

## Abundance Of Major Titles Set For Second Quarter

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Graham Parker, Air Supply, Kirk Whalum.

### Atlantic

**April:** Narada Michael Walden, Tony Banks, Modern Romance, Backseat Sally, Chris Mancini, Sister Sledge (Cotillion), Robert Palmer (Island), Gwen Guthrie (Island), Blackfoot (Atco), Joanna (Atco), Charles McCracken (Atco), Helen Schneider (Mirage).

**May:** Bette Midler, Herbie Mann, Mel Torme, Attitude (Atlantic/RFC), Twisted Sister, The Hollies, Chris Squire/Alan White, Sissy Spacek (Atlantic/Amer.), Johnny Gill (Cotillion), AXE (Atco), Jim Carroll (Atco), Pete Townshend/Ronnie Lane (Atco), Janis "Live" (Atco), New York City Peech Boys (Atco), Bob Marley (Island/Atco), Joe Cocker (Island/Atco), Malcolm McLaren (Island/Atco), Charlie (Mirage), Stevie Nicks (Modern).

**June:** Do Wop Compilation, Tin Angel, Gino Soccio (RFC), Eddie Schwartz (Atco), Sherbs (Atco) Vanilla Fudge (Atco), Stacey Lattisaw (Cotillion).

### Boardwalk

**April:** The Stompers, DNA, Streethart, Joan Jett & The Blackhearts, The Ascenders, Newberry, III.

### Capitol

**April:** Steve Miller, Maze, Brass Construction, Burning Sensations, Mel McDaniels, Earl Klugh, Marillion.

**May:** Little River Band, Amy Holland, Pink Floyd (compilation), Ronnie Laws, Rene & Angela, Prism.

### Columbia

**April:** Carlos Santana, Larry Gowan, Boomtown Rats, Red Rockers, Men At Work, Marty Robbins, David Alan Coe, Chicago, Moe Bandy, Willie & Waylon.

**May:** Fastway, Dave Edmunds, Miles Davis, Bob James, Gladys Knight & The Pips, Jane Fonda, Birth & Preg./Workout, Chet Atkins, Tom Wopat, Ian Hunter, Bonnie Tyler, Deniece Williams, Arthur Blythe, Al Di Meola, Bobby Bare.

**June:** Tommy Tutone, The Manhattans, Marty Robbins, Lacy Dalton, Wynton Marsalis.

### Elektra/Asylum

**April:** Lakeside (Solar), Patrick Simmons, Mose Allison (Musician), David Amram (Musician), Billy Cobham (Musician), Bill Laswell (Musician), Steps Ahead (Musician), The Young Lions (Musician), John Kiemmer, Lenny White.

### EMI America

**April:** Jules Shear, David Bowie.

**May:** Any Trouble, Kajagoogoo, Coconuts, Peter Tosh, *Tough Enough* Soundtrack (Liberty).

**June:** Kim Wilde, Spys, Dottie West (Liberty), Christy Lane (Liberty).

### Epic

**April:** Mtume, Chi-Lites, Tyrone Davis, Sharon O'Neil, *Valley Girl* Soundtrack, Meat Loaf, Gary Myrick, Atlantic Pop, Englebert Humperdinck, The Tenants, MCB, Climax Blues Band, The Portrait, The Hawaiian Pups, Weird Al Jankovic (Rock 'N' Roll), Carl Wilson (Caribou), Blue Rose (Estate), William Bell (Kat Family), Spandau Ballet (Chrysalis).

**May:** Big Maybelle, Cariene Carter, XTC, Kelly Steinberg, Adam & The Ants, Stevie Ray Vaughn, *Revenge A Permanent Wave*.

## Leland Inks With MCA

LOS ANGELES — Leland Prods., based at 503 South Saginaw Ave. in Flint, Mich., recently announced a new affiliation with MCA Records. Leland Prods. has already released two singles — Little Milton's "Age Ain't Nothin' But A Number" and Vee Allen's "Crazy About You" — and future plans call for an R&B/MOR instrumental single by Burgess Gardner and an uptempo tune by Butch Cheatam entitled "Saturday Night."

Total Coello (Chrysalis), Fun Boy Three (Chrysalis), Johnny Rodriguez, Shooting Star, I-Level, John Schneider (Scotti Bros.), Rage (Carrere), E.L.O. (Jet), Gus (Nemperor), Saxon (Carrere), Isley Brothers (T-Neck), Darnell William (MyDisc), Altered Images (Portrait).

**June:** Ricky Skaggs, Wendy Waldman, Charlie Daniels Band, Natalie Cole, Hollies Anthology, Tammy Wynette, Aldo Nova (Portrait).

### Monument

**April:** Tim Krekel & The Sluggers, Rosey Carter.

**May:** Kris Kristofferson.

### Motown

**April:** Kagny & The Dirty Rats, Jose Feliciano, Syreeta (Tamla), High Inergy (Gordy), Mary Jane Girls (Gordy), Finis Henderson.

