone, ASCAP)-HI
- ASCAP) HL THE LONELY SIDE OF LOVE (Songs Of PolyGram, 13
- THE LONELY SIDE OF LOVE (Songs Of PolyGram, BMI/Blue Fire, BMI) HL LONG WHTE CADILLAC (Twin Duck, BMI/Bug, BMI) LOVE IS A LIAR (Bobby Fischer, ASCAP/Serenity Manor, ASCAP/Chriswald, ASCAP/Hopi Sound, ASCAP/Chappell & Co., ASCAP) LOVE ME DOWN TO SIZE (Almarie, BMI) MANY A LONG & LONESOME HIGHWAY (Coolwell, ASCAP/Winim David, BMI 'Blue Sky Rider, BMI) MY ARMS STAY OPEN ALL NIGHT (Screen Gems-EMI, BMI/Scartet Moon, BMI/MCA, ASCAP/Don Schlitz, ASCAP)

- ASCAP)
- MY SWEET LOVE AIN'T AROUND (Acuff-Rose, 41
- BMI/Hiram, BMI) CPP NEVER ALONE (Benefit, BMI/Chelcait, BMI/Atlantic, 22
- NEVER HAD IT SO GOOD (Getarealjob, ASCAP/Obie 10
- Diner, BMI/Bug, BMI) HL NOBODY'S HOME (Howlin'Hits, ASCAP) OUT OF YOUR SHOES (Ha-Deb, ASCAP/Patti Ryan,
- ASCAP/Mickey James, ASCAP/ ASCAP/Mickey James, ASCAP) THE PICKUP TRUCK SONG (Groper, BMI) QUIT WHILE I'M BEHIND (Farm Hand, ASCAP/Debarris, BMI/EMI April, ASCAP/Ides Of
- March, ASCAP) THE RACE IS ON (Tree, BMI/Glad, BMI) HL
- ARADIO LOVER (Tree, BMI/Cross Keys, ASCAP) A RAINBOW OF OUR OWN (Buddy Cannon, ASCAP/Pri, ASCAP/Music Corp. Of America, 88

- BMI/Jessie Jo, ASCAP) 72 SAY WHAT'S IN YOUR HEART (Don Schlitz, ASCAP/Sheddhouse, ASCAP/PolyGram International, SCAP/Sheddhouse, ASCAP/PolyGram International, ASCAP) CPP/HL
- 90
- ASCAP/Shedundse, ASDAP/Enyddant International, ASCAP) OPP/HL SHE'S GONE, GONE, GONE (Tree, BMI) HL SHE'S GONE, GONE, GONE (Tree, BMI) NWIII, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP/Two Sons, ASCAP) SHE'S THERE (Lodge Hall, ASCAP) SIMPLE MAN (Cabin Fever, BMI/Miss Hazel, BMI) SLOWLY BUT SURELY (Tree, BMI/PolyGram International, ASCAP/Songs De Burgo, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP/McBec, BMI/Milene, ASCAP) SOMETIMES LOVE'S NOT A PRETTY THING (PolyGram International, ASCAP/Songs De Burgo, ASCAP/Chappell & Co., ASCAP/Serenity Manor, ASCAP/WB, ASCAP/Rancho Bogardo, ASCAP) HL START ALL OVER AGAIN (Bar None, BMI/Bug, BMI) THAT JUST ABOUT DOES IT (Hidden Lake, BMI/Hookem, ASCAP) CPP THERE GOES MY HEART AGAIN (Comba, ASCAP/Willesden, BMI/Forest Hills, BMI) CPP 74
- 16
- ASCAP/Willesden, BMI/Forest Hills, BMI) CPP 30 THERE YOU ARE (Almo ASCAP/Brin Blues
- THERE YOU ARE (AIMO, ASCAP/OND DIBES, ASCAP/Irving, BMI/Eaglewood, BMI) CPP THIS NIGHT WON'T LAST FOREVER (Captain Crystal, BMI) THREE DAYS (Tree, BMI)
- 99
- 55
- 82
- THRILL OF LOVE (Caseyem, BMI) TIL LOVE COMES AGAIN (AMR, ASCAP/New Haven, BMI) CPP
- 20
- TILL I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE (Alley, BMI/Trio, BMI/Eden, BMI) HL TWO DOZEN ROSES (Colgems-EMI, ASCAP/Beginner, ASCAP)
- 8 THE VOWS GO UNBROKEN (ALWAYS TRUE TO YOU)
- (Gary Burr, ASCAP/Zena, ASCAP) CPP/HL WALK SOFTLY ON THIS HEART OF MINE (Bill Monroe, BMI) WE DID IT ONCE (WE CAN DO IT AGAIN) (Famous, ASCAD (Burr, Macro ASCAD (Auril Pare BAN)) 36
- 66 ASCAP/Blue Moon, ASCAP/Acuff-Rose, BMI) WHAT KIND OF GIRL DO YOU THINK I AM 79
- (Chin'N'Dale ASCAP) 35
- (Chip/N'Dale, ASCAP) WHEN I COULD COME HOME TO YOU (Steve Wariner, BMI/Tom Collins, BMI/Murrah, BMI/Irving, BMI) WHEN IT'S GONE (Jim Boy, ASCAP/Bug, BMI/Don Schlitz, ASCAP/Almo, ASCAP) WHERE DID THE MOON GO WRONG (Lodge Hall, 33
- 59 ASCAP/Screen Gems-EMI, BMI)
- ASUAP/Screen Gems-EMI, EMI) WHO'S LONELY NOW (Cross Keys, ASCAP) HL A WOMAN IN LOVE (David 'N' Will, ASCAP/Front Burner, ASCAP) WONDERFUL TONIGHT (Chappell & Co., ASCAP) VELLOWE DOCE (Advect Acto, BMI) COM 12
- 78
- YELLOW ROSES (Velvet Apple, BMI) CPP YOU AIN'T DOWN HOME (Cross Keys, ASCAP/Tree, 93
- BMD HL YOU MUST NOT BE DRINKING ENOUGH (Danny 29
- YOU MUST NOT BE DRINKING ENOUGH (Danny Kortchmar, ASCAP) YOU PLANT YOUR FIELDS (Screen Gems-EMI, BMI/Moon & Stars, BMI/Sheddhouse, ASCAP) HL YOU'LL NEVER BE SORRY (Bellamy Bros., ASCAP/Don DALL, NEVER BE SORRY (Bellamy Bros., ASCAP/Don
- 52
- Schlitz, ASCAP/Almo, ASCAP) CPP 70 YOU'RE NOT EVEN CRYING (Triumvirate, BMI/Golden eed, ASCAP

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TO GET GOOD GRADES AT COLLEGE, SWEAR OFF THE 'C' WORD, CMJ PANEL SAYS (Continued from page 48)

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she said she understood, but tried to dispense with.

But, semantics aside, panelists made clear that country, perhaps by any other name, can live comfortably on campus.

Former Nashville Banner critic Clark Parsons, admitting his own early misconception that all country music was Urban Cowboy music when he was a Nashville college student, spoke of the "education" that brought him to recognize the "great country music out there made over the past 40 to 50 years."

Saluting Carpenter's solo acous-

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tic offering at the start of the panel, Parsons included her among country artists accessible to college radio programmers who were "committed to the alternative."

Said "alternative," noted panelists, was not the Lee Greenwood/ Anne Murray type, but Steve Earle, for example, whom Gleason said could fit right in with college formats also playing such acts as Kate Bush.

Gleason also suggested that college programmers who play rockformatted Maria McKee, a Los Angeles signing (Geffen), should equally honor Patty Loveless, since Loveless is no more country than McKee, who is free of Nashville label connotations. Forecasting a college-directed "onslaught" of Shawn Colvin, the new folk artist signed to Columbia in New York, Gleason similarly favorably compared the Nashville-signed Carpenter. Other college radioready analogies included Indigo Girls/ Jimmy Dale Gilmore.

But CBS/Nashville's VP of marketing Mike Martinovich, the panel moderator, observed that the "Berlin Wall built around Nashville" has in fact been torn down, as evidenced by the label's new "Hitchhiker Sampler Volume 2" compilation, which includes songs by New York-signed artists like Indigo Girls and Colvin, as well as Nashville types like Rodney Crowell and Carpenter.

Side One Management's Will Botwin, who manages Rosanne Cash and John Hiatt, further noted the trend toward younger and bigger country concert crowds, due to their "imaging and the perception that country is hip."

"Country music needs college radio," said Earle from the floor, adding how he felt forced to seek album radio formatting after being told so often that his music fell through the cracks.

Hailing college programmers as "gatekeepers," National Assn. of Campus Activities' special projects manager Rick Murray asked the panel audience to use its collective power to expose college-appropriate country music.

But Leo, spotting Nanci Griffith as the only country artist on a CMJ chart, expressed fears of a college radio scene where every playlist showed the same artists, be they Red Hot Chili Peppers, Camper Van Beethoven, Sugarcubes, or the like. JIM BESSMAN

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THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	2 WKS. AGO	WKS. ON CHA	ARTIST LABEL & NUMBER/DISTRIBUTING LABEL (SUG. LIST PRICE)*	
			· · •	*** No.1 *	*
1	1	1	5	RANDY TRAVIS WARNER BRÒS. 25988 (8.98) (CD) 3 wee	eks at No. 1 NO HOLDIN' BACK
2	2	2	27	CLINT BLACK • RCA 9668-1 (8.98) (CD)	KILLIN' TIME
3	4	6	5	DWIGHT YOAKAM REPRISE 25989/WARNER BROS. (8.98) (CD)	JUST LOOKIN' FOR A HIT
4	3	3	8	REBA MCENTIRE MCA 8034 (8.98) (CD)	REBA LIVE
5	5	5	57	RICKY VAN SHELTON COLUMBIA 44221/CBS (CD)	LOVING PROOF
6	6	4	13	KEITH WHITLEY RCA 9809 (8.98) (CD)	I WONDER DO YOU THINK OF ME
7	7	7	38	HANK WILLIAMS, JR. WARNER/CURB 25834/WARNER BROS	S. (8.98) (CD) GREATEST HITS III
8	8	8	38	GEORGE STRAIT MCA 42266 (8.98) (CD)	BEYOND THE BLUE NEON
9	9	9	22	DOLLY PARTON COLUMBIA 44384/CBS (CD)	WHITE LIMOZEEN
10	10	10	39	SHENANDOAH COLUMBIA 44468/CBS (CD)	THE ROAD NOT TAKEN
	15	20	6	SAWYER BROWN CAPITOL/CURB 92358/CAPITOL (8.98) (CD)	THE BOYS ARE BACK
(12)	18	18	27	GARTH BROOKS CAPITOL 90897 (8.98) (CD)	GARTH BROOKS
13	13	12	14	WILLIE NELSON COLUMBIA 45046 (CD)	A HORSE CALLED MUSIC
14	11	13	, 81	RODNEY CROWELL COLUMBIA 44076/CBS (CD)	DIAMONDS & DIRT
15	12	11	26	REBA MCENTIRE MCA 6294 (8.98) (CD)	SWEET SIXTEEN
16	14	15	26	KENNY ROGERS REPRISE 1-25792 (8.98) (CD)	SOMETHING INSIDE SO STRONG
17	16	16	23	K.D. LANG & THE RECLINES SIRE 25877/WARNER BROS. (8.98) (CD)	ABSOLUTE TORCH AND TWANG
18	20	17	58	PATTY LOVELESS MCA 42223 (8.98) (CD)	HONKY TONK ANGEL
19	23	31	17	VERN GOSDIN COLUMBIA 45104/CBS (CD)	ALONE
20	17	14	30	THE JUDDS CURB/RCA 9595/RCA (8.98) (CD)	RIVER OF TIME
21	19	19	61	K.T. OSLIN ▲ RCA 8369 (8.98) (CO)	THIS WOMAN
22	21	27	26	NITTY GRITTY DIRT BAND UNIVERSAL 12500/MCA (10.98) (CD) WILL	THE CIRCLE BE UNBROKEN, VOL.II
23	22	24	5	HIGHWAY 101 WARNER BROS. 25992 (8.98) (CD)	PAINT THE TOWN
24	27	25	22	LORRIE MORGAN RCA 9594-1 (8.98) (CD)	LEAVE THE LIGHT ON
25	25	23	74	KEITH WHITLEY RCA 6494-1 (8.98) (CD)	DON'T CLOSE YOUR EYES
26	26	22	39	ALABAMA • RCA 8587-1 (8.98) (CO)	SOUTHERN STAR
27	28	28	37	BILLY JOE ROYAL ATLANTIC AMERICA 91064/ATLANTIC (8.98)	(CD) TELL IT LIKE IT IS
28	30	29	130	RANDY TRAVIS A ³ WARNER BROS. 25568-1 (8.98) (CD)	ALWAYS & FOREVER
29	29	21	68	RANDY TRAVIS A WARNER BROS. 25738 (8.98) (CD)	OLD 8 X 10
30	24	26	30	KATHY MATTEA MERCURY 836 950 1 (CD)	WILLOW IN THE WIND
31	31	30	65	THE JUDDS ▲ RCA/CURB 8318-1/RCA (8 98) (CO)	GREATEST HITS
32	34	35	4	ANNE MURRAY CAPITOL 92072 (8.98) (CD)	GREATEST HITS, VOL. II
33	32	32	8	THE OAK RIDGE BOYS MCA 42311 (8.98) (CD)	AMERICAN DREAMS
34	43		2	THE CHARLIE DANIELS BAND EPIC 45316/CBS (CD)	SIMPLE MAN
35	35	33	12	TANYA TUCKER CAPITOL 91814 (8.98) (CD)	GREATEST HITS
36	39	51	4	RANDY TRAVIS WARNER BROS. 25972 (8.98) (CD)	AN OLD TIME CHRISTMAS
37	36	37	14	MARY CHAPIN CARPENTER COLUMBIA 44228 (CD)	STATE OF THE HEART
38	33	34	19	RICKY SKAGGS EPIC 45027/CBS (CD)	KENTUCKY THUNDER

THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	2 WKS. AGO	WKS. ON CHART	ARTIST LABEL & NUMBER/DISTRIBUTING LABEL (SUG. LIST PRICE)*	TITLE
39	37	36	118	PATSY CLINE ▲ ² MCA 12 (8.9B) (CD)	GREATEST HITS
40	40	38	178	RANDY TRAVIS ▲ ² WARNER BROS. 1-25435 (8.98) (CD)	STORMS OF LIFE
41	38	39	141	RICKY VAN SHELTON & COLUMBIA 40602/CBS (CD)	WILD EYED DREAM
42	44	40	19	MERLE HAGGARD EPIC 44283/CBS (CD)	5:01 BLUES
43	47	46	5	NANCI GRIFFITH MCA 6319 (8.98) (CD)	STORMS
44	45	42	195	ALABAMA A RCA AHL1-7170 (8.98) (CD)	GREATEST HITS
45	67		2	THE STATLER BROTHERS STAT	LER BROTHERS LIVE - SOLD OUT
46	42	41	120	K.T. OSLIN ▲ RCA 5924-1 (8.98) (CD)	80'S LADIES
47	41	48	112	GEORGE STRAIT A MCA 42035 (8.98) (CD)	GREATEST HITS, VOL. 2
48	55	44	5	SKIP EWING MCA 42301 (8.98) (CD)	THE WILL TO LOVE
49	46	57	93	VERN GOSDIN COLUMBIA 40982/CBS (CD)	CHISELED IN STONE
(50)	57	49	19	LIONEL CARTWRIGHT MCA 42276 (8.98) (CD)	LIONEL CARTWRIGHT
(51)	59	62	3	MARTY STUART MCA 42312 (8.98) (CD)	HILLBILLY ROCK
52	53	50	21	SUZY BOGGUSS CAPITOL 90237 (8.98) (CD)	SOMEWHERE BETWEEN
(53)	NE	wÞ	1	THE KENTUCKY HEADHUNTERS MERCURY 838 744-1 (CD)	PICKIN' ON NASHVILLE
54	50	43	35	BAILLIE AND THE BOYS RCA 8454 (8.98) (CD)	TURN THE TIDE
55	51	56	209	GEORGE STRAIT ▲ MCA 5567 (8.98) (CD) G	EORGE STRAIT'S GREATEST HITS
(56)	61	71	4	PAUL OVERSTREET RCA 9717-1 (8.98) (CD)	SOWIN' LOVE
57	52	52	35	ROSANNE CASH COLUMBIA 45054/CBS (CD)	HITS 1979 - 1989
58	54	47	16	HOLLY DUNN WARNER BROS. 25939 (8.98) (CD)	THE BLUE ROSE OF TEXAS
(59)	66	60	286	HANK WILLIAMS, JR. 42	GREATEST HITS, VOLUME I
60	58	53	35	WARNER/CURB 60193/WARNER BROS. (8.98) (CD) GEORGE JONES EPIC 44078/CBS (CD)	ONE WOMAN MAN
61	48	45	59	RESTLESS HEART RCA 8317-1 (8.98) (CD)	BIG DREAMS IN A SMALL TOWN
62	49	64	74	K.D. LANG SIRE 25724/WARNER BROS. (8.98) (CD)	SHADOWLAND
63	60	54	22	EDDY RAVEN UNIVERSAL 76003/MCA (8.98) (CD)	TEMPORARY SANITY
64	63	65	4	DANIELE ALEXANDER MERCURY 838 352 (CD)	FIRST MOVE
65	62	55	19	MICHAEL MARTIN MURPHEY WARNER BROS. 25894 (8.98)	
66	56	61	31	STEVE WARINER MCA 42272 (8.98) (CD)	I GOT DREAMS
67	64	70	24	GARY MORRIS UNIVERSAL 76005/MCA (8.98) (CD)	STONES
68)		NTRY	336	WILLIE NELSON ▲2 COLUMBIA KC 237542/CBS (CD)	GREATEST HITS
69	74		2	SHELBY LYNNE EPIC 44260/CBS (CD)	SUNRISE
70		wÞ	1	MARIE OSMOND CAPITOL/CURB 91781/CAPITOL (8 98) (CD)	STEPPIN' STONE
71	73		36		LE LOVETT AND HIS LARGE BAND
72	65	63	11	WAYNE NEWTON CURB 10607 (8.98)	COMING HOME
(73)		 W	1	RODNEY CROWELL COLUMBIA 45242/CBS (CD)	KEYS TO THE HIGHWAY
74	72	72	21	CANYON 16TH AVENUE 70556 (8.98) (CD)	RADIO ROMANCE
(75)		NTRY	12	CANTON 16TH AVENUE 70556 (8.98) (CD)	ONE GOOD WELL
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Albums with the greatest sales gains this week. (CD) Compact disk available. • Recording Industry Assn. Of America (RIAA) certification for sales of 500,000 units. A RIAA certification for sales of 1 million units, with each additional million indicated by a numeral following the symbol. *CBS Records and PolyGram Records do not issue a suggested list price for their product.

Wholesalers Meet Tackles Tough Industry Issues

BY EARL PAIGE

PHOENIX In an intermittently hectic session at the NARM Wholesalers Conference here, manufacturers assured one-stops that they are continuing to back the cassette single while watching if it hurts album sales; are patiently studying the future of 6-by-12-inch CD packaging; and are hoping to cope with the issue of stickering possibly controversial product.

Those points were addressed by a panel of top manufacturer executives during a session of the Oct. 21-25 meet, held by the National Assn. of Recording Merchandisers at the Arizona Biltmore.

Manufacturer representatives on the panel were Russ Bach, president of CEMA; John Burns, executive VP of MCA Distribution; Jim Caparro, VP of sales and branch distribution at PolyGram; Pete Jones, president of BMG Distribution; George Rossi, executive VP of sales at WEA; and Paul Smith, president of CBS Distribution.

One-stops here asked only for general comments on the cassette single, but all respondents on the dais got into the cannibalization issue—a topic retailers explored with manufacturers at the recent NARM Retailers Conference in Florida Sept. 25-27 (Billboard, Oct. 7).

The tone of responses indicates less fear than was evident at the Florida session, with Jones offering, "Some of the talk about cannibalization is on the hysterical side."

Rossi said the label sees some cannibalization, "but the trouble is we don't know the degree." CEMA's Bach, who in Florida expressed disagreement with WEA's belief that tape singles are a risk, remained unconvinced. "It's not proven to me," he said of the configuration's alleged risk to full-length-album sales.

In a related note, session moderator Jerry Richman, a partner in Richman Bros. Record Dist., Pennsauken, N.J., wondered if cassette singles were being used for promotion. "It used to be vinyl singles were given away all over the place," he said.

Although retailers in Florida unanimously endorsed the 6-by-12-inch package (Billboard, Oct. 7), the onestops asked manufacturers for general comments on the issue. Jones assured retailers that manufacturers are not conspiring to do away with the package. There is no attempt "by anyone to get out from under something; there's no cost-avoidance game or hidden agenda," he said. But there are still a lot of questions surrounding the package, which he termed "not efficient." It requires 50% more space not only in stores but "on trucks and in warehouses," he added.

Jones acknowledged the package has some advantage in security and merchandising, but he pointed to its upcoming disappearance in Canada, April 1, 1990. Jones also alluded to the environmental impact of packaging. "A retailer as large as Sam Walton [Wal-Mart's chairman] is taking a stand on green issues," Jones said.

While acknowledging that the green issue is critical, Bach countered that trees are "a renewable resource. We certainly are growing more trees, learning how to manage that area, and we are making sure our paper is biodegradable," thereby easing the problem.

"I'm not totally convinced [the 6by-12] does the job some people claim it does," Jones said. "First of all, it's a package that doesn't have that much information; it's big enough to create impact, but it does so at the expense of facings. I think it's safe to say you could get twice the impact with a different approach to packaging."

Calling for continuing dialogue and looking to digital audiotape on the horizon, Jones said, "Space utilization and a lot of issues are tied up in this. The more facings the better. The consumer does not browse from 50 yards away; he browses from a foot away. More facings is more sales is more profit."

CBS' Smith took up the DAT cudgel, saying there is a need, perhaps, for some type of universal "carrier that enhances your purpose, for security, for merchandising, for whatever purpose you need.

"We developed something for the CD a few years ago and thought it was the way to go. We tried for 10 years to get something for the cassette and never got there. Indeed, the very people who fought us on the cassette are the same people who are saying we should stay with the 6-by-12 on the CD."

Manufacturers are coming from a different place on the cassette because when they were merchandised with the spine out and up a wall, it was sufficient, Jones said. But now, "the LP is gone away" and the CD represents the opportunity for full-face merchandising.

Noting that retail space is increasingly expensive, Smith said, "We don't want to sell cardboard, we want to sell product. It's a very difficult situation. Are we unduly packaging product? Are we wasting a lot of money?"

Space is critical, Bach agreed, siding with Jones that without the 6-by-12 "there is a 50% savings in all of our warehouses, a 50% savings in space on shipping that will not translate to a 50% in freight because we are shipping a lot of air.

"However, I guess I'm a kind of doubter on space savings in the store. It's easy to say inventories will double. I do not believe they will double. The retailer has to watch turns that's the basis of inventory. I also don't believe all the racks will be totally and efficiently used," said Bach, but added that he does loathe walking into a store "and seeing a sea of white keepers," referring to cassette anti-theft holders. "There is no browsing. Browsing is asking a clerk to find you something."

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it dictated by 50 different states, or whatever nightmare vision you could have of this issue," said Jones, offering that perhaps some rating approach like that used by the motion picture industry might be considered.

sial product, Smith said CBS is stress-

ing more attention "in our sales docu-

ments to you" and in sales aids, mak-

ing sure accounts are informed about

product. "If our artists object, then

we will just have to abide by their

wishes and make you aware of that

proach, Rossi said. "We have some

people who believe very strongly in

First Amendment rights and free-

dom of the arts, and we have others

who feel if we don't do something,

legislators will do something worse,

WEA is still sorting out its ap-

On stickering possibly controver-

Hotel Jan. 9-11.

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LOOKING TO 1990: Fred Munao, president of Select Records, says the challenge for next year's indie product presentation at NARM is, "how do we top last year's feat?" One way is by raising the costs associated with its production, apparently; Munao says the highest level of participation *(Continued on page 55)*

CONVENTION CAPSULES just the video-only distributors. A registration list compariso tween this year's and last y meeting shows 22 indie distribution

RICHMAN'S REVOLT: Jerry Richman, partner in Richman Bros. Records Dist. in Pennsauken, N.J., stirred up the National Assn. of Re-cording Merchandisers' Wholesal-ers Conference, held Oct. 21-25 at the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix. As moderator of the one-stop panel, Richman was apparently irked that a set of questions for manufacturing executives were too general. When he took the podium, Richman proceeded to ask questions that had not been approved in an advance meeting. The panelists went along until the counsel from the Recording Industry Assn. of America, the label organization, intervened. Several one-stop delegates in the audience shouted encouragement to Richman, who later went ahead and posed the agreed-upon "NARM questions."

After apologizing to the audience for Richman's questions, **Steve Libman**, head of **Nova Distributing** and chair of the one-stop conference, said, "Jerry's questions are legitimate. It's just that we agreed on a certain set of questions and he blind-sided the manufacturers. It's embarrassed **Pam [Horovitz, NARM's** administrative head], and the panel."

Members of the panel were Russ Bach, president of CEMA; John Burns, executive VP at MCA Distribution; Jim Caparro, VP of sales and branch distribution for Poly-Gram; George Rossi, executive VP of sales at WEA; and Paul Smith, president of CBS Distribution.

WHO'S HERE? The so-called "Little NARM" marked its fourth year with a return to Phoenix. The meet, initiated in 1986, evolved from the merger of an older rack/one-stop meeting, and a Florida conference for independents. In the following two years, the meeting, held in Palm Springs, Calif., enjoyed a growing video sell-through segment. Nowadays, all major manufacturers of both video and music, all independent music labels and distributors, and the one-stops make up a cross-section that, in terms of wholesale, excludes A registration list comparison between this year's and last year's meeting shows 22 indie distributors, down seven from 1988; 21 racks, down one; 116 manufacturers, down four; and 25 one-stops, up seven. Additionally, various NARM com-

Additionally, various NARM committees, including the NARM convention group, convened to plan the organization's main confab March 1013, 1990, at Los Angeles' Century Plaza, and talk of the following year's huddle, with San Francisco mentioned as a possible site. Also, various committees of affiliate group **Video Software Dealers Assn.** flew in to plan that group's many functions, such as its huge Aug. 5-8 Las Vegas Hilton annual event, and the move next year of its Regional Leaders Conference to Vegas' Alexis Park

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for labels will be \$7,000, a \$3,000 hike from last year. Distributors' costs will be static, with the hope that more labels will be recruited. Lowest-level participation can be had for \$500. Under discussion is a special discount program that each label will announce after the presentation.

**HOW DO THEY FIND the talent?** Several indie distributors report being contacted by majors eager to sign a few more lucrative indie labels to their rosters. One rep says a major offered \$2,500 off the books for information leading to a signing.

RAIN HITS CABANAS: Unusually heavy showers played havoc opening day with the one-on-one poolside meetings, as attendees scurried to and from appointments amid droopy, water-soaked company signs and outdoor tables all awash. But for most, it was a brief lark and perfect weather for the rest of the week had delegates raving.

CULTURE SHOCK: Many L.A. and New York NARM attendees quickly found out that their cities don't have a lock on the highest prices in the land. Taxis are unregulated in Phoenix, costing \$2.50 for the first mile and \$1.20 for each additional. Once at the hotel, guests could relax by nibbling on items from the minibars in their rooms, if they desired to spend \$3.75 for a bag of Doritos.

NARM'S NEWEST SITE: The 70year-old Arizona Biltmore, a reflection of Frank Lloyd Wright splendor sprawling over 39 acres, drew few complaints among the 450 attendees, who arrived in waves for the fall event. Most never realized the crunch on the second day when five coffee shop waiters and waitresses worked 12 hours without a break (and were rewarded with T-bone dinners). Head chef John Makin prepared a special potato entree three nights in a row for one guest with a temporary digestive flare-up, an example of the spirit of helpfulness that abounded in every quarter. Talk is that NARM will return ...

This story was prepared by Earl Paige and Bruce Haring.

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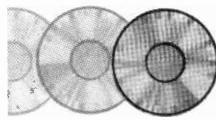
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### South Texas Wholesale Duo Is Talked Into Attending **One-Stop Makes It To NARM Meet, Finally**

#### BY EARL PAIGE

PHOENIX Richard Powers and Robert Guillerman couldn't have picked a more volatile and competitive time to make their first appearance at the National Assn. of Recording Merchandisers' Wholesalers Conference, held here Oct. 21-23 at the Arizona Biltmore.

Veteran operators of South Texas Wholesale Records, a San Antonio, Texas-based one-stop they founded 13 years ago, president Powers and VP Guillerman have held back in terms of industry exposure and participation. As it happened, the two Texans, who have known each other since boyhood in San Antonio, landed here in the middle of a philosophical schism between two factions of the NARM one-stop contingent. The one camp hopes to preserve a detente that has developed into a harmonious relationship with the majors; the other is raising questions that could heat things up.

Both men say they have been around enough horse trading in their time to know not to give names and get further involved in the politics of a group they hardly know. About all Powers wanted to say publicly is that pricing, return penalties, and "the surcharge on loose pieces" are issues that need to be resolved or improved. All three

issues were hotly debated here. In total, the one-stop portion of the NARM Wholesalers Conference drew 25 companies. Powers and Guillerman were not the only onestops attending for the first time. Other first-time attendees were Frankie's One-Stop, Shreveport, La.: Galaxy Records. Pittsburgh: General Record Service, Seattle;

### 'We found out we know a lot of people here'

Northeast One Stop, Albany, N.Y.; Pacific Coast One Stop, Chatsworth, Calif.; Pearl Distributors, Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Unique Music Corp., New Hyde Park, N.J. Several veterans of the NARM one-stop member group were surprised by the new vitality.

Full credit for inspiring Powers and Guillerman to finally attend a NARM one-stop event goes to Bruce Ogilvie, president of Abbey Road Distributors, Santa Ana, Calif., and a NARM veteran. Bruce finally convinced us and we're delighted we took the time out," said Powers.

According to Powers and Guillerman, the one-stop growth today has

volved from what Powers calls "the great leveling," a period of business slowdown in the late '70s that led to the change in configurations, and finally to consolidation that has been nowhere more apparent than in Texas. In fact, Powers and Guillerman say they think there are only a few one-stops left in the state, at least in mainstream pop product.

Powers for three years was with Galexy Sales in San Antonio, a onestop firm that had retail stores under the name Record Town, operated by Kieth Dubbs and Bill McGehee. The firm was ultimately purchased by Western Merchandisers, Amarillo, Texas, which operates one-stops. On Sept. 1, 1976, Powers, then 28,

and Guillerman, 25 at the time, opened the wholesale firm in 1,600 square feet in San Antonio "and just kept on knocking out walls until it was a maze," said Powers. In 1979, the year the record business plunged into a trough, the pair decided to branch out to Houston. "We didn't see it coming," said Guillerman of the crash.

At the time, the Houston market seemed inviting because the oldtime Daly Bros. company was getting out of wholesale, while United One-Stop, another Houston firm, sold out to Western Merchandisers. Guillerman opened in 3,700 square feet, now up to 10,000 square feet, in the Memorial area off the I-10 and Katy freeways

As South Texas steadily expanded, both in Houston-under the Southwest Wholesale Records logo-and in San Antonio, the home base grew as well. A year ago, the firm moved into new facilities two miles away that afford it 6,500 square feet in what the pair call the downtown section of San Antonio. Today, the company employs a total of 60 people between the two branches.

Through it all, Powers and Guillerman have survived the Texas oil economy crunch that is still being felt in the state. "The property of families who are the historical backbone of San Antonio is being auctioned off on the county courthouse steps," said Powers of the continuing economic recovery, such as it is.

The duo believe they have built the firm's reputation on "street presence," in Powers' words, and a dedication to service. Besides computerization, which occurred two years ago, they think fill-in business with the national chains has been a bulwark. They also mention the growth in cassette singles, CD, and music video, all of which have helped them overcome the trauma of vinyl phase-out.

Now that fellow Texan Billy Emerson, president of Big State Distributing, Dallas, which also operates a one-stop, is serving as this year's NARM president, and with the urging of mentor Ogilvie, the two boyhood chums and business partners have joined the one-stop mainstream.

We sure found out we know a lot of people here," said Powers as he and Guillerman made the rounds of manufacturer cabanas

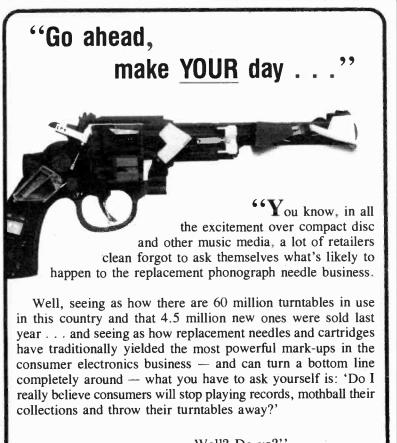


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#### **Boomers Explodes Onto The New York Record-Retain** Sce ne

#### BY JIM BESSMAN

NEW YORK With the mid-September opening of a second Boomers outlet, record retail in New York has really gone to the dogs.

That's because the 2,600-squarefoot store on Broadway & 55th Street, like its smaller year-old Broadway forebear 58 blocks uptown, is named after Boomer, store owner Harry Safter's "pound pup-

py." "I got him in a [dog] pound," says fact, the dog's toothy grin, flashing wide beneath a red "Da Boom" baseball cap, is represented in a cartoon, which is tightly clamped upon a window sign that advertises newly released CDs at "12.99-Every Day" prices

But Boomer the dog isn't all that distinguishes Boomers the store. The Boomers logo is actually an exploding boombox that is painted in cartoon style on the purple store-front canopy. And to carry the urbanstreet theme further, the in-store floors are all covered with graffiti art sealed by two coats of polyurethane. The Clash, Pink Floyd, Bob Marley, John Coltrane, Prince, and David Bowie are among the names enshrined in concrete; there is even Duke Ellington's keyboard curving out from beneath the jazz bins.

"Our concept, besides giving a good price, is to create a comfortable environment in which to shop," says Safter. "It's a more personalized place than the megastores. We've found that people don't like to be ignored, but like to talk music, and we pay attention. The thing is to talk to the customers: They'll tell you what you need to have."

Fully computerized. Boomers carries 10,000 CD and 12,000 cassette titles. Black vinyl is being phased out, except for 12-inch singles, which eventually will be stocked in a separate dance music department in the back of the store.

"We try to keep a good spread for the store's size," says Safter, citing an "international" focus on reggae and world beat as well as "pop jazz" and the top 100. "We have everything everyone else has, plus a little bit more

Safter says that Boomers is the first East Coast mom-and-pop to have installed the Personics system of custom-made cassettes. The new store also has 250 music and hit movie sellthrough videocassettes, which will expand to 1,000 titles by Christmas. Three TV monitors hung from the ceiling screen promotional music clips supplied by the record companies. In addition, the uptown location does a small rental business.

Audio/video accessories are

stocked in the cases and on the walls forming the central checkout area, around which traffic flows counterclockwise through a one-way turnstyle at the door. Almost all merchandise is customer-accessible.

Located in New York's midtown office/condo/theater area, Boomers attracts office workers during the week and tourists on the weekends. While the Ritz, Lone Star Roadhouse,

and Roseland are all located within three blocks, Boomers gets little spillover, since it closes at 8 p.m. Concerts at these venues, though, are also highlighted in store window signage. Safter was once GM of the Straw-

berries chain as well as having been an executive at MGM/UA Home Video and CBS Video Enterprises. Partner Jack Levy also worked at Straw-(Continued on next page)

### Psst . . . Have You Heard The Latest Scoop On SST?

### BY BRUCE HARING

SST UPDATE: Rumors are still flying about what's going on at SST Records in Lawndale, Calif. The de-



finitive version of what has happened, according to Ron Coleman, the new director of promotion and marketing for SST: (1) The staff of Cruz Records has moved into the SST offices in Lawndale; and (2) Chuck Dukowski has sold his 50% of the company to Greg Ginn, but will stay with the company as director of sales. Ginn is now the sole owner of both labels.

