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You're Getting It All Together

In an effort to keep pace with the needs of the record industry, **Cash Box** is making a number of important changes in its chart surveying, effective this week. We could have come at you with one change at a time, but decided instead to do dry runs on each of the changes we were contemplating and let them all debut the same week.

Our album chart is being expanded to contain 200 of the top hit LPs in the nation and will feature an alphabetized listing according to artist for easy location of a specific selections.

Our R&B singles chart is being expanded to contain the 100 top soul singles week.

Our Country Singles chart will also feature 100 titles henceforth and each of the above three charts will be featured on its own full page to permit easy removal for display in stores or for use at radio stations. The type will also be larger for easy reading from a distance when the cards are displayed.

In addition to the above, **Cash Box** is introducing a Top 50 R&B album chart which will appear each week. We have enlarged our survey team to do more a thorough job of reporting the hits of today and the records that will top the charts tomorrow.

The need for this broadening of the survey picture was greatly prompted by the "cross-over" aspect which has been steadily accelerating in the record industry during the past few years. This change requires more space on the charts in order to provide a complete picture of the top-selling product. With Elton John and Average White Band on the R&B charts, Freddy Fender on the pop charts, and an unprecedented number of Black records appearing on the pop lists, the need for more space to reflect all of these crossover titles must be satisfied. We hope to answer this need in part by the moves we are making this week.

In coming years, we will undoubtedly be making other changes as the needs of the industry call for them. It may even be necessary to resort to one mass chart covering music in general without categories or tags. It wasn't too long ago that an industry axiom was that "Black artists don't sell LPs." That claim has been effectively countered in the past five years. And we also remember quite vividly an article co-authored by Ahmet Ertegun and Jerry Wexler of a young Atlantic Records label which predicted back in 1954 that there will come a time "in the not too distant future" when R&B product will be played on outlets other than R&B radio stations and will be accepted broadly by the general public. Good music that reaches the people with a message, with a beat, and with an inner feeling can never be classified and will be accepted the world over.

The changes we are making in this week's **Cash Box** are designed to assist the industry as the music and buying habits of the public change.



NUMBER ONE SINGLE OF THE WEEK BEFORE THE NEXT TEARDROP FALLS FREDDY FENDER — ABC/Dot Writers: V. Keith, B. Peters Pub: Fingerlake/BMI

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3	John Denver (RCA PB 10239)	4	6	
4	America (Warner Bros. 8086)	5	8	
5	Ace (Anchor/ABC 2100)	1	2	
6	Linda Ronstadt (Capitol P-4050) BAD TIME	9	11	
7	Grand Funk (Capitol P 4046)	7	10	
8	Chicago (Columbia 3-10131)	10	13	
9	Major Harris (Atlantic 3248)	12	15	
10	Earth, Wind & Fire (Columbia 3-10090) WILDFIRE	2 17	1 21	
11	Michael Murphey (Epic 8-50084) GET DOWN, GET DOWN	17	20	
12	Joe Simón (Spring 156) (Dist: Polydor) I'M NOT LISA Jessi Colter (Capitol 4009)	18	20	
13	BAD LUCK (PART 1) Harold Melvin & Bluenotes	10	21	
14	(Philly Int'I. ZS 8-3562) CUT THE CAKE	14	17	
15	Average White Band (Atlantic 3261)	15	18	
16	Alice Cooper (Atlantic 3254)	16	19	
	(ROCK ME) Doobie Brothers (Warner Bros 8092)	19	25	
17	LOVE WILL KEEP US TOGETHER			
18	The Captain and Tennille (A&M 1672) THE LAST FAREWELL	21	28	1
19	Roger Whittaker (RCA TB 5-0030)	20	24	
20	Ozark Mountain Daredevils (A&M 1654-S) MAGIC	6	4	
21	Pilot (EMI 3992) (Dist: Capitol) ONLY YESTERDAY	26	31	
22	Carpenters (A&M 1677) THE WAY WE WERE/TRY TO	8	9	
	REMEMBER Gladys Knight & The Pips (Buddah BDA 463)	27	33	(
23	REMEMBER WHAT I TOLD			
24	Tavares (Capitol 4010)	24	34	
25	Van McCoy (Avco AV 4653) I DON'T LIKE TO SLEEP	41	47	
	ALONE Paul Anka (United Artists XW 615-X)	11	5	
26	ROCKIN' CHAIR Gwen McCrae (Cat 1996)	31	51	
27	HEY YOU Bachman-Turner Overdrive (Mercury 73683)	42	59	
28	SWEARIN' TO GOD !Frankie Valli (Private Stock PSR021)	39	49	1
29	SHAKEY GROUND Temptations (Gordy G 7142F)	29	30	(
30	JUDY MAE Boomer Castleman (Mums ZS 8-6038)	35	41	(
31	MISTY Ray Stevens (Barnaby 614)	40	45	
32	GOOD LOVIN' GONE BAD Bad Company (Swan Song 70103)	33	36	
33	SHOE SHINE BOY Eddie Kendricks (Tamla T-5425F-A)	25	22	