### PolyGram

**April:** Bananarama (London), The Suburbs (Mercury), Fatback (Spring), Leon Haywood (Casablanca), The Waitresses (Polydor), Cameo (Atlantic Artist), Tears For Fears (Mercury), *Flashdance* Soundtrack (Casablanca), Best Of Cream (RSO), Lita Ford (Mercury), Charles Aznavour (Polydor), Vern Gosdin (Complete), Vangelis (Polydor).

**May:** Return Of The Jedi (RSO), Paul Brady (21), Jon & Vangelis (Polydor), Letter O (PolyGram), Merle Haggard/Leona Williams (Mercury), The Polecats (Mercury), Uriah Heep (Mercury), Marilyn Scott (Mercury), Mari Wilson (London), Motorhead (Bronze/Mercury), Statler Brothers (Mercury), Wintley Phipps (Lecton), Edwin Hawkins (Lecton), Paradise (Lecton), Crown Heights Affair (Delight), The Gap Band (Total Experience), Cheri (21), Moody Blues (Threshold).

**June:** Junior (Mercury), Girls School (Mercury), Reba McEntire (Mercury), Minor Detail (PolyGram), Bar-Kays (Mercury), Mitch Rider (Riva), Central Line (Mercury), Coney Hatch (Mercury), Lipps' Inc. (Casablanca), Big Country (Mercury), J.J. Cale (Mercury), Kurtis Blow (Mercury), Bob & Doug McKenzie (Mercury).

### RCA

**April:** Rick Springfield, Eurythmics, Los Indios, Tabajaras, Tease, Fredi Grace & Rhinestone (Mini), Dolly Parton, Elvis Presley, Razy Bailey, Gus Hardin (Mini), Eugene Ormandy, Porgy & Bess, Morris/Bolcom, Weeks & Company, Vaughn Mason & Butch Dayo (Mini) (Salsoul).

**May:** J. Denver/Muppets, The Breaks, Scott Baio, Bob Welch, Mick Fleetwood, Lamont Cranston Band, Ritchie Family, Wynd Chymes, Sylvia, Jerry Reed, Earl Thomas Conley, Caruso-Vol. 12, Caruso-Vol. 13, Guarneri Qrt., The Cleveland Qrt., Sophisticated Ladies-Orig. Cast, Mata, Van Cliburn, 4 Eratos, Strangers (Salsoul), Civil Attack, Funk De Luxe, June Pointer (Planet), Franke & The Knockouts (Millennium).

**June:** Tavares, Alfie Silas, Chocolate Milk, Sam Cooke, Ray Stevens, Chet Atkins, *Backstage At the Opry*-various artists.

### Warner Bros.

**April:** Ralph Towner (ECM), Michael Brewer (Full Moon), The Dream Syndicate (Ruby/Slash), Violent Femmes (Slash), Yellowjackets, B-52's, Dick Smith (Shriek back), T.G. Sheppard, NRBO (Bearsville), Lester Bowie (ECM), Plimsouls (Geffen), Ray Price (Viva).

**May:** Kraftwerk, George Benson, Larry Carlton, Dio, Brenda Russell, Pam Tillis, Jack DeJohnette (ECM), Pat Metheny (ECM), David Frizzell (Viva), Talking Heads (Sire), Elton John (Geffen), Grand Funk (Full Moon), Chaka Khan, Rickie Lee Jones, Killer Bees, Whites.

**June:** Marshall Crenshaw, Conway Twitty, Zapp, Jaco Pastorius, Rod Stewart, Larry Graham, Superman III, Guy Clark.

## Mathes Buys Pacific Stereo Chain From CBS

NEW YORK — CBS, Inc. has completed the sale of its 83 Pacific Stereo home electronic entertainment retail outlets to Burke Mathes, the former head of the Curtis Mathes audio/video retail franchisor who resigned last year to pursue other investment opportunities. BA Commercial Corp., which is a BankAmerica Financial Service Co., provided the financing for Mathes' acquisition.

Mathes was named chairman and chief executive officer of Pacific Stereo. As has been previously reported, he will continue operating all of the stores. Rick Sabbag will remain as president and chief operating officer of the company, which is based in Emeryville, Calif.



**ANOTHER GARAY AREA** — Grammy Award-winning record producer Val Garay answered questions from songwriters at the March 1 Ask-A-Pro rap session sponsored by AGAC/The Songwriters Guild. Pictured at the seminar are (l-r): Rarveen Michaels, West Coast regional director of AGAC, and Garay.

## SESSION MIX

**Artisan Recorders'** MCA-equipped mobile unit recently taped six of Pat Benatar's shows on her swing through Georgia and Florida, recording concerts in Savannah, Tallahassee, Jacksonville, Hollywood, Lakeland and Atlanta. Guitarist/composer **Nell Geraldo** is producing a live album from the tapes for Chrysalis Records. **Guy Charbonneau** and **Peter Yianilos** engineered on the actual taping, assisted by **Rey Monzon**, **Kevin Ryan** and **Vince Oliveri**. The Artisan mobile unit was also enlisted to provide on-location sound-mixing facilities during "Carnaval Miami," billed as the largest Hispanic festival in the U.S. **Armando Terron** and **Yianilos** engineered, assisted by **Stan Johnson** and **Olivieri**. Lastly, Artisan recorded Tammy Wynette live in concert at the Burt Reynolds Dinner Theatre in Jupiter, Fla. Produced by **Bob Kaminsky** for DIR Broadcasting, the show was broadcast on the *Silver Eagle Radio* program. Yianilos engineered, assisted by Ryan and Monzon.