The appointment of Coleman as head of promo and marketing for Cruz and SST consolidates three positions, with an assistant and several interns helping Coleman tackle the job. No bands will be affected by the changes, according to Coleman.

"Naturally, there's been some confusion because of the changes. Coleman says. "We have to get a grip on all this. But we're all confident that things will be bigger and better than ever once the changes kick in." Dukowski was unavailable for comment.

Upcoming releases on the label include Grant Hart's "The Intolerance," the first solo album from the (Continued on next page)



Co-owner Harry Safter stands in front of Boomers, located on Broadway in midtown Manhattan.





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| 3         | 2         | 1          | 7             | JANET JACKSON A&M CD 3920<br>JANET JACKSON'S RHYTHM NATION 1814                               |
| 4         | 4         | 3          | 10            | ROLLING STONES COLUMBIA CK 45333<br>STEEL WHEELS                                              |
| 5         | 5         | 5          | 32            | MILLI VANILLI ARISTA ARCD 8592<br>GIRL YOU KNOW IT'S TRUE                                     |
| 6         | 8         | 14         | 13            | THE B-52'S REPRISE 2-25854/WARNER BROS.<br>COSMIC THING                                       |
| 7         | 7         | 6          | 8             | AEROSMITH GEFFEN GHS2-24254 PUMP                                                              |
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| 10        | NE        | WÞ         | 1             | JOE SATRIANI RELATIVITY 88561-1015-2 FLYING IN A BLUE DREAM                                   |
| 11        | 6         | 4          | 7             | TEARS FOR FEARS FONTANA 838 730-2/POLYGRAM<br>THE SEEDS OF LOVE                               |
| 12        | 10        | 8          | 40            | PAULA ABDUL VIRGIN 2-90943<br>FOREVER YOUR GIRL                                               |
| 13        | 11        | 10         | 5             | BARBRA STREISAND COLUMBIA CK45369<br>A COLLECTION: GREATEST HITS AND MORE                     |
| 14        | 13        | 13         | 5             | NEIL YOUNG WARNER BROS. 2-25899<br>FREEDOM                                                    |
| 15        | 12        | 11         | 28            | TOM PETTY MCA MCAD 6253 FULL MOON FEVER                                                       |
| 16        | 28        | 25         | 2             | ERASURE SIRE 2-26026/REPRISE WILD!                                                            |
| 17        | 15        | 17         | 6             | RICKIE LEE JONES GEFFEN GHS 2-24246<br>FLYING COWBOYS                                         |
| 18        | 16        | 28         | 3             | KATE BUSH COLUMBIA CK44164<br>THE SENSUAL WORLD                                               |
| 19        | 22        | -          | 2             | LUTHER VANDROSS - EPIC E2K45320/E.P.A.<br>THE BEST OF LUTHER: THE BEST OF LOVE                |
| 20        | 24        | 19         | 5             | JEFF BECK WITH TERRY BOZZIO & TONY HYMAS EPIC EK44313<br>JEFF BECK'S GUITAR SHOP              |
| 21        | 14        | 9          | 9             | MOTLEY CRUE ELEKTRA 60829-2<br>DR. FEELGOOD                                                   |
| 22        | 18        | 18         | 7             | MELISSA ETHERIDGE ISLAND 2-91285<br>BRAVE AND CRAZY                                           |
| 23        | 25        | 24         | 17            | NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK COLUMBIA CK 40985<br>HANGIN' TOUGH                                      |
| 24        | 26        | 20         | 27            | RICHARD MARX EMIE2-90380<br>REPEAT OFFENDER                                                   |
| 25        | 17        | 23         | 3             | KISS MERCURY 838 913-2/POLYGRAM<br>HOT IN THE SHADE                                           |
| 26        | 27        | 25         | 16            | SKID ROW ATLANTIC 2-81936<br>SKID ROW                                                         |
| 27        | 21        | 15         | 37            | FINE YOUNG CANNIBALS LR.S. D-6273/MCA<br>THE RAW & THE COOKED                                 |
| 28        | 19        | 21         | 7             | BOB DYLAN COLUMBIA CK 45281<br>OH MERCY                                                       |
| 29        | 29        | 12         | 17            | DON HENLEY GEFFEN GHS 2-24217<br>THE END OF THE INNOCENCE                                     |
| 30        | 20        | 29         | 4             | YOUNG M.C. DELICIOUS VINYL 2-91309/ISLAND<br>STONE COLD RHYMIN'                               |

Compact disks with the greatest sales gains this week



#### than eight hours signing autographs at a Sound Warehouse store in Dallas. Pictured, from left, are Bert Williams, the Southern region sales manager for BMG Classics; Cliburn; Jon Bjork, regional manager for Sound Warehouse; Jeff Berger, BMG Classics product manager; John Pfeiffer, executive producer with RCA Victor Red Seal; Guenter Hensler, president of BMG Classics; and Douglas Currie, director of U.S. marketing for RCA Victor Red Seal. The dog in the arms of Berger is the Cliburn family pet, "Baby Chops."





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BOOMERS

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berries and headed Reflection Records. Other partner Rick Gruen was a computer science professor at Cornell, and wrote Boomers' software.

According to Safter, two more Boomers outlets will open within six months, in midtown. The store's graffiti artist will also exhibit his work in the new store at the end of November, with a comic-book-art show

As for "Da Boom," Safter says that Boomers will feature his pooch in a forthcoming 12-page comic-book/ co-op ad giveaway, sort of a Boomers version of the big retail chain music papers. Meanwhile, the store's cartoon/animated logo and typeface will be carried over into future signage and advertising.

(Continued from previous page) opened a West Coast sales division ex-Hüsker Dü drummer: a doubleheaded by Steven Brownlee, foralbum by Volcano Suns titled 'Thing Of Beauty"; Negativland's merly with Restless Records. The "Helter Stupid"; and a new Cruz company is contemplating adding a West Coast fulfillment warehouse. Records release by Big Drill Car,

which will be called "Album/Tape/ CD Type Thing," depending on NWRD has also signed a U.S. distribution deal with FM/Revolver U.K. which configuration you purchase. ... Speaking of Restless: CMJ con-Incidentally, Big Drill Car's name ventioneers enjoyed a hot Pyramid comes from the film "Journey To The Center Of The Earth," a trip Club set from Quebec-based Restmade possible by a car that bores More information about the upcoming releases is available at 213-SEEDS AND SPROUTS: New World Record Distributors has hits through AJK Music. It's the Also coming on the ERA music label through K-Tel are cassette singles on various oldies stars, with a special jukebox display available to retail. More information at 612-559-6800 ... Indie band James Deely & the Valiants make the Jersey shore their home, but drummer Pete Barnett comes from a bit further south: South Africa, to be exact. A veteran of the South African Navy band, Barnett-and the band-are now wending their way through the metro area. More info: 609-890-2662.

Assistance in preparing this column was provided by Drew Wheeler.

less artists Doughboys, three of whom performed topless on the steamy Pyramid stage-although they lost neither their (figurative) shirts nor their sense of humor despite a series of bass-drum pedal problems ... K-Tel will issue the Marshall Tucker Band's greatest

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LP Def Jam FC-45415/NA CA FCT-45415/NA

LP MCA MCA-6343/NA CA MCAC-6343/NA

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### **RETAIL TRACK**

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dressed as Batman, answering to the name Jackman. We understand actor Michael Keaton was not particularly threatened by the gesture.

• Best Prank: The Northern regional directors and district supervisors of Camelot thought two store managers had affronted the dignity of Northern Division VP Larry Hodgson, and threatened to bury the pair up to their necks on the beach.

• Biggest Disappointment: That Camelot's northern "brotherhood" did not go through with the above threat.

• Best Attempt At Ink: At Spec's, Chrysalis national sales director Steve Heldt sought to get press for his artists at one convention by grabbing the notebook of a Billboard reporter and writing, "Don't forget to mention ...." Well, you get the idea.

• Best Airline: American Airlines, with honorable mentions to TWA and Delta.

• Worst Airline: Continental. (My travel agent is under strict orders not to use "the C word" unless there's no other way to reach the desired destination).

• Best Performance In A New Role: The Video Software Dealers Assn. confab found Pam Horovitz oversee her first function as executive VP of VSDA and NARM, and the meet went very smoothly—even though her impressive predecessor, Mickey Granberg, wasn't on hand until the tail end. And, although some reporters in attendance wished that she had been a little more forthcoming on some details, she showed impressive and likable style during a press briefing there on the topic of defectives.

• Longest Night: Despite the above compliment and improvements over last year, the VSDA Favorite Video Awards presentation seemed as if it would never end.

• Rookie Of The Year: A lateseason call-up by the name of Ed Christman, Billboard's new retail editor.

• Assorted Best Lines (Although many of the very best can't be repeated here): Warner Bros. senior VP/sales director Lou Dennis, at a NARM conference, when asked, "How old are you Lou, 48?," replied, "Yeah, well the *shoes* are"... After Musicland executive VP of operations Arnie Bernstein introduced CEMA president Russ Bach by saying Bach was one of the first record company executives he met after leaving the "trees and shrubs" of the nursery biz to join Musicland, Bach quickly replied, "You know, sometimes I'm not so sure that Arnie's gotten out of trees and shrubs ... Jill Glass, Western regionvet" al sales manager for A&M, told Tower it was unusual that a record convention serves up a turkey dinner like the one at that chain's closing night; then she added, "although I've worked a few turkeys ...

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### Music Chains Meet & Greet At Coast-To-Coast Confabs



Wherehouse Entertainment had a full house of guests from CBS Records at its Sept. 12-14 confab in Los Angeles. From left are Paul Smith, president of CBS Records Distribution; Wherehouse president Scott Young; Jerry Greenberg, senior VP/GM of WTG Records; and Pete Anderson, VP of sales for EPA.



At Tower Records' Sept. 30-Oct. 4 meet in Sacramento, Calif., executive VP Walter "Bud" Martin, left, provokes a grin from president and founder Russ Solomon.



Sam Marmaduke, founder and chairman of the board of Western Merchandisers, addresses his company at its Oct. 18-21 meet in Amarillo, Texas.



Donny Osmond, left, is joined on stage by a crew of performing Western Merchandisers officers. Adding their voices, from left, are Holly Keenan, VP of operations; Walter McNeer, executive VP of retail operations, Jerry Hopkins, executive VP of rack operations; Diane Weidling, VP of marketing; and Steve Marmaduke, VP of purchasing.



At Musicland's meet, WEA president Henry Droz, left, chats with radio star Rick Dees.



Maurice Suede, manager of Camelot Music No. 59 in Tampa, Fla., is in the driver's seat of the 1989 Mustang that he won from CEMA during Camelot Music's Sept. 20-24 meet in St. Petersburg Beach, Fla. Congratulating him, from left, are execs Phil Fox, CEMA Cleveland branch sales manager; Joe McFadden, CEMA VP of sales; Joe Mansfield, CEMA VP of marketing; Camelot senior VP Larry Mundorf; CEMA Cleveland branch manager Keith Spitler; Camelot's Lew Garrett, VP of purchasing; Jim Bonk, executive VP; CEMA president Russ Bach; and CEMA Cleveland salesman Tom Shannon.



A performance by Island's Bandera adds spice to the Oct. 3-6 meet of Spec's Music & Video in Tampa, Fla.

In Teaneck, N.J., Roy Imber, president and founder of Record World, takes the podium during his chain's Sept. 22-25 convention.



At the Metrodome, home of baseball's Twins and football's Vikings, chairman Jack Eugster, center, shows off his Frisbee skills during Musicland's Olympics-styled games.



Flanking guitar star Stevie Ray Vaughan at Western's meet are CBS sales rep Denny Kennedy, left, and CBS Dallas branch manager Jack Chase.



Richard Marx, right, fires up the closing night for the Sept. 6-9 conference of The Musicland Group in Minneapolis. Also pictured, from left, are EMI VP of sales Ira Derfler, CEMA president Russ Bach, and Musicland buyer Bob Theisen.

# Co. Says Its System Has PPT Pluses, Sans Minuses Now Playing On Channel 3: 'Cashflow'

#### BY PAUL SWEETING

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. After an unsuccessful test of a pay-per-transaction plan of its own devising last year, Laurel, Md.-based Channel 3 Connection has developed a system it believes offers retailers the same advantages of PPT without its worst drawbacks.

Channel 3 now has 200 stores in 36 states participating in its Cashflow Management System, which allows retailers to spread out the cost of inventory over 60 days.

Retailers pay \$16 up front for an \$89.95-list tape. The balance is paid at a rate of \$8 per week for eight weeks. The retailer has the title approximately 11 days before the first payment is due. The one catch is that the retailer ultimately ends up paying \$80 for the cassette, as opposed to roughly \$65 under conventional distribution. That amounts to roughly a 20% inventory finance charge.

Costs are adjusted proportionally for tapes carrying different list prices. Currently, CMS only offers titles carrying list prices of \$59.95 or more.

"The advantage of our system is that revenues stay in front of payments," Tom Ray, director of sales for the program, said. "CMS allows the retailer to shift the cost of buying a movie to the time when rental of the movie is at its peak." Ray spoke at the East Coast Video Show held here Oct. 30-Nov. 1. There is no initial fee to participate in the program.

Other advantages of the CMS program over conventional PPT systems, Ray said, are that rental rates are not shared with the distributor or studio and all the titles are available under the system. "We cut the studio out of the loop," Ray said. Another advantage, according to Ray, is that the retailer knows up front what the ultimate cost of a tape will be, unlike with Rentrak's PPT program, for example, where the final cost is unknown since retailers remit a portion of each transaction to the studio.

CMS acquires product conventionally through distributor Schwartz Bros., which also takes care of all shipping. After the cassettes are delivered, the only transaction is between the retailer and CMS.

Channel 3, a 10-store chain that includes five company-owned and five franchised outlets, was founded by Alan Coccio in 1981. In August 1988 it tested a more conventional revenue program in which Channel 3 and a distributor received a 50-50 split of rental revenue. The test involved an "independent distributor" that the company declines to identify. Ray called that test "successful, but it had some drawbacks." In March of this year, it developed and began marketing the CMS program.

During a formal presentation here, Ray produced several retailers participating in the program to testify to its beneficial effect on their revenues. Mike Buckner of Video Plus in Jonesborough, Ga., said his customer base is up 25% and his revenues up 50% since he joined CMS.

Under the CMS program, participating retailers are guaranteed exclusive territories, generally designated by ZIP codes except in rural areas where ZIP code territories are unusually large. Territories are allotted on a first-come/first-served basis. Street date delivery of all titles is also guaranteed. There is no minimum or maximum order required and no computerization is required of the retailer.

There are no returns or stock balancing provisions under CMS, although the retailer is free to do whatever he chooses with a tape at any time. Tapes purchased through CMS can be sold at any time, so long as the retailer meets the eight-week payment schedule.

This month, in fact, CMS is introducing a formal sell-through program. While Ray did not reveal complete details, essentially CMS will function as a 200-store buying group for sell-through-priced product.



Sales Scene. MCEG/Virgin Vision Home Entertainment's "Scenes From The Class Struggle In Beverly Hills" was the focus of attention recently at Commtron headquarters in Des Moines, Iowa. Shown, from left, are Vesta Lowe, Commtron sales rep and MCEG/Virgin VIP "team leader"; Paul Bartel, the film's director; Beth Berry, MCEG/Virgin national sales manager; and Kurt Schroeder, MCEG/Virgin central regional manager.



#### by Earl Paige

RACKIN' AND ROLLIN': Rackjobbers are proudly touting their contribution to sell-through video. At the recent wholesaler gathering of the National Assn. of Recording Merchandisers, Oct. 21-25 in Phoenix at the Arizona Biltmore, the rack audience engaged in some introspection as Robert Schneider, VP of operations at Western Merchandisers, reviewed the history of various big titles, beginning with "Top Gun" at 2.8 million. "Then 'E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial' came along and exploded to a new plateau of 13 million units. Then 'Cinderella' hitting 7 million, then 'Bambi' going out at 10 million, along with reputed prebooks of 'Who Framed Roger Rabbit' at 8 million and 'Batman' at 13 million, plus, plus, and maybe a little bit more plus. These five blockbusters will account for more than 50 million units," said Schneider in his opening address. 'That's three-quarters of \$1 billion in studio sales revenue. That's about 10% of the \$7.5 billion the Fairfield Group estimates will be generated by home video this year. Ten percent of the total with five titles," said Schneider, who did not offer a percentage of rack sales.

The success of home video, asserted Schneider, derives from two factors. "First, the video software manufacturers recognized the potential of 66 million U.S. homes with VCRs and provided an affordable product that would penetrate that market. Number two, the rackjobbers furnish instant distribution in that target market that has generated [sell-through] penetration as high as 17%-18%." Addressing an audience made up of both rackjobbers and manufacturers, Schneider said, "The rapid, geometric growth of home video software in racked accounts is being aided and abetted by the cooperation of the video software manufacturers, not only in making terrific and affordable product available, but by [manufacturers'] cooperation with the joint NARM/Video Software Dealers Assn. operations committee." Schneider co-chairs the technological group along with Jim Nermyr, VP of information systems and treasurer of The Musicland Group.

**P**IRACY HITS AUDIO: The impatience in regard to video piracy enforcement and convictions often seen at video retailing gatherings was equally manifest at the NARM wholesaler event. Angry independent label and distributor attendees, in fact, moved to form an ad hoc committee (Billboard, Nov. 4). Hilary Rosen, RIAA representative, who detailed how piracy is now increasing in CDs, detailed progress in going after pirates of audiocassettes. "We have been working very closely with NARM to increase anti-piracy penalties. We have achieved that in Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Florida, Louisiana, California, and Texas. We will do three to four states next year. It's working. We're getting increased participation with law enforcement, we're getting increased convictions. And stiffer penalties." She also detailed a raid in Louisiana recently that netted nine duplicators and 45 slaves "capable of producing one cassette per minute. In a 10-hour day, that's 27,000 cassettes a day. And Louisiana is not even the worst state."

NARM counsel **Charles Ruttenberg** had a current list faxed to Phoenix of states with "true name and address" laws, a vehicle now being used with success in video piracy action and also suggested as useful in the audio investigations. Ten of the 36 states with the packaging laws include video along with audio: Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Washington. Fourteen states are not included in the list: Hawaii, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Oregon, Oklahoma, Utah, Vermont, Wisconsin, West Virginia, and ironically, considering the NARM meeting site, Arizo-

NARM staff in Phoenix emphasized continued vigilance in all areas of piracy. Rosen urged use of RIAA's hot line in reporting audio piracy: 800-BAD-BEAT. She also warned of a "staggering" increase in CD piracy, saying that in recent weeks five cases are under investigation "that translate into 30,000-100,000 CDs per case. We are starting to work more closely with manufacturing plants," she said, both domestically and overseas. "We cooperated with some in intercepting counterfeit product, having some deliveries made in some cases and are making some arrests but it's obviously a huge problem and going to get worse."

WAL-MART GREEN ISSUE: An aggressive environmental improvement campaign commenced recently by Wal-Mart is making noise and was mentioned by panelists at the NARM meeting in Phoenix in regard to packaging of prerecorded home entertainment products. Some speakers characterized environmental concerns as "the green issue." A checklist furnished by Wal-Mart to vendors inquires if products or packaging is recyclable or made from recycled materials. (Continued on page 64)

### Vid Makers Weigh Standard Uniform Packaging Is Sought

### BY EARL PAIGE

PHOENIX Home video manufacturers are moving quickly to standardize packaging and labeling and to adapt shipping cartons and labels for the oncoming age of EDI—electronic data interchange, or computerto-computer processing of ordering and returning prerecorded software.

In a report to manufacturers and rackjobbers here at the annual National Assn. of Recording Merchandisers' Wholesalers Conference Oct. 21-25 at the Arizona Biltmore, Robert Schneider, VP operations at Western Merchandisers, said the video community has already accomplished tasks "it took many years" to attain in the music industry.

Already in 18 months of activity, the NARM/Video Software Dealers Assn. joint operations committee is reporting EDI processing of orders and invoices by Warner Home Video, the "home run," said Schneider, in terms of the basic committee concerns—UPC codes, carton count, shipping label, contents label, standard forms, and EDI, the ordering and processing function.

The next major area of concern, according to Schneider, is carton count. A consensus is beginning to emerge among manufacturers for a 50-piece count. "This should be an advantage

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to rackjobbers providing our employees can lift those cartons," Schneider said. "Eight of 15 vendors have a 50 count. I understand 'Batman' will be the first for Warner."

Standardization is also beginning to evolve on shipping and content labels. "Basically, that gives us quick information for receiving, easy location on the shelves, and pallet racking in our warehouses," Schneider said.

Explaining a status report, or "scoreboard," the VSDA side of the committee maintains, Schneider boasted that eight of the 14 vendors tracked have adopted the UPC code in the upper-right-hand corner of the back of videocassettes. "Four have it somewhere on the back, and the final two committed to the back upper right within the next few months."

Schneider stressed that the UPC code must be in the upper-right-hand corner on the back of the package. "We know it's been difficult to get that ball rolling, with all the graphics considerations and the lawyer interference with which you must deal," he said. "Many of you have moved quickly; we thank you. Several have moved it from the spine to the back, which is certainly a step in the right direction. Remember, not only will fast scanning by rackjobbers allow for more efficient and accurate order-*(Continued on next page)* 



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Compiled from a national sample of retail store rental reports

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#### HOME VID MAKERS MOVE TO STANDARDIZE PACKAGING Ξ()

ing, but also for more efficient receiving and returns and processing at the store level, better promotion and expansion of catalog at the store level, and an increase overall in materialhandling efficiency at the distribution center level."

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Schneider predicted, "We're getting closer to our ultimate objective-high-speed scanning of inventory both on the shelf and in warehouses, which is a key element of establishing quick response to replenishment of our product.

"Although UPC placement has a little way to go, the second element leading to EDI is here," he said, describing how manufacturers have presented samples of standard forms for purchase orders, invoices, credit memos, return authorization requests, and return authorizations.

"In a meeting of the joint committee two weeks ago, forms and glossaries were edited and accepted and we expect them to be published in the next 30 days. EDI must become just as familiar an acronym as VHS and VCR," said Schneider. "It is a frontier that must be entered into aggressively by everyone who perceives sell-through as the expansion opportunity of the future."

The need for quick communication "is critical to the replenishment of sale product, which often flies off the shelf on release date faster than body can possibly keep up with 2 pencil," Schneider said. "We [manufacturers] to work diligen develop EDI capability. The rac bers are ready; they need you to plete the loop.

Schneider continued, "In add to EDI, we need to become far with quick response delivery, v will become more and more in tant as a competitive tool to co inventory investment and pro availability as we enter the '90 will require all of us to shave and, in some cases, days off our uct replenishment time.

For those at the conference n miliar with the committee's s board, Schneider said it is a ' surement of how we perform ag competing entertainment indust

"Give your operations people time and the bucks to accomplis ments necessary for EDI to be an industry standard," Schn urged. "It will not only improve productivity with the rackjobber with many other customers wh already utilizing EDI."

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| 2       | 1       | 9       | RAIN MAN                         | MGM/UA Home Video 901648                                               | Tom Cruise                            | 1988               | R      |
| 3       | 4       | 3       | WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT          | Amblin Entertainment<br>Touchstone Home Video 940                      | Bob Hoskins<br>Christopher Lloyd      | 1988               | PG     |
| 4       | 3       | 4       | MAJOR LEAGUE                     | Morgan Creek/Mirage Prod.<br>Paramount Home Video 32270                | Tom Berenger<br>Charlie Sheen         | 1989               | R      |
| 5       | 7       | 3       | PET SEMATARY                     | Paramount Pictures<br>Paramount Home Video 1949                        | Fred Gwynne<br>Dale Midikiff          | 1989               | R      |
| 6       | 5       | 10      | BEACHES                          | Touchstone Pictures<br>Touchstone Home Video 797                       | Bette Midler<br>Barbara Hershey       | 1989               | PG-13  |
| 7       | 6       | 4       | THE DREAM TEAM                   | Universal City Studios<br>MCA Home Video 80882                         | Michael Keaton                        | 1989               | PG-13  |
| 8       | 8       | 11      | THE NAKED GUN                    | Paramount Pictures<br>Paramount Home Video 32100                       | Leslie Nielsen                        | 1988               | PG-13  |
| 9       | 12      | 7       | HER ALIBI                        | Warner Bros. Inc.<br>Warner Home Video 11835                           | Tom Selleck<br>Paulina Porizkova      | 1989               | PG     |
| 10      | 10      | 13      | TEQUILA SUNRISE                  | Warner Bros. Inc.<br>Warner Home Video 11821                           | Mel Gibson<br>Michelle Pfeiffer       | 1988               | R      |
| 11      | 9       | 9       | BILL & TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE | Orion Pictures<br>Nelson Home Entertainment 8741                       | Alex Winter<br>Keanu Reeves           | 1988               | PG     |
| 12      | 11      | 7       | COUSINS                          | Paramount Pictures                                                     | Ted Danson                            | 1988               | PG-13  |
| 13      | 14      | 5       |                                  | Paramount Home Video 32181<br>Warner Bros. Inc.                        | Isabella Rossellini<br>Morgan Freeman | 1989               | PG-13  |
| 14      | 13      | 8       | SKIN DEEP                        | Warner Home Video 11835<br>Morgan Creek Productions                    | John Ritter                           | 1989               | R      |
|         | 16      | 4       |                                  | Media Home Entertainment M012336<br>Hemdale Film Corp.                 | Gary Oldman                           | 1989               | R      |
| 15      |         |         |                                  | HBO Video 0211<br>Vestron Pictures Inc.                                | Kevin Bacon                           |                    |        |
| 16      | 22      | 3       | EARTH GIRLS ARE EASY             | Vestron Video 5303<br>Universal City Studios                           | Geena Davis                           | 1989               | PG     |
| 17      | 15      | 7       | FLETCH LIVES                     | MCA Home Video 80181                                                   | Chevy Chase                           | 1989               | PG     |
| 18      | 18      | 5       | BAMBI                            | Walt Disney Home Video 942                                             | Animated                              | 1942               | G      |
| 19      | NE      | w 🕨     |                                  | MGM/UA Home Video 901624                                               | Peter Weller<br>Richard Crenna        | 1989               | R      |
| 20      | 17      | 7       | THE LAND BEFORE TIME             | Amblin Entertainment<br>MCA Home Video 80864                           | Animated                              | 1988               | G      |
| 21      | 20      | 6       | CYBORG                           | Cannon Video<br>Warner Home Video 31030                                | Jean-Claude Van Damme                 | 1989               | R      |
| 22      | 27      | 2       | FRIGHT NIGHT PART II             | IVE 62619                                                              | Roddy McDowell<br>William Ragsdale    | 1989               | R      |
| 23      | NE      | wÞ      | DEAD-BANG                        | Warner Bros. Inc.<br>Warner Home Video 658                             | Don Johnson                           | 1989               | R      |
| 24      | 19      | 14      | MISSISSIPPI BURNING              | Orion Pictures<br>Orion Home Video 8730                                | Gene Hackman<br>Willem DaFoe          | 1988               | R      |
| 25      | 23      | 8       | THE JANUARY MAN                  | CBS-Fox Video 4759                                                     | Kevin Kline<br>Susan Sarandon         | 1989               | R      |
| 26      | 21      | 12      | THE 'BURBS                       | Universal City Studios<br>MCA Home Video 80878                         | Tom Hanks                             | 1989               | PG     |
| 27      | NE      | wÞ      | DEAD CALM                        | Warner Bros. Inc.<br>Warner Home Video 11870                           | Sam Neill<br>Nicole Kidman            | 1989               | R      |
| 28      | NE      | wÞ      | SCANDAL                          | Miramax Films<br>HBO Video 0234                                        | John Hurt<br>Joanne Whalley-Kilmer    | 1989               | NR     |
| 29      | 24      | 9       | THE BEST OF EDDIE MURPHY:        | Eddie Murphy Television Enterprises, Inc<br>Paramount Home Video 12741 | Eddie Murphy                          | 1989               | NR     |
| 30      | 28      | 4       | SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE<br>MOONTRAP  | SGE Home Video 2002                                                    | Walter Koenig                         | 1989               | R      |
| 31      | 30      | 2       | NO HOLDS BARRED                  | RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video                                       | Hulk Hogan                            | 1989               | PG-13  |
| 32      | 25      | - 5     | FAREWELL TO THE KING             | 90203-5<br>Orion Pictures                                              | Nick Nolte                            | 1988               | R      |
| 33      | 26      | 7       |                                  | Orion Home Video 8724<br>Kings Road Entertainment                      | Robert De Niro                        | 1988               | R      |
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| 34      | 33      | 8       | DREAM A LITTLE DREAM             | Vestron Video 5306<br>Touchstone Pictures                              | Corey Haim<br>Corbin Bernsen          | 1989               | PG-13  |
| 35      | 31      | 10      | DISORGANIZED CRIME               | Touchstone Home Video 951<br>Warner Bros. Inc.                         | Lou Diamond Phillips<br>Glenn Close   | 1989               | R      |
| 36      | 29      | 16      | DANGEROUS LIAISONS               | Warner Home Video 11872                                                | John Malkovich                        | 1988               | R      |
| 37      | 32      | 20      | TWINS                            | Universal City Studios<br>MCA Home Video 80873                         | A. Schwarzenegger<br>Danny DeVito     | 1988               | PG     |
| 38      | 40      | 2       | SUSPIRIA                         | Magnum Entertainment 3204                                              | Jessica Harper<br>Joan Bennett        | 1977               | NR     |
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# Kid Vid Business Not Kid Stuff For Indies, Specialty Stores

### BY MOIRA McCORMICK

CHICAGO Children's video has become as familiar a sight in toy stores, bookstores, and other specialty shops as it is in video and record stores. Yet a number of specialty retailers, particularly smaller independents, are scaling down their kid vid inventories in reaction to low profit margins and, at times, spotty availability.

The kid vid business, many say, is designed primarily for mass merchants and discounters, who can buy direct, and in sufficient volume, to benefit from healthier profit margins. For Target, the Minneapolisbased 379-store chain, children's video is a \$300-million-a-year business, according to Doug Harvey, director of Jetco, Target's in-house rackjobber. "We devote 12 lineal feet in our biggest stores to children's video," he says. "It's a strategic focus for us: 82% of our shoppers are females between 25 and 34, and over half have families.'

A typical Target carries approximately 300 titles from \$3.99 public-domain cartoons to \$24.95 movies with an average price point of \$9.99. "Disney is the leader," Harvey says, adding that the chain is doing well with such titles as IVE's "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" series.

Even Target can experience some difficulties with the product, however. "Often a brand or line is licensed to several different vendors," says Harvey. "Rabbit Ears has three titles with Random House and three with Sony. Shari Lewis is with two or three different vendors and Looney Tunes are on Warner Bros. and MGM. It's difficult to tie together a promotion for any of these."

He adds that "much of what's available isn't favored by distributors because of low price points and the fact that it's nontheatrical sellthrough. And it isn't worth most retailers' time to deal directly with so many manufacturers, setting up accounts and reorder patterns with them. It's an afterthought category for a lot of retailers in general, with low price points and lack of obvious guidelines on how to merchandise it."

"Distributors tend to allocate their buying dollars for A releases," notes Linda Murphy of Allen, Texas-based independent manufacturer Lyons Group, a division of Developmental Learning Material. Quality independent releases can get lost in the shuffle—although Lyons Group has been nationally distributed since September, and its three titles ("The Backyard Show," "Three Wishes," and "A Day At The Beach") can be found in Toys R Us.

"Video retailers need to be educated to the fact that children need variety in their video diet as well as in what they eat," says Karen Tucker, a partner in Boston-based independent manufacturer Kidvidz. Its three titles are a creative drawing tape, "Squig-gles, Dots, And Lines" by Caldecott Award-winning illustrator Ed Emberley: American Film Institute award-winning sibling-relations tape, "Hey, What About Me?"; and National Education Assn. award-winning culinary title, "Kids Get Cooking. Retailers need to be shown, Tucker says, that "though the profits from kid vid are not equal to that of A theatrical titles, children's video does

make up the highest percentage of the sell-through market."

Nevertheless, many video/record retailers find that stocking anything but A titles in children's video is more trouble than it's worth. National Record Mart, the 90-unit Pittsburghbased web, has "very small children's video sections," according to assistant video buyer David Rose, who says the biggest sellers are A&M's Raffi tapes and Disney product. "We usually stay away from B titles, because usually they just sit and there's not too much promotion you can do with them."

NRM's video sections had previously consisted of about 30 titles, but were pared down a year ago due to the general lack of profitability, according to Rose. He also notes the difficulty of obtaining certain titles from distributors; often, says Rose, "They won't reorder a title unless an account specifically requests it." Kid vid might return in full force to NRM "if prices go down."

Do distributors reorder off back orders? "Sometimes that's true," says Michael Vassen, director of marketing for wholesaler Ingram Video Inc. "It depends on the title. If it's selling well, we reorder automatically, and if it's not, we'll reorder off a back order." He notes that bookstores have become increasingly prominent in the sale of children's video.

That is certainly true at 17-unit Chicago book chain Kroch's and Brentano's, which carries up to 85 titles in its larger stores, according to video buyer Phil Anderson, who cites Disney Classic Cartoons and Disney Sing-A-Longs as particularly active. "'Raffi In Concert' is also very consistent," Anderson adds. "Yet Kroch's always stocks a wide breadth of titles because if the business was driven by best-sellers only, we'd be in trouble."

At five-unit Chicago-area toy chain Galt Toys, children's video is also booming. According to book and video buyer Chris Borre, each store's stock of 35 titles is being increased to 40-50. "A lot of titles are dropping prices to \$14.95 [such as Random House titles, and PSS' "Wee Sing" series], and they're going faster than they were before." Borre says that heavy video sales came as something of a surprise. "Kids want to watch the same thing over and over, and parents have found it's cheaper to buy it."

Higher-priced titles like the Raffi concert tapes are kept in stock, "even though the profit margins are lower, because we can't afford not to stock them." Borre says Galt is looking into carrying Disney. "We didn't stock it before, because it's widely available, but we've had so many requests," she says.

Smaller independents have also done well with selected titles. Minneapolis children's bookshop The Red Balloon chooses its 15 or so titles carefully, and sales have "increased steadily since we opened," says manager Roxy Markie. Still, says Markie, it can be difficult when "Target is selling Rabbit Ears for less than we pay for it." Like many independent and specialty retailers, The Red Balloon avoids stocking titles that can be found at mass merchants.

"Profit margins are a big issue with independent stores," says Sharon Cook, record and tape buyer for Denver toy store Kazoo And Company. "The market is slanted toward mass merchants and discounters. I can't buy Raffi direct; you have to do

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"Are packaging systems refillable or reusable? Is the manufacturing process now safer for our land, air, and water?" and, perhaps more pertinent for the packaging of CDs, 8mm cassettes and other increasingly smaller-size home entertainment products, "Do you have product concentrated to reduce package volume and waste?"

**O**BSCENITY UPDATE: The New York/New Jersey Chapter of the VSDA will review the New York obscenity statute in a meeting Tuesday (14) in Plainview, N.Y. Impetus for the gathering was a letter from the Nassau County district attorney to video retailers suggesting they become familiar with the statute. On hand at the meeting will be Linda Lauer, executive director of VSDA; attorney John Weston, First Amendment specialist and partner in Weston & Sarno; Norman Siegel, executive director of the New York ACLU. VSDA regional director Rick Karpel will be the moderator.

PALMER KEEPS PACE: Palmer Video continues to add superstore units, many boasting 10,000 movies for rental and sale. Among them are a 5,600-square-foot store in Ridgefield, N.J., and stores in Berwyn, Ill., and Staten Island, N.Y. Another store has been doubled in size in Hoboken, N.J., and a store in Bayonne, N.J., has been enlarged.