34	SPIRIT OF THE BOOGIE Kool & The Gang (DeLite DDJ 1567)	5/31 34	5/24 40
35	I WANNA DANCE WIT' CHOO (DO DAT DANCE)		
36	Disco Tex & The Sex-O-Lettes (Chelsea CH 3015) GIVE THE PEOPLE WHAT	36	39
37	THEY WANT The O'Jays (Phila. Int'l. ZS 8-3565) (Dist: CBS) LISTEN TO WHAT THE MAN	37	43
38	SAID Wings (Capitol 4091)	69	-
39	Tanya Tucker (MCA 40402) I'LL PLAY FOR YOU	45	50
40	Seals & Crofts (Warner Bros. WBS 8075) ATTITUDE DANCING	43	44
41	Carly Simon (Elektra 45246) WHY CAN'T WE BE FRIENDS	51	58
42	War (United Artists XW 629X) BABY THAT'S BACKATCHA	49	54
43	Smokey Robinson (Tamla 5428F-A) I'M NOT IN LOVE	44	46
44	10 cc (Mercury 73678) BLACK FRIDAY	65	85
45	SADIE	63	78
46	Spinners (Atlantic 3268) (JUST LIKE) ROMEO & JULIET	46	48
47	Sha Na Na (Kama Sutra KA 602) MIDNIGHT BLUE	47	52
48	Melissa Manchester (Arista AS 0116) T-R-O-U-B-L-E	62	71
49	Elvis Presley (RCA JH 10278) I'LL DO FOR YOU ANYTHING	54	62
50	YOU WANT ME TO Barry White (20th Century 2208)	60	77
50	ME AND MRS. JONES Ron Banks & The Dramatics (ABC 12090)	52	50
51	DYNOMITE Bazuka (A&M 1669)	58	60
52	IDREAMED LAST NIGHT Justin Hayward & John Lodge (Threshold 67019) (Dist: London)	59	67
53	WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU Labelle (Epic 8-50097)	56	63
54	LONG HAIRED COUNTRY BOY The Charlie Daniels Band (Kama Sutra KA 601)	61	68
55	PLEASE PARDON ME (YOU		
FO	REMIND ME OF A FRIEND) Rufus featuring Chaka Khan (ABC 12099)	66	75
56	ONE OF THESE NIGHTS Eagles (Asylum 45257-A)	80	_
57 58	LET THERE BE MUSIC Orleans (Asylum 45243) HE DON'T LOVE YOU (LIKE I	53	52
	LOVE YOU) Tony Orlando & Dawn (Elektra 45-240A)	23	7
59	HIJACK Herbie Mann (Atlantic 3246)	22	23
60	KILLER QUEEN Queen (Elektra E-45226)	30	12
61	PLEASE MR. PLEASE Olivia Newton-John (MCA 40418)	73	_
62	ROCK AND ROLL ALL NITE Kiss (Casablanca MB 829)	71	80
63	JIVE TALKIN' Bee Gees (RSO SO-510)	74	89
64 65	PHILADELPHIA FREEDOM Elton John (MCA 40364)	38	16
65 66	TRAMPLED UNDER FOOT Led Zeppelin (Swan Song SS 70102)	28	29
66	RAINY DAY PEOPLE Gordon Lightfoot (Reprise RPS 1328)	32	35