Up north, at **Syncro Sound Studios** in Boston, Ric Ocacek, Civilian, The Dark and Peter Dayton are among the acts who've recently been in working. Ocacek has been doing a remix of "Jimmy, Jimmy" from his Geffen LP. Civilian wrapped its recording with **Sibby Sabella** producing and **Thom Moore** engineering, assisted by **Brian Sklarz**. Moore also engineered on an EP by Peter Dayton, again assisted by Sklarz. And The Dark were recording for Ambiguous Records, with **Walter Turblitt** producing and engineering, assisted by **Roger Merritt**. Other acts at Syncro Sound include Hypertension; Sarah Burrill & Ken Leray; and Duke Robillard.

Russell Smith, formerly of the Amazing Rhythm Aces, is recording a new solo album for Capitol Records at Sound Emporium in Nashville. **Garth Fundis** is producing, with **Gary Laney** engineering. Producer **Ron Demmans** of Cumberland Prods. has also been in at **Sound Emporium**, mixing and editing several live LP projects for Audiograph Records, including Jeanne Pruett, the Four Guys, Stonewall Jackson, Rayburn Anthony and Tommy Overstreet. **Mike Poston** and **Rick Horton** engineered. Sound Emporium co-owner Roy Clark was also in the studio recently, videotaping a spot promoting the Nashville Network (cable TV service).

At **Sigma Sound Studios** in New York City, **John Luongo** has been producing remixes for Elektra recording artists Queen and Beserkley's Greg Kihn Band, with **Jay Mark** engineering. **Linda Randazzo** and **Glenn Rosenstein** assisted. Talking Heads has also been finishing its latest Sire release at Sigma with producer/engineer **Alex Sadkin**. Additional engineering was contributed by **Jay Mark** and **John Convertino**, while Rosenstein, Jimmy Santis, Melanie West and Randazzo

assisted. Other acts at Sigma include Ric Ocacek, doing remixing with **Francois Kevorkian** producing, **Mike Hutchinson** engineering and **Eilisa Gura** assisting; Michael Bolton, completing an LP for CBS, with **Gerry Block** producing/engineering; and Island's U2 remixing cuts, also with Kevorkian producing. **John Potoker** engineered and Rosenstein assisted.

D Train, Blancmange, Bananarama, Thompson Twins, Phyllis Hyman, Cheap Trick and The Waitresses are among the acts who've had recent Sigma sessions.

In the Los Angeles area, French crooner Charles Aznavour is currently tracking his new album for PolyGram at **Salty Dog Recording**. The English language album is being engineered by **Doug Rider**, with **Dean Knight** assisting. **Spike Jones Jr.** has also been in at the Van Nuys facility, recording a song for HBO. Jones is co-producing with **Gabriele Boone**, while **Larry Brown** is behind the boards.

At **Group IV Recording** in Hollywood, Rev. James Cleveland and The Gospel Messengers have been laying vocal tracks for a new Savoy Records release with engineer **Andy D'Addario** and assistant **Steve Burger**.

Over at **Criterion Studios**, former Little Feat member Kenny Gradney joined keyboardist **Armand St. Martin** on two tracks for a demo St. Martin is doing. Joining them was Dony Wynn, who has played with Robert Palmer. St. Martin is a regular member of Epic recording artist Michael Smotherman's band.

Dottie West is working on her 40th LP at **Brittania Studios** in Hollywood, with **Snuff Garrett** and **Steve Dorff** co-producing. This marks the first time that West has recorded outside of Nashville.

Speaking of Nashville, Jerry Reed is cutting tracks for his band at **Music City Music Hall** for a Jim Owens Prod. TV special. **Bill Vandevort** engineered. RCA's Steve Wariner and Sylvia have also been in at Music City, working on LP projects with their producer **Tom Collins**. **Bill Harris** is engineer. Charley Pride and George Strait are both working on LP projects at the studio, as well. Pride is being produced by **Norro Wilson**, with **Bill Harris** behind the board, while Strait is being produced by **Blake Mevils**, also with Harris engineering.

At **Emerald Sound**, England Dan Seals is working with producer **Kyle Lenning**, **Joe Bagna** engineering, while Louise Mandrell is working with producer **Eddie Kilroy**, **Tom Pick** engineering.

Finally, at the **Soundshop**, Dolly Parton completed work on her new LP, with **Greg "Flash" Perry** producing and **Ernie Winfrey** engineering. Word recording artist Jim Murray was also in the studio for sessions with producer **Neal Joseph**, while **Travis Turk** engineered. And songwriter/producer Archie Jordan was in for sessions with beach music group The Tams, **Mike Bradley** behind the board.