REGIONALS HEAT UP: Following the breathless round of VSDA chapter meetings a month ago, several are setting up new meetings. The Mobile Chapter tried a Sunday meeting and flea market Nov. 5 charging \$10 per table for VSDA members, \$20 for nonmembers, and \$100 for brokers ... The Houston Chapter will review tape depreciation in a meeting Tuesday (14) at the Marriott Brookhollow ... Visual merchandising will top the program, also Tuesday, of the Cincinnati Chapter with Robert Cox, visual merchandising coordinator, WaxWorks/Video Works, presenting. The meeting is at the Ramada Hotel Northeast in Blue Ash, Ohio ... After a long hiatus, the Los Angeles Chapter meets Tuesday (14) at its usual site, the Universal Sheraton Hotel, with the focus on piracy. Ted Gardner, director of U.S. antipiracy investigations for the Motion Picture Assn. of America, will present ... Vowing it is never too early, the Spokane Chapter is already planning its 1990 trade show, again set for the Coeur d'Alene Resort June 12-13 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

\$10,000 a month with [A&M] product to do that."

Cook is less than enchanted with much of the lower-priced independent product, saying that it is frequently of inferior quality. In agreement with her is Andrew Andoniadis, executive VP of Quinby's, a six-unit California chain specializing in children's books, audio/video, and crafts, and headquartered in San Francisco. "A lot of that stuff is just still pictures that are panned," says Andoniadis. "Even dissolve animation would be fancy for some of these products."

Quinby's stores typically carry 100-

110 titles. "We're geared to education," he notes. "We have no licensed characters and few cartoons except for Disney."

Quality independent product is stocked, but Andoniadis notes that "it takes a lot of digging and looking to locate worthwhile nonstandard kids' titles." And, he says, "We'll probably end up carrying fewer of the megatitles because those are the highest-priced."

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### **Suppliers Plan Blitz Of Workout Vids** HBO, Warner, Wood Knapp To Bow Tapes

### BY JIM McCULLAUGH

LOS ANGELES The health and fitness genre-still regarded as the largest nontheatrical home video category—figures to get a late '89/early '90 workout from HBO Video, Warner Home Video, and Wood Knapp, among other suppli-

Recent activities include:

• HBO Video, following up on its 700,000-unit-selling "Sports Illustrated 25th Anniversary Swimsuit Video," is planning a three-tape "Sports Illustrated Super Shape-Up Program" for Dec. 26 release.

• Warner Home Video is preparing "Jane Fonda's Light Aerobics And Stress Reduction Program,' the 11th exercise title from the actress, for Jan. 4 release.

• Wood Knapp Video, which sold more than 150,000 copies of "Ange-la Lansbury's Positive Moves," says it has inked actress Rita Moreno, currently starring opposite Burt Reynolds on ABC-TV's "B.L. Stryker" series, for a lifestyle/fitness video titled "Now You Can!" for Dec. 19 release.

The three HBO titles are "Stretch And Strengthen With Elle Macpherson," "Body Sculpting With Rachel Hunter," and "Aerobic Interval Training With Cheryl Tiegs.

Macpherson, Hunter, and Tiegs were all featured models in the prior "Swimsuit" video. Each tape offers its own individual approach and can be used in combination with the others.

Suggested retail list for each title is \$19.99, while a "three-pack" can be purchased for \$59.95.

Sports Illustrated is mounting a \$10 million TV ad campaign in support of a direct-marketing campaign for the three-pack. Beginning in January, direct-marketing efforts will also be featured in Sports Illustrated, People, and other consumer magazines.

At the same time, Diet Pepsi is sponsoring the video series by run-

High-Flying Knick. Kenny "Sky" Walker, reigning slam-dunk champion, is featured in CBS/Fox's "All New Dazzling Dunks And Basketball Bloopers." The title is part of the studio's first "block release" of three National Basketball Assn.-licensed titles (Billboard, Nov. 11).

ning spots at the beginning and end of each tape.

According to Tracy Dolgin, HBO Video senior marketing VP, the new tapes are representative of the company's "event-oriented, branded entertainment" strategy for nontheatrical product.

"What we think will separate these tapes from the rest of the nontheatrical marketplace as well as other exercise tapes," says Dolgin, "is the awareness they will garner. Sports Illustrated is going on the air direct-marketing the three-pack and spending at least \$10 million. What other nontheatrical tapes or even theatrical tapes get that kind of push or television exposure?"

The three-pack direct-marketing push, adds Dolgin, should have a positive spillover to retail on individual titles because "the kind of person who makes a \$60 purchase probably has very little to do with the kind of person who is willing to spend under \$20. In addition, people who buy through direct response are very different than people who

buy at retail. "But the people who buy at retail are still the same people who watch television. So there's \$10 millionplus worth of advertising for the retail product. Everyone who goes to the video store or mass merchant should be totally aware of these tapes. What we think we have here is the phenomena of the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit issue translated to the exercise arena with a \$10 million advertising kick-start.

Pepsi is planning its own promotion built around the Sports Illustrated tapes, although the details of that campaign have not been released, according to Dolgin.

In terms of projections, says Dolgin, who remembers he predicted a conservative 300,000 on the "Swim-suit" tape, "each of these three tapes can do in the six-figure range." He also figures half of all retail sales will come from mass merchants, while the rest will come from video stores.

Dolgin also says HBO may be focusing on fewer nontheatrical titles for 1990, but those titles the company does mount will be "bigger releases.

He adds, "Every release will have a reason behind it as well as a prebuilt audience. We're not going to try to make a market, but start with something established.

Warner's new one-hour Jane Fonda tape features "three workouts in one," including light aerobics, stretching, and stress reduction routines.

WHV plans to support the tape during January with spot market radio campaigns in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia, and Washington, D.C.

A January and February print campaign includes Us, People, Cosmopolitan, American Health, and Shape.

Fonda's most recent exercise tape, "Complete Workout," released 10 months ago, is still in the top 20 on Billboard's Top Videocassette Sales chart. In all, WHV has 10 other titles in the Fonda exercise catalog, all sell-through priced.

The 60-minute, \$19.95 Moreno tape by Wood Knapp, like the Lansbury tape, will be geared toward a slightly older audience. Moreno, now 57 and probably best known for her performance as Anita in the 1962 movie "West Side Story," will be joined by "very special women" ranging in age from 23 to 65.

### Joins Others In No-Fault Defectives Trial **Orion To Test Video Policy**

### BY PAUL SWEETING

NEW YORK As expected, Orion Home Video has joined the ranks of major suppliers to officially announce a test of a no-fault policy for consumer-damaged videotapes (Billboard, Nov. 11). Beginning in the first quarter of 1990, Orion will replace all damaged tapes for a fee of

Orion also announced that it is placing public service announcements from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, the American Red Cross, and the National Captioning Institute in the beginning of its major first-quarter rental releases.

The trial replacement program will cover the studio's major rental titles and will run for 90 days after the street date of each title.

Within one week of street date, Orion will ship to its distributors an additional quantity of tapes equal to 3% of the total order on each title, said Len White, Orion president and chief operating officer, at a press conference here Nov. 3. The company's lead rental titles for the first

quarter will include "UHF" (Janu-ary), "The Package" (February), "Heart Of Dixie" (March). and

The replacement cassettes will have bright yellow gates and labels to distinguish them from the originals. Each tape will be tested to determine the cause of its failure. If it is found to be a true manufacturer defect. Orion will reimburse the retailer for the \$9 charge. Details of the testing are still to be worked out. The company said it is considering enlisting an independent testing firm to avoid any bias in the results.

The 3% figure for replacement tapes to be shipped to distributors is only an estimate of the quantities needed, White said, adding that Orion will deliver more tapes if needed.

The company, however, is confident that more will not be necessary. "We already have a policy in place where we allow returns of up to 1%, no questions asked," White said. "We've never gotten more than seven tenths of 1% back. Only one quarter of those are true manufacturer defectives. (Continued on next page)

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| THIS<br>WEEK | PICTURE/( <i>STUDIO</i> )                                | WEEKEND<br>GROSS (\$) | NO. OF<br>SCRNS<br>PER SCRN<br>AVG (\$)                                                                        | WKS<br>IN<br>REL | TOTAL<br>GROSS<br>TO DATE<br>(\$) |
| 1            | Look Who's Talking<br>(Tri-Star)                         | 11,457,810            | 1,644<br><i>6,969</i>                                                                                          | 3                | 59,585,228                        |
| 2            | The Bear<br>(Tri-Star)                                   | 5,069,295             | 1,042<br><i>4,865</i>                                                                                          | 1                | 9,929,361                         |
| 3            | Shocker                                                  | 3,356,650             | 1,795<br><i>1,870</i>                                                                                          | 1                | 9,281,945                         |
| 4            | (Universal)<br>Crimes and                                | 2,644,424             | 440                                                                                                            | 3                | 6,227,221                         |
| 5            | Misdemeanors (Orion)<br>Second Sight                     | 2,156,742             | 815                                                                                                            | _                | 2,156,742                         |
| 6            | (Warner Bros.)<br>Phantom of the Opera                   | 2,000,000             | 1,469<br><i>1,361</i>                                                                                          | _                | 2,000,000                         |
| 7            | (21st Century)<br>Next of Kin<br>(Warner Bres.)          | 1,965,322             | 1,197<br>1,642                                                                                                 | 2                | 11,628,321                        |
| 8            | (Warner Bros.)<br>Sea of Love<br>(Universal)             | 1,765,320             | 1,128<br>1,565                                                                                                 | 7                | 51,329,225                        |
| 9            | Gross Anatomy<br>(Buena Vista)                           | 1,672,613             | 1,038                                                                                                          | 2                | 7,478,813                         |
| 10           | The Fabulous Baker Boys<br>(Fox)                         | 1,619,875             | 742                                                                                                            | 3                | 12,049,351                        |
| 11           | Black Rain<br>(Paramount)                                | 1,565,656             | 901<br>1,738                                                                                                   | 6                | 41,205,544                        |
| 12           | Immediate Family<br>(Columbia)                           | 1,320,861             | 836<br>1,580                                                                                                   | 1                | 3,505,189                         |
| 13           | Worth Winning<br>(Fox)                                   | 990,717               | 1,128<br><i>878</i>                                                                                            | 1                | 2,971,162                         |
| 14           | Parenthood<br>(Universal)                                | 966,600               | 895<br>1,080                                                                                                   | 13               | 91,737,460                        |
| 15           | An Innocent Man<br>(Buena Vista)                         | 920,078               | 801<br><i>1,149</i>                                                                                            | 4                | 18,048,337                        |
| 16           | Butman<br>(Warner Bros.)                                 | 826,415               | 628<br>1,316                                                                                                   | 19               | 250,003,913                       |
| 17           | When Harry Met Sally<br>(Columbia)                       | 782,597               | 796                                                                                                            | 16               | 88,758,286                        |
| 18           | Dad<br>(Universal)                                       | 714,225               | 107<br>6.675                                                                                                   | 1                | 1,473,406                         |
| 19           | Uncle Buck<br>(Universal)                                | 561,630               | 582<br>965                                                                                                     | 11               | 61,678,901                        |
| 20           | sex, lles and videotape<br>(Miramax)                     | 375,662               | 337<br>1,115                                                                                                   | 13               | 22,141,489                        |
| 21           | (Nilaritax)<br>Honey, I Shrunk the Kids<br>(Buena Vista) | 307,385               | 357<br>861                                                                                                     | 19               | 127,567,541                       |
| 22           | Fat Man and Little Boy<br>(Paramount)                    | 303,888               |                                                                                                                | 2                | 3,258,144                         |
| 23           | Erik the Viking<br>(Orion)                               | 293,469               |                                                                                                                | 1                | 1,085,973                         |
| 24           | Stepfather 2<br>(Millimeter)                             | 279,000               |                                                                                                                |                  | 279,000                           |
| 25           | Lethal Weapon 2<br>(Warner Bros.)                        | 216,766               | -                                                                                                              | 17               | 145,505,753                       |
| 26           | Drugstore Cowboy<br>(Avenue)                             | 216,115               |                                                                                                                | 4                | 596,523                           |
| 27           | Shirley Valentine<br>(Paramount)                         | 187,320               |                                                                                                                | 9                | 4,955,714                         |
| 28           | Blood Fist<br>(Concorde)                                 | 147,559               | 59<br>2,501                                                                                                    | 9                | 963,006                           |
| 29           | Turner & Hooch<br>(Buena Vista)                          | 139,284               | 219<br><i>636</i>                                                                                              | 14               | 68,638,001                        |
| 30           | Dead Poets Society<br>(Buena Vista)                      | 127,924               |                                                                                                                | 22               | 93,299,244                        |
| 31           | A Dry White Season<br>(MGM/UA)                           | 122,365               | 142<br><i>862</i>                                                                                              | 6                | 3,143,757                         |
| 32           | Peter Pan<br>(Buena Vista re-issue)                      | 100,610               |                                                                                                                | 16               | 29,341,498                        |
| 33           | Kickboxer<br>(Cannon)                                    | 92,815                | 127<br><i>731</i>                                                                                              | 8                | 13,858,171                        |
| 34           | Breaking In<br>(Samuel Goldwyn Co.)                      | 81,432                | 75<br>1,086                                                                                                    | 14               | 1,708,044                         |
| 35           | Queen of Hearts<br>(Cinecom)                             | 81,199                | 23<br><i>3,530</i>                                                                                             | 6                | 414,182                           |
| 36           | Indiana Jones & Last<br>Crusade (Paramount)              | 59,576                | 56<br>1,064                                                                                                    | 23               | 195,272,019                       |
| 37           | After Midnight<br>(MGM/UA)                               | 59,260                | 224<br><i>265</i>                                                                                              | -                | 59,260                            |
| 38           | 2nd Animation<br>Celebration (Expanded)                  | 50,112                | 11<br><i>4,555</i>                                                                                             | 14               | 1,174,017                         |
| 39           | True Love<br>(MGM/UA)                                    | 48,684                |                                                                                                                | 7                | 302,706                           |
| 40           | The Package<br>(Orion)                                   | 44,895                | and a second | 10               | 10,201,270                        |
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### BY SUSAN NUNZIATA

NEW YORK The only conclusion to be drawn after attending Intertainment '89 is that multimedia interactive entertainment is on its way. There are no definitive conclusions as to when it will arrive as a viable entrant into the consumer marketplace, but speculators say there are at least three to five years of development yet to come.

Interactive videodisks, CD-ROM entertainment software, and fiberoptically delivered video on demand are some of the areas that were explored at the second annual conference held Oct. 30-Nov. 1 at the Mariott Marquis here.

Participants on the "Breaking New Grounds With Consumer Interactive Videodisk" panel were positive about the future of the technology, noting that it is up to the software developer to create product that, by being attractive and interesting to consumers, will create demand for hardware. Interactive videodisks are driven by IBM or Apple software and give the user a free-form way to watch, and interact with, material.

Applications include feature films that also offer documentaries on their production, such as North Communications' "The Making of Robocop," and image dual screen informational videos like Voyager's guide to the Louvre. The Voyager software makes full use of both television and computer screens. The TV is used to present 30,000 images of full-color works of art in the museum, while the computer screen offers extensive educational information about each piece.

"Ultimately, the product will create somewhat of a demand," said panelist Michael Golden, CEO of Source Interactive Inc., an electronics communications and publishing firm in Denver. "When they see there's enough product in the marketplace, and enough commitment to quality on our part, the market will grow."

Until the installed player base expands, panelists agreed that the laserdisk pipeline will remain full. "One of the questions we face all the time is how does the pipeline absorb all the titles coming out," said Jonathan Turrell, partner in the Voyager Company, New York. "How do we position these things into the pipeline and get them back

### 'Ultimately, the product will create a demand, and the market will grow'

out of the pipeline? That is what we're going to have to face in the next year."

For the past five years, Voyager has released interactive laserdisks under the Criterion Collection label. The company is also developing software to drive and access images and audio bits on laserdisks and CDs.

Panelist Mike North, president of North Communications, predicted an installed base of 150,000 to 200,000 consumer laserdisk players by the end of next year. North has recently formed a joint venture with Image Entertainment to create interactive laserdisk product for the consumer market. "Total gross [consumer] laserdisk sales will probably get to \$3 billion in the next couple of years," he said.

Image and Sony are participating in a joint advertising campaign to promote laserdisk hardware and pull software through, said North.

Participants in a panel called "Prospects And Opportunities For Video On Demand" said that format, like laserdisks, holds great promise. Mark Lee, manager of new business development with Northern Telecom Inc., discussed a switched, broadband network based on fiber optics that the telephone company is approaching as an open-access common carrier or gateway provider. Lee said that the consensus among consumers is that the phone company—not the cable companies—should provide this service.

Brian Raila, senior member of the technical staff at GTE, agreed:

"Telephone companies provide switching capabilities and they cover a broad geography," he said. "It's reliable. Cable only covers 60% of American houses."

A switched, broadband network is up and running in Heathrow, Fla., which delivers digital video and audio right to the topbox on a television set, according to Lee. The fiber-optic-based network has 64 video channels.

Lee predicted that by 1995, 1%-2% of phone lines will be serviced by broadband, and by the end of the century that figure will reach 20%. Broadband allows for thousands

of times more information to be passed than in standard or narrowband transmission.

Current laws, as well as the court ruling that dismantled AT&T, prohibit phone companies from providing cable TV services. GTE operates its cable system under a specially granted waiver of those provisions.

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Raila presented survey results that concluded that the input device for video on demand services is the most important characteristic. Hand-held remote control was the preferred mode of operation because it is something with which consumers are familiar. But Raila cautioned that "if we're steered only by what people are familiar with, that hampers the possibilities . . . What we still need to develop is further improved techniques for customers. We need to address how to overcome customer inertia.

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Addressing a broad market with interactive multimedia entertainment is a difficult proposition, according to David Riordan, director of interactive entertainment with Cinemaware, and one of the members of the "Promise Of CD-ROM Entertainment" panel. "When we talk about a broad market, we talk about opening it up to entire cad-*(Continued on page 68)* 



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In A Sweat. Model/actress Carol Alt joins the ranks of other model/actresses starring in workout tapes with "Aerobic Lite" and "Optibody," both part of GoodTimes Home Video's Cosmopolitan magazine series.

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# **TOP VIDEODISKS**

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| 1         | 2          | 9        | RAIN MAN                                                                    | MGM/UA Home Video<br>Pioneer LDCA, Inc. 101648               | Dustin Hoffman 🐭 🔌                | 1988               | R      | 29.95                   |
| 2         | NE         | w        | LAWRENCE OF ARABIA                                                          | RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video<br>Pioneer LDCA, Inc. 30133 | Peter O'Toole                     | 1962               | PG     | 49.95                   |
| 3         | 4          | 11       | THE WIZARD OF OZ: THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSAY EDITION $\blacktriangle \Diamond$ | Turner Entertainment Co.<br>Pioneer LDCA, Inc. ML101656      | Judy Garland<br>Ray Bolger        | 1939               | G      | 24.95                   |
| 4         | 6          | 19       | GONE WITH THE WIND: THE FIFTIETH ANNIV. ED. $\blacktriangle \Diamond$       | Turner Entertainment Co.<br>Pioneer LDCA, Inc. 901678        | Clark Gable<br>Vivien Leigh       | 1939               | G      | 49.95                   |
| 5         | 1          | 5        | THE LAND BEFORE TIME                                                        | Amblin Entertainment<br>MCA Home Video 80864                 | Animated                          | 1988               | PG     | 24.98                   |
| 6         | 3          | 9        | THE NAKED GUN                                                               | Paramount Pictures<br>Pioneer LDCA, Inc. 32100               | Leslie Nielsen                    | 1988               | PG-13  | 34.95                   |
| 7         | NE         | w        | THE DREAM TEAM                                                              | Universal City Studios<br>MCA Home Video 80882               | Michael Keaton                    | 1989               | PG-13  | 34.98                   |
| 8         | 14         | 3        | BEACHES                                                                     | Touchstone Pictures<br>Touchstone Home Video 797             | Bette Midler<br>Barbara Hershey   | 1989               | PG-13  | 39.95                   |
| 9         | 10         | 55       | TOP GUN                                                                     | Paramount Pictures<br>Pioneer LDCA, Inc. 1629                | Tom Cruise<br>Kelly McGillis      | 1986               | PG     | 29.95                   |
| 10        | 5          | 15       | DANGEROUS LIAISONS                                                          | Warner Bros. Inc.<br>Warner Home Video 11872                 | Glenn Close<br>John Malkovich     | 1988               | R      | 24.98                   |
| 11        | 7          | 11       | TEQUILA'SUNRISE                                                             | Warner Bros. Inc.<br>Warner Home Video 11821                 | Mel Gibson<br>Michelle Pfeiffer   | 1988               | R      | 24.98                   |
| 12        | 15         | 11       | RAIDERS OF THE LOST ARK                                                     | Paramount Pictures<br>Paramount Home Video 1376              | Harrison Ford                     | 1981               | PG     | 34.95                   |
| 13        | 16         | 15       | TWINS                                                                       | Universal City Studios<br>MCA Home Video 80873               | A. Schwarzenegger<br>Danny DeVito | 1988               | PG     | 34.98                   |
| 14        | NE         | wÞ       | MISSISSIPPI BURNING                                                         | Orion Pictures<br>Image Entertainment 6566                   | Gene Hackman<br>Willem DaFoe      | 1988               | R      | 49.95                   |
| 15        | 18         | 3        | CYBORG                                                                      | Cannon Video<br>Warner Home Video 31030                      | Jean-Claude Van<br>Damme          | 1989               | R      | 24.98                   |
| 16        | 17         | 3        | HER ALIBI                                                                   | Warner Bros. Inc.<br>Warner Home Video 11835                 | Tom Selleck<br>Paulina Porizkova  | 1989               | PG     | 24.98                   |
| 17        | 12         | 17       | THE ACCIDENTAL TOURIST                                                      | Warner Bros. Inc.<br>Warner Home Video 11825                 | William Hurt<br>Kathleen Turner   | 1988               | PG     | 24.98                   |
| 18        | 9          | 7        | THE 'BURBS                                                                  | Universal City Studios<br>MCA Home Video 80878               | Tom Hanks                         | 1989               | PG     | 34.98                   |
| 19        | 8          | 9        | STAR WARS                                                                   | CBS-Fox Video<br>Pioneer/Image Ent. 5023                     | Mark Hamill<br>Carrie Fisher      | 1977               | PG     | 69.95                   |
| 20        | 11         | 33       | DIE HARD                                                                    | CBS-Fox Video<br>Pioneer/Image Ent. 1666-80                  | Bruce Willis<br>Bonnie Bedelia    | 1988               | R      | 39.95                   |

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### **ORION TO TEST NO-FAULT POLICY ON DEFECTIVE VIDS**

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Therefore, White said, Orion is already replacing damaged tapes and retailers are not making use of the full latitude of the studio's 1% policy. "There is a perception out there that there is a problem of consumer abuse and that it's our responsibility," he said. "Obviously, we don't quite understand that... We think it's a nonissue."

Consequently, Orion will issue a summary of its test findings in an open letter to the industry. "We think it will prove our point [that] it is consumer abuse, not manufacturer defects, and not much of it at that."

Despite his skepticism about the magnitude of the problem, White said the issue needed to be brought to a head—"If we don't, it'll never go away." The \$9 fee, said White, was in accordance with a recommendation made by the Video Software Dealers Assn. at its August convention. Involving distributors was in response to distributor entreaties during the company's recent distributor meeting.

"Any retailer found to have tampered with or altered a tape, such as overdubbing or splicing on a commercial, will be indefinitely suspended from the program," White said.

At the press conference, Orion unveiled the three public service announcements it will place on its first-quarter releases. According to White, the ads are offered "pro bono." In addition, the studio will make a donation in an undisclosed amount to each of the organizations. White said there will be one public service announcement per videocassette.



## **Studio Entertainment Carves A Niche With Indie Producers' Films**

#### BY JIM BESSMAN

NEW YORK The home video market is not an overly friendly place for independent program suppliers these days, but Studio Entertainment is hoping there is still territory to be staked out with the likes of George Harrison's 1968 film "Wonderwall."

As its name suggests, the New York-based film/music production company's 7-month-old video division looks to develop a "studio system" of indie film producers, a class it feels has been poorly served thus far by the video industry.

try. "So many producers don't have a clue how to distribute [their films] to video," says Kenneth Shiffrin, Studio's national marketing manager. "They get turned down by the majors and indies and end up manufacturing themselves. We want to find product that other distributors and studios can't find a handle for, but that are good films and entertainment pieces."

A good example, according to president Len Anthony, is fall release "Document Of The Dead," a documentary by Roy Frumkes about horror cult director George Romero.

"We're letting everyone know it's a documentary, which can be the kiss of death in the rental market," says Anthony. "But we're marketing it on the level of a horror title."

Packaging art and ad slicks indeed play up the horror-film nature of "Document." In addition, Romero is supporting it with special signed and numbered additions for the "diehard" fans, while Frumkes is screening it and discussing Romero at numerous scifi/horror conventions.

Another promotional tie-in links the documentary with a new horror film book by the so-called Phantom of the Movies, with both film and book being feted at a recent Halloween party aimed at generating retail excitement.

"This industry is really about selling to retailers and their sensibility—not the mass market," says Shiffrin. "We have to take product they may never have heard of and



Old West Action. Peter Fonda stars in the Western "Hawken's Breed," a Vidmark Entertainment title arriving in December.

make it attractive to them."

Consumer marketing is part of the attraction, though. Anthony says that product visibility will be created by heavy TV spots on networks including ABC-TV, USA Network, MTV, and VH-1, with print ads in publications like Coming Attractions, Premiere, and American Film.

Studio Entertainment's other major fall releases are "Wonderwall" and "Goodnight, Sweet Marilyn," which, together with "Document Of The Dead," are being backed by approximately \$500,000 in media support through year's end.

"Wonderwall" is described as a "psychedelic fantasy" featuring music from former Beatle Harrison, Ravi Shankar, and Eric Clapton. Directed by Joe Massot, who later directed Led Zeppelin's "The Song Remains The Same," the 1968 film never received U.S. theatrical distribution.

"It's a rare representation of the

era when George was experimenting with musical forms like Indian music," says Anthony, who sold Massot on Studio Entertainment's focus on indie product marketing. "Wonderwall," he continues, exemplifies the company's goal of offering "films that aren't made on a grand scale, but small, modest projects which tap into the subconscious/pop culture appeal." Thus, "Goodnight, Sweet Mari-

Thus, "Goodnight, Sweet Marilyn" is a December video release of a November theatrical purporting to reveal the true story of Marilyn Monroe's death. In addition to the advertising, the video is being supported via Monroe lookalike contests and consumer parties.

"We're seeking out this type of product because people are looking for something different to stand out from the amount of titles that is already out there," says Anthony.

Anthony says that Studio Enter-(Continued on next page)

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### **STUDIO ENTERTAINMENT** (Continued from preceding page)

tainment's video division won't necessarily "roll out" the feature productions of the company's theatrical division, but he does hope to 'extend'' the video operation through funding of indie productions for video release and, when warranted, theatrical release.

To this end, talks are under way with Romero for the video rights to a six-title series of "small" theatrical releases. Anthony says that Romero would executive-produce the series and direct one or two installments, with the rest directed by other independent filmmakers.

Aside from rental titles (the Monroe feature is listed at \$89.95; "Wonderwall" and the Romero documentary are \$79.95), Studio Entertainment also wants to crack the sell-through video market with an ongoing collectible indie entertainment series priced under \$20.

"With 'Roger Rabbit' and 'Batman,' the sell-through market is also tough," says Shiffrin. "But you'd be surprised. At the rackjobber accounts, the perennial sellers are three copies of stuff no one's heard of, but obviously someone's buying it regularly."

Studio Entertainment will release product at the rate of one title per month, says Anthony, though he hopes to double that, on a seasonal basis, going into next fall. He says that 85% of the major distributors have signed on, including the nationals Baker & Taylor, Ingram, Major Video, and Video Trend, and the major regionals Artec, Star, and VPD.

#### **INTERACTIVE MEDIA** (Continued from page 66)

res of people who have never touched a computer in their lives,' he said.

CD-ROM is basically a CD audio disk that contains information other than music. Physically identical to a music CD, it uses the same digital technique but can hold video, computer data, text, and a variety of other information. A CD-ROM can store 650 megabytes of information, which is equivalent to 1,500 floppy disks.

'The best interface is no interface," said Bill Volk, director of technology with Mediagenic, Menlo Park, Calif. "The VCR control idea is a good one. If we want this to be accepted by people who don't use computers, it's got to be something they're familiar with.

Mediagenic published "Man-hole," the first CD-ROM entertainment title, in January 1989, and is planning to introduce a second ti-tle, "Cosmic Osmo," next year.

According to David Feldman, VP development with ICOM Simulations, "there's really not going to be a competitive market for CD-ROM interactive for two to three years." He noted a need for hardware manufacturers to come to developers of software "and ask us what we want in a system before they start developing."

Most panelists agreed that the young industry poses vast potential for development in the next decade.

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VIDEO REVIEWS

"Man In Space: The 20th Anniversary Of The Landing On The Moon," Time-Life Video, 50 minutes, \$19.99.

"Man On The Moon," CBS/Fox Video, 60 minutes, \$19.98.

Capitalizing on the 20th anniversary of the first moon landing, CBS/ Fox and Time-Life have released very different kinds of programs on the subject. Whereas the CBS/Fox title keeps clearly focused on the Apollo 11 mission, Time-Life's "Man In Space" broadens the topic to include the genesis of the moon landings and a rather ham-handed pitch for the expansion of manned space flights.

Not that the latter doesn't have its attractions. Twenty-five astronauts, including men from the Gemini, Mercury, and Apollo series, were interviewed, and their recollections alone make this tape worth owning. Particularly revelatory are the comments of Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong, Edward E. "Buzz" Aldrin Jr., and Michael Collins; among other things, they give a gripping account of the harrowing descent to the lunar surface with hardly enough fuel left to make it there and back again.

Nevertheless, this program is flawed, partly because it keeps cutting back and forth between past and present, vitiating the sense that "you are there." In addition, too much emphasis is placed on what has happened since the moon landings; the alleged U.S. retreat from the space challenge is a downer, and the emphasis on NASA's grandiose plans for manned missions comes across as one-sided propaganda.

The CBS/Fox tape accomplishes more by sticking to its theme: humanity's first great voyage into the universe. Aside from retrospective interviews with Walter Cronkite and the Apollo 11 astronauts, plus some wraparound commentary by Dan Rather, nearly all of the tape consists of actual CBS News footage of the lunar mission. The effect is to place the viewer at the center of the action.

Starting with detailed footage of the countdown and a spectacular blastoff, Cronkite (circa 1969) takes us to the final moments of the descent to the moon, complete with all the terse, tension-filled exchanges between the astronauts and mission control. The mission is followed throughout its lunar adventure and the return home.

In their evening commentaries, Cronkite and Eric Sevareid tried to convey the magnitude of not only the event, but also the response of hundreds of millions around the world who watched it all on television. Of course, they failed on both accounts; but at least they seemed filled with awe. Watching this tape also creates a sense of awe at one of mankind's greatest accomplishments.

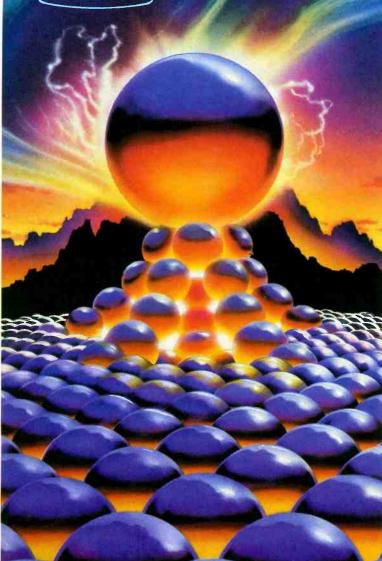
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| 1         | 1                                                                                                                                                | 5    | BAMBI                                                                     | ★ NO. 1 ★ ★<br>Walt Disney Home Video 942                           | Animated                              | 1942               | G      | 26.99                   |
| 2         | 2                                                                                                                                                | 3    | WHO FRAMED ROGER RABBIT                                                   | Amblin Entertainment                                                | Bob Hoskins                           | 1942               | PG     | 22.9                    |
| 3         | 3                                                                                                                                                | 7    | THE LAND BEFORE TIME                                                      | Touchstone Home Video 940<br>Amblin Entertainment                   | Christopher Lloyd                     | 1988               | G      | 24.9                    |
| 4         | 4                                                                                                                                                | 130  | THE WIZARD OF OZ: THE FIFTIETH                                            | MCA Home Video 80864<br>Turner Entertainment Co.                    | Judy Garland                          | 1939               | G      | 24.9                    |
| 5         | 5                                                                                                                                                | 100  | ANNIV. ED. ▲ ◆<br>THE BEST OF EDDIE MURPHY:                               | MGM/UA Home Video 60001<br>Eddie Murphy Television Enterprises. Inc | Ray Bolger<br>Eddie Murphy            | 1939               | NR     | 19.9                    |
| 6         | 6                                                                                                                                                | 14   | SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE<br>NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK: HANGIN'                     | Paramount Home Video 12741<br>CBS Music Video Enterprises 14V-49022 | New Kids On                           | 1989               | NR     | 19.9                    |
| 7         | 12                                                                                                                                               | 2    | TOUGH                                                                     | RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video                                    | The Block<br>Peter Q'Toole            | 1962               | PG     | 29.9                    |
| 8         | 9                                                                                                                                                | 15   | BEETLEJUICE                                                               | 50133<br>Warner Bros. Inc.                                          |                                       |                    | -      | -                       |
| 9         | 11                                                                                                                                               | 6    | DEF LEPPARD: IN THE ROUND IN                                              | Warner Home Video 11785<br>Bludgeon Riffola, LTD.                   | Michael Keaton                        | 1988               | PG     | 19.9                    |
| -         | 11                                                                                                                                               |      | YOUR FACE                                                                 | PolyGram Music Video 080599-3                                       | Def Leppard                           | 1989               | NR     | 24.9                    |
| 10        |                                                                                                                                                  | 7    |                                                                           | HBO Video 0310<br>Warner Bros, Inc.                                 | Various Artists<br>Mel Gibson         | 1989               | NR     | 19.9                    |
| 11        | 8                                                                                                                                                | 69   | LETHAL WEAPON                                                             | Warner Home Video 11709<br>Orion Pictures                           | Danny Glover<br>Peter Weller          | 1987               | R      | 19.9                    |
| 12        | 16                                                                                                                                               | 22   | ROBOCOP<br>PINK FLOYD: DELICATE SOUND OF                                  | Orion Home Video 8610                                               | Karen Allen                           | 1987               | R      | 19.9                    |
| 13        | 7                                                                                                                                                | 20   | THUNDER                                                                   | CBS Music Video Enterprises 24V-49019                               | Pink Floyd                            | 1989               | NR     | 24.9                    |
| 14        | 40                                                                                                                                               | 3    | TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES:<br>CASE OF THE KILLER PIZZAS                | Family Home Entertainment 27314                                     | Animated                              | 1989               | NR     | 14.9                    |
| 15        | 13                                                                                                                                               | 42   | JANE FONDA'S COMPLETE<br>WORKOUT                                          | Jane Fonda<br>Warner Home Video 650                                 | Jane Fonda                            | 1989               | NR     | 29.9                    |
| 6         | 10                                                                                                                                               | 10   | BATMAN: THE MOVIE                                                         | Playhouse Video 1470                                                | Adam West<br>Burt Ward                | 1966               | NR     | 19.9                    |
| .7        | 18                                                                                                                                               | 104  | GONE WITH THE WIND: THE FIFTIETH ANNIV. ED. $\blacktriangle \diamondsuit$ | Turner Entertainment Co.<br>MGM/UA Home Video 901678                | Clark Gable<br>Vivien Leigh           | 1939               | G      | 89.9                    |
| 8         | 38                                                                                                                                               | 3    | MILLI VANILLI IN MOTION                                                   | Arista Records Inc.<br>6 West Home Video SW-5703                    | Milli Vanilli                         | 1989               | NR     | 14.9                    |
| 19        | 22                                                                                                                                               | 4    | QUEENSRYCHE: VIDEO MINDCRIME                                              | EMI<br>EMI Home Video 1605                                          | Queensryche                           | 1989               | NR     | 16.9                    |
| 20        | 32                                                                                                                                               | 2    | JANET JACKSON'S RHYTHM NATION                                             | A&M Records Inc.<br>A&M Video 61900                                 | Janet Jackson                         | 1989               | NR     | 24.9                    |
| 21        | 20                                                                                                                                               | 4    | BIG                                                                       | CBS-Fox Video 4754                                                  | Tom Hanks                             | 1988               | PG     | 19.9                    |
| 22        | 14                                                                                                                                               | 57   | CINDERELLA                                                                | Walt Disney Home Video 410                                          | Animated                              | 1950               | G      | 26.9                    |
| 23        | 15                                                                                                                                               | 148  |                                                                           | Callan Productions Corp.<br>MCA Home Video 80429                    | Callan Pinckney                       | 1986               | NR     | 24.9                    |
| 4         | 19                                                                                                                                               | 25   | PLAYBOY WET AND WILD                                                      | HBO Video 0277                                                      | Various Artists                       | 1989               | NR     | 19.9                    |
| 25        | 23                                                                                                                                               | 19   | METALLICA: 2 OF ONE                                                       | Elektra Records<br>Elektra Entertainment 40109-3                    | Metallica                             | 1989               | NR     | 9.98                    |
| 26        | 21                                                                                                                                               | 54   | E.T. THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL                                                | Amblin Entertainment<br>MCA Home Video 77012                        | Henry Thomas<br>Dee Wallace           | 1982               | PG     | 24.9                    |
| 27        | 24                                                                                                                                               | 9    | PLAYBOY VIDEO CENTERFOLD-<br>DUTCH TWINS                                  | HBO Video 0309                                                      | Karin & Marjam van<br>Breeschooten    | 1989               | NR     | 19.9                    |
| 28        | 31                                                                                                                                               | 95   | DIRTY DANCING                                                             | Vestron Pictures Inc.<br>Vestron Video 6013                         | Patrick Swayze<br>Jennifer Grey       | 1987               | PG-13  | 24.9                    |
| 9         | 28                                                                                                                                               | 3    | BEGINNING CALLANETICS                                                     | Callan Productions Corp.<br>MCA Home Video 80892                    | Callan Pinckney                       | 1989               | NR     | 24.9                    |
| 0         | NE                                                                                                                                               | w    | CHARLOTTE'S WEB                                                           | Hanna-Barbera Prod. Inc.<br>Paramount Home Video 8099               | Animated                              | 1973               | G      | 14.9                    |
| 1         | 27                                                                                                                                               | 98   | LADY AND THE TRAMP                                                        | Walt Disney Home Video 582                                          | Animated                              | 1955               | G      | 29.9                    |
| 2         | RE-EN                                                                                                                                            | NTRY |                                                                           | MGM/UA Home Video M901135                                           | Cher<br>Nicolas Cage                  | 1987               | PG     | 19.9                    |
| 3         | RE-EM                                                                                                                                            | NTRY | GREASE ▲ ◆                                                                | Paramount Pictures<br>Paramount Home Video 1108                     | John Travolta                         | 1977               | PG     | 14.9                    |
| 4         | 26                                                                                                                                               | 34   | PLAYBOY'S SEXY LINGERIE                                                   | HBO Video 0156                                                      | Olivia Newton-John<br>Various Artists | 1989               | ŇR     | 19.9                    |
| 5         | 33                                                                                                                                               | 3    | HARD N' HEAVY VOLUME 3                                                    | MPI Home Entertainment 1678                                         | Various Artists                       | 1989               | NR     | 19.95                   |
| 6         | RE-EN                                                                                                                                            | NTRY | WHITE CHRISTMAS                                                           | Paramount Pictures                                                  | Bing Crosby                           | 1954               | NR     | 14.9                    |
| 7         | NE                                                                                                                                               |      | A FISH CALLED WANDA                                                       | Paramount Home Video 6104<br>CBS-Fox Video 4752                     | Danny Kaye<br>John Cleese             | 1988               | R      | 19.9                    |
| 8         | 25                                                                                                                                               | 53   | GHOSTBUSTERS A                                                            | Jamie Lee Curtis<br>RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video 6- Bill Murray |                                       | 1984               | PG     | 29.9                    |
| 9         | 30                                                                                                                                               | 15   | PUBLIC ENEMY: FIGHT THE POWER-                                            | 20413<br>CBS Music Video Enterprises 19V-49020                      | Dan Aykroyd                           |                    |        |                         |
| -         | 50                                                                                                                                               | 19   | LIVE  THE BEST OF GILDA RADNER                                            | Broadway Video                                                      | гарис спетту                          | 1988               | NR     | 19.98                   |

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### VIDEO PEOPLE

**E. Fritz Friedman**, formerly executive director of publicity, is promoted to the newly created position of VP of publicity for RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video, Los Angeles.