67	JUST A LITTLE BIT OF YOU Michael Jackson (Motown M 1349F)	5/31 70	5/24 72
68	RHINESTONE COWBOY Glen Campbell (Capitol 4095)	96	_
69	THE ROCKFORD FILES Mike Post (MGM M 14772)	86	9 9
70	SAIL ON SAILOR Beach Boys (Reprise 1325)	72	73
71	I'M ON FIRE Dwight Twilley (Shelter SR 40380)	82	90
72	HURT The Manhattans (Columbia 3-10140)	75	81
73	EVERY TIME YOU TOUCH ME (I GET HIGH)		
74	Charlie Rich (Epic 8-50103) BLANKET ON THE GROUND Billie Jo Spears (United Artists XW 584X)	84 76	70
75	DISCO QUEEN	76	79
76	Hot Chocolate (Big Tree BT 16038) (Dist: Atlantic) EASE ON DOWN THE ROAD	87	96
	Consumer Rapport (Wing And A Prayer HS 101) (Dist: Atlantic)	48	42
77	MINNESOTA Northern Light (Columbia 3-10136)	79	84
78	SLIPPERY WHEN WET Commodores (Motown M 1338F)	83	87
79	TAKE ME TO THE RIVER Syl Johnson (Hi 2285)	85	_
80	I DON'T KNOW WHY The Rolling Stones (ABKCO ABK 4701)	-	-
81	HARPO'S BLUES Phoebe Snow (Shelter/MCA SR 40400)	88	100
82	FEELIN' THAT GLOW Roberta Flack (Atlantic 45-3271)	-	-
83	LOOK AT YOU George McCrae (T K. 1011-A)	89	93
84	HOW GLADIAM Kiki Dee (Rocket/MCA 40401)	91	97
85	BURNIN' THING Mac Davis (Columbia 3-10148)	-	-
86	RAG DOLL Sammy Johns (GRC GR DJ 2062)	-	-
87	SWEET EMOTION Aerosmith (Columbia 3-10155)	-	-
88	MAKE THE WORLD GO AWAY Donny & Marie Osmond (MGM 14807)		_
89	SOONER OR LATER Impressions (Curtom CBS 0103)	 93	
90	WOODEN HEART Bobby Vinton (ABC 12100)	93 95	
91	ROLLING DOWN A MOUNTAINSIDE		
92	LOOK AT ME	92 04	95
93	Moments (Stang 5060) . SEVEN LONELY NIGHTS	94 98	-
94	Four Tops (ABC 12096) SEXY	98	-
95	MFSB (Phila. Int'l. ZS 8-3567) CHRISTINA Torry, Jacks (Private Stock PS 45.023)	-	
96	Terry Jacks (Private Stock PS 45-023) TRYIN' TO BEAT THE MORNING HOME	gg	
97	T.G. Sheppard (Melodyland 6006) GOT TO GET YOU INTO MY LIFE	100	-
98	Blood, Sweat & Tears (Columbia 3-10151) SATURDAY NIGHT SPECIAL	-	-
99	Lynyrd Skynyrd (MCA 40416) RECONSIDER ME	-	-
100	Narvel Felts (ABC/Dot 1754) FUNNY HOW LOVE CAN BE First Class (ILK 49033) (Dist: London)		4 —
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Attitude (C'est/Jacob Brackman - ASCAP) 40
Baby That's Backatcha (Bertam - ASCAP) 42
Bad Luck (Mighty Three Music - BMI)
Bad Time (Cram Renraff—BMI)
Before The Next (Fingerlake — BMI) 1
Black Friday (Amer. Broadcasting - ASCAP) 44
Blanket On The (Brougham Hall Music - BMI) 74
Burnin' Thing (Screen Gems/Song Painter
Sweet Glory — BMI)
Christina (Rockfish/E. B Marks - BMI)95
Cut The Cake (Average/Cotillion—BMI) 14
Disco Queen (Finchley — ASCAP)
Dynomite (Tonob Music – BMI) 51
Ease On Down (Fox Fanfare Music - BMI) 76
Every Time You (Algee – BMI)
Feelin' That Glow (LonPort - BMI)
Funny How Love (Southern Music - ASCAP) 100
Get Down (Gaucho/Belinda—BMI)11
Give The People (Mighty Three - BMI)
Good Lovin' (Badco — ASCAP)
Got To Get You (Maclen - BMI)
Harpo's Blues (Tarka — ASCAP)
He Don't Love You (Conrad - BMI) 58
Hey You (Ramback Music/Topsoil — BMI) 27
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Me And Mrs. Jones (Assorted Music - BMI) 50	
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 Only Women (Ezra Early/Frost—BMI)
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 Please Mr. (Welch-Rostille/Blue Gum—ASCAP)
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 Please Pardon (Kengorus/Palladium — ASCAP)
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 Rajn Doll (Hampstead Heath — ASCAP)
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A&M's Horizon Jazz Series To Emphasize Quality

HOLLYWOOD — Jerry Moss, president of A&M Records, has announced the creation of a quality jazz series called Horizon to be distributed by A&M. The Horizon series, which will be based in New York, will be a small quality line, encompassing a broad jazz spectrum with a particular emphasis on the quality of the music, engineering, and packaging of its product.

John Snyder, formerly associated with Creed Taylor at CTI, will run the series in coordination with Mel Furman, who will handle the sales and exploitation of Horizon Jazz, in addition to his current responsibilities as director of A&M's New York office.

Snyder says the series will be seeking new artists and quality international jazz product.

Said Moss, "I look forward to Horizon becoming the most meaningful new jazz home in the record industry. I look forward as well to working with John Snyder in creating the right attitude and

FRONT COVER



Sammy Johns of General Recording Corporation (GRC) has just received his first gold record with "Chevy Van." Sammy is becoming an institution as a romanticist, poet, writer, artist. His debut single, "Early Morning Love" from the same LP "Sammy Johns" climbed rapidly up the charts as well.

Unpretentious, shy, softspoken, down to earth Sammy is swooning audiences with his music and beauty. "Rag Doll," his new single from the same LP has just been released. This ballad as sensitive as it is and his performance as refreshing will open up even more horizons for this troubadour.

Sammy is joined on the album by other greats such as Larry Knechtel, (who coproduced the album with Jay Senter), Jim Horn, saxaphonist and Jim Gordon, drums.

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Oberstein New CBS Int'I. Chief: Replaces Dick Asher

NEW YORK — Maurice Oberstein has been appointed managing director of CBS Records U.K., succeeding Dick Asher who moves to New York to take up the post of president of CBS Records international division.

Oberstein, who is 46, joined CBS Records in 1965 after a spell running his own budget record company, Rondo Records. In April of that year he moved to London to help set up the operation of CBS Records as an independent label in Britain. His career since then has seen him operating as director of operations, then director of marketing and sales, and most recently as managing director of manufacturing.

Born in New York, he is the son of the late Eli Oberstein, one time head of RCA Records a&r. A contemporary of John Hammond, Eli Oberstein recorded Perry Como and the Dorseys, pioneered the recording of r&b and was elected a member of the Country Music Hall of Fame.

A graduate chemical engineer from Clarkson Tech. and an LL.B. from New York University, Oberstein includes among his many credits a Guiness Book of Records entry as the producer (for Premier Albums) of the world's fastest selling LP — "The John Kennedy Memorial Album" which topped four million sales in under a month.

Elton Sets 'Official' Dates At Troubadour

HOLLYWOOD — In celebration of the fifth anniversary of his United States debut at Doug Weston's Troubadour in West Hollywood, MCA recording star Elton John will return to perform at the nightclub for three nights in August.

Tickets for the opening night show on Aug. 25 will be offered to entertainment industry personnel only and will cost \$250 each. On Aug. 26 and 27 there will be two shows a night with tickets priced at \$25 each. These tickets will be sold by lottery to the public. Information about the lottery system will appear in an advertisement in a July issue of a Los Angeles newspaper. All proceeds from the five concerts will go to the Jules Stein Eye Institution at UCLA. The announcement of Elton's appearance was made by John Reid (Elton's manager) at a special luncheon hosted by MCA Records, Inc.

Elton, whose new album, "Captain Fantastic And The Brown Dirt Cowboy," was the first in the history of the recording industry to attain platinum status upon release, was awarded gold and platinum albums by Rick Frio, MCA vice president of marketing.

Elton John's 'Fantastic' LP Makes Unprecedented Leap Into Number 1 Chart Spot

HOLLYWOOD — For the first time in history an album has come onto the **Cash Box** chart at #1 with a bullet in its first week of action. The record, Elton John's "Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt Cowboy," sold 1,400,000 units in the first four days of release. The memorable event was marked Fri. May 23 by a luncheon in Elton's honor during which he was presented with a platinum record.

Elton's superstardom is a result of his continued excellence as a writer, recording star and visual performer. His concerts sell out at the same rate as his albums. He is one of the most exciting performers on stage in all of music.

When told of his success with "Captain Fantastic" Elton was overjoyed saying, "I'm floating. This is the greatest thing in the world and it's going to make me work that much harder."

The fact that the album attained the highest chart status so quickly is no fluke and highlights the achievement that is possible when the product of a talented artist is combined with the marketing skill of a dedicated label. "Captain Fantastic" is Elton's ninth platinum album. He has received similar distinctions for: "Elton John," "Tumbleweed Connection," "Madman Across The Water," "Honky Chateau," "Don't Shoot Me, I'm Only The Piano Player," "Caribou," "Greatest Hits" and the double LP set "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road." In addition, Elton has six gold singles: "Philadelphia Freedom," "Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds," "Crocodile Rock," "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road." "Bennie And The Jets" and "Don't Let The Sun Go Down On Me."

Recorded at Caribou Ranch in Colorado, the album's ten individual cuts have all been programmed by radio stations across the country, a tribute to the superstar and his contributions to music.

MCA president Mike Maitland and Rick Frio, vice president of marketing and their staff are to be commended for executing the unique marketing coup which proves that the combination of the talent of a fine artist and his label has no limits. This is a milestone for the entire music industry. Said Maitland modestly, "I'm very pleased that Elton and MCA have acheived another first." Frio, who conceived the marketing plan added, "Basically I feel great pride in being involved in such a historic musical event."

Entire MCA Staff Contributes Sam Passamano, vice president, sales at MCA said, "Even though we worked so hard to get it, it's still a wonderful and somewhat unbelievable surprise. A lot of teamwork took place, from our sales, continued on pg. 21



Elton John was able to be in two places at the same time at the MCA hosted luncheon this past Friday. Even though "Captain Fantastic And The Brown Dirt Cowboy" set history as the first LP to be certified platinum upon release, Elton is still not yet capable of performing the shown above feat. Performing the neat trick are: (I. to r.) Elton John, Doug Weston, Rich Frio (MCA

Performing the neat trick are: (I. to r.) Elton John, Doug Weston, Rich Frio (MCA vice president of marketing), Elton John (holding his platinum album for "Captain Fantatic And The Brown Dirt Cowboy") and Bernie Taupin.

Below, Elton and CB publisher George Albert savor the moment.