Stephanie Long, formerly with the public relations department of Walt



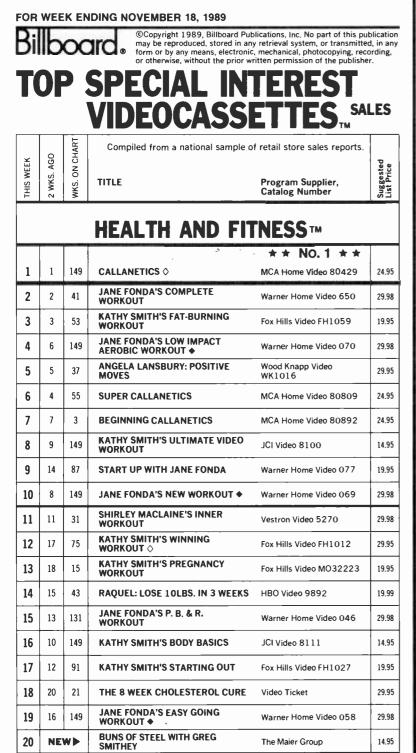
Disney Home Video, joins Media Home Entertainment, Los Angeles, as VP of public relations.

Sandra Loden joins Vidmark Entertainment, Los Angeles, as public relations manager. She had been a publicist with Media Home Entertainment. At the same time, Erin O'Neil, formerly marketing assistant, is promoted to creative services manager. And Susan Pritchard is named manager of worldwide services.

LONG

Lesli Rotenberg, formerly publicity manager, is promoted to director of publicity and promotion for Vestron Video, Stamford, Conn.

**David Jones** is named director of sales for nonvideo chain stores at Artec Distributing, Shelburne, Vt. In the newly created position, Jones will handle mass merchants, supermarkets, and toy and drug chains. Jones comes from Garan Inc., an apparel supplier.



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### Subcommittee Hears Case Against 'Moral Rights' Laws

**M**ORALITY PLAYS: Recent testimony before the Senate Subcommitte on Patents, Copyrights, and Trademarks suggests that the continuing debate over "moral rights" legislation—laws that give certain creators of films, in addition to copyright holders, absolute veto power over any changes such as colorization or editing—could have direct implications for home video.

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Peter Nolan, VP-Counsel for the Walt Disney Co., testifying Oct. 24 on behalf of his studio and the Motion Picture Assn. Of America, said such laws are unnecessary and would only act to impede producers who want to have their work broadly distributed through broadcast, cable, airline, videotape, and laserdisk exposure.

Whenever movies are transferred to another medium, he said,

they have to undergo some alteration specifically adaptation techniques like panning and scanning, time compression, editing, and color correction. Each

one of those techniques, he concluded, is arguably an abridgment of moral rights. Nolan said that altering those practices would have a deleterious effect on those mediums.

"Consumers have not resisted or rejected the use of these technologies," he said. "They have embraced them." Hollywood's moral rights solution, he suggested, is to resort to the collective bargaining process.

Speculating as to the "problems' moral rights legislation might produce for home video, one studio executive says: "I would be willing to bet that if you randomly selected a number of consumers and exposed them to a movie on cassette that had pan and scan and one that had letterboxing, the ones that saw the letterboxing would say there was something wrong with the TV set. Look at the problem we are having now with damaged tapes. Consumers would be coming back in droves to video stores complaining, particularly if it were a sell-through title.

And while letterboxing is becoming more popular on laserdisk, this executive wonders: "There's only a 500,000 hardware universe. What happens when you have 7 million laserdisk machines? It becomes a very different business. You still have the collector base but also the casual viewer who may not want letterbox "

ATTENTION VIDEOPHILES: OnVideo, an offshoot of Los Angeles-based Boxoffice Magazine, which claims to be the oldest continuously published magazine of the motion picture business, is now being offered as an informationpacked computer on-line service about the home video industry to individual users at low connect-time rates, according to the company. For the past three years, OnVideo and Online, a companion film-based information service, have been offered to other computer information services and business users.

OnVideo data includes complete listings of nearly every videocassette released to the home market accompanied by such information as supplier, date of theatrical release, synopsis, cast, director, genre, MPAA rating, and a review. In addition, there is information about when new movies are debuting on home video. Genres covered besides film include sports, exercise, children's music video, fine arts, and special interest. Downstream is the possibility of a computer hot line

videotape ordering system linked to a major national mail-order retailer. SHORT

by Jim McCullaugh scans: One of the hottest, most offheat

films of the year so far, Miramax's "sex, lies and videotape," will be issued by RCA/Columbia Pictures Home Video. The company obtained the rights to the film, which has grossed more than \$20 million, when it provided a presale home video deal .... Speaking of box-office grosses, the folks at MCEG/ Virgin Home Entertainment are all smiles as they look forward to their first major A title with "Look Who's Talking," the surprise fall hit that has netted more than \$50 million in box-office grosses ... Look for James Doohan, who plays Commander Scott, on the tube this fall to plug "Star Trek V: The Final Frontier." Paramount Home Video savs this marks the first time it has used a celebrity in a home video ad .... International Video Entertainment has inked a deal with Working Titles Films Ltd. for possible video distribution in the U.S. and Canada for films produced by the English company during the next two years.

**H**ORROR-SCOPE: "Aliens," the recent sequel to "Alien," which is distributed by **CBS/Fox Video**, was the highest-grossing horror film of the '80s at \$77.6 million, according to **Baseline**, the entertainment industry information service.

**D**ON'T FORGET: There's still time to register for the **American Video Conference** awards banquet, to be held Friday night (17) at the Director's Guild of America Auditorium in Los Angeles. It's a star-studded event that annually honors the finest achievements in special-interest video. For information, call 212-536-5088 or 800-950-1018.

## Move over Jane Fonda

Consumers are exercising mental muscles with computer videos

### **By JULIE FAUBLE**

The self-improvement video market, once the domain of fitness fanatics, pop psychologists and Julia Child wannabes, has taken a new twist in the age of information and technology.

It started back in March on the Billboard Self-Improvement Video charts. Suddenly, snuggled in amongst videos covering moneymanagement, travel and vegetables was something called "Introduction to Lotus 1-2-3" by the Video Professor.

The skeptics said it would never



happen, this mini-revolution in computer education. They said most people didn't want to learn computers, and those who were

The Video Professor

interested in computers wouldn't want to learn from a videotape.

But the Video Professor and the consumers proved the skeptics wrong by putting a videotape about a computer program on the Billboard charts. In the weeks that followed, "Introduction to Lotus 1-2-3" continued to climb the charts, hitting the number one spot on June 3. By then, three other Video Professor tapes had entered the charts, and ever since, the company's tapes have been regulars in Billboard, frequently having as many as four tapes on the chart at one time.

The success of the tapes didn't come as a surprise to John Scherer, president of the Lakewood, Colo.-based Video Professor Industries.

"People aren't just using their televisions for pure entertainment anymore. They really are using them to learn, and one of the things they are learning is how to run computers. That's what is making us a success," he said. "Our society is a computer- and video-oriented society. By teaching computers on video, we have created a natural for sales."

However, Scherer admits that at first, many buyers didn't think the idea would sell.

"After two and a half years, buyers are changing their minds," he said. "The retailers who have pioneered the Video Professor products have seen that people really want this product, that it's an effective way to learn and will be for years to come."



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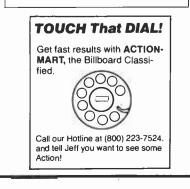
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### FLEDGLING AC/ROCK FORMAT IS STILL FRAGMENTED (Continued from page 12)

other stations. This is a different kind of radio station.'

But at early "male AC" outlet WRXR, PD Tom Owens (now GM of WDIZ Orlando, Fla.) says that there were width problems. "We found in our research that men were more tolerant of a wider variety of music than most people would have thought. Someone who liked the Stones also seemed to like a Tina Turner or Aretha Franklin hit." But in practice, Owens found "we were doing well in cume but the TSL wasn't great. People would tune in and couldn't get a handle on what position we occupied."

WRXR, which had initially resisted being known as a classic rock station, eventually did reposition itself as classic hits in its last year-after rival WCKG had already filled the market's classic rock hole. WTGE was in a different situation. There was already a classic rocker in the market. And while WTGE's predecessor, WQXY, owned the mainstream AC franchise, it was not worth much because of the strong adult demos pulled by top 40 WFMF. "The 25-34 women who are currently our tertiary demo didn't like Whitney and Streisand either," says WTGE PD Andy Holt.

WTGE, which had input from consultant George Burns in developing its format, was B/D&A's second male AC client, after a short-lived run at WYBB Charleston, S.C., now a mainstream rocker. Holt "did find initially that we were too broad," but also says that in his music research,

he finds "commonalities. When you break down the research, 'Mama Told Me Not To Come' is perceptually very similar to 'Crossroads' by Cream. They're both good-time rock'n'roll. [Conversely], one of our best-testing songs is 'Black Dog,' but people see that as being different from 'Fire Woman' by the Cult, which finished 397th out of 400 songs."

#### **BUYING A PATHWAY TO OBLIVION?**

One area in which the rock/AC hybrids land on the AC side is in sharing. Although KRVK's McFarland expects to share with both ACs and rockers, his primary targets are KUDL and KLSI. At WBOS, PD Bob Brooks says his first sharers are Boston's multiple ACs, especially WMJX, followed by classic rocker WZLX.

With several other holes open in the Boston market six months ago, WBOS' decision to adopt its "album classics" format and its subsequent 1.3-2.2 rise in the summer book surprised the market. Brooks admits that his is "dangerous turf to be dancing on. It has been the pathway to oblivion for many stations, and we're fully aware of that. But that doesn't mean there's not something there."

"This is so different that I imagine people will look at it pretty closely to see how it performs," says Karl about KRVK. "Being realistic, it's going to take a year to see how it will do. That's not because listeners won't find it sooner; it just takes Arbitron about a year to measure anything.'

### STATIONS STRESS SALARIES, BENEFITS IN BUDGETS (Continued from page 15)

next year, many are making plans to streamline their operations and, as Rumore puts it, "cut out the fluff." Daniels and Barrett point to travel expenses as an area they will be watching closely, as does McCarthy, who will be "taking a real hard look at the T&E situation for possi-ble cuts." Barrett and Sexton will also be watching the head count at

their stations. More money will be spent on sales development and training at radio stations next year, but station managers are hoping that the resulting revenue boost will compensate for other escalating expenses. "The money [to pay for the health care and 401(k) increases] will come from new business development," says Zachary.

Zachary is looking to some of Voyager's smaller stations to start carrying more of the revenue burden. The groups two cash cows, AC WMAG Greensboro and album WRDU Raleigh, already bring in such a large percentage of the reve-

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Dead," Timothy White's Rock Stars, Westwood One Radio Networks, 90 minutes.

Nov. 20-26, "The Carpenters: Then, Now & Always," Westwood One Radio Networks special, 90 minutes.

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Nov. 20-26, Holly Dunn, Country Today, MJI Broadcasting, one hour.

Nov. 20-26, K.T. Oslin, Listen In With Lon Helton, Westwood One Radio Networks, one hour. Nov. 20-26, Foster & Lloyd, Westwood One Prea nine-share, takes about 20% of the market's revenue. WMAG triples its audience share in revenue. "It's the other stations that will need to perform," Zachary says. Despite increasing costs, radio managers are optimistic about reve-

nue in their markets that they can't

be expected to take much more, he

says. WRDU, which averages about

nue projections for next year. At KISW, projections are up about 10% for 1990 while expenses are only expected to rise about half that much. Rumore projects a billing increase of 5%, although he is reserving more cash for bad debt next year than the half of one percent he has reserved in previous years. "There is always going to be a certain percentage of clients who don't pay their bills," he says.

McCarthy has asked his station managers for revenue increases in the area of 5%-8% and "minimal expense increases." Now, he says, he is sitting back and "waiting to see how creative they can be."

sents, Westwood One Radio Networks, one hour. Nov. 20-26, John Scofield, The Jazz Show With David Sanborn, Westwood One Radio Networks, two hours.

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## **English Survey: Global Electronics Market Continues Upward Trend**

LONDON The total world market for consumer electronics is set to continue its upward trend, with its retail-value forecast to grow from \$111.9 billion last year to \$144.9 billion in 1992, according to Londonbased electronics company BIS Mackintosh. The major consumer electronics markets are Europe (34%), U.S. (21%), and Japan (21%), and they maintain their status, says the survey. "But rapid developments in the Pacific basin and industrializing nations result in a forecast growth from \$28 billion in 1988 to \$42 billion in 1992." PETER JONES

## Finnish Dance Release Tops Local Chart

HELSINKI, Finland A single and album by Bat & Ryyd, a pseudonym for local DJs Tippa and J.S., have hit No. 1 on the Finnish charts. The releases, full of disco stomp, sampling, and scratching, were financed by the duo and distributed by indie Power Records. It's the first time this kind of domestic dance sound has topped the chart. The duo now starts a national tour that will run from December to April. KARI HELOPALTIO

## **U.K. Anti-Piracy Campaign Succeeds**

LONDON A five-month operation was concluded successfully by the British Phonographic Industry anti-piracy unit when two men were arrested in connection with the distribution of counterfeit prerecorded cassettes. One of them is believed to have supplied "fly pitchers," street sellers operating outside British Rail and London Underground railway stations. Working with City of London police, the BPI team confiscated some 10,000 counterfeit tapes stored in a London garage. NIGEL HUNTER

## Peer Music Sweden Posts Its Best Year

STOCKHOLM, Sweden Peer Music Sweden, headed by Hans Skoog, is completing its best year ever, boosted by signing the Elvis Presley/Gladys Music catalog for Scandinavia, followed by the Kassner catalog. An office relocation enabled Peer to build its own studio where such local artists as Martin Klaman and Big Money are working with creative manager Lars Karlsson. Peer Sweden still tops the league throughout the corporate network in obtaining covers of its catalog by local artists. The deal with CMM International led to a U.S. chart placing for Shotgun Messiah's first album. JOHAN LANGER

## Arista-U.K. Gets Its First British No. 1

LONDON With Lisa Stansfield's single "All Around The World" making No. 1 on the U.K. chart, the British arm of Arista Records has achieved its first chart-topper with an Arista-U.K. signed act. The fast-rising single, gives the singer her first silver disk. Her debut album, "Affection," due Nov. 20, has shipped gold (100,000 units). P.J.

## Kunze Is Honored In Germany For Lyrics

MUNICH, West Germany Michael Kunze, one of Germany's most prolific lyricists, has been honored by the city of Goslar with the Paul Lincke Ring for his "outstanding achievements in the field of popular music. He founded, produced, and wrote hits for Silver Convention, winning a Grammy in 1975 for "Fly Robin Fly." He's written hits for such artists as Peter Maffay, Freiheit, Peter Alexander, Udo Juergens, and international acts including Julio Iglesias, Nana Mouskouri, Gilbert Becaud, Sister Sledge, Herbie Mann, and Lulu. He's a member of the GEMA board and VP of the German Phonographic Academy. Kunze won acclaim for his German lyrics to such top musicals as "Evita," "Cats," and, most recently, "Phantom Of The Opera."

ELLIE WEINERT

## **BBC's Band Switch Increases Audience**

LONDON BBC Radio One's switch to FM has increased its audience to more than 16 million listeners each week—almost one third of the U.K. population. FM transmitters were launched last year to serve the Midlands, Northwest, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland, with each area showing an upturn in listener percentage. Figures remain static in areas like the Northeast and Southwest, where there is no FM frequency. P.J.

## 'Batman' To Hit Argentina For Holidays

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina "Batman," the most successful movie this year in the U.S., opens in movie theaters here in the run-up to the Christmas holiday period. A massive multimedia promotional campaign has been running here for the movie, including a one-hour afternoon TV series titled "Batman Club," which shows old Adam West clips, with Bat-Shoe and Bat-T-Shirt prizes for children. WEA International has released the soundtrack, and Prince's "Batdance" single is high on the local charts. PAUL KLEINMAN

## **Cassette Sales Slump In Germany** *Budget-Line Dip Pulls Configuration Down*

BY MIKE HENNESSEY

HAMBURG, West Germany The cassette, long the Cinderella of the West German record market, has still to find real favor with retailers and consumers. This is reflected in unit sales figures for the first half of 1989, published by the Bundesverbandes der Phonographischen Wirtschaft, the German group of the IFPI.

Sales of music cassettes were 22.4 million, compared with 24.1 million in the first half of 1988, a decline of 7%.

But an encouraging aspect of the half-year report is that the cassette slump has been registered largely in the budget category, which is dominated by children's repertoire. Budget cassette unit sales are down 11%, from 19.9 million to 17.7 million, whereas fullprice cassettes actually registered a 12% gain, from 4.2 million in 1988 to 4.7 million in 1989.

Nevertheless, the fact remains that full-price cassette sales in Germany are far behind those of the other major record markets. Prior to 1980, cassette sales in Germany were similar, in proportion, to cassette and 8-track sales in the U.S. and between 1980 and 1983, the cassette made greater progress in Germany than it did in the U.K..

But the cassette explosion that hit the U.K. and U.S. markets in the mid-'80s had no parallel in Germany. What progress the carrier made was due to a miniboom in children's repertoire. Regular pop, rock, MOR, jazz, and classical albums sold in very small quantities on cassette.

Now, because of demographic changes, children's cassette sales are in dramatic decline.

Says German IFPI director Peter Zombik: "Certainly, retailers have not fallen over themselves to promote cassette sales. The industry has been alive to the stunted growth of the cassette market and there have been a number of promotional campaigns by individual record companies to stimulate sales of the carrier.

"Our company's campaign appealed to retailers to discount cassettes in the same way as LPs and to display them in such a way that they could be handled by the customers, rather than locked away in cabinets.

"The campaigns produced results for the individual companies for a period but failed to speed up the development of the cassette market as a whole. It could be that there is customer resistance, too: Maybe the Germans are collectors rather than consumers."

Support for this view comes from the fact that the LP decline is following a moderate curve. For the first half of 1989, LP unit sales were down to 18.8 million, compared with the 1988 figure of 22.1 million, a drop of 12%. But in the full-price pop category, the decline was just 11%, compared with a 20% drop in budget LP sales (all music categories). "This suggests," says Zombik, "that predictions that the LP will have disappeared by 1990 are wide of the mark. I suspect the LP will continue to survive for quite a while."

The most remarkable element in the half-year figures is the runaway success of the CD single, whose 3.1 million unit sales in the first half of this year have boosted total sales of singles (all formats) by 10% to 17 million, compared with the 1988 figure of 15.4 million. This is a particular German phenomenon that has not been seen in other markets.

Sales of regular CDs have been 21.1 million, a 51% increase over 1988's 14 million. Unit sales of CDs could well total 60 million for the year as a whole.

## Event Largest Of Its Kind In Russia Jazz Festival Hits U.S.S.R.

TBILISI, U.S.S.R. Inter-Jazz '89, the first Tbilisi international jazz festival, was the biggest event of its kind ever held in the Soviet Union, and it proved a resounding artistic success.

"This is the realization of a dream I have had for 10 years," says festival director Gaioz Kendelaki, "and now I plan to make it an annual event."

With tickets costing a hefty 25 rubles (equal to \$35 at the official exchange rate), the 2,300-seat concert hall was sold out for all eight shows. On some evenings, young jazz fans were scaling the wall of the theater to sneak into the hall via a balcony window. Says Kandelski: "The Georgian people really love jazz."

Kandelski had fought a protracted battle with bureaucracy to bring the festival into being. Working in collaboration with the Warsaw, Polandbased Bo Johnson concert promotion agency and the Polish Jazz Society. which staged the long-established annual Warsaw Jazz Jamboree, Kandelski presented more than 20 groups, including Mingus Dynasty, the Freddie Hubbard Quartet, Luther Allison, Art Blakey's 70th birthday edition of the Jazz Messengers with Benny Golson, Curtis Fuller & Jackie McLean, the Kenny Drew-Niels Henning Orsted Pedersen Duo, the Eddie Harris-Les McCann group, the Jimmy Smith group, and the Sun Ra Universal Arkestra.

There were also bands from Moscow, from other Soviet regions, including Azerbaijan and Estonia, and from Poland, and the Jazz Chorale from the region of Georgia.

Each night the enthusiastic Georgians stood to acclaim the performances. On the fourth night, when Luther Allison's group ran into travel problems en route to Tbilisi, the audience patiently waited four hours for the concert to begin. Allison's band finally took the stage well after midnight.

For a town whose live entertainment was hitherto limited to isolated visits from the Thad Jones-Mel Lewis Orchestra, B.B. King, and Gunther Schuller, Inter-Jazz '89 was a unique event, although Tbilisi has had two previous jazz festivals featuring artists from Eastern bloc countries.

Kandelski, the director of the Georgian State Academic Drama Theater and a former director of the Melodia recording studio in Tbilisi, developed his love of jazz 30 years ago when he listened regularly to the "Voice Of America" broadcasts of Willis Conover.

To finance the festival, Kandelski received \$110,000 from stage agency Gosconcert and 100,000 rubles from the Georgian government. The remainder of the funds came from Kandelski himself, from his jazz-loving friends, and from trade union contributions.

The entire festival was filmed by Soviet television, which, however, made no financial contribution to the event.

MIKE HENNESSEY



**Stone The Bros.** Young British superstar group Bros meets up with elder statesmen the Rolling Stones backstage at a Stones show in Kansas City, part of the ongoing Steel Wheels tour. Shown, from left, are Matt Goss, Bros; Ron Wood, Bill Wyman, and Keith Richards, Rolling Stones; Luke Goss, Bros; Mick Jagger, Rolling Stones; and Paul Russell, senior VP, CBS Records International and managing director and CEO, CBS Records U.K.

## NTERNATIONAL

## Album Release Will Preview Star-Filled Aussie Rock Opera

### BY GLENN A. BAKER

SYDNEY, Australia An ambitious Australian rock opera project has drawn together a diverse array of musical and dramatic performers.

Harry Nilsson, John Farr, U.K .based Australian record producer David McKay, Status Quo founder Francis Rossi, Sheila Parker, and the London Symphony Orchestra have joined with Australian notables Jon English, Daryl Braithwaite, Doc Neeson (of Angel City), Angela Myles, and actor/singers John Waters, Trevor White, and Terence Donovan (father of Jason) in Sydney and London to create a two-and-a-half-hour audio production based around the turmoil of ancient Troy at the time of the Trojan Wars.

A budget close to \$1 million Australian has been allocated for the double- (possible triple-) album "Paris," brainchild of stage musical and chart star Jon English, who wrote the epic work on and off over the past seven years.

Apart from scoring 10 national chart hits, the history-besotted English is Australia's most prominent stage musical star, having appeared in "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Ned Kelly," "Rasputin," and other major productions.

During these, he feels he gained "an invaluable instinct" as to what works and what fails in stage musicals.

He admits that his strategy of going to the public first with a record was inspired by two of his earliest mentors, Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber—specifically their 1972 "Jesus Christ Superstar" double-album. "It's the only way to fly," he insists.

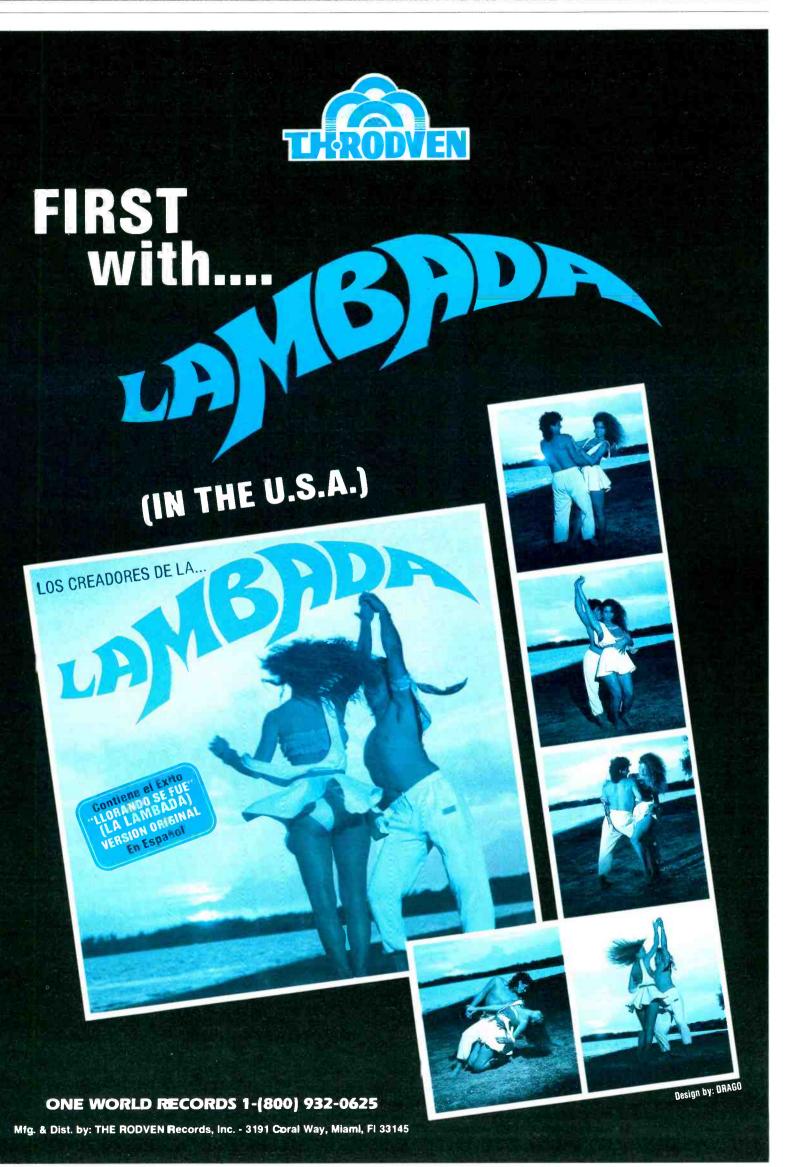
The game plan of English and manager Peter Rix is to release the album after Christmas and then present a gala concert version at the Sydney Entertainment Centre next May, with the full stage production to follow in early 1991.

"That will be bigger than World War III, with huge holograms on stage," says participant John Waters, who, like English, is an English-born Australian household name. "This is the first real rock opera since 'Superstar.'"

Harry Nilsson was two weeks in Sydney working on his role of Ulysses, which he accepted after an offer from old friend David Mc-Kay. He says: "It was the hardest work I've done in many a year. I'm glad I said yes because I've never worked in an ensemble situation and I've certainly never done a contemporary rock opera."



Due to production problems, most of the charts printed on this week's Hits Of The World page are repeated from the previous issue. The lone exception is the Canadian chart.



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## CBS Predicts A Happy Holiday Of Rising CD Sales In Spain

#### BY AL GOODMAN

MADRID, Spain Christmas is expected to give a dramatic boost to CD sales in Spain, sparked by expanding CD hardware purchasing. And the Yuletide debut of the first private TV service in the country is forecast to provide an unprecedented leap in exposure for artists on all labels.

These points emerged when CBS celebrated its 20th anniversary in Spain with an Oct. 3 party here. In attendance were 500 guests, including the Jacksons, Lambada artists Kaoma, and 17 CBS Records executives from Europe and New York.

"Spain has changed so much in the last three years," said Jorgen Larsen, CBS Records International senior VP, Europe. "The economy is booming and still growing, and this Christmas, CD sales will take off."

London-based Larsen added that Spain fits in well in terms of the CBS European growth pattern. He paid tribute to such established Spanish CBS artists as Julio Iglesias as well as newer acts like Vicky Larraz.

Manuel Diaz, CBS Records Spain managing director, commented that CD hardware has been acquired by some 5% of Spanish households, but manufacturers were organizing a major boost this Christmas. "They may double CD hardware penetration to 10% in six months," he said, "and software sales would be expected to jump at least as much."

Diaz mentioned that CD sales in 1987 were 1.1 million units, and for 1988 reached nearly 2.5 million units. The relatively small impact of the

The relatively small impact of the CD in Spain to date is due to a combination of factors, including Spanish spending habits that tend toward restaurants and bars rather than domestic gadgetry. Diaz believes that if CD hardware manufacturers do not get their promotional act together soon, they could lose out to the next generation of hardware, i.e., digital audiotape. CBS has been trying to negotiate some joint hardware/CD unit sales promotions with the big manufacturers, but to date no agreements have been reached. Meanwhile, private television is expected to appear in major population areas in time for the Christmas holidays. The Spanish government ended the state-run monopoly Aug. 25 by granting private licenses to three national channels.

Diaz said that as far as record companies are concerned, the private network with the brightest prospects for extensive music programming will be Canal Plus, a venture of the Prisa newspaper and magazine group in Spain with key Spanish banks and a 25% stake by Canal Plus in France. The channel's musical future stems from its link with SRR, the leading Spanish private radio network that dominates music programming ratings. Diaz expects the other two new private TV networks, Telecinco and Antena 3, to be active in music programming.

Telecinco's major partners are the Anaya publishing company, the Spanish National Assn. of the Blind, and a 25% share belonging to Italian media magnate Silvio Berlusconi. Antena 3 is backed by its equivalent radio station, the Barcelona daily newspaper La Vanguardia, and a 20% stake by various foreign investors.

Advertising, currently almost a monopoly by state-run TV, will become particularly competitive in Diaz's view, and he predicted that some networks may be willing to offer advertising time at a price pegged to a percentage of resulting record sales. Diaz said that CBS Records sales in Spain averaged 65% international product and 35% local repertoire. The label continues to devote half its budget to a local roster of some 25 acts.

The 20th anniversary also marked 1 million sales in Spain for the Julio Iglesias album "Raices."

## Gov't Proposal Gives Producers Less Protection German IFPI Disputes Rights Changes

HAMBURG, West Germany German record industry leaders, through the national group of the International Federation of Phonogram and Videogram Producers (IFPI), are urging the government to reconsider its proposal to retain the 25-year duration of phonogram performance rights for producers, while extending that for performers to 50 years.

This discriminatory recommendation would, if implemented, not only disadvantage producers but would have an adverse effect on performers, they say, because once producers' rights are exhausted, record pirates and counterfeiters are likely to have little compunction about infringing performers' rights, knowing that performers are not as organized to protect their interests as the record industry is.

Says German IFPI director Peter Zombik: "The reason why the government is proposing different periods of protection for producers and performers is, we believe, that it regards the record industry as a purely industrial entity and does not understand how big a part record producers now play in the creative process.

"The government is also completely disregarding the situation in the vast majority of other European countries where performers and producers get equal protection. If the present recommendation is adopted, then West Germany will be aligning itself with El Salvador, Ghana, Iraq, Mexico, and Portugal, the only countries in the world to date where performers have a longer period of protection than producers."

Other aspects of the White Paper on copyright law reform that have brought protests from the record industry: The decision not to recommend an increase in the home-taping royalty, which currently runs at 12 pfennigs, or 6.5 cents, per house for audiotapes and 17 pfennigs, 9 cents, for videotapes; and the rejection of a record rental right.

However, the industry here has welcomed the proposal that producers and performers should share in the distribution of rental royalties.



## **Obscenity Case Hinges On Criminal Code**

## **'Postcards' Bring More Good News** To Blue Rodeo

OTTAWA Somewhere out there is a chauffeur Blue Rodeo would like to thank.

He was Meryl Streep's chauffeur on a trip from New York to **Connecticut** one day. He intro**duced her** to their music. And he **may be responsible**, in a way, for 'their biggest break yet.

The Juno-winning Canadian band, whose two albums have been enormously successful at home but only critically acclaimed in the U.S., now will be Streep's backup country-rock band in the Mike Nichols film of Carrie Fisher's "Postcards From The Edge," which will also feature Shirley MacLaine, Gene Hackman, and Richard Dreyfuss.

"fuss. "It's a pretty heavy Hollywood film," jokes Greg Keelor, one of two principal songwriters in Blue Rodeo, with whom Streep rehearsed for a couple of weeks in Toronto before filming.