2nd In A Four-Part Series — Disk Buying Habits: 23-Year-Old Calls For More Liner Notes, Better Music

NEW YORK - This weeks' subject in Cash Box's study of the record consumer 18 Robert Dinerstein. Dinerstein, a 23vear-oid Phi Beta Kappa graduate from Cornell University, presently resides in New Haven. Connecticut where he is a student at the Yale Law School. He was born in New York and raised in East Meadow, Long Island, a middle-class community

CB: Let's get right down to the nittygritty. Why do you buy the records that ou buy?

RD: First of all, I don't buy that many records, though I did in the past. I own about 200. But I buy records that I've heard on the radio or records which are stylistically unfamiliar but of which I want to know more about

CB: How do you pick out these unfamiliar disks?

RD: If I know the artist but not the record then I might buy it. If my knowledgeable friends say a record is good then I also might purchase it. Sometimes, if I'm in-terested in instrumental music, I will determine a category that I want to hear, say "acoustic piano," and then search for something that fits the mood. I also know which labels put out good product and which session men are good musicians. CB: What are the most enticing means of advertising for you?

RD: Word of mouth is probably the most effective. It's never TV or record flyers. If anything else, it would be the radio. But there too, it's never the ads but the ac-tual playing of the disk.

CB: What stations do you listen to? RD: A little bit of ali, I flip around.

CB: How many hours of music do you listen to each day? RD: About 2 hours.

CB: Do you play any instruments?

RD: Piano. CB: How many concerts do you go to? RD: 3 or 4 a year, which is way down from when I was in high school and college. The cost is one thing, but when I do go, I prefer a small club. I wouldn't consider going to Madison Square Garden now except for something special like Bob Dylan. I just wouldn't go to see what I consider a middling rock group there. One of the things that has troubled me about the rock industry is that there doesn't seem to be as many small clubs

around as there used to be. CB: Well, that seems to be changing. The Bitter End is reopening. The Five Spot and other jazz clubs already reopened and new ones have been formed, I think, to accommodate people like yourself. Let's look at the record as a marketable entity for a few minutes. Is the artwork on a record an important index of commerciality for you?

RD: Not at all. CB: What kind of work have you liked though?

RD: Nothing too far out. I do like pictures of the artist, as on Joni Mitchell's "For The Roses." Just sort of simple, interesting art. Much record artwork is just too slick

CB: Do you like to see the name of the artist and the record on the cover?RD: It's really not that important. I usually know what I want to buy before I go into the store. I haven't gone record browsing in a long time. So, it's not as if a record cover will entice me into buying an LP. If I like the artist, I'll buy the record no matter how schlockey the cover is. If I, don't know the artist, it's very rare when a cover can make me buy an LP

CB: A cover won't necessarily turn you on or off, then?

RD: Right. CB: But you said that when you did browse, it was potentially effective? RD: In my youth, if you will, it certainly could and probably did have an effect. I can't think of a record, though, that I've bought that had such a bad cover that I considered not buying it.

CB: Would the original cover of the new Roxy Music LP (two semi-nude rather luscious women in a suggestive pose), for instance, tempt you into buying it even though you've never heard it? RD: No. definitely not

CB: T-shirts, pins, poster, gizzmos, paraphernalia

RD: If anything, that stuff tends to turn me off, though if I really like the group, it probably won't. I liked The (Grateful) Dead, but all of that junk they had out really bothered me.

CB: Do posters and pictures in a record make any difference to you?

RD: No, but then again, they might have made a difference 5 years ago when I'd put up the poster.

CB: What kind of music do you listen to? RD: Jazz and some rock acts. like the Dead, Stevie Wonder, and some folkeys like Tom Rush and Joni Mitchell.

CB: Something like Yes.

RD: No, I never got into them. You can definitely trace my rock tastes to about 3 or 4 years ago, when I stopped buying a lot of albums. Since then, it's just occasionally that I'll pick up an old LP which I've always wanted and maybe didn't then because it was too expensive, say like Bonnie Raitt.

CB: Do you feel that you're more musically sophisticated now then you

were a couple of years ago?

RD: I think much more so now, though that's obviously a value judgment. There are a lot of records which I bought 5 years ago that I wouldn't consider listening to now, and therefore, a lot of records which I own, I don't play, like 10 Years After.

CB: Is what you're saying then, that your tastes have changed?

RD: That's part of it. But, there's a world of difference musically between 10 Years After and Chick Corea, and a lot of people are realizing that now.

CB: Many record companies are putting out budget lines for their catalog items. Might this serve to make you start browsing again?

RD: It's possible, because there are records that I might have bought in the past, but were too expensive. If they were budgeted. I just might go out and buy them. It bothers me to pay upwards of 5 or 6 dollars for an LP when I don't even know the artist or the record. Before, I might experiment, but now I won't, especially with rock.

CB: When you go to the stores and they use in-store play, does that help you if you're undecided?

RD: I think so. There were, in the past, shops which let you listen to a record before you bought it. That was a really good thing. Now, it takes a strong impetus to make me buy a record. Sometimes, I'll go into the store knowing what I want. In the past, I used to go to browse and I couldn't help but listen to what was playing. If I knew I could test play a record, I'd be more inclined to purchase LPs. For instance, the other day, I bought a new Chick Corea record.

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Nancy Sinatra To Record For Private Stock

HOLLYWOOD - Nancy Sinatra has signed a long-term, worldwide, exclusive recording contract with Private Stock Records. The announcement was made by Larry Uttal, president of the label last Wed. (28)

In addition to "These Boots Were Made For Walking," one of the best selling singles of the '60s, Nancy Sinatra has had chart hits with "Summer Wine" and "Somethin' Stupid," a tune she recorded with her legendary father, Frank



Top: Uttal, Nancy Garret. Below: Frank Sinatra, Garrett.

Nancy will work with veteran producer continued on pg. 21

Wolfman Jack Signs With Col., Debut LP Due

HOLLYWOOD - CBS Records has announced the signing of radio and television personality Wolfman Jack to an exclusive, worldwide recording contract



Kelley, Wolfman, Ellis

Wolfman Jack, a radio personality since the mid-fifties, is currently heard on a syndicated program aired twice weekly on more than 2,000 stations around the world. He is also host of the weekly "Midnight Special" television program.

Wolfman's first Columbia album, entitled "Fun And Romance," will be re-leased domestically June 9. The album was produced by the Robb Brothers at Cherokee Studios in Los Angeles, for their Cherry Hill Productions in association with Wolfman Jack's Howl Productions. The album features rock and roll oldies and new material.

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RIAA Study Shows Disk, Tape Sales Reach All-Time Levels

NEW YORK — Manufacturers' sales of phonograph records and pre-recorded tapes in 1974 soared to a new high of \$2.2 billion, an increase of 9 percent over the \$2.017 billion in 1973, the Recording Industry Association of America revealed last week.

RIAA said the increase in dollar sales reflected the higher list prices that were instituted by record and tape companies during 1974 to counteract escalating costs of recording and material. Although total unit sales were down slightly from the previous year, 594 million against 616 million, RIAA said the overall industry performance was outstanding in view of the state of the American economy generally.

Disk sales in 1974 climbed to \$1.550 billion, compared with \$1.436 billion in 1973. Of this total, sales of long-plaving record albums rose from \$1.246 billion in 1973 to \$1.356 billion in 1974, an increase of 8.8 percent, while singles rose form \$190 million to \$194 million, up 2.1 percent

In terms of units, however, sales of long-playing albums declined from 280 million to 276 million, a decrease of 1.4 percent, and singles declined from 228 million in 1973 to 204 million, down 10.5 percent.

Total dollar sales of pre-recorded tapes rose to \$650 million in 1974, compared with \$581 million in 1973, and total unit sales also increased from 108 million units in 1973 to 114 milliion units in 1974. The breakdown by tape configuration was as follows (unit sales in parenthesis): Eight-track cartridge tapes, \$549.2 million in 1974 vs. \$489 million in 1973 (96.7 million vs 91 million); cassettes, \$87.2 million against \$76 million (15.3 million vs 15.0 million); quadraphonic tapes, \$11.3 million against \$12 million (1.4 million vs.1.5 million); and reel-to-reel tapes, \$2.6 million against \$3.6 million (.5 million vs. 7 million)

All dollar figures are stated in terms of manufacturers' suggested list price value.

Stewart Makes WB **Official Home:** Sets Tour, LP

HOLLYWOOD - Rod Stewart now records exclusively for Warner Bros. Records for worldwide release, it was announced in Burbank by Stewart



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Rock In Politics: Governor Jerry Brown Picks Top In Pop

HOLLYWOOD — Last week in the Los Angeles Times it was reported that pop music has seeped into the upper echelon of California state government. Specifically, Gov. Jerry Brown has been making both political and musical changes since his election. Alternately referred to as Sacramento Rock, Brown's selections include a variety of sound, from Linda Ronstadt to Gregorian chants.

Brown, 37, announced during his campaign that he was a Ronstadt fan, that the chant is his favorite music, and that the Sufi Choir is perhaps the most inspiring musical group he's been associated with. After he won the election, Brown sat with the Sufi Choir for over two hours chanting and singing with them before going on to his victory party. The MOR repertoire that was so

The MOR repertoire that was so popular during the Reagan era is no longer and Brown now plays his favorite pop music from 9 to 5. The artists include the likes of Ronstadt, Judy Collins, Ravi Shankar, Helen Reddy, Isaac Hayes and Carole King. The music, which is heard in certain areas of the Capitol and surrounding park, has attracted a lot of attention including some from State Treasurer Jesse Unruh who recently asked the Governor for more country and western selections.

The influence of pop music on key figures in government has yet to be determined, but one can certainly see that the attendant atmosphere in Sacramento must be more relaxed as a result of the music's being played in select locations.