Such breaks have been following the band around for some time. A gig in Europe last year prompted the director of the Montreux Jazz Festival to invite them to play. Blue Rodeo, often described as this generation's version of The Band, was also asked earlier this year to back up three original Band members at "the Junos."

In this case, the film's music director, Howard Shore, narrowed the bands for Streep down to a few. She took it from there.

It was expected that this would be Blue Rodeo's year, but Keelor says that "expectation can really get too far." In his case, he is right. So much was anticipated that some believe the band's "Diamond Mine" release was actually a failure, when, in fact, it garnered significant Canadian chart action and foreign critical attention.

"The record was as catchy or bright," Keelor says. "It was a second record, a real step forward. But it also had to be an introductory record, and it really didn't succeed strictly as that."

Still, the band's work in the U.S. has helped generate interest that should help the next release, which will, coincidentally, be out about the same time that the film arrives in theaters next summer.

"We're not building around the film or anything like that," Keelor says. "But we hope to get more than the song with Meryl on the soundtrack, and we think that will help us."

And the big question about the acclaimed actress, who has adapted her talents for a wide array of roles: Can she sing?

"Yep," says Keelor. "I gotta say, Meryl's a pretty good singer." KIRK LaPOINTE

### — enced by it.

BY KIRK LaPOINTE NEPEAN, Ontario Canada's firstever obscenity trial against a record distributor already has all the trappings of a landmark case, with the prosecution and defense arguing whether Criminal Code provisions should be struck down because they violate fundamental rights of expression.

Toronto-based Fringe Products Inc. and its retail arm, Record Peddlar, both owned by Ben Hoffman, are charged with possessing and distributing two albums by the punk band Dayglo Abortions. The trial, taking place in this Ottawa suburb, resulted from a four-month police investigation after a Nepean police officer heard records that his daughter brought home.

The charges, if upheld, could result in restrictions on lyrics and album graphics.

The judge on the case, Louise Charron, has already issued an order banning publication of lyrics or descriptions of the covers of the band's albums "Feed Us A Fetus" and "Here Today, Guano Tomorrow." The band's principal songwriter is a federal public servant, and fans of the Dayglo Abortions have appeared in court to offer support and argue that the band's material is simply satirical.

The case, however, is not a satire. Before the jury is called to hear the trial, lawyers for both sides are making constitutional arguments before Charron on whether the law should be struck down.

Defense lawyer Marlyss Edwardh argued Oct. 30 that section 163 of the Criminal Code should be struck down because it violates the right of freedom of expression guaranteed under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. The charter was enacted after the code, and many Canadian laws have been struck down because they do not live up to the charter's provisions.

All forms of expression, even obscenities, should be considered a fundamental right under the charter, Edwardh argued in Nepean district court. (The case would face at least two more appeals before it could be upheld by the Canadian Supreme Court and considered a legal precedent.)

Crown Attorney Celynne Dorval argued before Charron that the subject matter of the albums' lyrics should exclude them from charter protection. She noted that the lyrics counseled "killing, rape, and sodomy, as well as incest."

Edwardh argued in opening statements that, even though the subject matter is distasteful, even objectionable, it should still be protected. She conceded that some expressions, such as threats or acts of violence, aren't protected by the charter. But she said the lyrics cannot be included in such a category and that people must be allowed "access to all information, whether it is socially worthless or not."

On the third day of the trial, which has been adjourned until Nov. 23, a Canadian psychology expert said that teenagers are among the highest consumers of pornography and the most likely to be influJames Check, an associate professor at York Univ. in Toronto, said pornography's influence is even more profound when the medium is

more profound when the medium is rock music and videos. He said such messages in rock music are perceived as "an implicit endorsement."

Exposure to pornography causes

men to rape, Check said, whether men are exposed to violent or nonviolent pornography. Edwardh criticized a study by Check on the matter, noting that he had recruited subjects for it through a newspaper ad and not through random sampling.

Meanwhile, the Victoria, British Columbia, band has received more publicity through the charges than it ever could have hoped for otherwise. Its tours are accompanied by advance notices trumpeting the charges, and several record retailers continue to stock—even have started to stock—Dayglo Abortions' product since the charges were brought up last fall.

## *MAPLE Briefs*

T IS HAPPENING AGAIN. The Foundation to Assist Canadian Talent on Record (FACTOR) is running out of money again this year in certain categories, less than halfway through its fiscal year. In this case, it is international tour support funds, arguably the most effective in terms of showcasing Canadian talent abroad, a major aim of the government-sponsored, industryaided program. Some 19 Canadian artists have received or will get funds to help them tour internation-ally. FACTOR is still taking applications in case additional funds become available.

A 30-CLUB SEARCH for Canada's hottest new singer is on. Vocal Warz '89 is sponsored by General Electric and Coca-Cola. The national finals will be held Dec. 4 in Toronto, with the winner getting, among other things, a record deal with Penta Entertainment (distributed by WEA Music of Canada), a national publicity campaign, and distribution into the A&A Records & Tapes chain (the largest in Canada).

ULTIMA THULE, an Estonian rock group, will tour Canada with 54-40 in November. The band is the first Soviet group to tour the country. Earlier this year, 54-40 was the first Canadian group to tour the Soviet Union.

**J**OANN KAEDING has left her post as national publicity manager at WEA Music of Canada Ltd. to join Elektra Entertainment in New York as international director. She arrived Nov. 1 and will be missed in Canada.

UCHMUSIC NETWORK has augmented its coverage with "FAX," a weeknightly entertainment info package with Kim Clarke Champniss and newcomer Monika Deol, while VJ Michael Williams is hosting "RapCity," a half-hour rap music show on Thursdays.

ONY VINER, former CFTR-CHFI-FM Toronto GM, has been upped to president and chief operating officer of Rogers Broadcasting Ltd., as Jim Sward moves to president of Rogers Cantel Ltd.

AUREEN NEVILLE, formerly director of business affairs at Poly-Gram Inc. Canada, has been upped to VP of business affairs at the company.

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1989 has been a good year — Hasse's leading position in the local market continues with the signing of writer MARTIN KLAMAN as well as the finalization of representation deals for the ELVIS FRESLEY and KASSNER MUSIC catalogs. Ir addition, through his cooperation with CMM Music, he is enjoying overseas success with the artists LENA PHILIPSSON and SHOTGUN MESSIAH.

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| This     | Last      |                                                                                             |
| Week     | Week      | SINGLES                                                                                     |
| 1        | 1         | THAT'S WHAT I LIKE JIVE BUNNY & THE MASTERMIXERS MUSIC<br>FACTORY DANCE                     |
| 2        | 2         | GIRL I'M GONNA MISS YOU MILLI VANILLI COOLTEMPO/CHRYSALIS                                   |
| 3        | 13        | ALL AROUND THE WORLD LISA STANSFIELD ARISTA                                                 |
| 4        | 3         | STREET TUFF REBEL MC/DOUBLE TROUBLE DESIRE                                                  |
| 5        | 7         | ROOM IN YOUR HEART LIVING IN A BOX CHRYSALIS                                                |
| 6        | 4         | LEAVE A LIGHT ON BELINDA CARLISLE VIRGIN<br>IF I COULD TURN BACK TIME CHER GEFFEN           |
| 8        | 9         | WE DIDN'T START THE FIRE BILLY JOEL CBS                                                     |
| 9        | 5         | RIDE ON TIME BLACK BOX deCONSTRUCTION/RCA                                                   |
| 10       | 12        | THE ROAD TO HELL (PART 2) CHRIS REA WEA                                                     |
| 11       | 8         | PUMP UP THE JAM TECHNOTRONIC FEATURING FELLY SWANYARD                                       |
| 12       | 15        | IFEEL THE EARTH MOVE MARTIKA BS                                                             |
| 13       | 14        | I WANT THAT MAN DEBORAH HARRY CHRYSALIS                                                     |
| 14       | 16        | EYE KNOW DE LA SOUL TOMMY BOY/BIG LIFE                                                      |
| 15       | 10        | IF ONLY I COULD SYDNEY YOUNGBLOOD CIRCA/VIRGIN                                              |
| 16       | 11        | WISHING ON A STAR FRESH 4 (CHILDREN OF THE GHETTO)<br>FEATURING LIZZ E 10/VIRGIN            |
| 17       | NEW       | RIGHT HERE WAITING RICHARD MARX EMIUSA                                                      |
| 18       | 17        | I THANK YOU ADEVA COOLTEMPO/CHRYSALIS                                                       |
| 19       | 31        | NEVER TOO MUCH (REMIX '89) LUTHER VANDROSS EPIC                                             |
| 20       | 19        | DON'T MAKE ME OVER SYBIL CHAMPION                                                           |
| 21       | 23        | C'MON AND GET MY LOVE D MOB INTRODUCING CATHY DENNIS                                        |
| 22       | NEW       | FFRR/LONDON ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE PHIL COLLINS VIRGIN                                     |
| 23       | NEW       | GRAND PIANO MIXMASTER BCM                                                                   |
| 24       | 21        | LEAN ON YOU CLIFF RICHARD EMI                                                               |
| 25       | 18        | SWEET SURRENDER WET WET WET PRECIOUS/PHONOGRAM                                              |
| 26       | 37        | THE SUN RISING THE BELOVED WEA                                                              |
| 27       | 25        | SCANDAL QUEEN PARLOPHONE                                                                    |
| 28       | 28        | OH WELL OH WELL PARLOPHONE                                                                  |
| 29       | 33        | SWING THE MOOD JIVE BUNNY & THE MASTERMIXERS MUSIC<br>FACTORY DANCE                         |
| 30       | 22        | NAME AND NUMBER CURIOSITY KILLED THE CAT                                                    |
| 21       | NEW       | MERCURY/PHONOGRAM<br>BORN TO BE SOLD TRANSVISION VAMP MCA                                   |
| 31       | 24        | THE BEST TINA TURNER CAPITOL                                                                |
| 33       | 27        | DRAMA! ERASURE MUTE                                                                         |
| 34       | 29        | THE REAL WILD HOUSE RAUL ORELLANA BCM                                                       |
| 35       | 20        | YOU KEEP IT ALL IN THE BEAUTIFUL SOUTH GO! DISCS                                            |
| 36       | 32        | STATE OF MIND FISH EMI                                                                      |
| 37       | 26        | LOVE ON A MOUNTAIN TOP SINITTA FANFARE                                                      |
| 38       | 40        | THE MESSAGE IS LOVE ARTHUR BAKER/BACKBEAT DISCIPLES/AL<br>GREEN BREAKOUT/A&M                |
| 39       | 39        | TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF LEVEL 42 POLYDOR                                                      |
| 40       | NEW       | DRIVE ON BROTHER BEYOND PARLOPHONE                                                          |
|          |           | ALBUMS                                                                                      |
| 1        | 1         | ERASURE WILD! MUTE                                                                          |
| 2        | NEW<br>3  | BEAUTIFUL SOUTH WELCOME TO THE BEAUTIFUL SOUTH GOIDISCS<br>KYLIE MINOGUE ENJOY YOURSELF PWL |
| 4        | NEW       | BELINDA CARLISLE RUNAWAY HORSES VIRGIN                                                      |
| 5        | NEW       | BILLY JOEL STORM FRONT CBS                                                                  |
| 6        | 2         | KATE BUSH THE SENSUAL WORLD EMI                                                             |
| 7        | 7         | MILLI VANILLI ALL OR NOTHING COOLTEMPO/CHRYSALIS                                            |
| 8        | 13        | BILLY OCEAN GREATEST HITS JIVE                                                              |
| 9        | NEW       | CHRIS DE BURGH SPARK TO A FLAME—THE VERY BEST OF A&M                                        |
| 10<br>11 | 6<br>5    | TRACY CHAPMAN CROSSROADS ELEKTRA<br>GLORIA ESTEFAN CUTS BOTH WAYS EPIC                      |
| 12       | NEW       | TERENCE TRENT D'ARBY NEITHER FISH NOR FLESH CBS                                             |
| 13       | 19        | GLADYS KNIGHT & THE PIPS THE SINGLES ALBUM POLYGRAM                                         |
| 14       | 8         | TINA TURNER FOREIGN AFFAIR CAPITOL                                                          |
| 15       | 16        | CHER HEART OF STONE GEFFEN                                                                  |
| 16       | 15        | SIMPLY RED A NEW FLAME ELEKTRA                                                              |
| 17       | 14        | ADEVA ADEVA COOLTEMPO/CHRYSALIS                                                             |
| 18<br>19 | 4         | BROS THE TIME CBS<br>EURYTHMICS WE TOO ARE ONE RCA                                          |
| 20       | 11        | LONDON BOYS THE TWELVE COMMANDMENTS OF DANCE WEA                                            |
| 21       | 12        | DEBORAH HARRY DEF, DUMB & BLONDE CHRYSALIS                                                  |
| 22       | NEW       | WEDDING PRESENT BIZZARO RCA                                                                 |
| 23       | 10        | TEARS FOR FEARS THE SEEDS OF LOVE FONTANA                                                   |
| 24       | 22        | JASON DONOVAN TEN GOOD REASONS PWL                                                          |
| 25       | 9         | ALL ABOUT EVE SCARLET & OTHER STORIES MERCURY/PHONOGRAM                                     |
| 26       | 25        | DE LA SOUL 3 FEET HIGH AND RISING BIG LIFE<br>SYDNEY YOUNGBLOOD FEELING FREE CIRCA/VIRGIN   |
| 28       | 23        | MADONNA LIKE A PRAYER SIRE                                                                  |
| 29       | NEW       |                                                                                             |
| 30       | 21        | BOB DYLAN OH MERCY CBS                                                                      |
| 31       | 18        | LIZA MINNELLI RESULTS EPIC                                                                  |
| 32       | 24        | DEACON BLUE WHEN THE WORLD KNOWS YOUR NAME CBS                                              |
| 33       | 40        | FOSTER & ALLEN THE MAGIC OF FOSTER & ALLEN STYLUS                                           |
| 34       | 27        | WONDER STUFF HUP POLYDOR                                                                    |
| 35       | NEW<br>28 | KISS HOT IN THE SHADE FONTANA<br>GLORIA ESTEFAN & MIAMI SOUND MACHINE ANYTHING FOR YOU      |
|          |           | EPIC                                                                                        |
| 37       | 32        | ORIGINAL CAST ASPECTS OF LOVE REALLY USEFUL/POLYDOR                                         |
| 38       | NEW       |                                                                                             |
| 40       |           | GUNS N'ROSES APPETITE FOR DESTRUCTION GEFFEN                                                |

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|     | 1                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                                     | MISS YOU MUCH JANET JACKSON A&M/A&M                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | ME                                                                                                                                                              | DIA                                                                                                                                                  | HOT 100 SINGLES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 1   | 2<br>3                                                                                                                           | 1<br>5                                                                                                                                | GIRLI'M GONNA MISS YOU MILLI VANILLI ARISTA/BMG<br>LISTEN TO YOUR HEART ROXETTE CAPITOL/CAPITOL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1 2                                                                                                                                                             | 1<br>4                                                                                                                                               | LAMBADA KAOMA CBS<br>GIRL I'M GONNA MISS YOU MILLI VANILLI HANSA/BMG ARIOLA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|     | 4<br>5                                                                                                                           | 3                                                                                                                                     | THE BEST TINA TURNER CAPITOL/CAPITOL<br>HEAVEN WARRANT COLUMBIA/CBS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3                                                                                                                                                               | 2                                                                                                                                                    | SWING THE MOOD JIVE BUNNY & THE MASTERMIXERS MUSIC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|     | 6                                                                                                                                | 14                                                                                                                                    | BUST A MOVE YOUNG M.C. ISLAND/MCA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 4                                                                                                                                                               | 7                                                                                                                                                    | THAT'S WHAT I LIKE JIVE BUNNY & THE MASTERMIXERS MUSIC<br>FACTORY DANCE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|     | 7<br>8                                                                                                                           | 8<br>18                                                                                                                               | COVER GIRL NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK COLUMBIA/CBS<br>DR. FEELGOOD MOTLEY CRUE ELEKTRA/WEA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 5<br>6                                                                                                                                                          | 3<br>5                                                                                                                                               | PUMP UP THE JAM TECHNOTRONIC FEATURING FELLY ARS/CNR<br>RIDE ON TIME BLACK BOX deconstruction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|     | 9<br>10                                                                                                                          | 7<br>12                                                                                                                               | HANGIN' TOUGH NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK COLUMBIA/CBS<br>WHEN I LOOKED AT HIM EXPOSE ARISTA/BMG                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 7                                                                                                                                                               | 6                                                                                                                                                    | IF ONLY I COULD SYDNEY YOUNGBLOOD CIRCA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|     | 11                                                                                                                               | 12                                                                                                                                    | SOWING THE SEEDS OF LOVE TEARS FOR FEARS FONTANA/POLYGRAM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 8<br>9                                                                                                                                                          | 8<br>9                                                                                                                                               | THE BEST TINA TURNER CAPITOL<br>FRENCH KISS LIL'LOUIS LONDON                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|     | 12<br>13                                                                                                                         | 15<br>20                                                                                                                              | LOVE IN AN ELEVATOR AEROSMITH GEFFEN/WEA<br>MIXED EMOTIONS ROLLING STONES ROLLING STONES/CBS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 10                                                                                                                                                              | 11                                                                                                                                                   | SOWING THE SEEDS OF LOVE TEARS FOR FEARS<br>FONTANA/PHONOGRAM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|     | 14                                                                                                                               | 13                                                                                                                                    | IF I COULD TURN BACK TIME CHER GEFFEN/WEA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 11<br>12                                                                                                                                                        | 12<br>14                                                                                                                                             | RIGHT HERE WAITING RICHARD MARX EMI USA<br>COUER DE LOUP PHILIPPE LAFONTAINE VOGUE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|     | 15<br>16                                                                                                                         | 16<br>11                                                                                                                              | 18 AND LIFE SKID ROW ATLANTIC/WEA<br>CHERISH MADONNA SIRE/WEA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 13<br>14                                                                                                                                                        | 19<br>10                                                                                                                                             | LEAVE A LIGHT ON BELINDA CARLISLE VIRGIN<br>PERSONAL JESUS DEPECHE MODE MUTE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|     | 17<br>18                                                                                                                         | 9<br>NEW                                                                                                                              | KEEP ON MOVIN' SOUL II SOUL VIRGIN/A&M<br>DON'T ASK ME WHY EURYTHMICS ARISTA/BMG                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 15<br>16                                                                                                                                                        | NEW<br>13                                                                                                                                            | STREET TUFF DOUBLE TROUBLE & THE REBEL MC DESIRE<br>CHERISH MADONNA SIRE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|     | 19<br>20                                                                                                                         | NEW                                                                                                                                   | BLACK VELVET ALANNAH MYLES ATLANTIC/WEA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 17                                                                                                                                                              | 20<br>15                                                                                                                                             | JOUE PAS FRANCOIS FELDMAN & JONI JAMESON POLYDOR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|     | 20                                                                                                                               | 17                                                                                                                                    | TOY SOLDIERS MARTIKA COLUMBIA/CBS<br>ALBUMS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 18<br>19                                                                                                                                                        | 16                                                                                                                                                   | DRAMA! ERASURE MUTE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|     | 1<br>2                                                                                                                           | 1 4                                                                                                                                   | MILLI VANILLI GIRL YOU KNOW IT'S TRUE ARISTA/BMG<br>TEARS FOR FEARS THE SEEDS OF LOVE FONTANA/POLYGRAM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 20                                                                                                                                                              | NEW                                                                                                                                                  | MARINA ROCCO GRANATA & THE CARNATIONS CARDINAL/XYZ<br>RECORDS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|     | 3                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                                     | ROLLING STONES STEEL WHEELS ROLLING STONES/CBS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 1                                                                                                                                                               | 2                                                                                                                                                    | HOT 100 ALBUMS<br>TRACY CHAPMAN CROSSROADS ELEKTRA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|     | 4<br>5                                                                                                                           | 3<br>5                                                                                                                                | FINE YOUNG CANNIBALS THE RAW AND THE COOKED LR.S./MCA<br>NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK HANGIN' TOUGH COLUMBIA/CBS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 23                                                                                                                                                              | 1<br>3                                                                                                                                               | TINA TURNER FOREIGN AFFAIR CAPITOL<br>EURYTHMICS WE TOO ARE ONE RCA/BMG                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|     | 6<br>7                                                                                                                           | 6<br>8                                                                                                                                | MELISSA ETHERIDGE BRAVE & CRAZY ISLAND/MCA<br>ALANNAH MYLES ALANNAH MYLES ATLANTIC/WEA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 4.<br>5                                                                                                                                                         | 4<br>5                                                                                                                                               | TEARS FOR FEARS THE SEEDS OF LOVE FONTANA<br>ROLLING STONES STEEL WHEELS ROLLING STONES/CBS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|     | 8                                                                                                                                | 9                                                                                                                                     | AEROSMITH PUMP GEFFEN/WEA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 6                                                                                                                                                               | NEW                                                                                                                                                  | KATE BUSH THE SENSUAL WORLD EMI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|     | 9<br>10                                                                                                                          | 7                                                                                                                                     | MOTLEY CRUE DR. FEELGOOD ELEKTRA/WEA<br>RICHARD MARX REPEAT OFFENDER EMI/CAPITOL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 8                                                                                                                                                               | 6<br>NEW                                                                                                                                             | PRINCE BATMAN (SOUNDTRACK) WARNER BROS.<br>ERASURE WILD! MUTE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|     | 11<br>12                                                                                                                         | 15<br>12                                                                                                                              | CROSSROADS TRACY CHAPMAN ELEKTRA/WEA<br>SKID ROW SKID ROW ATLANTIC/WEA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 9<br>10                                                                                                                                                         | 8<br>19                                                                                                                                              | GLORIA ESTEFAN CUTS BOTH WAYS EPIC<br>PETER MAFFAY KEIN WEG ZU WEIT TELDEC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|     | 13                                                                                                                               | 14                                                                                                                                    | JANET JACKSON RHYTHM NATION 1814 A&M/A&M                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 11<br>12                                                                                                                                                        | 10<br>7                                                                                                                                              | FRANCIS CABREL SARBACANE CBS<br>KYLIE MINOGUE ENJOY YOURSELF PWL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|     | 14<br>15                                                                                                                         | 13<br>11                                                                                                                              | TINA TURNER FOREIGN AFFAIR EMI/CAPITOL<br>PAULA ABDUL FOREVER YOUR GIRL VIRGIN/A&M                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 13<br>14                                                                                                                                                        | 9<br>NEW                                                                                                                                             | MADONNA LIKE A PRAYER SIRE<br>MILLI VANILLI U.S. REMIX ALBUM HANSA/BMG                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|     | 16<br>17                                                                                                                         | 19<br>18                                                                                                                              | YOUNG M.C. STONE COLD RHYMING ISLAND/MCA<br>CHER HEART OF STONE GEFFEN/WEA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 14<br>15<br>16                                                                                                                                                  | 14                                                                                                                                                   | TEXAS SOUTHSIDE MERCURY<br>PAUL MCCARTNEY FLOWERS IN THE DIRT PARLOPHONE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|     | 18                                                                                                                               | 17                                                                                                                                    | TOM PETTY FULL MOON FEVER MCA/MCA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 17                                                                                                                                                              | 11                                                                                                                                                   | ELTON JOHN SLEEPING WITH THE PAST ROCKET/PHONOGRAM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|     | 19<br>20                                                                                                                         | NEW                                                                                                                                   | KATE BUSH SENSUAL WORLD CAPITOL/CAPITOL<br>EURYTHMICS WE TOO ARE ONE ARISTA/BMG                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 18<br>19                                                                                                                                                        | NEW<br>16                                                                                                                                            | BROS THE TIME CBS<br>AEROSMITH PUMP GEFFEN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| 1   | WES'                                                                                                                             | T GEI                                                                                                                                 | RMANY (Courtesy Der Musikmarkt) As of 10/30/89                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | AUST                                                                                                                                                            | RAL                                                                                                                                                  | Courtesy Australian Record Industry Assn.) As of 10/29/89                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|     | 1                                                                                                                                | 1                                                                                                                                     | SINGLES<br>LAMBADA KAOMA CBS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1                                                                                                                                                               | 1                                                                                                                                                    | SINGLES<br>SWING THE MOOD JIVE BUNNY & THE MASTERMIXERS BMG/RCA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|     | 2<br>3                                                                                                                           | 4                                                                                                                                     | GIRL I'M GONNA MISS YOU MILLI VANILLI HANSA<br>PUMP UP THE JAM TECHNOTRONIC FEATURING FELLY BCM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 2                                                                                                                                                               | 2                                                                                                                                                    | IF I COULD TURN BACK TIME CHER WEA<br>POISON ALICE COOPER CBS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|     | 4                                                                                                                                | 3                                                                                                                                     | IF ONLY I COULD SYDNEY YOUNGBLOOD VIRGIN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 4                                                                                                                                                               | 7                                                                                                                                                    | THE BEST TINA TURNER FESTIVAL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|     | 5<br>6                                                                                                                           | 5<br>20                                                                                                                               | RIDE ON TIME BLACK BOX ZYX<br>THAT'S WHAT I LIKE JIVE BUNNY & THE MASTERMIXERS BOM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 5                                                                                                                                                               | 3<br>5                                                                                                                                               | RIGHT HERE WAITING RICHARD MARX EMI<br>TALK IT OVER GRAYSON HUGH BMG                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|     | 7                                                                                                                                | 6                                                                                                                                     | SWING THE MOOD JIVE BUNNY & THE MASTERMIXERS BCM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 7                                                                                                                                                               | 9                                                                                                                                                    | SHE HAS TO BE LOVED JENNY MORRIS WEA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| - 1 | 8<br>9                                                                                                                           | 7<br>8                                                                                                                                | FRENCH KISS LIL'LOUIS FFRR:METRONOME<br>THE BEST TINA TURNER CAPITOL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 8                                                                                                                                                               | 8<br>6                                                                                                                                               | TOY SOLDIERS MARTIKA CBS<br>ALL I WANT IS YOU U2 FESTIVAL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|     | 10<br>11                                                                                                                         | 9<br>11                                                                                                                               | PERSONAL JESUS DEPECHE MODE MUTE<br>SOWING THE SEEDS OF LOVE TEARS FOR FEARS FONTANA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 10                                                                                                                                                              | 11                                                                                                                                                   | DRESSED FOR SUCCESS ROXETTE EMI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|     | 12                                                                                                                               | 15                                                                                                                                    | PHONOGRAM<br>DRAMA! ERASURE MUTE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 11<br>12                                                                                                                                                        | 10<br>20                                                                                                                                             | CHERISH MADONNA WEA<br>MISS YOU MUCH JANET JACKSON FESTIVAL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|     | 13                                                                                                                               | 14                                                                                                                                    | RIGHT HERE WAITING RICHARD MARX EMI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 13                                                                                                                                                              | 15<br>16                                                                                                                                             | SOWING THE SEEDS OF LOVE TEARS FOR FEARS POLYGRAM<br>HEALING HANDS ELTON JOHN LIBERATION/CBS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 1   | 14<br>15                                                                                                                         | 10<br>13                                                                                                                              | FRENCH KISS HONESTY '69 BCM<br>MAGIC SYMPHONY BLUE SYSTEM HANSA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 15                                                                                                                                                              | 18                                                                                                                                                   | WAIT GYAN WEA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|     | 16<br>17                                                                                                                         | 17                                                                                                                                    | BLAME IT ON THE BOOGLE BIG FUN JIVE<br>TOY SOLDIERS MARTIKA CBS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 16<br>17                                                                                                                                                        | 13<br>19                                                                                                                                             | WAY OF THE WORLD MAX Q CBS<br>TOUCH THE FIRE ICEHOUSE REGULAR/FESTIVAL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|     | 18                                                                                                                               | 16                                                                                                                                    | AIN'T NOBODY RUFUS & CHAKA KHAN WARNER BROS.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 18<br>19                                                                                                                                                        | 14<br>NEW                                                                                                                                            | REVIVAL THE EURYTHMICS BMG/RCA<br>HANGIN' TOUGH NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK CBS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|     | 19<br>20                                                                                                                         | 19<br>NEW                                                                                                                             | MARINA (REMIX '89) ROCCO GRANATA ZYX<br>LOSING MY MIND LIZA MINNELLI EPIC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 20                                                                                                                                                              | NEW                                                                                                                                                  | WE DIDN'T START THE FIRE BILLY JOEL CBS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|     | 1                                                                                                                                | 4                                                                                                                                     | ALBUMS<br>PETER MAFFAY KEINE WEG ZU WEIT TELDEC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1                                                                                                                                                               | 1                                                                                                                                                    | ALBUMS<br>RICHARD MARX REPEAT OFFENDER EMI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|     | 2                                                                                                                                | 2                                                                                                                                     | TRACY CHAPMAN CROSSROADS ELEKTRA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 23                                                                                                                                                              | 3                                                                                                                                                    | JOHN WILLIAMSON WARRAGUL EMUSIC/FESTIVAL<br>LOOK SHARP! ROXETTE EMI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|     | 3<br>4                                                                                                                           | 1 3                                                                                                                                   | TINA TURNER FOREIGN AFFAIR CAPITOL<br>WESTERNHAGEN HALLELUJA WEA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 4                                                                                                                                                               | 6                                                                                                                                                    | MATCHBOOK IAN MOSS MUSHROOM/FESTIVAL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|     | 5<br>6                                                                                                                           | NEW<br>7                                                                                                                              | FLIUPPERS LOTOSBLUME DINO<br>MILLI VANILLI ALL OR NOTHING HANSA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 5                                                                                                                                                               | 5                                                                                                                                                    | BRAVE KATE CEBERANO REGULAR/FESTIVAL<br>ALICE COOPER TRASH CBS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| s   | 7                                                                                                                                | 9                                                                                                                                     | DAVID HASSELHOFF LOOKING FOR FREEDOM WHITE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 7                                                                                                                                                               | 17                                                                                                                                                   | CHER HEART OF STONE WEA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|     | 8<br>9                                                                                                                           | 8<br>5                                                                                                                                | STAR-INC SYNTHESIZER GREATEST ARCADE<br>TEARS FOR FEARS THE SEEDS OF LOVE FONTANA-PHONOGRAM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 8                                                                                                                                                               | 7                                                                                                                                                    | JENNY MORRIS SHIVER WEA<br>TRACY CHAPMAN CROSSROADS WEA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|     | 10<br>11                                                                                                                         | 6<br>NEW                                                                                                                              | THE EURYTHMICS WE TOO ARE ONE RCA<br>SYDNEY YOUNGBLOOD FEELING FREE VIRGIN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 10<br>11                                                                                                                                                        | 11<br>12                                                                                                                                             | U2 RATTLE AND HUM FESTIVAL<br>THE EURYTHMICS WE TOO ARE ONE BMG/RCA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|     | 12                                                                                                                               | 10                                                                                                                                    | MELISSA ETHERIDGE BRAVE AND CRAZY ISLAND                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 12                                                                                                                                                              | 10                                                                                                                                                   | MADONNA LIKE A PRAYER WEA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 1   | 13                                                                                                                               | NEW                                                                                                                                   | HOWARD CARPENDALE CARPENDALE '90 EMI<br>MARILLION SEASONS END EMI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 13                                                                                                                                                              | 9                                                                                                                                                    | MELISSA ETHERIDGE BRAVE AND CRAZY FESTIVAL<br>ELTON JOHN SLEEPING-WITH THE PAST POLYGRAM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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|     | 15                                                                                                                               | 12                                                                                                                                    | ROLLING STONES STEEL WHEELS ROLLING STONES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 15                                                                                                                                                              | 15                                                                                                                                                   | TINA TURNER FOREIGN AFFAIR FESTIVAL                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|     | 15<br>16<br>17                                                                                                                   | 12<br>16<br>15                                                                                                                        | PAUL MCCARTNEY FLOWERS IN THE DIRT PARLOPHONE<br>MIKE OLDFIELD EARTH MOVING VIRGIN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 15<br>16<br>17                                                                                                                                                  | 15<br>13<br>19                                                                                                                                       | TINA TURNER FOREIGN AFFAIR FESTIVAL<br>GIPSY KINGS GIPSY KINGS CBS<br>BOOM CRASH OPERA THESE HERE ARE CRAZY TIMES WEA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|     | 15<br>16                                                                                                                         | 12<br>16                                                                                                                              | PAUL MCCARTNEY FLOWERS IN THE DIRT PARLOPHONE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 15<br>16                                                                                                                                                        | 15<br>13                                                                                                                                             | TINA TURNER FOREIGN AFFAIR FESTIVAL<br>GIPSY KINGS GIPSY KINGS CBS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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## LIFELINES

#### BIRTHS

Girl, Angelica Renee, to Conley and Kimberly Abrams, Sept. 20 in Van Nuys, Calif. He is an independent recording engineer.

Boy, Austin Cole, to Bruce and Ellen Stickle, Sept. 27 in Indianapolis. He is the marketing manager for KVC Home Video.

Girl, Erin Hope, to Bear and Robin Racoff, Sept. 28 in Tarzana, Calif. He is Western regional sales director for Baker & Taylor Video.

Boy, Zachary Aaron, to Matthew Garey and Kathy Graber, Oct. 26 in Santa Monica, Calif. He is a staff writer at Warner Chappell. She is an actress.

Boy, Ryan Theodore, to David and Annamarie LeVan, Oct. 31 in Stamford, Conn. He is VP of engineering for Narwood Productions, a radio production and syndication company in New York.

Girl, R. Dylan Wegner, to Steve and Susan Kleinberg, Oct. 31 in New York. He is VP of product development/East Coast for PolyGram Records. She is assistant producer for "60 Minutes."

Boy, Jamison Ross, to Scott and Tobi Martin, Nov. 6 in Los Angeles. He is president of SRO marketing firm.

#### MARRIAGES

Jim Gosnell to Kerri Pachero. Sept. 30 in Santa Barbara, Calif. He is VP of contemporary music at APA.

Lee Davis to Cindy Burch, Nov. 4 in Screven, Ga. She is a member of the singing group the Burch Sisters.

Randy Smith to Paulette Carlson, Nov. 4 in Red Wing, Minn. She is lead singer for the country music group Highway 101.

Anthony Robinson to Terri Avery, Nov. 4 in Dallas. She is the VP of operations at KKDA-FM (K-104) there.

#### DEATHS

Pedro Vargas, 85, of heart failure, Oct. 30 in Mexico City. Vargas was one of Mexico's most celebrated and influential singers. (See story, page

Barry Sadler, 49, of heart failure, Oct. 31 in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Sadler was a songwriter best known for his song "The Ballad Of The Green Berets," which he wrote and sang as a

soldier in Vietnam in 1966. He is survived by his mother, Blanche Bebe Sadler; his wife, Lavonna Ruth; and three children.

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Roger Scott, 46, of cancer, Oct. 31 in London, Scott was known as "the disk jockey's disk jockey," and spent 15 years at London's Capitol Radio. More recently, he worked at BBC Radio One.

Vladimir Horowitz, 86, of a heart attack, Nov. 5 in New York. Horowitz was one of the world's most renowned pianists. (See story, page 1).

Andrew Scott, 34, after a long illness, Nov. 10 in New York. He was VP of HWH Enterprises, a public relations firm specializing in entertainment and technology. Before joining the company six years ago, Scott was an executive with CBS Cable and Hill & Knowlton. Survivors include his parents, Arlene and Alan Berman: a brother. Perry: and longtime companion Miguel Elias.

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Soldier Of Love Meets Soldier Of Fortune. Capitol recording artist Donny Osmond, left, chats with publisher Malcolm Forbes at a party at New York's Red Zone. The party was held to celebrate the success of Osmond's self-titled Capitol debut album and his new single, "Hold On." The album has already yielded two hit singles, "Soldier Of Love" and "Sacred Emotion."

## CALENDAR

A weekly listing of trade shows, conventions, award shows, seminars, and other notable events. Send information to Calendar, Billboard, 1515 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10036.

#### NOVEMBER

Nov. 9-11. Twentieth Annual Lovola Radio Conference, Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, Chicago. Trinanein Parker, 312-670-3207.

Nov. 10-11, Musicfest '89, presented by the Rocky Mountain Music Assn.; Auraria Campus, Denver. 303-233-8748.