Craigo To Address NARM Retailers Meet

NEW YORK - Jack Craigo, vice president of marketing for Columbia Records, will address the dinner meeting which will open the first NARM Retailers Conference on Mon. evening, June 9, at the Hilton Hotel of Philadelphia. In making the announcement, Jules Malamud, NARM executive director stated. "We are extremely pleased that Jack Craigo will be the featured speaker at the kickoff session of the Retailers Conference. Craigo's many years of expertise in the merchandising and marketing of recorded product, his grassroots involvement with the business at every level. and his vast field experience make him a perfect industry figure to open the conference, and set the pace for the schedule which follows."

Prior to joining Columbia Records, Craigo held sales and management positions with the independent Columbia distributor in Hartford, Conn. At Columbia, he was responsible for the transition of CBS Records distributors to branch depots and sales offices. In October 1974, Craigo was named vice president of marketing.



Craigo

Brown said recently that he had added Joni Mitchell and Tom Scott to his list of favorites and was very interested in the latter's recent performance at Hollywood's Roxy Theatre. Hopefully, the trend towards playing pop music in hallowed government halls will continue. Whether or not we will see New York Mayor Abe Beame doing the bump down Broadway is doubtful, but the political climate across the land might improve noticeably with the addition of the best that pop music has to offer. Following is a list of Brown's Top of the Pops:

"East Meets West," Yehudi Menuhin and Ravi Shankar, "In A Silent Way," Miles Davis, "Adagio for Strings and Concerto Cinque," Tomasso Albinoni, "Wildflowers," and "Recollections" by Judy Collins, "Heart Like A Wheel" and "Don't Cry Now" by Linda Ronstadt, "Songbird" by Jesse Colin Young, "Silver Fox," "Inside" and "Inside II" by Paul Horn, "The World of Tammy Wynette," "Free And Easy," Helen Reddy, "Hot Buttered Soul," Isaac Hayes, "Tapestry," and "Crying For Joy," The Sufi Choir.

Four Gregorian chants are included: "Missa Luba," "Missa Flamenca and Missa Maserabki," "Le Chante Gregorien Em L'Abbaye de Kergonan Vol. 2" and "Gregorian Chants Septuagesima."

For classical music fans the Governor plays Beethoven Symphonies No. 6, No. 3, No. 7, No. 9; Mozart Piano Concertos No. 21 and No. 24, Symphonies No. 40 and No. 41; and Bach "Brandenburg" Concertos No. 4, No. 3, and No. 6.

Transfer Lands CBS-TV Series

NEW YORK — CBS television has signed The Manhattan Transfer to star in a series to run the last four weeks of the summer '75 season. Shows will air on Sundays beginning Aug. 10. The executive producers will be Aaron Russo and Monte Kay, with a producer and a director to be named.

The group has recently been appearing in major clubs around the country, including New York's Reno Sweeney's, The Carlyle and The Bottom Line, The Bijou in Philadelphia, L.A.'s Roxy and The Boarding House in San Francisco. They recently released their first album on Atlantic, entitled "The Manhattan Transfer," which is bulleted this week at #70 on the **Cash Box** LP chart.

Manhattan Transfer consists of vocalists Tim Hauser, Laurel Masse, Alan Paul and Janis Siegel, performing music which is derived from the blues, swing and jazz. The TV shows are scheduled to go into production at the CBS television studios in Hollywood during the month of July.

UA Adds New Distributor

LOS ANGELES — Sal Licata, vice president. sales. United Artists Records of America, has announced the addition of Stan's Records to the roster of independent distributors for the United Artists, Blue Note and affiliated label product. Stan's Records will handle the distribution of product for the Shreveport market.

CAM Emphasizes Potential Of Movie Scores

NEW YORK — Based on the growing importance of film scores both at the box office and in the international music market, movie producers should incorporate plans for the music, and a working idea of the exploitive potential of the score, into earlier stages of planning than ever before, according to Victor Benedetto, vice president and general manager of CAM.

Benedetto has just announced that CAM will pursue a new approach to the relationship between movie producers and music publishers by offering film makers a pre-production consultation package on any script going into production

Benedetto will consult with the film producer on the creative level, discuss the promotion and publicity campaign that CAM is prepared to launch through its own in-depth facilities, aid in the initial placement of album rights and project international potential.

Among the composers available through CAM is Nino Rota, who received an Academy Award for his score of "The Godfather, Part II." He also composed the score of this year's Academy Award winning foreign film, Fellini's "Amarcord." Other soundtrack composers represented by CAM include Bobby Scott, whose credits include "A Taste Of Honey," Riz Ortolanti, composer of "More," Ennio Morricone ("Marriage Italian Style," "Anna") and Armando Trovayoli ("The Good, The Bad & The continued on pg. 21

Theatrical Rock: Music Plus The Kitchen Sink

HOLLYWOOD — Flash, theatrics, just plain fun, just plain weird. These are among the numerous tags that have been heaped upon practitioners of the musical art who have made the visual aspects of their performance as important as the music itself. Whether or not the applied use of visual presence as an adjunct to one's music is valid is a mute point. The fact remains that there are quite a few musical units into stage theatrics and record companies are snapping them up with surprising regularity.