Nov. 12-14, Entertainment Marketing: Building Profitable Promotions For The 1990s, presented by EPM, Billboard, and the Hollywood Reporter, the Registry Hotel, Los Angeles. 718-469-9330.

Nov. 12-15, Seventh Annual Crowd Management Seminar, presented by the International Assn. of Auditorium Managers Foundation in cooperation with the Rosemont Horizon, Sheraton International at O'Hare, Chicago. Rick Bjorklund, 312-635-6601.

Nov. 13, R&B Producers Panel, presented by the National Academy of Songwriters and BMI, At My Place, Santa Monica, Calif. Steve Shalchlin, 213-463-7178.

Rights," meeting of the New York/New Jersey chapter of the VSDA, Holiday Inn, Plainview, N.Y. Rich Lotti, 516-794-1305.

Spotlight Performance Series, Carlos N' Charlie's, Los Angeles. Bruce U.R. Walker, 213-463-7178.



A headline in the Nov. 4 issue of Billboard suggested the U.S. Senate had rejected a draft of a DAT bill proposed by the Recording Industry Assn. of America. This was misleading. Senate Copyright Subcommittee staffers met with RIAA officials and suggested certain changes in the draft DAT compromise agreement bill, a normal occurrence between Hill staffers and trade groups wishing to propose legislation.

by the Songwriters Guild of America, SGA offices, Los Angeles. 213-462-1108.

Nov. 16, Dinner and Demonstration of Synclavier Digital Audio System and Direct-to-Disk Multitrack Recorder, presented by Los Angeles chapter of NARAS, Hyatt on Sunset, Hollywood. Billy James, 818-843-8253.

Nov. 16-17, The American Video Conference with the Billboard Music Video Conference and Awards, presented by the American Film Institute, Billboard, and the Hollywood Reporter, Bel Age Hotel, Los Angeles. 212-536-5088.

Nov. 17-19, "Black Radio-Surviving The Future," Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Young

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**COMPANIES** 

moor Circle, Birmingham, Ala.

Par Publications, formed by Pat-

rick A. Rivelli, is a publication ser-

vice for independent music. Initial publication will be "Sound Affect."

a comprehensive reference and re-

source guide for independent artists

and companies. Submissions for list-

ing are currently being solicited. P.O. Box 18954-0954, Baltimore, Md.

Nortness & Sons Music Publish-

ing/BMI, formed by Kevin Clark

(Casey) Nortness and Dennis Allen

Jones to promote, place, and license pop/rock songs. P.O. Box 114, High

New Art Promotions, a promotion

and artist development company

formed by Linda Kirishjian. Focus

is placed on the alternative market,

working with new and established

acts. No. 7B, 300 E. 34 St., New

Falls, N.Y. 12440; 914-331-8786.

35209; 205-942-3222.

21206; 301-254-0931.

#### Black Programmers Coalition Inc., Stouffers Hotel, Houston. Terri Avery, 214-263-9911, or Marcell Lee, 504-822-1945.

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Nov. 21, International Radio & Television Society (IRTS) Newsmaker Luncheon, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, 212-867-6650.

Nov. 21. International Tape/Disc Assn. Annual Update Seminar: "Current Status and Future Trends in the Audio/Video/Data Industry," Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York. 212-643-0620.

Nov. 28, Legal Panel, presented by Music Business Monthly, Sheraton Hotel, Boston. Joseph Viglione, 617-935-5386.

#### York, N.Y. 10016; 212-683-1807.

Tone Records, an independent label formed by Greg Jesse, specializes in R&B, funk, jazz, and pop music. Ini-tial release is "Woman Intuition," by Margaret Coleman. 4057 McClung Drive, Los Angeles, Calif.

visual company. 1632 8th Ave.

M.E.C. Records, an independent label formed by Van Walker of the Merrill Entertainment Co., is about to release its first single, titled "Who Done It," by Alan Merrill. Suite 7G, 141 E. 55th St., New York, N.Y. 10022; 212-935-8262.

Yankee Records, a new pop adult contemporary label, was formed by the Empty Sky Music Publishing Co. First single is "I Wanna Be In New York City," by Ray Sanders. P.O. Box 626, Verplanck, N.Y. 10596.

Pinnacle Entertainment, is a music production and publishing company formed by Khalid Nurredin, Roger Gresham, and Marilyn David. Focus will be on R&B and quiet storm formats. Demo tapes are solicited. 217 Dorsey Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45210; 513-579-8418

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SPOTLIGHT

D.J. JAZZY JEFF & THE FRESH PRINCE

And In This Corner . . . PRODUCER: D.J. Jazzy Jeff & The Fresh Prince, Pete Q. Harris & Nigel Green Jive/RCA 1188

Clean-cut, platinum-selling rap crew

While nothing on this collection has the irresistible knock-out pop punch of

"Parents Just Don't Understand," the

first single, "I Think I Can Beat Mike Tyson"—fortified by a humorous

video with appearances by the Champ and Don King—will likely score a

Elsewhere, the Prince and the Jazzy

offering fine and funny storytelling

knock-down at radio and retail.

One remain fast on their feet,

with a groove.

JOE SATRIANI

Flying In A Blue Dream PRODUCERS: Joe Satriani & John Cuniberti Relativity 88561

First full-length salvo since breakthrough "Surfing With The Alien" finds Satriani blazing on all

cylinders. Instrumental work here finds the do-anything guitarist also

flexing refined chops on harmonica

and even banjo (!); he also essays vocals for the first time, with

ingratiating work on "Can't Slow

this time around.

Under A Nouveau Groove

PRODUCERS: Various Warner Bros. 25991

CLUB NOUVEAU

sings.

JAMES "J.T." TAYLOR

Master Of The Game PRODUCER: James "J.T," Taylor MCA 6347

Down" and four other tracks. Fast platinum response seems guaranteed

Trio takes on a more mature musical stance on their third album, which

follows a growing trend among current R&B collections: splitting the

effort into two opposing moods. The

side slinks and shimmers. Peak

"Nouveau Grooves" side slams and sizzles, while the "Nouveau Smooves"

moments, as always, are provided by Valerie Watson, who injects a special

shot of style into every track she

Former Kool & the Gang vocalist

mixed results. Vocal charm that

possesses the style and technical

fueled past hits never fails,

steps out into the solo spotlight with

particularly on the current single, "Sister Rosa." Album's weakness lies in the occasionally spotty selection of material. Nevertheless, Taylor

returns with a solid third round.

ability to rise above it.

## SERIOUS-LEE-FINE

Nothing Can Stop Us PRODUCERS: Jam Master Jay, Davy D. Arista 8584

Underground rap trio breaks out bigtime on this major-label debut that may scorch the ears of conservatives, but is certain to drive others to the edge of hip-hop heaven. Cute cover of "Everybody Playz The Fool" could gather top 40 acceptance, although purists will prefer "Bust The Beat" and "Sweat." Superior rhyming.

## BY ALL MEANS

Beyond A Dream PRODUCERS: Stan Sheppard & Jimmy Varner Island 91319

Trio is capturing ears on the black charts with its top 40 remake of Marvin Gaye's "Let's Get It On." Remainder of the album takes a cue from Gaye as well, with ballad material like "Tender Love" standing out in the pack. Tight production and strong vocal work assure nods on the black side, with a good crossover outlook as well.

JAZZ

ORIGINAL MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK THE FABULOUS BAKER BOYS PRODUCERS: Dave Grusin and Joel Sill GRP 2002

Unlike many soundtracks, this is no quick throwaway. Grusin's score often hits pure jazz turf and additions by the Duke Ellington Orchestra and the original Benny Goodman Quartet add mainstream oomph. The prize ticket here is a credible vocal performance by media-hot Michelle Pfeiffer. Initial demand outstripped original CD supply.

FRANK MORGAN Mood Indigo PRODUCER: John Snyder Antilles 91320

The great altoist's move to Island subsidiary should ensure a somewhat larger audience for his fine work. First Antilles set finds Morgan playing in a variety of formats, from duos to quintets. Wynton Marsalis meshes sympathetically here, as do vets George Cables and Buster Williams. Session happily eschews familiar boppish numbers for more introspective balladic work. Could become the saxophonist's best-selling

COUNTRY

#### REBA MCENTIRE

Reba Live

What a deal! This package contains 19 cuts-ranging from such certified



ENGLISH ORCHESTRAL SONGS Stephen Varcoe, City of London Sinfonia, Hickox Chandos Chan 8743 Collections such as this choice group can only help spur current interest in English music of the turn of the

## **NEW AND NOTEWORTHY**

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#### MICHEL'LE PRODUCER: Dr. Dre Ruthless/Atco 91282

Startlingly strong-voiced L.A. teen thrush proves she can groove and soothe on her debut. "No More Lies" and "Keep Watchin' " lead the way to the dance floor, while "If," a sultry, sensual duet with Michael Holmes, and "Something In My Heast" are and "Something In My Heart" are more suited for the bedroom. Unfortunately, she breaks a wonderful mood by recording her thanks. Her squeaky, little-girl speaking voice is in such sharp contrast to the all-woman sound displayed on the vocals that it's like a slap in the face. Bad move in an otherwise exhilarating effort.

#### MAP OF THE WORLD An Inch Equals A Thousand Miles PRODUCER: Sprague Hollander Atlantic 82049

Ann Arbor, Mich., quintet anchored by brother and sister Khalid and Sophia Hanifi turns in a fiercely diverse debut. His turn at the mike results in raw garage-band churnings, while her vocals are a cross between Natalie Merchant and Nico. Though some alternative and college spinners might be scared by this seemingly scattered effort, they should put fears aside and delve deeply into this blessed event.

#### ROD STEWART

## Storyteller/The Complete Anthology: 1964-1990 COMPILATION PRODUCER: Gregg Geller Warner Bros. 25987

Four-CD/cassette retrospective should reinstate Stewart's muchdebased rep as a singer's singer. His accomplishments as vocalist, writer, and superb interpreter are exhaustively charted on thoughtfully assembled 65-track package. Rod offers his own witty commentary on the selections in a 24-page booklet. Three new numbers supplement the familiar hits: fresh covers of Crazy Horse's "I Don't Want To Talk About It" and the Isley Brothers' "This Old Heart Of Mine" (a duet with Ronald Isley), and a fine interpretation of Tom Waits' "Downtown Train." A brilliantly executed and welcome tribute.

century and beyond. Varcoe is a bassbaritone of uncommon sensitivity and Hickox a collaborator whose musical instincts are at a comparable level. Composers are Quilter, Butterworth, Elgar, Finzi, Vaughan Williams, and Ireland. Will repay customer recommendation

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# **SPOTLIGHT** OF THE IN WOLL

## WHITESNAKE Slip Of The Tongue PRODUCERS: Mike Clink & Keith Olsen Geffen 24249

Sequel to multiplatinum "Whitesnake" finds David Coverdale & Co. straying somewhat from the Zep-style formula of last opus. Steve Vai sits in on guitar for Adrian Vandenberg (who will rejoin the group with Vai on tour), producing plenty of hot spots for axe maniacs. "Fool For Your Loving" is a strong send-off, with power ballad "Now You're Gone" looming as a natural for airplay follow-through. One of the big ones for seasonal sales and beyond.



TERENCE TRENT D'ARBY Neither Fish Nor Flesh PRODUCER: Terence Trent D'Arby Columbia 45351

Though his pretentious nature often threatens to overshadow his tremendous voice, D'Arby's second effort shows a marked growth and proves he hasn't forgotten how to funk. Despite the violin strains and tone of "It Feels So Good To Love Someone Like You" that indicate TTD feels he's ready to record his "Sgt. Pepper," much of the record contentedly slides into D'Arby's brilliant James Brown/Marvin Gaye/ Prince dance groove that made his debut such a hit. Talent—and unstoppable rhythm— ooze from several of the cuts, including "This Side Of Love" and "Roly Poly."



ERIC CLAPTON

Journeyman PRODUCER: Russ Titelman Reprise 26074

Extremely strong new collection finds the master guitarist singing and playing his best on tough selection of bluesy pop (much of it penned by Jerry Williams) and sharp covers. Topnotch guest list includes George Harrison, Robert Cray, Phil Collins, and Daryl Hall. Rocking "Pretending" is already grabbing album rock attention; "Bad Love" (a duet with Cray) and "Running On Faith" stand out in a remarkably consistent effort.

## ROY ORBISON A Black And White Night Live PRODUCER: T Bone Burnett Virgin 91295

Soundtrack of 1987 tribute concert at L.A.'s Coconut Grove, a home video best-seller, should make a notable score on record as well. The late rock legend runs down his greatest hits in the company of a heavyweight band that includes Bruce Springsteen, Elvis Costello, Tom Waits, Jackson Browne, Bonnie Raitt, and k.d. lang. A landmark evening in rock'n'roll also makes for mighty great listening.

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## THE KINKS UK Jive PRODUCERS: Ray Davies; Dave Davies

Soon-to-be Rock and Roll Hall of Famers, The Kinksters let loose with a spotty effort that showcases their brilliance and mediocrity at the same time. Worthy tracks such as "How Do I Get Close" and the musically jaunty "War Is Over" are juxtaposed against such cheerleading, anthemic fillers as "U.K. Jive" and "Down All The Days (To 1992)." The good far outweighs the bad, however, for even at their worst, the Brothers Davies are much better than most.

#### McAULEY SCHENKER GROUP Save Yourself PRODUCER: Frank Filipetti Capitol 792752

Metal mongers check in with a highoctane package that is perhaps a bit short on memorable tunes but high on burnin' energy. Guitarist Michael Schenker turns in his usual reliable performance on the frets. Title cut could spear album rock spins; choice of a follow-up track could determine set's ultimate commercial fate.

## THE JESUS & MARY CHAIN

Automatic PRODUCERS: William Reid & Jim Reid Warner Bros. 26015

Latest barn-burner from the Latest barn-burner from the provocative Reid brothers finds the sonic abrasions of debut album "Psychocandy" mated to the more tuneful outlook of sequel "Darklands." Biggest stumbling block here is ourse militarity of come here is overfamiliarity of some melodies. Not for all tastes, but gutsy modern rockers will find "UV Ray and "Between Planets" among the sturdiest links on this Chain.

## **MICHELLE SHOCKED** Captain Swing PRODUCER: Pete Anderson Mercury 838878

Texan singer/songwriter leaves her folkier roots behind, and branches out into several different shades of the blues yet abandons none of her astute political observations—as noted by her sassy kickoff track, "God Is A Real Estate Developer." Only the stark, sharp "Looks Like Mona Lisa" recalls her acoustic/folk identity on this ground-breaking, but not Shocking, divergence from her previous efforts



#### JERMAINE JACKSON Don't Take It Personal PRODUCERS: Various Arista 18493

Title track has taken off like a rocket at black radio and there is plenty here to follow. With no fewer than six coherence here, but lots of good tunes. Duet with Miki Howard, "Make It Easy On Love," should easily charm listeners who went for first cut.

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PRODUCERS: Jir

my Bowen, Reba McEntire MCA 8034

McEntire hits as "One-Promise Too Late" and "Whoever's In New England" to such classic covers as "Jolene" and "San Antonio Rose."



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#### by Michael Ellis

THE TOP OF THE chart is jammed, as all of the top four records are bulleted. "When I See You Smile" by **Bad English** (Epic) continues to gain strongly in both sales and airplay points, sitting at No. 1 with a bullet by a large margin. "Blame It On The Rain" by **Mili Vanili** (Arista) gains even more points, however, and may overtake "Smile" to hit No. 1 next week. "Love Shack" by the **B-52**'s (Warner Bros.) just manages to edge out "(It's Just) The Way That You Love Me" by **Paula Abd**ul (Virgin) for the No. 3 position, but both are in the race for No. 1 in two weeks, as are the bulleted singles at Nos. 6 and 7 by Billy Joel and Richard Marx. The next three weeks will see spirited battles at the top.

ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE" by Phil Collins (Atlantic) almost wins the combined Power Pick/Sales & Airplay, but Janet Jackson's "Rhythm Nation" (A&M) gains slightly more airplay points. So Collins settles for the Power Pick/Sales, after winning the airplay award last week. A combined pick has a 91% chance of hitting No. 1, while an air-play-only winner has a 59% chance of reaching No. 1, and a sales-only pick has a 32% chance. "Paradise" seems a near-certain No. 1 record: It's already the most widely played record on the chart, with 232 out of the 250 stations reporting airplay; and it leaps 17-5 at Q102 Cincinnati. "Rhythm," besides winning the Power Pick/Airplay, is the second-most-added record of the week, with 50 adds, and takes great radio jumps, including 30-15 at Hot 95.9 Salt Lake City, 30-19 at FM102 Sacramento, Calif., and 27-17 at X106 Birmingham, Ala.

HE MOST ADDED RECORD of the week is "This One's For The Children" by New Kids On The Block (Columbia), with 62 adds fueling the largest jump on the chart, 33 places to No. 49. It had been played on many stations for several weeks before its release date; thus it is already No. 1 at KGGI Riverside, Calif., and jumps 18-8 at Power 96 Mi-ami. This week's Hot Shot Debut, "I Remember You" by **Skid Row** (Atlantic), also benefits from early airplay as an album cut, and comes storming onto the chart at No. 62. "Remember" is already top 10 at eight reporting stations, including 7-4 at WKDD Akron, Ohio, and 5-4 at U93.9 Palsich N.C. Among the four with a new little outputs is the detect Raleigh, N.C. Among the four other new Hot 100 entries is the debut single for teenage songstress **Michel'le** from Los Angeles, "No More Lies" (Ruthless), entering at No. 92. "Lies" is breaking out of Dallas (No. 19 at KJMZ) and Philadelphia (No. 13 at Q102).

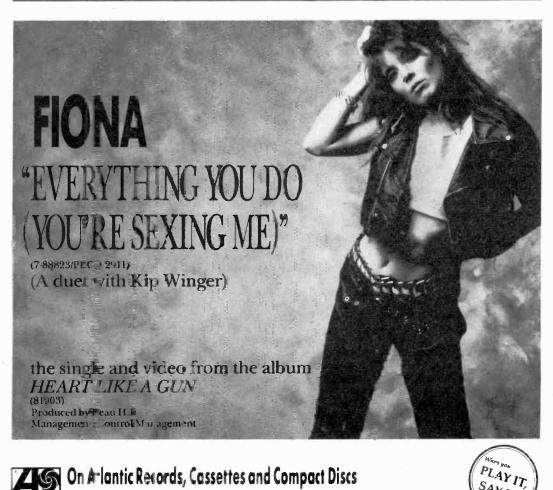
**Q**UICK CUTS: Two of the 10 most-added singles this week, "Steamy Windows" by **Tina Turner** (Capitol) and "Hide Your Heart" by **Kiss** (Mercury), are just shy of amassing enough points to enter the Hot 100; look for strong debuts next week . . . Janet Jackson's "Miss You Much" (A&M) skips gold certification and goes right to platinum, becoming the tenth million-selling single of 1989... Joe Cocker has a hit with "When The Night Comes" (Capitol). The record is fifth-most-added of the week with 44 adds, and early radio indicators are encouraging. Not only is it No. 1 at two top 40/rock hybrids (KDWZ Des Moines, Iowa, and KXXR Kansas City)-but it jumps 15-9 at urban-leaning Kiss 108 Boston.

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| I'LL BE GOOD TO YOU<br>QUINCY JONES QWEST                                                                                                                | 6                                         | 14                              | 41                                            | 61                       | 61                     |
| RHYTHM NATION<br>JANET JACKSON A&M                                                                                                                       | 4                                         | 11                              | 35                                            | 50                       | 196                    |
| STEAMY WINDOWS                                                                                                                                           |                                           |                                 |                                               |                          |                        |
| TINA TURNER CAPITOL                                                                                                                                      | 1                                         | 7                               | 38                                            | 46                       | 47                     |
| WHEN THE NIGHT COMES<br>JOE COCKER CAPITOL                                                                                                               | 2                                         | 8                               | 34                                            | 44                       | 118                    |
| HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO<br>MICHAEL BOLTON COLUMBIA                                                                                                          | 1                                         | 9                               | 26                                            | 36                       | 146                    |
| TENDER LOVER<br>BABYFACE SOLAR                                                                                                                           | 4                                         | 9                               | 22                                            | 35                       | 52                     |
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| MADONNA SIRE                                                                                                                                             | 1                                         | 7                               | 21                                            | 29                       | 150                    |
| HIDE YOUR HEART<br>KISS MERCURY                                                                                                                          | 0                                         | 5                               | 20                                            | 25                       | 33                     |
| JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME<br>LOU GRAMM ATLANTIC                                                                                                            | 1                                         | 6                               | 17                                            | 24                       | 179                    |
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## SINGER PEDRO VARGAS DEAD

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whose talents and lives have become legendàry in the Spanish-speaking world," says Luis Mario Santos Coy, spokesman for "Siempre En Domingo," Mexico's most influential musical TV program. "He emerged in the music scene at a time when voice was the most important factor in a musical career. He was a huge radio star first, because there was no television.

Vargas emerged at the dawn of Mexico's golden age of popular music. He was one of the first Latino headliners to successfully cross the bridge that separated American and Mexican pop music.

During his extensive career, Vargas performed for Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman. The U.N. honored Vargas in the '70s, naming him the leading exponent of Latin American music.

"To many he was the Frank Sinatra of Mexico. Vargas became a national treasure, an institution. Nobody since has created such a positive and enduring image," says Jorge Pinos of the William Morris Agency's international department. "He was born at the right time

and took advantage of the romantic era. Vargas was an excellent singer who reached his peak in the '30s but was able to maintain his popularity until the '50s, becoming the star identified with Mexican music around the world," says Charles Grever, a music publisher in Mexico City.

Vargas got his first break in 1928 when he was selected by Pietro Mascagni to sing in the Italian opera "Cavalleria Rusticana." He then turned to popular ballads, popularizing the bolero and paso doble in Latin America, the U.S., Europe, and Asia. Vargas started his recording career in Chicago for the RCA label.

"Pedro Vargas was the first Latin entertainer to put Latin music on the international map. He was our Maurice Chevalier. It is impossible to compare him with anybody else because in the Latin world he was it," says Maximo Aguirre, GM of BMG International-U.S. Latin.

"When Latin culture wasn't hip back in the '40s, Pedro Vargas was selling out Carnegie Hall, Radio City, and Madison Square Garden, adds Aguirre. "It will be very difficult for Mexico to create another figure with his global appeal."

'There have to be very few Hispanics who haven't fallen in love listening to one of his popular songs. I had the pleasure of working with him in Cuba, when he used to visit every three months to promote his recordings," remembers Carlos Barba, VP of the Telemundo Net-work. "It was his nature to integrate himself into the culture of every country he visited. He loved Latin America, and Latin America loved him back."

One of his last public appearances was on a video recording of Latin artists who got together for "Cantare, Cantaras" ("I Will Sing, You Will Sing") at A&M Studios in Los Angeles in 1985, part of the entertainment industry's effort to end world hunger.

For more on Vargas, see Latin Notas, page 40.

#### FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 18, 1989

## Billboard. Hot 100. SALES & AIRPLAY

A ranking of the top 40 singles by sales and airplay, respectively, with reference to each title's composite position on the main Hot 100 Singles chart.

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#### HOLIDAY SEASON WILL NOT BE MERRY FOR VINYL (Continued from page 5)

Why? "Probably because A&R and our own investigations found that records like a Fuzzbox go into the alternative markets," says Ed-die Gilreath, Geffen's VP of sales. "And we feel, based on conversations with local stores and our promotion folks and A&R folks, that this is one of the areas where we need to maintain vinyl release initially-because that area still has

a strong vinyl consumer [base], and we need to respond to that particular need." Gilreath notes that there is wide-

spread indecision in the business about the final result of abandoning vinyl. "It's almost like it was years

ago, where you had a 45 and its only purpose was to draw awareness to the album and to the artist ... Vinyl, unfortunately, is taking on that same kind of appearance in that it's used to identify the fact that there is a project there. And there's something that people can grab hold to in the store. They can read it, the artwork is there ... They still respond to that.'

The crux of the current dilemma, adds Gilreath, is whether the marketing value the LP provides offsets its bottom-line costs.

"If in fact I'm putting out 50,000 units, and I've got to take back 25,000 [in returns]," he says, "if that 25,000 is going to help break that artist, then it's well worth the effort to put forth. However, if it's not going to serve that purpose,

then I've lost a ton of money-as has the artist, as has everyone else."

Some label executives note that, in many cases, overall sales of recent releases are dipping to less than 5% in the vinyl configuration. One source says that a current hit pop album's recent sales figures are now indicating less than 2% overall vinyl sales. "It's frightening what's happening [to LPs]," he says. "The real problem is a lot of stores don't even bother carrying them.'

Wesley Hein, president of Enigma Entertainment, notes that Enigma's 1990 release schedule will include vinyl sparingly, and probably only for artists who are projected to have especially large overall sales. "I would say on at least a third

of the releases that we put out this year on vinyl, we lost money on the vinyl once all returns and everything were factored in-obsolescence and the film origination costs and so on," he says.

Hein adds that his label's recent release by Shooting Star makes the point eloquently: "It's in the Billboard Top Pop Albums chart, it's got a single that's in the Billboard Hot 100, it's one of the most requested videos on MTV, and on and on and on—and there's no vi-nyl. It's just cassette and CD," he says. "And that was an October release. We've already started.

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- LICENCE TO CHILL (Zomba, ASCAP) HL LISTEN TO YOUR HEART (Screen Gems-EMI, BMI/Jimmy Fun, BMI) CLM LIVING IN SIN (Bon Jovi, ASCAP/Pri, ASCAP) WBM LOVE IN AN ELEVATOR (Swag, ASCAP) HL LOVE SHACK (Man Woman Together Now!, BMI/Irving, BMI) CPP LOVE SONG (City Kidd, ASCAP) CLM LOVE SONG (City Kidd, ASCAP) CLM LOVE SONG (Fiction, ASCAP) ME SO HORNY (Pac-Jam, BMI) MISS YOU MUCH (Flyte Tyme, ASCAP) WBM MIXED EMOTIONS (Promopub B.V., PRS) CPP MY HEART SKIPS A BEAT (Red Instructional, ASCAP/Disco Fever, ASCAP/Tipper, ASCAP) 3
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- ASCAP/Disco Fever, ASCAP/Tipper, ASCAP) 97 NAME AND NUMBER (Octa, Ascan/Spiritstor
- ASCAP/WB. ASCAP) WBM NEW THING (Octa, Ascap/Enuff Z'nuff, ASCAP/Fajerstein, ASCAP) 67

- ROCK AND A HARD PLACE (Promopub B.V., PRS) CPP ROCK WITCHA (Kear, BMI/Epic/Solar, BMI/Green Skirt, BMI) CPP THE SAME LOVE (Realsongs, ASCAP) WBM SOLD ME OOWN THE RIVER (Illegal, BMI) SOWING THE SEEDS OF LOVE (Virgin Songs, BMI) 19

NO MORE LIES (Ruthless Attack, ASCAP)

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POISON (Ezra, RMI/Kat & Mouse, RMI/Music Corp. Of

merica, BMI/EMI April, ASCAP/Desmobile, ASCAP

PRETENDING (Hamstein, BMI/Urge, BMI/Careers,

BMI) PUMP UP THE JAM (Colgems-EMI, ASCAP/BMC,

WKBogam, ASCAP) WBM RADAR LOVE (Fever, ASCAP) REALISTIC (Chappeli, PRS/Chappeli & Co., ASCAP/Empire, PRS) HL RHYTHM NATION (Black Ice, BMI/Flyte Tyme,

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  - ASCAP/Whole Nine Yards, ASCAP) 85 TENDER LOVER (Hip Trip, BMI/Kear, BMI/Jenn-A-
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  - Bug, ASCAP) THIS ONE'S FOR THE CHILDREN (Maurice Starr, ASCAP/EMI April, ASCAP) HL TOUCH ME TONIGHT (Mad Ted, BMI)
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- WHAT ABOUT ME (Australian Tumbleweeed, BMI) HL WHEN I LOOKED AT HIM (Screen Gems-EMI, 40 BMI/Panchin, BMI) WBM
- WHEN I SEE YOU SMILE (Realsongs, ASCAP) WBM WHEN ISEE YOU SMILE (Realsongs, ASCAP) WBM WHEN THE NIGHT COMES (Irving, ASCAP/Adams Communications, BMI/Calypso Tunes, BMI/Realsongs, ASCAP) CPP/WBM
- WITH EVERY BEAT OF MY HEART (MCA, 20 ASCAP/Matak, ASCAP/Mygag, ASCAP/Shakin' Baker,
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- VOI ARE MY EVERYTHING (Colgems-EMI, ASCAP/Deep Faith, ASCAP/Multi Culler, ASCAP) WBM (YOU'RE MY ONE AND ONLY) TRUE LOVE (Robi-Rob, ASCAP/Red Instructional, ASCAP/Free-Dome, ASCAP) 73

- ASCAP) HL BUST A MOVE (Varry White, ASCAP/Young Man Moving, ASCAP) CALL IT LOVE (Atlantic-Gibron, BMI/Storky, 81
- CALL II LOVE (LATAITIC-LIBRON, BMI/STORK), BMI/Jaspetial, ASCAP/Frankly Scarlett, BMI/Music Corp. Of America, BMI/Could Be Music, ASCAP) HL CHERISH (WB, ASCAP/Bleu Disgue, ASCAP/Webo Girl, ASCAP/Johnny Yuma, BMI) WBM COVER GIRL (Maurice Starr, ASCAP/EMI April, SCAPC) with

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THE ARMS OF ORION (Controversy, ASCAP/Skye Heart, BH/WB, ASCAP) WBM BABY COME TO ME (Gratitude Sky, ASCAP/Penzafire, ASCAP/Virgin, ASCAP) CPP BACK TO LIFE (Virgin, ASCAP/Virgin Songs, BMI/WB, ASCAP/Law Music) CPP/WBM

ASCAP/Law Music) CPP/WBM BACK TO THE BULLET (Dasnice, BMI/Linz, BMI) CLM THE BEST (Mike Chapman, ASCAP/Knighty-Knight, ASCAP/AII Nations, ASCAP) WBM BIG TALK (Virgin Songs, BMI/Dick Dragon, BMI/Crab Salad, BMI/Lickite Split, BMI/Rich Mcbitch,

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WBM Angelia (Chi-Boy, ASCAP) CLM

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- DON'T CLOSE YOUR EYES (Cookies, 15
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- DON'T MAKE ME OVER (Blue Seas, ASCAP/Jac, 29 ASCAP) CPP/WBM
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- BMI) CLM DR. FEELGOOD (Motley Crue, BMI/Sikki Nixx, BMI/Mick Mars, BMI) WBM EVERYTHING (Sizzling Blue, BMI/Newton House,
- 36 BMI) WBM
- DMI) WBM FOOL FOR YOUR LOVING (Seabreeze, ASCAP/C.C., ASCAP/Dump-eaton, ASCAP) WBM FREE FALLIN' (Gone Gator, ASCAP/EMI April, ASCAP) CPP/HL SPENCH WSS (Search Deve 1991) 58 53
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## LABELS REACT TO REDUESTS FOR CD SERVICE

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more expensive, but I'm trying to make our press list reflect reality," says Merlis. "We'll also save money by making the list current and getting some of the deadwood off. I don't want to send records out into the void."

Other labels are reluctant to switch to all-CDs because of cost and because not all writers have CD players

"Servicing CDs blindly is a mistake," says RCA's Dennis Fine. "We sit in major urban areas, but when we start dealing with some underground music writers in Tuscaloosa, they don't have CD players. So it's kind of useless to have it arrive without them needing it."

"Right now, our first mailing is vinyl," says Capitol's Cary Baker, "but we're going to a three-tiered system that will probably start to affect releases [soon]. A small number of national journalists will receive CDs; the rest will have the option of LPs or cassettes." In January, A&M plans to make a similar change.

Though cassettes may be the topselling configuration at retail, many journalists are just saying no to tapes in favor of CDs and vinyl. Record companies hear frequent complaints from the press about not being able to view the cover art and, more importantly, not being able to zone in on specific tracks quickly.

'A little over a year ago, we sent our entire mailing list a cassette of each release to see what people's responses would be and there must have been 30 or 40 people who took the time to call and say they'd rather have vinyl," says A&M's Wayne Isaak

Writers on the list for Atlantic and

its distributed labels (including Island, Virgin, and Atco) receive cassette or CD and can get vinyl upon request. However, a label spokesperson said the company is preparing a mailing that will offer journalists their choice of the three configurations.

Publicists acknowledge that servicing vinyl could become a problem as some releases are available only on CD or cassette. Warner Bros.' Rod Stewart anthology, "Storyteller," is available only on CD or cassettes. Capitol's Collectors Series is only on CD. Vinyl lovers will just have to adjust, say publicists.

Though there are no specific plans, "eventually a lot of our releases prob-ably won't be on vinyl," says Stacy Nick, PolyGram Records' communications coordinator. "But for now, [our first mailing] is all LP except for a major release, then we send out half cassettes and half CDs, but response to cassettes has been negative.'

Similarly, Arista reserves CD firstmailings for a major release. The Grateful Dead's newest, "Built To Last." was sent to everyone in CD, after the idea was discussed with the band's management and marketing plans were reviewed.

As the press departments try to issue the releases in the most expedient fashion, some publicists can only grin and bear reporters' requests. "Writers are just the worst," says one publicist, laughing. "A lot of them don't want CDs because they have collections of hundreds and hundreds of records and they don't want to be forced to change to CDs.'

MCA officials declined to comment for this story.

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EVERYTHING MCA 53714

I WANT YOU VISION 4511

SUNSHINE 4TH & B'WAY 7489

ROCK WIT'CHA MCA 53652

GET ON YOUR FEET EPIC 34-69064/E.P.A.

MY HEART SKIPS A BEAT CAPITOL 44436

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FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 18, 1989

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### BEATLES SETTLE OUT OF COURT WITH CAPITOL-EMI (Continued from page 9)

on albums selling more than 500,000 units, an amended agreement was signed in 1973.

The legal wrangling between the Beatles, Apple, and the EMI labels commenced in 1979, when Apple sued EMI and Capitol, charging breach of contract. In an amended complaint three years later, Apple charged the labels with fraud, conversion, and unjust enrichment, among other alleged abuses.

In a subsequent amended filing, Harrison, Starr, and Ono (Lennon's widow and executrix) sought to have Capitol's and EMI's rights to manufacture and distribute the Beatles' records voided and to secure the rights to the Beatles' masters. (McCartney, who returned to Capitol as a solo artist in 1986 after a stint at Columbia, did not take part in this action.)

As of last summer, a pareddown version of the Beatles' action remained pending in New York State Supreme Court. On May 17, 1988, the court's appellate division ruled in favor of Apple, Harrison, Starr, and Ono; the four-judge panel overturned a lower court ruling and restored their claims totaling \$50 million against the labels for fraud and conversion (Billboard, June 4, 1988).

In the counts that were allowed to stand, the three former band members and Ono charged that Capitol had sold more than 19 million "scrapped" Beatles recordings without paying royalties, and distributed an excessive number "clean" promotional copies of of Beatles albums without financial consideration to the group to gain market advantages for other Capitol artists.

Days before the 1988 appellate decision, a U.S. District Court judge in New York dismissed a July 1987 suit against Capitol and EMI in which Apple, Harrison, Starr, and Ono had charged that the labels had tardily marketed CD versions of the Beatles' albums and underpaid CD royalties. The judge ruled, however, that that suit could be brought in the U.K., since the charges stemmed from the group's 1962 and 1967 agreements with London-based EMI Records.

In December 1984, the Beatles won a dispute with EMI in the U.K. over underpaid royalties during the 1966-79 period (Billboard, Jan. 5, 1985).

The present settlement will also put to rest a multimillion-dollar suit by Apple against Capitol, EMI, Nike Inc., and Nike's adver-tising agency. The July 1987 action charged that a Nike ad utilizing the Beatles' song "Revolution" was an "unauthorized exploitation of the Beatles' persona and goodwill."

Assistance in preparing this story was provided by Irv Lichtman in New York.

| THIS | LAST<br>WEEK | TITLE TITLE Based on airplay report<br>combining top 40 and | ts from stations ARTIST |
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| 1    | 1            | WHEN I SEE YOU SMILE<br>EPIC 34-69082/E.P.A.                | BAD ENGLISH             |
| 2    | 3            | POISON<br>EPIC 34-68958/E.P.A.                              | ALICE COOPER            |
| 3)   | 6            | LOVE SONG<br>GEFFEN 7-22856                                 | TESLA                   |
| 4    | 10           | WE DIDN'T START THE FIRE<br>COLUMBIA 38-73021               | BILLY JOEL              |
| 5    | 7            | DON'T CLOSE YOUR EYES<br>ATLANTIC 7-88902                   | KIX                     |
| 6    | 2            | LOVE IN AN ELEVATOR<br>GEFFEN 7-22845                       | AEROSMITH               |
| 7    | 4            | LISTEN TO YOUR HEART<br>EMI 50223                           | ROXETTE                 |
| 8    | 9            | LOVE SHACK<br>REPRISE 7-22817                               | THE B-52'S              |
| 9    | 13           | ANGEL SONG<br>CAPITOL 44449                                 | GREAT WHITE             |
| 10   | 12           | LIVING IN SIN<br>MERCURY 876 070-7/POLYGRAM                 | BON JOVI                |
| 11)  | 11           | ANGELIA<br>EMI 50218                                        | RICHARD MARX            |
| 12   | 5            | SOWING THE SEEDS OF LOVE<br>FONTANA 874 710-7/POLYGRAM      | TEARS FOR FEARS         |
| 13   | 15           | FREE FALLING<br>MCA 53748                                   | TOM PETTY               |
| 14   | 8            | DR. FEELGOOD<br>ELEKTRA 7-69271                             | MOTLEY CRUE             |
| 15   | 14           | THE LAST WORTHLESS EVENING<br>GEFFEN 7-22771                | DON HENLEY              |
| 16   | 16           | SOLD ME DOWN THE RIVER<br>I.R.S. 73003                      | THE ALARM               |
| 17   | 17           | I'M A BELIEVER                                              | GIANT                   |
| 18   | 18           | WHEN THE NIGHT COMES<br>CAPITOL 44437                       | JOE COCKER              |
| 19   | 20           | ROCK AND A HARD PLACE<br>COLUMBIA 38-73057                  | ROLLING STONES          |
| 20   | 21           | JUST BETWEEN YOU & ME<br>ATLANTIC 7-88781                   | LOU GRAMM               |
| 21)  | 24           | ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE<br>ATLANTIC 7-88774                 | PHIL COLLINS            |
| 2    | 23           | FOOL FOR YOUR LOVING<br>GEFFEN 4-22715                      | WHITESNAKE              |
| 23   | 22           | TOUCH ME TONIGHT<br>ENIGMA 73549/CAPITOL                    | SHOOTING STAR           |
| 24   | 19           | RADAR LOVE<br>ATLANTIC 7-88836                              | WHITE LION              |
| 25   | 25           | NEW THING<br>ATCO 7-99207                                   | ENUFF Z'NUFF            |
| 26   | _            | WAIT FOR YOU<br>WTG 311-73034                               | BONHAM                  |
| 27   | 26           | HUNGRY<br>ATLANTIC 7-88859                                  | WINGER                  |
| 28   | _            | BACK TO THE BULLET<br>POLYDOR 889 976-4/POLYGRAM            | SARAYA                  |
| 29   | 27           | NO SOUVENIRS<br>ISLAND 7-99176                              | MELISSA ETHERIDGE       |
| 30   | -            | I LIVE BY THE GROOVE<br>CHRYSALIS 23427                     | PAUL CARRACK            |

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| 14       17       Paula Abdul, (11's Just) The Way         15       10       Sybil, Don't Make Me Over         16       20       Taylor Dayne, With Every Beat Of My         19       19       Geina Estefra, Get On Your Feet         18       Kewin Paige, Don't Shut Me Out         19       21       Iceina Estefra, Iceina Shut Me Out         19       21       Iceina Estefra, Iceina Shut Me Out         19       21       Iceina Estefra, Iceina Shut Me Out         19       23       The B-525, Love Shack         21       Jody Watley, Everything       21         24       George Lamond, Without You       21         28       News Kids On The Block, This One's       25         29       The Z Live Crew, Nore And Over       26         20       Jaya, If You Leave Me Now       27         21       Saave, Crying Over You       29         21       Stage Live Crew, Me So Horry       29         21       The Z Live Crew, Me So Horry       21         21       Saduction, Two To Make It Right       -         21       Dead Car Alwe, Gaby Don't Say Good       21         21       Dead Car Alwe, Gaby Don't Say Good       22         22       The Z                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <ol> <li>Technotronic, Pump Up The Jam</li> <li>Paela Abdul, (15 Just) The Way</li> <li>Jaya, If You Leave Me Now</li> <li>Gaira Estrain, a Gel On Your Feet</li> <li>Bobby Brown, Rock WitCha</li> <li>Bobby Brown, Rock WitCha</li> <li>Bobby Brown, Rock WitCha</li> <li>Hichelle, No More Lies</li> <li>Seduction, Two To Make II: Right</li> <li>Hichelle, No More Lies</li> <li>Sedoby Ross Avia, Music Man</li> <li>EX The 8-52 s, Love Shack</li> <li>Zaylor Wattle, CoveryThing</li> <li>Milk Vanill, Girl Tim Gonna Miss Yo</li> <li>Taylor Dayne, With Every Beat Of My</li> <li>Zaylor Dayne, With Every Beat Of My</li> <li>Zawirase, Nou Are My Everything</li> <li>Baret Lackson, Frydhm Mation</li> <li>Baret Lackson, Ham Eand Musice</li> <li>Kiney Lewir, Realistic</li> <li>EX Big Noise, Name And Number</li> <li>EX Big Voise, Name And Number</li> <li>EX Big Voise, Teris The She Thing For</li> <li>Maji Gonan, Licence To Chill</li> <li>EX Pajama Party, Over And Over</li> <li>EX Pajama Party, Over And Over</li> <li>EX Fine Young Canabast, Im Not The</li> </ol> |
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| <b>PARTE FORMU</b><br><b>JOCAS FAM</b><br><b>Los Angeles</b> P.D.: Scott Shannon<br><b>J</b> Bad English, When I See You Smile<br><b>A Rec Coper, Prejecod</b><br><b>A Rec Coper, Prejecod</b><br><b>A Rec Songe</b><br><b>A Rec Songe</b><br><b>A Rec Songe</b><br><b>A Rec Songe</b><br><b>A Rec Songe</b><br><b>A Rec Songe</b><br><b>B Tesla</b> , Love Shack<br><b>B Tesla</b> , Love Shack<br><b>A Recommit, Love In An Elevator</b><br><b>B Routet:</b> Lister To Your Heart<br><b>B Routet:</b> Lister Touch Me Tonight<br><b>B Route Gram, You Sherveen You</b><br><b>B Route Gram, You Sherveen You</b><br><b>B Route Gram, Your Sherveen You</b><br><b>B ROUTE Start Heart Route Her Honight Comes</b><br><b>B ROUTE Start Heart Route Net</b><br><b>B ROUTE Start Prospect, Higher</b><br><b>B ROUTE Start Prospect, Higher</b><br><b>B ROUTE Start Prospect, Heart</b><br><b>B ROUTE Start Prospect, Rest Heart Route Heart</b><br><b>B ROUTE Start Prospect, Rest Heart Route Heart</b><br><b>B ROUTE Start Prospect, Rest Heart Route Heart</b><br><b>B ROUTE Start Prospect Heart</b><br><b>B ROUTE Start Prospect Heart</b><br><b>B ROUTE Start Prospect Heart</b><br><b>B ROUTE Start Prospect Heart</b><br><b>B ROUTE Sta</b> | EX       Faster Presycal, Poison by         EX       Faster Presycal, Poison by         EX       Shooting Star, Touch Me Tonght         All Marget       Full And         Call Marget       Full And         Dallas       P.D.: Joel Folger         1       2       Tears For Fars, Sowing The Seeds         2       1       Account Angelia         3       Bad English, Mhen I See You Smile         5       The Alarm, Sold Me Down The River         6       The Alarm, Sold Me Down The River         7       Skindowar, Mane I See You Smile         9       Don Henley, The Last Worthless         10       Don Henley, The Last Worthless         11       Billy Joel, We Didn't Start The Fire         13       Billy Joel, We Didn't Start The Fire         14       Tom Petty, Free Falling         15       Phil Callins, Another Day In Para         16       Bon Jowi, Living In Sin         17       Great White, Angel Song         18       Bon Jowi, Living In Sin         19       Bon Jowi, Living In Sin         11       Bily Soule: Don't Let Me Go         18       Bin Jowi, Living In Sin         19       Bon Jowi, Living In Sin         <                                                                  |
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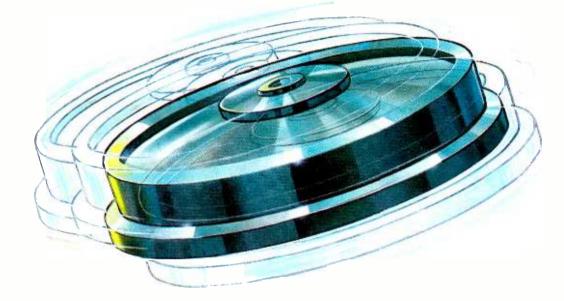
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| 2          | 2         | 2    | 35 👙           | MILLI VANILLI A4 ARISTA AL 8592 (9.98) (CD)                                                                 | GIRL YOU KNOW IT'S TRUE         |
| 3          | 3         | 4    | 10             | ROLLING STONES A COLUMBIA OC 45333 (CD)                                                                     | STEEL WHEELS                    |
| 4          | 6         | 6    | 70             | PAULA ABDUL A <sup>3</sup> VIRGIN 90943 (9.98) (CD)                                                         | FOREVER YOUR GIRL               |
| 5          | 5         | 5    | <b>,8</b> ≼    | AEROSMITH GEFFEN 24254 (9.98) (CD)                                                                          | PUMP                            |
| 6          | 7         | 7    | 65             | NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK A5 COLUMBIA FC 40985 (CD)                                                             | HANGIN' TOUGH                   |
| 7          | 4         | 3    | <u>*</u> 9 `   | MOTLEY CRUE ELEKTRA 60829 (9.98) (CD)                                                                       | DR. FEELGOOD                    |
| 8          | 13        | 47   | - 3            | BILLY JOEL COLUMBIA OC 44366 (CD)                                                                           | STORM FRONT                     |
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| 10         | 12        | 16   | 18             | THE B-52'S REPRISE 25854 (9.98) (CD)                                                                        | COSMIC THING                    |
| (1)        | 11        | 13   | × 9 🧳          | YOUNG M.C. DELICIOUS VINYL 91309/ISLAND (9.98) (CD)                                                         | STONE COLD RHYMIN'              |
| 12         | 8         | 8    | . 7.           | TEARS FOR FEARS FONTANA 838 730 1/POLYGRAM (CD)                                                             | THE SEEDS OF LOVE               |
| 13         | 10        | 9    | 28             | TOM PETTY A MCA 6253 (9.98) (CD)                                                                            | FULL MOON FEVER                 |
| 14         | 14        | 12   | 27             | RICHARD MARX ▲3 EMI 90380 (9.98) (CD)                                                                       | REPEAT OFFENDER                 |
| 15         | 15        | 11   | 41             | SKID ROW A <sup>2</sup> ATLANTIC 81936 (9.98) (CD)                                                          | SKID ROW                        |
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| 25         | 27        | 27   | 16             | BABYFACE • SOLAR FZ 45288/E.P.A. (CD)                                                                       | TENDER LOVER                    |
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| 27         | 26        | 24   | » 70 »         | BOBBY BROWN 45 MCA 42185 (9.98) (CD)                                                                        | DON'T BE CRUEL                  |
| 28         | 24        | 19   | 27 *           | THE CURE A ELEKTRA 60855 (9.98) (CD)                                                                        | DISINTEGRATION                  |
| 29         | 25        | 20   | 38             | WARRANT & COLUMBIA FC 44383 (CD)                                                                            | RTY ROTTEN FILTHY STINKING RICH |
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| 35         | 33        | 35   | 16             | NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK A COLUMBIA FC 40475 (CD)                                                              | NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK           |
| 36)        | 39        | 41   | 5              | NELL YOUNG REPRISE 25899 (9.98) (CD)                                                                        | FREEDOM                         |
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IS MTV TAKING A HARDER LOOK AT THE VIDS IT WILL AIR? (Continued from page 1)

that has left MTV's standards department overworked. Labels claim this delay is costing them valuable time in breaking new songs.

"I can't afford to have a \$75,000 video that they've agreed to air sitting on a shelf for three weeks because they have a personnel problem," says Steve Backer, Epic Records director of national CHR and video promotion. "It's OK if they want to be that meticulous, but they have to have the manpower."

MTV readily admits that because of an increase in clips, it is taking longer to get back to labels about edits. "Clip submissions are up 40% over last year," says Rob-inson, noting that the channel receives between 35 and 40 videos per week. "Every video we get in must go through standards and that takes time. Because the number of clips is on the rise, we're a little blocked up and we're defi-nitely sorry for that." She adds that budget approval has just been given to add staff to the standards department.

Currently, there are five people in MTV's program standards and public responsibility department. some of whom participate in a revolving committee of 10 MTV staffers who review the videos weekly. The clips are reviewed based on internal guidelines. "We don't give the labels a hard copy of the standards because they are open to interpretation, but [the labels] are very aware of what they are," says Robinson.

#### 'LEAN TO THE SIDE OF THE ARTIST'

Robinson acknowledges that because of the increased number of clips, more are being returned for re-editing. But she says the percentage of clips needing revisions remains unchanged. "In the single digits, less than 10%," she says.

When we have a difficult decision to make, we lean on the side of the artist and then see what the response of the viewer is. It's a balance between being a responsible programmer and respecting the artist's creative vision.

Robinson says the channel started requesting lyric sheets for all clips simply to expedite the screening process. But label staffers claim the request for lyric sheets has resulted in more clips being sent back to them with questions about certain lyrics.

"It's definitely made a difference now that they can read along," says Michelle Peacock, director of national video promotion for Capitol Records. "We've had several things sent back for lyrical interpretation and some of them probably would have gotten through before we had to turn in lyrics." She cites a clip for Mellow-man Ace's "Rhyme Fighter" that was sent back for lyrical interpretation. "I had to find someone here to be able to interpret the words, she says, adding that the clip was later accepted by MTV without any changes.

A clip for the song "Nine Months Later" by Beggars' Banquet act the Fuzztones was also recently delayed for its lyric content. Ultimately, the label re-edited the line, "If you don't want to live this life of shame, be sure to wear your rubbers when you're out in the rain." The word "rubbers" was re-

## placed with "raincoat."

"I do see an increase fin questions] on the lyrical side and we hadn't ever seen that before," says Epic's Backer. "They've gotten tighter, there's no question that they've clamped down all the way around and I'd like to know the reason why. Is it because the country is getting more conservative?"

#### PRESSURE FROM CABLE OPERATORS?

Other labels speculate that MTV has come under increased pressure from cable operators. "You have to understand the pressure MTV is under," says Sam Kaiser, the former MTV VP of programming who is now senior VP of promotion at Enigma Records. "If cable operators are pressured by the townships they're in, they'll put the pressure on MTV. If they really get in a battle, they'll consider jerking the system."

In fact, the board of directors of Texarkana, Texas, unsuccessfully attempted to remove MTV from its local cable service recently because of Cher's "If I Could Turn Back Time" video. The town's attorney informed the board such a demand was not within the scope of its power.

However, to appease any upset viewers. Dimension Cable Service is offering to its 22,000 customers a single-channel trap that blocks the MTV signal. According to DCS GM Greg Capranica, 40 customers have requested the trap.

"This situation in Texas was definitely an isolated incident," says Robinson. "We are getting no more cable pressure than normal and it's not affecting any of our decisions. There's nothing out of the ordinary there.'

#### **CONSERVATIVE ATTITUDE SEEN**

However, Kaiser does see a difference in interpretation, not just in lyrics but in visuals. "The standards and practices guidelines and mechanics are still much the same. However, when I was there we had a pretty liberal line and I think it's less liberal now because of the very conservative attitude around the nation. 'Girls Girls Girls' [by Motley Crue] probably wouldn't see the light of day now.

"I think it's a matter of someone deciding that nothing slip through the cracks," says Laurel Sylvanus, Warner Bros. national manager of video promotion. "We were asked to edit a scene in 'Personal Jesus' by Depeche Mode with the artist panting in the shadow between shots of dressed women. I think a year ago that video would have gone through, no problem. I don't think they would have even noticed. I would never have thought that scene would have been kicked back because their song 'Master & Servant,' about an S&M relationship, was played a few years ago with no edits.

According to label staffers, other clips recently returned for reediting include Bon Jovi's "Living In Sin," John Cougar Mellen-camp's "Let It All Hang Out" (both for explicit sexual content), and Shooting Star's "Touch Me Tonight," where a scene with a drummer busting lightbulbs with his drumsticks was apparently perceived as setting a dangerous example.

Similarly, Serious-Lee-Fine's "Nothing Can Stop Us Now" was re-edited to remove footage of a basketball player dribbling and shooting a ball on fire. "I can fully comprehend the realities of the dangers of what children imitate, but it's one thing when you provide a viewer an instructional of here's how you do this, and another when it's part of an art form, says Marty Diamond, VP of artist development and video at Arista Records

Diamond, like other label staff-(Continued on page 95)

#### ATLANTA IS GROWING INTO A BLACK-MUSIC HUB (Continued from page 1)

Angeles, and Nashville, could give Atlanta a presence on the industry map to rival that of mighty Minneapolis. Among Atlanta's attractions: A lower cost of living than either New York or Los Angeles, a relatively mild climate, and little of the media glare trained on stars in bigger cities.

"Atlanta just feels like home to says Brown, the Roxbury, me." Mass., native whose multiplatinum "Don't Be Cruel" album on MCA will spin off a sixth single, "I'll Be Good," this month.

Brown moved to Atlanta last summer and is laying the foundation for his production company and studio 'We felt [moving] would open a here. ' lot of people's eyes to Atlanta. Los Angeles, where I lived before, is not the place for a new artist to be. It's a good place to get TV and film work, but there are too many things going on-the press, wild people, there's no privacy. You have to keep a level head, take time out, and this is the place to do that. This is where I can produce."

"Sometimes I still ask myself, "Why Atlanta?" " muses Antonio Reid, better known as "L.A." of the production/songwriting team L.A. & Babyface. "It's just so relaxed here. We're very easygoing, laid-back people. We can work here.

Work and plenty of it will consume L.A. & Babyface in Atlanta: their Arista-distributed La Face label will see them producing a minimum of eight projects a year (Billboard, Oct. 28). Their plans for purchasing or building a freestanding studio have not yet been finalized.

"I think you're going to see Atlanta become comparable to the way Memphis was in the '60 and '70s in the next three to five years," says Tom Wright, owner of Cheshire Sound Studios, which is generally acknowledged as the best recording studio in the city. "I always believed that sooner or later Atlanta would be a black music mecca. I've seen it that way for the last 20 years, and it's finally realizing its potential.

Brown, 21, has already bought a downtown Atlanta building, which he calls Bosstown, and is outfitting it with 48-track digital equipment for recording and preproduction rooms. Bosstown will also house rehearsal areas that his two male dancers. Heart & Soul, will use to perfect routines and to give dance lessons to area youngsters.

In addition to performing, Brown has produced tracks for Glenn Medeiros and Jasmine Guy's upcoming Warner Bros. album and hopes to work on British singer Mica Paris' next effort. His future projects in the city could also include an eventual record label, to be called R Jam Records, and a performance nightclub that can hold 3,000 people. "I want a place where acts can perform live, a place where the kids can come,' Brown says.

Brown's former New Edition group mates Johnny Gill and Ralph Tresvant are also reportedly moving to the area from the West Coast; Virgin trio After 7-Babyface siblings Kevon and Melvin Edmonds and L.A.'s cousin, Keith Mitchell-are sharing digs in town, too, after living in Cincinnati and Detroit.

The Big Peach is open to such an infusion of musical talent. Atlanta's Fox Theater and the Omni are staple stops on national touring schedules, and the local entertainment paper, Creative Loafing, prints expanding listings of black acts on the thriving nightclub scene. But until now, there has been only a handful of fully equipped recording studios here.

Cheshire Studios is in the process of expanding and remodeling its premises, which include four digitaland SSL-equipped studios, dozens of preproduction rooms, and rehearsal space for stage tours. Wright stresses that, though Cheshire isn't the only studio in town (among other 24track facilities are Mastersound, Web IV, Doppler, Soundscape, and Southern Tracks), it is the largest and the only one that produces strictly album projects (no jingles, TV, or film tracks). Among the black music acts that have used Cheshire are Babyface, After 7, Bryson, Pebbles, and Gill.

David Franklin, a lawyer and artist manager whose primary client is Capitol vocalist Bryson, has been based in the city since 1969 and says that he has definitely noticed a new vitality in Atlanta's black music scene.""When I moved here from Washington, it felt like a desert,' Franklin says. "All the women [singers] sounded like Aretha, all the men sounded like Eddie Kendricks or Isaac Haves. The bands were locals. guys in their 40s and 50s playing jazz and standards at special events. Things really started changing here about 10 years ago. The forerunner was a group called Brick.

Brick got its start on the Atlanta bar circuit, graduated to playing recording sessions and backing tours, and signed to Bang Records in 1976. The five-man act had its biggest hit right out of the box with "Dazz," a No. 1 black chart smash that led to the birth of several young bands nationwide that tried to perfect the group's signature "disco-jazz" sound. The number of local funk, rock, and R&B bands increased in the mid-tolate '70s (including the Atlanta Disco Band and the Atlanta Rhythm Section), as did the number of clubs where they could play, says Franklin.

Franklin sees the current influx of production talent like L.A. & Babyface as a plus for Atlanta's musical fortunes. "People think the key is to have a lot of artists living here,' 'says Franklin, "but artists follow good producers. They will bring the talent in '

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| 112          | 101          | 99            | 18               | PATTI LABELLE MCA 6292 (9.98) (CD)                             | BE YOURSELF                    |
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## RIAA Meet Doesn't Quell Music Creators' Taping Concerns Songwriters Rail Against DAT Accord

### BY EDWARD MORRIS

NASHVILLE Spokespersons for the Recording Industry Assn. Of America failed to convince songwriters here of the wisdom of the accord the trade group has reached with DAT hardware manufacturers (Billboard, Aug. 5). RIAA president Jay Berman and senior VP Hilary Rosen defended the accord here Nov. 2 to an audience of songwriters, publishers, and record label executives.

Following the meeting, representatives of the Songwriters Guild Of America and other anti-DAT-accord groups passed out position papers urging the defeat of any legislation that would codify the accord.

"In effect," the paper stated, "this DAT bill would give American intellectual property away free to anyone who has the money to buy a DAT recorder."

The RIAA's Berman saw it a different way at the meeting. He argued that the accord, if approved by Congress, would be a first step toward regulating the effect of new technology on copyrights. The pact mandates the inclusion of special circuitry in DAT recorders to prevent copies being made from copies.

Songwriters Ricky Carnes and Peter McCann, on the other hand, contended that a law embodying the accord would tend to legitimize home taping, since its passage would imply that it is all right to make first-generation copies. The consequence, they said, would be to weaken the case of publishers and songwriters who want to test the legality of home taping in court.

The RIAA was also assailed by some members of the audience who said the organization had excluded publishers and songwriters from the negotiations that led to the accord. Berman and Rosen maintained there was no such exclusion and that songwriters and publishers were invited to participate but declined.

Kevin Lamb, a board member of the National Music Publishers Assn. and head of Nashville's Maypop Music, countered Berman and Rosen's version, asserting that publishers were invited to the negotiations as nonvoting observers only. Berman and Rosen said there was no voting involved—that the accord came about by "consensus."

Berman conceded that the pact was little more than a foot in the door, but he said if it were passed into law, it would be give publishers and writers leverage in defending their copyrights against other technical advances. "We think there are technologies much more dangerous than DAT," he added, specifically pointing to recordable CDs.

Buddy Killen, president of Sonyowned Tree Publishing, said the DAT technology was too useful—and already too pervasive in recording studios—for anyone to try to slow its spread. If defenses are to be taken against DAT, he argued, it should be in the area of levying royalties to compensate for those lost by introduction of digital recording. Berman said he is not sure that DAT will be the "next big thing" newer formats might eclipse it.

The RIAA chief stated that he welcomes all actions that would have the effect of safeguarding copyright holders and added that the passage of the proposed bill is not detrimental to other protective efforts.

Eddie Reeves, VP/GM of Warner Bros. Records/Nashville, told the audience he is comfortable with the RIAA's stance, even though he is a songwriter.

## Rates And Distribution Schemes Vary Widely A Wrap-Up Of Int'l Tape-Levy Plans

### BY BRUCE HARING

NEW YORK The recent study of home taping by the congressional Office of Technology Assessment (Billboard, Nov. 11) examined the arguments for and against a compensatory royalty on blank tape and/or recording equipment. As part of this assessment, it summarized royalty laws that are in effect or have been proposed in other countries.

Following is a country-by-country breakdown of each plan:

• France: Authors, performers, and producers are granted 1.50 francs (25 cents) per hour playing time for audiotapes. Seventy-five percent of income is distributed to the individual right owners; the remaining 25% must be used for the promotion of audio/visual productions and live performances, distributed through a collecting society among the various copyright holders. Authors receive one half of the proceedings; producers and performers share the remaining half equally.

• West Germany: Places levies on blank tape and recording equipment. The rate is set at 2.50 deutsche marks (\$1.35) per item for audio recording equipment and .12 DM (6 cents) per hour for audiocassettes. Revenues from this 1985 system are distributed at the rate of 42% to authors, 42% to performers and producers, and 16% to lyric authors.

• Australia: Has approved a levy but has yet to set the amount. The tax is expected to be in the range of 20-50 Australian cents for each 60minute cassette sold. Schools and institutes for the blind are exempt from the levy.

• Belgium: A proposed levy would be based on 8% of the blanktape price; revenues generated by the proposed levy would be divided among authors, artists, and manufacturers in one part; the other part would go to the country's three language communities (Flemish, French, and German) to support artists and cultural institutions in each community. The proposal also calls for an extension of the copyright period on authors' works from 50 to 70 years.

• Hungary: In 1983, this country imposed a levy of 8% of the selling price of a blank tape; 50% of the proceeds go to authors, 30% to performers, and 20% to producers.

• Sweden: Tax system on blank tapes set at 1.50 kronor (23 cents) per tape. Two-thirds of the revenue is used for unspecified purposes; 80% of the remaining third is put into a cultural fund; and the other 20% of that portion goes to authors (40%), performers (30%), and producers (30%).

• Norway: A 1982 law sets the tax percentage to be distributed to rights owners in the music field, including monies to producers of audio recordings.

The leading countries in terms of revenues from audio levies are Austria, \$1.77 million (1988); Finland, \$3.2 million (1987); France, \$16.3 million (1988); and West Germany, \$15.3 million (1988).

**EPIC-RUTHLESS DEAL** 

With Rhyme Syndicate and

Ruthless in tow, Glew says the la-

bel is unlikely to add rap produc-

tion deals in the near term, unless

a particularly strong situation de-

"The beauty in making the pro-

duction deals we have is the com-

plete package we get," he says.

'We get the talent from people

who understand the market best.

They and their staffs are out there

every day promoting their talent,

looking for talent. They are so suc-

cessful that they are drawing the

best of new rap acts. Also, when

they go on the road, their acts go

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with them.

#### **INDUSTRYITES SLUG IT OUT IN NASHVILLE** (Continue from page 5)

for nonmembers and \$50 for members of the CMA and the Nashville Songwriters Assn. International.

Held Nov. 1 at the Stouffer Hotel, the seminar included two lively panels that dealt with such prearranged topics as "Changes In Nashville ... New Labels & New Money, Where Is It Heading?"; "Control Composition ... Here To Stay?"; "Radio Playlists & The Chart Game"; and "Opportunities For The Independents ... Labels, Publishers, Songwriters, Promoters, Etc." The schedule also included a keynote address by James Guercio, chairman of the board of Country Music Television, a luncheon, and a concluding cocktail party sponsored by Billboard and Tower Records.

Songwriter Thom Schuyler moderated the morning panel, which came to life when Curb/RCA recording artists Naomi and Wynonna Judd accused radio of underestimating the taste of the American public. "Sometimes radio has caused us [the Judds] to be stereotyped," complained Wynonna Judd. "They pick one song and you have to play that song for the rest of your life."

The Judds maintained that radio pressure for up-tempo material has forced the act into a narrow, one-dimensional image. Wynonna Judd claimed that radio influence resulted in the label's decision to release the duo's most recent single, "Let Me Tell You About Love," instead of what she considered a superior selection, "There was another very powerful and touching song that I wanted to put out instead. But it wasn't released-and that's upsetting. Radio was screaming for an up-tempo song, and that's why the song that was released was put out." Judd added a curious coda to her complaint: "And it became a hit.

In the latest expression of an oftheard refrain, Bill Lloyd of the RCA act Foster & Lloyd observed, "Artists are in one business and radio is in another. Radio's business is to sell ads, and our records go in between the ads."

Eric Marshall, PD of Nashville's WSIX-FM, countered that radio is restricted by the product released by the record companies and by audience preference. "We have to pro-

gram music that will be accepted by the listeners," he said.

The battle lines were even more dramatically delineated by songwriter Mike Reid, who noted that radio is sometimes one of the "natural enemies" of his profession. He urged songwriters with ample financial resources to chase great music instead of chasing success.

The themes continued through the afternoon session, moderated by Lon Helton, Nashville bureau chief of R&R and host and producer of the "Nashville Live" radio show. Then, Nick Hunter, VP at Warner Bros. Records/Nashville, led a Billboard chart bashing. "If we all continue to sit around and pay attention to Billboard, we'll all be out of business," said Hunter. His major concern was over the process of awarding bullets on the Billboard Hot Country Singles chart.

No sooner had RCA's Nashville chief Joe Galante joined Hunter in criticizing the chart for "changing its rules weekly," than he was put on the defensive by a songwriter who, like others in the Nashville songwriting community, is at odds with Galante over the latter's imposition of a nine-cut limit on most RCA albums. Galante defended his decision as a business move that has resulted in a greater profit margin for RCA.

Billboard's Country Chart Manager, Marie Ratliff, defended her turf, noting that major changes are being made in the Billboard country charts (see page 49) and that the criteria for earning bullets is in revision. She stressed that a new system of monitoring airplay will soon be brought to play in determining country chart positions. That system, supplied by Broadcast Data Systems Inc., tracks actual airplay on radio stations as opposed to the stations' reported (but not always accurate) playlists used by Billboard, and reported (but not always accurate) rotations used by R&R.

The R&R chart system also came under attack from panelist Stan Byrd, president of Chart Attack, a Nashville-based promotion firm. He noted that radio airplay rotations can be as skewed and faulty as the rankings by playlist numbers.

#### **P'GRAM STOCK SALE SHOULD BE LUCRATIVE VENTURE** (Continued from page 5)

PolyGram at \$15-\$18 a share. A couple of weeks later, Black Monday put an end to that plan.

Of the 35 million PolyGram shares being offered under the current plan, 22 million are owned by Philips, 10 million will be new shares issued by PolyGram, and 3 million will cover overallotments for the underwriters. A total of 14 million shares, before overallotments, will be offered in the U.S., and 18 million in Europe and the rest of the world. The estimated price for the international offering is between 34 and 42 Dutch guilders (a guilder is currently worth 48 cents).

Prudential-Bache Capital Funding is coordinating the efforts of several underwriters in the U.S. and Europe. The others include Goldman, Sachs & Co., Merrill Lynch Capital Markets, Morgan Stanley & Co., and Drexel Burnham Lambert in the U.S., and Credit Suisse First Boston Limited overseas. After Philips receives approval from the SEC, it will organize a schedule of appearances by top executives in Europe and the U.S. to promote the stock to investors and analysts.

Philips, an electronics conglomerate based in Eindhoven, Holland, estimates that 8% of its worldwide sales come from PolyGram.

PolyGram includes the labels Polydor, Mercury, London, Vertigo, Fontana, and Verve in popular music, and Deutsche Grammophon, Decca/London, and Philips Classics in classical music. Some of the popular artists on its U.S. roster are John Cougar Mellencamp, Tears For Fears, Def Leppard, and Bon Jovi.

Major country chart changes are coming ... see page 49



**Epic Gets Ruthless.** Pictured after signing the deal between Ruthless Records and Epic are, from left, Jerry Heller, representation for Ruthless Records; Eric "Eazy-E" Wright, president, Ruthless Records; Dave Glew, president, Epic Records; Dr. Dre, head of production, Ruthless Records; and Hank Caldwell, senior VP of black music, Epic Records.

**IRV LICHTMAN** 

## **'Dead Pit' Pack Comes Alive** Horror-Vid Box Lights Up Sales

#### BY JIM McCULLAUGH

LOS ANGELES Here's looking at you, creep . . . again and again.

That could very well be the tag line describing Imperial Entertain-ment's novel "interactive, electronic 3D" home video packaging for its upcoming horror film "Dead Pit."

The textured front of the cassette box, achieved through a 'vacuum formed" technique, depicts a mummified demon. By pushing a spot on the front of the box, the green lightbulb eyes of the creature flash for 15-20 seconds with the aid of a small battery. The illuminating effect is good for up to 10,000 tries.

Although the cost is \$7.50 a box, 50% more than normal cassette packaging costs, Sunil Shah, president of the L.A.-based independent home video supplier, says the extra amount is justified on this one title because the company's six-month market research indicates the box will attract many additional rentals.

Last year, the company used vacuum-formed 3D artwork on a title called "Black Roses." That title, says Shah, racked up sales of more than 30,000 units and is still a consistent renter.

"This is an incentive for retailers to take in multiple units. With unknown product the idea is to get it to move off the shelf. Everyone is crying that there is no market for B product-but if you do market research and try to come up with some innovative approaches, there is a market.'

Imperial is aiming for 75,000 units for the film, says Shah. Without the electronic box, sales would probably be only half that, he adds. The film has had no theatrical exposure.

Prebook on the \$89.95-listed "Dead Pit" is Jan. 15; the street date is Jan. 29.

Three or four days after we showed this to distributors, they were already 20%-30% ahead of their goals," he says.

Shah also says that Imperial

## 'There is a market for innovation'

will spend more on the marketing of this Cornerstone Production Co. film-\$750,000-than it cost to make. The campaign includes trade advertising, co-op, ads in distributor mailers, cable, spot TV, and some network.

"It's not 'Gone With The Wind' but the film plays very well for the horror genre," he says.

In addition, says Shah, Imperial will give retailers a \$5 rebate on each tape if they buy three or more units.

Shah, who says Imperial's goal is to become one of the top 10 companies "in terms of bottom line, not volume," says upcoming titles include "Angel Town," a new Jean Claude Van Damme film called "Wrong Bet," and a George Lucas/Francis Ford Coppola pre-sentation titled "Powaqqatsi." All those films, he said, will have some theatrical exposure.

## **2 U.K. RETAILERS BOOST INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT** (Continued from page 6)

& Spencer store chain as director of European operations, is already assessing other cities and discussing methods of financing one of the biggest pan-European retail projects ever planned.

In the U.K., Virgin currently has two megastores in London. two in Glasgow, and one each in Birmingham, Brighton, and Edinburgh. Its Dublin, Ireland, store-its first outside the U.K.-opened in 1987, and its Paris operation, which started trading a year ago, is grossing \$1.6 million per week. Additionally, Virgin has stores in the Australian cities of Sydney (May 1988) and Melbourne (January 1989).

Whitehorn discloses that six more Australian operations are being finalized. Although these stores, like other Virgin retail outlets, will be combo operations, they are to be called video cafes; they will be smaller than the megastores and will carry a commensurately smaller range of music products. They will also retail contemporary clothing and other such merchandise.

"We're looking at a number of possible sites in Tokyo for a megastore there," adds Whitehorn. A partner for the Japanese venture has not yet been chosen. Insiders say it will not necessarily be Fujisankei, which has acquired a 25% stake in the Virgin Group (Billboard, Oct. 14).

The criterion applied by Virgin Retail in deciding on the location of a megastore is that the site should be in a major urban center with a minimum population of 1 million. Virgin defines a megastore as a site with at least 7,000 square feet of floor space.

HMV, already operating 130 retail outlets in the U.K., Ireland, Denmark, Canada, and New Zealand, opened its first Australian store in September in the Parramatta district of Sydney.

It covers 7,500 square feet of floor space for records, CDs, cassettes, videos, and accessories. It is the latest step in what HMV chief executive Stuart McAllister describes as the group's goal of being "the best specialist music retailer in every market in which we operate.'

A second HMV store will be in business before Christmas in the Chatswood area of Sydney.

Video sell-through accounts for 15% of HMV's global sales, and accessories for 5%, with music contributing the remaining 80%. HMV outlets do not rent videos.

HMV's retailing operation generates \$300 million annually in sales. Currently, its non-U.K.-based stores account for 22% of that total. The company is aiming to raise that percentage to 50%

Virgin Retail would not reveal its annual sales figures, but sources say its worldwide revenues total more than \$200 million.

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#### U.K.'s SELL-THROUGH CO. PLANS U.S. MOVES (Continued from page 6)

product will be priced at \$14.95 and \$19.95 and sold through chain operations

"We believe we can have a strong and profitable presence there," says Steve Ayres, CEO of VCI. "We have considerable programming originated in the U.K. which is suitable for the U.S. market and we'll be buying rights there.'

In Europe, VCI-the acronym for Video Collection International-has subsidiaries in Spain and France, and intends to establish a presence in every European territory during 1990, marketing product as a cata-log under the VCI label. The European thrust will begin in February with the simultaneous release in all territories of two Beatles movies, "Help" and "Magical Mystery Tour.

"This is our first step in creating a Pan-European presence," explains Ayres. "We're setting up a new subsidiary, VCI Program Sales, and we'll also be looking at Japan next year and starting a separate video rental label specializing in blockbuster movies."

In addition to his CEO status at VCI, Ayres is on the main board of the new Strand VCI group. The Strand operation is the company's video duplication arm. Mike Campbell is chairman of the Strand VCI board, and Paddy Toomey has joined as the U.K. managing director of VCI after 31 years with the Woolworth retail chain.

Prestwich Holdings began about 60 years ago in northern England as a publicly traded, broadly based industrial group. Its activities included bridge-building equipment and optical services.

In 1984, Paul Levinson of Palan Entertainment became chairman of Prestwich and converted it into a leisure and entertainment group.

Ayres joined in 1985 to set up a video sell-through operation at a time when the U.K. video market was exclusively rental oriented. Video Collection International was launched in the fall of that year with 50 titles comprising a mix of feature movies, children's product, music, and sports.

The titles were sold at \$11 each through Woolworth outlets initially. where they were instantly successful, and later through such other chains as W.H. Smith. Sales this year are confidently predicted to hit \$442 million, with \$790 million forecast for 1991.

The catalog now has 1,000 titles, with children's material and feature films the most popular. VCI is also producing its own programs on lifestyle, medical, cookery, sports, and educational topics.

Levinson and his management team have departed as a result of the buyout, together with the former Braveworld video rental subsidiary. NIGEL HUNTER

## IS MTV TAKING A HARDER LOOK AT VIDS?

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ers contacted, says that, overall, MTV has been supportive of their videos. In fact, most labels express sympathy for MTV's position, and don't object to the editing process-despite its cost. The problem comes from not always knowing what is and is not permissible.

"I'm aware of the anguish that MTV goes through in deciding what can stay or not and I agree that each video should be taken as an individual case," says Capitol's Peacock. "I just wish at times they'd be more consistent in what they allow and what they won't. From a production standpoint, it's a nightmare of a problem for us.'

'It seems like arbitrarily videos have been picked and chosen as to what's not making it and what is. says Linda Ingrisano, manager of video promotion and marketing at EMI (and soon to be national director of video promotion at Elektra). "You see something in one clip and in another you have to cut it out.'

Some label staffers cite the cyclical nature of the problem and note that every time a controversial clip airs, there is a rash of questions about what is permissible and what is not.

They've always come back to us with more edits," says Steve Schnur, national director, AOR/ video promotion, for Chrysalis Records. "It's always been there, just in different degrees. For some

reason it's gotten more evident because in the past year or two, people got away with more, so maybe they're putting the hammer down harder now."

**Ohio's Record & Tape Outlet Files For Chapter 11** 

### BY ED CHRISTMAN

NEW YORK Record & Tape Outlet, a 19-unit chain based in Westerville, Ohio, has filed a Chapter 11 petition under the federal bankruptcy code. The company, which closed at least 21 stores this year, had total assets of \$4.2 million and total liabilities of \$4.8 million as of Oct. 4, according to court documents. The petition was filed in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio in Columbus.

"[Record & Tape Outlet] won an order authorizing the interim use of cash collateral, which means it is allowed to use the proceeds from the sales of secured inventory," says Myron N. Terlecky of Strip, Fargo, Schulman & Hoppers Co., a Columbus-based law firm representing the financially troubled web. A hearing was set for Nov. 9 to determine whether to let that order stand until the final disposition of the case. Under the law, RTO has 120 days from

the filing date to put together a reorganization plan.

"Prebankruptcy steps were the reduction of stores from 41 to 19," says Terlecky, who adds he anticipates further reductions in the number of outlets. Calls to RTO headquarters were not returned.

Other steps taken by RTO, according to court papers, are to seek a cash infusion of \$500,000 by an outside investor and to reduce its warehouse space from 33,000 square feet to 4,000 square feet to alleviate occupancy costs.

Currently, RTO operates 17 stores in Ohio and two in Kentucky. This year, the company withdrew its presence from the markets of Tampa and Orlando in Florida, and from Indianapolis.

RTO is a unit of Music Promotions Inc., which was formed as a wholesaler of prerecorded music in 1971 by John R. Batcheck, who is listed in court documents as the company's sole shareholder. In 1976, the company entered the retail marketplace. According to a source familiar with the case, Batcheck attributed his problems to a downturn in sales this year, and to the industry's conversion from vinyl to CD and cassette. Another problem, says the source, is that the chain simply expanded too rapidly.

RTO's seven largest creditors, according to court documents, are the six major distributors and The Fifth Third Bank, based in Cincinnati. As of the Oct. 4 filing, RTO owed about \$600,000 to WEA, \$510,000 to CBS, \$269,000 to PolyGram, \$420,000 to BMG, \$280,000 to MCA, \$389,000 to Capitol Records, and \$918,000 to Fifth Third.

Other RTO creditors include Great Atlantic & Pacific Music, St. Louis, owed approximately \$116,000; Silver Bells Music, Nashville, \$58,460; Action Music Sales, Cleveland, \$50,066; Golden Circle, Stamford, Conn., \$37,000; and Madacy, Montreal, \$174,000.

In his decision allowing the chain to remain in operation using revenues generated by the sale of inventory, bankruptcy judge R. Guy Cole Jr. wrote that "it appears that debtor may have a realistic chance of proposing a viable reorganization plan involving the operation of approximately 10 stores ... [The debtor] appears to have little chance of proposing a plan, or of operating profitably in the interim, with the existing 19 stores.

"[RTO's] current inventory level, valued at about \$1 million on a retail basis, is insufficient for the debtor to operate profitably," the document states. "[The company] needs to in-

crease its inventory by \$500,000." The six major distributors cut off RTO, forcing the web to purchase inventory from one-stops and other wholesalers, according to the documents. At the time of the filing, RTO was purchasing product on a COD basis from Campus Records in Hilliard, Ohio.

## VIDEO PRODUCTS, SIGHT & SOUND MERGE IN NEW HOLDING COMPANY

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"This is really just the first step toward the company we want to create," VPD president Tim Shanahan says. "We want to create a distribution company that has national presence but that has all the attributes that make regional distributors work. We don't want to lose our edge in the marketplace."

In addition to its St. Louis headquarters, Sight & Sound has branches in Kansas City, Mo.; Minneapolis; Little Rock, Ark.; and New Orleans. VPD maintains branches in San Diego, Ontario, and Long Beach, Calif., as well as its Sacramento, Calif., headquarters. The companies will have a combined market share of 8%-9%, making them the No. 5 distributor after Commtron, Video Trend/Major, Baker & Taylor and Ingram.

Shanahan confirms that a third distributor may soon be added under HED. "That's already in the works," he says. "We've been working on this concept since April."

Given the geographic distribu-tion of VPD's and Sight & Sound's branches, industry speculation has focused on East Coast-based distributors as possible third partners. But Stuart Schwartz, chairman of Maryland-based distributor Schwartz Bros., one of the leading candidates among industry odds-makers, flatly denies that his company will be merging with, or acquired by, anyone. Meanwhile, J.D. Mandelker, president of Sight & Sound, denies that geography will be the sole consideration. "It's whether or not they're good operations," he says. "Any good businessman could name several companies that would be a good fit.'

Shanahan and Mandelker will each hold the title of co-president

of HED, the holding company. Each will also retain the title of president of the respective operating companies. HED has been incorporated in Delaware, but for the time being will have no headquarters.

Its board of directors, at least until a third distributor is incorporated into HED, will consist of two representatives each from VPD and Sight & Sound and one outside director. Each partner owns 50% of HED.

As with Video Trend and Major Video, VPD and Sight & Sound will continue to operate autonomously, the companies say. Their purchasing, sales, and marketing operations will not be consolidated. "There will be some economies of scale," Shanahan says. "We can amortize out our legal costs and get better rates on insurance benefits and so forth. But that's not really the point of the merger. We don't want to create a highly centralized company."

The two companies had combined sales of some \$180 million last year, according to Larry De-Vouno, senior VP of Sight & Sound, and will do more \$200 million this year. "That size should give us much easier access to outside capital," he points out.

Street Side Records, a retail chain and a sister company of Sight & Sound under parent Sound Disc Inc. will not be part of HED, DeVouno says. A recently created rackjobbing operation, Sight & Sound Merchandising, will be part of the new operation. "That's a tool that will be available to VPD," DeVouno says. S&S Merchandising currently racks about 550 outlets, including supermarkets, drug stores, mass merchants, and video specialty stores. "We have quite a few specialty stores that we rack," DeVouno says. "It's no secret that sellthrough is where the growth is going to be in video. Racking allows

## 'This is really just the first step'

specialty stores to do much more in sell-through than they have been able to."

The ability to offer racking services, in fact, may be one factor driving the increasing consolidation of the distributor ranks. Several distributors, including such majors as Commtron and Baker & Taylor, are known to be developing rackjobbing operations, in part as a means of protecting their positions in the sell-through business.

Ingram Video, the third major national distributor, is also thought to be contemplating a move toward racking. According



torically black UNCF member colleges.

**B**IZ BUZZ: Those seeking employment—or new employment—in the record industry are overwhelmed by the apparent field of new opportunities arising. Among the potential new employers, most of them Los Angeles-based: **Irving Azoff's** new label, whatever emerges from **Disney's** soon-to-come **Touchstone** label (which, few have noted, officially debuted with the "**Roger Rabbit**" soundtrack album some time ago), whatever venture **BMG** will apparently provide, a reborn **Charisma** label via **Virgin**, and the similarly reborn **Asylum** line from **Geffen**. Track hears that Geffen's **Marko Babineau** has lately been devoting his days to staffing up the latter.

**P**ACT BREACH CHARGED: MCA Records has sued George Tobin, ex-manager of teen pop idol Tiffany. In an action filed in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles, the label charges that Tobin breached an exclusive contract by shopping the masters of 10 songs recorded by Tiffany after they were rejected by MCA in September. MCA says that it owns the copyrights of the masters of Tiffany's songs as the result of an April 1986 agreement. The company is seeking an injunction against the sale of the songs, a declaration that it did not breach the agreement by rejecting the masters, and unspecified compensatory damages, including at least \$10,000 per copyright infringement. Tiffany herself has filed a separate action against Tobin, charging that he continues to represent himself as her manager.

**S**EE HOW THEY RUN: Tradesters who ran the 26-mile New York Marathon Nov. 5 included **Arista's Jim Caw**ley, who in his ninth straight year of running has hopes of making it 10 years in a row, which would make him among only 100 or so who have run the 20-year-old event for 10 consecutive years. Cawley's time was 3 hours and 49 minutes, almost tying talent manager **Brian Lane**, who beat Cawley by a few seconds. **Elroy's Steve Lerner's** time was an impressive 3 hours and 4 minutes. Other runners included **Record Theatre's Lenny Silver**.

**A** LONG RUN AT RETAIL: Don Leary is retiring from the retail business after 58 years of operating Don Leary's Inc. in Minneapolis. Currently, selling off his stock, Leary let others get into the CD era, preferring to sell 45s and LPs others were dropping. He expects to close shop by the end of the month. "What I don't sell, I'll give to the Salvation Army."

**"C**LOSER THAN EVER," the new Richard Maltby/ David Shire musical review that just opened on Broadway, is being recorded this week by RCA Victor in parent BMG's Studio C for release on a two-CD, two-cassette package in February. The package contains the complete show, with some 100 minutes of music.

to Bill Hall, president of Oregonbased rackjobber Sight & Sound Distributing (unrelated to the St. Louis Sight & Sound), his company has held extensive talks with Ingram about "all kinds of opportunities," but stresses "there is nothing going on."

Another factor could be stillfresh memories of studio attempts to restructure their distributor ranks. The roots of the recent mergers "could go back a year or more when certain distributors were being discontinued by certain distributors, losing lines," Jim Ulsamer, marketing VP with Baker & Taylor says, commenting on the moves generally. "It could be there's a feeling that unless you approached 8% to 10% of a studio's volume, you were vulnerable."

Shanahan comes close to acknowledging that point. "This is a growing business, a highly competitive business," he says. "To be a small, niche distributor doesn't bode well for the long-term survival of a company. You could be the very best company in the country in terms of subjective appeal, but you have to be generating the revenue and the return that the studios are comfortable with and the owners of the company are comfortable with."

Larger distributors, Shanahan notes, "are in a position to take a short-term lower margin or lower return [on investment] that makes it very difficult for the regional guys to compete."

Shanahan also says VPD expects to avail itself of the facilities of Sight & Sound Merchandising. "Both of our businesses revolve around the specialty store universe," he says. "Racking certainly opens up a lot of opportunities for us."

Assistance in preparing this story was provided by Earl Paige in Los Angeles.

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**H**EART OF THE MATTER: To help folks who need bypass heart surgery, which costs as much as \$40,000, Chip Davis, owner of American Gramaphone Records, and talk show host Larry King, who has had bypass surgery, are making a special three-week effort (Nov. 6-24) to help The Larry King Cardiac Foundation. The centerpiece is a taped King essay on Christmas, along with composer/ musician Davis' "The Traditions Of Christmas" music from his "A Fresh Aire Christmas" set, which can be obtained by calling a toll-free number and making a donation of \$10.

RACK hopes for a speedy recovery for **Joe Martin**, veteran retired wholesaler and former Billboard staffer, who is hospitalized at Memorial Hospital, 3501 Johnson St., Hollywood, Fla. 33201. His room phone number is 305-987-2000.

**G**OOF: Track gave the wrong date for a **B'nai B'rith** music unit panel discussion on the fate of the musical theatre. It's Monday, Nov. 13, at the Sutton Place Synagogue in New York at 6 p.m.

**M**OVING UP: Jack McKeon is making the geographic switch from VP of album promotion out of Los Angeles for RCA Records to Seattle, where he will handle promotion in the area.

WHITE'S SILVER: BMI threw a party for Barry White at Spago's in Hollywood Oct. 30 to pay tribute to the artist's 25th anniversary as a writer member of the performance rights group.

**A**MONG HIS FIRST PROJECTS since establishing his new **Sovereign Productions**, **Eric Colodne** is producing "New York Music Scene," a series of 20 half-hour programs showcasing new music acts of all types. Colodne formed his company after a 25-year association with writer/performer Cy Coleman in the operation of Coleman's music publishing company, **Notable Music**. Colodne is located at 161 W. 54th St. in New York. Phone number is 212:247-8584.

HE JUDGMENT ON RUSH: Atlantic Records says it got such a volume of calls to its New York headquarters as result of the Nov. 3 airing of the new Rush single, "Show Don't Tell," from the group's new album, "Presto," due Nov. 17, that it had to declare several of its phone extensions as "Rush emergency hot lines" from Nov. 3 to Nov. 6.

AIL CAESAR: Irving Caesar, best known as the lyricist for "Swanee" and "Tea For Two," is this year's recipient of the ASCAP/Richard Rodgers Award for veteran contributors to musical theater. Caesar, 94, received the award Nov. 2 at his home in New York.

## **R&B FOUNDATION HANDS OUT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

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derscore the growing relationship between the foundation and the Smithsonian.

Although no formal announcement has been made until now, the Smithsonian recently donated office space to house the nonprofit foundation.

The Smithsonian has agreed to release in 1990 a boxed, 150-selection set of classic R&B recordings as part of its series of richly annotated mailorder sets highlighting the contributions of Afro-American and non-European music.

Masters for the project will be donated by the labels that own the original recordings, and the foundation's executive director Howell Begle hopes the production costs for the boxed set will be covered by the labels as well. Proceeds from the sale of the sets will go to foundation recipients and programs.

Foundation officials say they are still in discussions with CBS, MCA, RCA, Capitol, and Motown Records over new endowments that would augment Atlantic Records' \$1.5 million seed-money grant to the R&B Foundation. That grant, made in 1988, pays for the annual award grants, which total \$125,000, and current operating costs.

Begle says that, after eight months of talks, "plans are much further along [with the labels] at this point."

The foundation is also in discus-

sions with E.G. Bowman & Co., the largest black-owned insurance broker in the U.S., to develop a comprehensive insurance program of a socalled "tough risk" category to aid older R&B performers. Premiums would be paid by foundation endowment contributions.

Also in the works are benefit concerts in January and February at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts here and the Smithsonian, as well as a major 1990 fund-raiser at a large New York venue. That concert would feature veteran performers as well as yet unnamed, chart-topping famous "son and daughter" artists.

The Smithsonian is also planning a major exhibit in one of its museums next year of the contributions of R&B artists during the period of segregation.

The Rhythm and Blues Foundation was formed in 1988 to celebrate the musical heritage of American R&B pioneers and to assist in meeting their current financial needs.

The grant from Atlantic Records, along with smaller grants from actor Dan Aykroyd and the Hard Rock Cafe and the proceeds from a benefit concert, helped the foundation get through its first year.

The establishment of the foundation followed the activities of Washington attorney Begle and others in obtaining back royalties for R&B artists.

## What's In An Oldies Name? Courts Have The Answer In 2 Cases

#### BY ED CHRISTMAN

NEW YORK The issue of the authenticity of oldies acts has surfaced again with the resolution of two court cases.

In one case, manager Richard Barrett successfully sued for the right to use the Three Degrees trademark, which was also claimed by Helen Scott, Victoria Wallace, and Valerie Holiday. The other case concerns an out-of-court settlement that gives the surviving members of the Shangri-Las exclusive rights to the name. They have agreed to lease the name Shangri-Las to New Yorkbased Dick Fox Enterprises, the other party in the settlement.

In the Three Degrees case, it is unclear from an examination of court documents and through an interview with the defendant lawyer as to when each of the defendants first joined the band. But two of the defendants have been performing as Three Degrees at least since 1976, and the third replaced a member who had been in the band at that time, according to court documents.

Manager Barrett, however, formed the Three Degrees sometime in 1963 and his continuous use of the service mark gives him a proprietary right to it, according to the court's decision, handed down Oct. 11 by U.S. District Judge James McGirr Kelly Jr., who sits on the bench for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

"Performances by entertainers under a service mark do not give them a right [to] that mark, particularly where, as here, the performers are employees of the owner of the mark," Kelly wrote.

But Richard Nader, who recently celebrated the 20th anniversary of his Rock'N'Roll Revival shows, says of the decision, "The original name and fame was won by the artists they created that value. No court of law and no trademark can deliver that name. The audience is there to respond to the hits and memories and to show appreciation. The audience is not there to respond to the trademark or court decisions."

The current issue of artist authenticity surfaced at the end of last year when the Foundation For The Love Of Rock'N'Roll Inc., a national organization devoted to '50s and '60s musicians, moved to form an information clearing-house on groups working under famous names with no connection to original performers (Billboard, Dec. 17).

Frank Benasetti, who represented the three defendants, says he has already filed an appeal.

During the '70s, the Three Degrees scored seven Hot 100 singles, including "When Will I See You Again," which peaked at No. 2 in 1974

Barrett, who wrote the Three Degrees' first hit, "Maybe," which charted at No. 29 on the Hot 100 Singles chart in 1970, served as manager from the group's formation in 1963 until he was fired in 1980, according to the court document.

In the '80s, court papers say, he continuously attempted to launch a Three Degrees act, forming four new versions that rehearsed and recorded, but did not perform.

Meanwhile, Scott, Holiday, Wallace and the latter's predecessor with the group, Sheila Fergusen, were active touring and recording throughout the decade, according to the document, which cited several recordings, including an album released this year on Ichiban Records called "And Holding."

Andrew Rackear, an associate at Marks, Murase & White, a New York-based law firm, says his clients, the Shangri-Las, are happy with the settlement. "The Shangri-Las were concerned that the names were being misrepresented," he says. "What was important to them was they put a lot of work and credibility into the name." The Shangri-Las had six top 40

The Shangri-Las had six top 40 hits from 1964 to 1966, including "Leader Of The Pack" and "Remember (Walkin' In The Sand)."

Dick Fox of Fox Entertainment says he put together a group to tour as the Shangri-Las because the original members had retired.

"The issue is about impersonators taking away work from original members of groups," says Fox. "But the Shangri-Las didn't want to work. If they wanted to work, I would give them the name. I am not taking the name from someone using the name."

Arnie Kaye, who heads Pearl River, N.Y.-based Mars Talent Agency, says, "There is a moral issue and a legal issue ... and it's not cut and dry. Just because you get a trademark doesn't make it right.

"On the other hand, unfortunately, people die. Does that mean the group shouldn't continue? If the members are replaced and the group still does the songs and people enjoy it, then it's fine. If it is done well, there is no harm."

However, Nader, whose company is based in Manhasset, N.Y., says that performers working under a name who have not naturally evolved from the original group should be labeled a tribute act. Without the tribute label, "we would have a dozen Elvis Presleys today instead of a dozen impersonators."



**VLADIMIR HOROWITZ LEAVES VAST RECORDED LEGACY** 

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the Ukraine on Oct. 1, 1903, he studied from age 3 at home and later at the Kiev Conservatory. Among his teachers was Felix Blumenfeld, a proponent of the Anton Rubinstein school of pianism. His earliest successes are traced to the 1922-23 season in Kharkov, where he played a series of 15 concerts in return for food and clothing for his family, whose property had been all but wiped out by the Bolshevik Revolution in 1917.

The pianist changed his name for his Western debut in Berlin on Jan. 2, 1926. That same month, he was called in as a last-minute substitute for a performance of the Tchaikovsky B Flat Minor Concerto with the Hamburg Philharmonic. Critics compared him to Ferruccio Busoni and Anton Rubinstein, and audiences went wild. The local paper reported, "Not since Hamburg discovered Caruso has there been anything like it."

Horowitz made his U.S. debut with the same piece and the same results on Jan. 12, 1928, with the New York Philharmonic under Sir Thomas Beecham (also his U.S. debut). In 1933, he played Beethoven's "Emperor" Concerto with the Philharmonic conducted by Arturo Toscanini, who introduced him to his daughter, Wanda. They were married that same year, and Wanda remained close by his side and intimately involved in his career throughout his life.

The pianist was famous for his sabbaticals from the stage, each of which served to heighten the Horowitz mystique. There were four hiatuses, from 1936-38, 1953-65, 1968-74, and 1983-85. The 1965 "comeback" concert in Carnegie Hall was a veritable media event, as was his tour of Moscow and Leningrad in 1986. The Carnegie concert, recorded by CBS, was deemed by Harold Schonberg, former senior music critic at The New York Times, "one of the most exciting, dramatic concerts of the 20th century."

Horowitz, whose style was deeply rooted in the 19th century, was frequently compared to Rachmaninoff, though the latter pianist seldom took the rhythmic liberties that the former did. "I am a 19thcentury Romantic," Horowitz once said. "I am the last. I take terrible risks . . . but the score is not a Bible and I am not afraid to dare." He did not particularly enjoy playing with orchestras and was known for a relatively small number of concertos: the Tchaikovsky No. 1, the Rachmaninoff Third (which he recorded three times, see below), the Beethoven Emperor, and the Brahms B-flat. His solo repertoire was vast and ever changing, ranging from Mozart and Chopin to Rachmaninoff, Scriabin, and Schumann. He helped popularize the works of Clementi and Scarlatti through his recordings of their pieces.

Horowitz had his eccentricities. Concerts were performed only on his own piano and only at 4 p.m. on Sundays. In his book, "The Virtuosi," Schonberg reports the typical Horowitz tour entourage as including "his wife, her companion, a television director, his tuner, a Steinway representative, a valet, a record producer, his physician, his manager, and, often, his chef." Schoenberg also called the pianist the highest-paid classical musician of his era, noting that he took 80% of the gross receipts of most concerts.

Horowitz's recorded legacy is vast, and much of it has already been reissued on CD. His first recording, of the "Carmen" Variations, was made in 1928 for RCA, with which he remained for 33 years. In the early days he also recorded for HMV, at first released in the U.S. by RCA, but now owned by EMI. He left RCA in 1961 for CBS. He returned to RCA in 1975 and then left in 1983 to go to DG.

The planist's last recording session was held in his living room Nov. 1; it was the sixth session since his return to CBS. Thomas Frost, who produced all of Horowitz's recordings for DG and many on CBS earlier, says that none of the repertoire—which included works by Haydn, Chopin, and the Liszt-Wagner "Liebestod"—had been previously recorded by Horowitz. Two additional sessions were needed to correct some flaws, but Frost feels that there may be enough material for a complete recording. Final approval rests with Wanda Horowitz.

The pianist was to have taken these pieces on tour in mid-December, with concerts scheduled in Amsterdam and Berlin (sites, along with Hamburg, of his last public performances in the spring

of 1987).

Frost reports that he will be screening the Sony Classical vaults for further reissue possibilities. He believes there may be the equivalent of another two CDs of performances, both live and studio, that have never been released. Among the latter are a number of Clementi and Scarlatti tapings, as well as a performance of Beethoven's "Diabelli" Variations.

BMG Classics already had an extensive Horowitz reissue program under way when the pianist died. Jack Pfeiffer, who produced many of the recordings, starting in 1950, says that nine Horowitz CDs are currently available, including two recordings of the Rachmaninoff Third: One documents the pianist's 1978 Golden Jubilee concert in Carnegie Hall with Eugene Ormandy conducting, and the other was made under Fritz Reiner's baton in 1952. Three more disks are due in February, including a Chopin set, the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1 from a broadcast conducted by Toscanini, and a Beethoven Concerto No. 5 led by Reiner. All Horowitz material in the vaults will be released, says Pfeiffer, for a total of 11 more CDs.

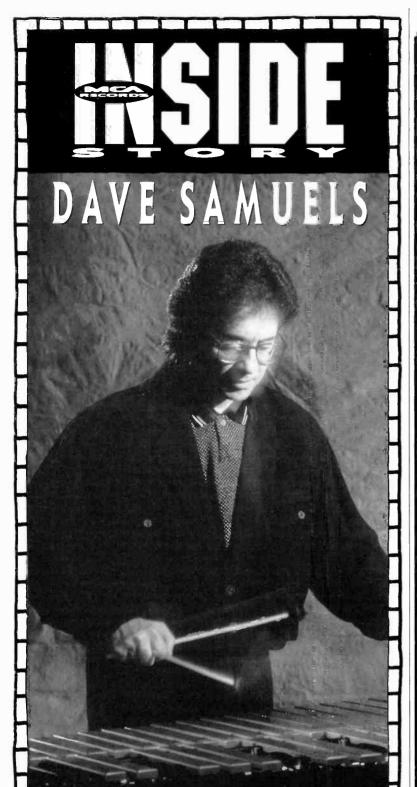
EMI is assembling a three-CD Horowitz collection for release early next year; it includes the highly regarded Rachmaninoff Third with Albert Coates and the London Symphony, made in 1928. The archives at Yale Univ. con-

The archives at fale Univ. contain some unreleased Carnegie Hall performances, recorded privately between 1946 and 1950. Since the pianist was under contract to RCA at the time, they would have to be released by BMG if they withstand audio scrutiny. Frost says he has been asked to screen some of the material, and he and Guenter Hensler, BMG Classics president, are expected to visit the Yale archives shortly to audition the recordings, many of them tape transfers from acetate disks.

Horowitz made a total of five recordings for DG, including the soundtracks for the CD Video "Horowitz Plays Mozart" and the film "The Last Romantic," on MGM/UA. All are still in the catalog.

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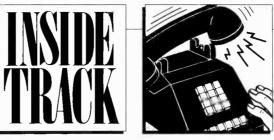
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**G**ANNIBAL THEORY QUESTIONED: Six weeks after it was mentioned at the National Assn. of Recording Merchandisers' Retailers Conference, the results of the Street Pulse Group study of cassette singles sales have not yet been publicly released. But executives of labels that commissioned the study say it does not seem to support the theory that leaping sales of tape singles are detracting from cassette album sales. Says Jordan Rost, director of marketing and new product development for Warner Communications Inc., "We don't see strong evidence of cannibalization [in the survey], but this is an issue we're going to continue to monitor and perhaps study further in the future."

**B**ACK BURNER DEPT.: The industry's back-announcing campaign is on the back burner but not forgotten, according to **Hilary Rosen**, VP of governmental affairs for **The Recording Industry Assn. of America.** Since retailers are currently preoccupied with holiday-season sales, she notes, the RIAA will not restart its song ID campaign until the first quarter of next year. The push will include in-store posters, trade notices, and op-ed pieces and will climax in April with "back-announcing month" activities. Meanwhile, the RIAA has also postponed its plan to lobby for U.S. legislation establishing a performance right (i.e., royalties to labels and artists for broadcasts of recordings). Since the copyright subcommittees are already considering DAT legislation, Rosen points out, the performance right campaign will have to wait until next year.

**B**EST OF SUPER CLUB? Virtually everyone Track has queried in the past week regards **Super Club's** widely rumored acquisition of distributor **Best Video** as a done deal. Everyone except the principals, that is. Best's executive VP, **Jim Pollan**, neither confirms nor denies the reports. Super Club isn't commenting. Super Club has made no secret of its designs on distribution and has certainly been in an acquisitive mood since it burst on the scene three months ago. Best, based in Oklahoma City, has branches in Salt Lake City, San Antonio, Texas, and Super Club's home base of Dallas.

**A**S A FOLLOW-UP to Track's Uni item last week, MCA confirms it's over for the label, with artists currently recording for Uni switching to MCA, as are executives of the label. As indicated, Uni president David Simone has left the company. APPILY BEHIND THE 8MM BALL: Tower Video says it has had good sales from the 8mm video inventory it has made available in 12 of its 52 units, so it is expanding 8mm availability to 20 stores. That includes a new flagship store in Atlanta. Tower owner/chairman Russ Solomon gives Sony, chief backer of 8mm prerecorded video, credit for the sales success because of its introduction earlier this year of its portable Video Walkman.

**D**ENIAL: Track's word last week that the two Nimbus CD pressing plants were up for sale is "categorically" denied by the directors of Nimbus Records Ltd., a subsidiary of Maxwell Communications Corp. A spokesman for Nimbus' parent also adds that the Track report is "totally without foundation." In fact, the company notes, both plants in the U.K. and U.S. plan a further expansion of capacity in 1990 by 30% in the U.K. and 45% in the U.S. This follows a record year of sales and production, up 52% over 1988.

**E**XITS: Jack Chudnoff has left the BMG/RCA label after 15 years, most recently as VP of creative services and production. He can be reached at 516-293-0240 ... Jerry Adams has left his post as executive VP of finance with the 32-unit Harmony House Records & Tapes Inc. in Troy, Mich. He spent 15 years at Harmony House.

**U**N THE MOVE: Linda Ingrisano, manager of video promotion and marketing at **EMI**, is leaving that post to become national director of video promotion at **Elektra**, effective Nov. 20.

**A** MONTH TO REMEMBER: Arista Records had its best sales month ever in October, reports president Clive Davis. Davis says sales bettered the previous best month, July 1987, by more than 30%, with the surge led by Milli Vanilli's debut album (more than 800,000 units) and a longform video (near 100,000 in sales). Sorry, there are no dollar figures. Other acts giving a helping hand are Grateful Dead, Taylor Dayne, Jermaine Jackson, and Dionne Warwick/Jeffrey Osborne.

MINDS THAT WON'T BE WASTED: Bobby Brown will perform a benefit concert Dec. 22 at New York's Madison Square Garden to benefit The United Negro College Fund. Tickets are \$150 (with entry to postshow reception), \$75 (copy of Brown's new dance-mix album), and \$25. The concert, which will also feature Sheena Easton and is co-sponsored by Pro-Line hair products, is part of UNCF's 1989 fund-raising drive, which will conclude with the 10th annual "Lou Rawls Parade Of Stars" telethon Dec. 30. Brown, who began recording with New Edition as a junior high school student and whose "Don't Be Cruel" has been certified quintuple platinum, is also lending his name to an annual scholarship for high school seniors who maintain a 2.7 grade point average and plan to attend one of 41 private, his-*(Continued on page 96)* 

## Geffen Goaded By KHTY 'Snake 'Slip'

#### BY CRAIG ROSEN

LOS ANGELES Geffen Records and WB Music Corp. plan to proceed with a suit against KHTY (Y97) Santa Barbara, Calif., for allegedly airing and encouraging listeners to tape a broadcast of Whitesnake's "Slip Of The Tongue" album nearly two weeks before the official release, despite claims last week that a settlement was near (Billboard, Nov. 11).

The suit, filed Oct. 27 in U.S. District Court here, charges the defendant, KHTY owner Pinnacle Communications Inc., with copyright infringement and related violations. It seeks a permanent injunction restraining the station from airing unauthorized copies of future records without written consent from the label and asks for punitive damages of at least \$500,000. At the time of the broadcast, a number of the cuts on the album had not been legally licensed.

The suit claims that on Oct. 20, KHTY got an unauthorized tape of the album and "began to exhort its audience at about 10:30 p.m. 'to get your tape recorders ready' because KHTY had an exclusive and was about to play a hot new album."

The station allegedly proceeded to play "Slip Of The Tongue" in its entirety at about 11 p.m. Geffen president Ed Rosenblatt was in Santa Barbara at the time and heard the broadcast.

This is not the first time Geffen has had problems with KHTY. In spring, the station aired an unfinished copy of "The End Of The Innocence" by Geffen artist Don Henley prior to its official release.

Before the suit was filed, KHTY GM William H. Johnson Jr. claimed that the station received an advance cassette of the album in the mail from an unknown source, and acting PD Darren Stone "didn't understand" the ramifications of playing the tape prior to its official release.

KHTY was not the only station to play the cuts from "Slip Of The Tongue" before its authorized Nov. 1 release. WLLZ Detroit reportedly played cuts from the album at about the same time as the KHTY incident. WLLZ PD Doug Podell declined to confirm the broadcast, but acknowledged that the station also had a runin with Geffen in the past.

"When we broke Aerosmith early, they had a heart attack," Podell says. "In today's radio industry, I find it ludicrous that they get down on a few stations that want to jam their record, whether it's a week early or not. If it was a new band, they would be begging us to play it."

Geffen GM Al Coury said he was unaware of the WLLZ unauthorized broadcast and said the label will not proceed with legal action against the station because it did not receive a complaint from a rival station.

Coury, however, says he hopes the KHTY suit sets an example. "We are trying to tell radio stations loud and clear that if they are dealing with stolen goods, we will go after them with the full brunt of legal might. It's no more slap-on-the-wrist time." The Los Angeles Times credits her with a "supernatural vocal presence." Fans at every stop of the current k.d. lang and the reclines North American tour demonstrate that her

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