This theory has been put to practical use at Atlantic Records who boast among their stable of pop eccentrics Alice Cooper and recent acquisition Hawkwind. The former's mastery of the bizarre in stage shows is unique while the latter's presence (a science fiction dance macabre complete with psychedelic lights and a topless dancer) is a delightful throwback to the acid days of San Francisco in 1966-67.

Bob Emmer, director of publicity for Atlantic, explained the reasoning behind the two acts being signed.

"There's no real mystery as to why we signed them. Alice is a top entertainer and has a proven sales record. He's the master of weirdness in popular music. He does all those bizarre things in a positive way and, as a result, always put together an entertaining show."

"Hawkwind also puts on a highly visual and entertaining show and, over the years, they've really progressed as musicians. The band has had great success in the midwest."

In the case of Kiss; Casablanca Records has come up with the ultimate in theatrical overkill. The band, a byproduct of thermonucleur heavy metal fallout, combines the hardest of rock with smoke bombs, blow torches, lights, sirens, rocket firing guitars, firebreathing, dripping blood and all manner of mondo-bizarro props. The resultant mind numbing and the band's coming under Casablanca's wings is explained by the label's Larry Harris:

"First of all we weren't aware of Kiss's theatrical trip when we signed them. The music was good and the initial decision to sign was based on that. The theatrical things that the band does are a combination of the ideas that the band had all along combined with some ideas that came out of the company."

Harris continued; "The band is definitely theatre oriented but it's not the weird kabuki type thing a lot of critics are tagging them with. The members of Kiss are into a more spacey type of presentation and, if you had to put a label on what they were doing, I would call it science fiction rock. They're definitely leaning in that direction but the entire concept is theatre in rock music."

Harris went on to say that people want more out of a live performance than just a bunch of musicians standing on a stage playing their instruments. "People want more than just music and that's why shows like the ones put on by Kiss are a valid part of show business."

One cannot mention rock theatrics without paying overt homage to the Columbia-Epic combine who boast the tandem rock and roll blitzkreg, Blue Oyster Cult and The Dictators.

Epic publicist Pat Siciliano, who prides himself as being a student of rock and roll eccentricities, explained the finer aspects of his heavy metal charges.

It's like the bands represent totally different and highly accessible areas in rock theatrics. The Blue Oyster Cult has that heavy black leather trip, coupled with implied storm trooper tendencies going for them. That appeals to one type of audience. The Dictators are into a whole different thing. They combine the best parts of the slapstick of big time wrestling with all the ideas you've ever had about a punk garage band."

Siciliano went on to explain that both bands from the New York school of rock have achieved a kind of underground status that has been a natural in terms of advertising and merchandising. The obvious question in terms of theatrics in music is measured at the cash register.

While record companies are hesitant about giving out exact figures; the fineries of success are quite evident. Blue Oyster Cult is a constant member of chart upper reaches as is Alice Cooper. Kiss, in a little more than a year, has risen to headline status in many sold out shows while Hawkwind and The Dictators seem on the verge of duplicating the success of their theatrical forebearers.

But beyond figures of sales there is another area of proof — the street. What are the kids paying good money to see? As is always the case, actions speak louder than words.

Harrison Tunes Via I. Mogull In Latin Countries

NEW YORK — Ivan Mogull of Ivan Mogull Music Corporation (ASsociates) has acquired the exclusive subpublishing rights for his companies in Spain, Portugal, all of South and Central America, and Mexico for current songs written and recorded by George Harrison as well as songs written and recorded by artists on Harrison's Dark Horse label. Current artists on Dark Horse include Splinter and Ravi Shankar. All songs are published through Ganga Publishing BV, and negotiations were made with Mogull by Harrison's and Ganga's management.



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Monument CBS ink New Pact

YORK - Monument and CBS Records have signed a new long-term agreement, according to Irwin Segel-stein, president of CBS and Fred Foster, president of Monument Records. The terms of the agreement were reached last week by Ron Alexenburg, vice president and general manager of the Epic and CBS Custom labels, and Foster. The Monument label, founded in 1958

by Foster in Nashville and based in country music, has grown to encompass most musical styles. The Monument label, founded in 1958 by Foster in Nashville and based in country music, has grown to encompass most musical styles. The Monument roster includes such recording artists as Kris Kristofferson, Charlie McCoy, Billy Swan, Michael Bacon, Barefoot Jerry, Tommy Roe, Larry Gatlin, Lloyd Green, Boots Randolph, Al Hirt, Larry Jon Wilson, Maxine Weldon, Ronnie Hawkins and many others

During the past four years all of us at Monument have found the CBS organization to be the standard bearers of professionalism and with its vast and effective field force the CBS marketing machine continues to be the best in the industry and the one most suited to handle Monument product."

lan Dove Joins **Cash Box Staff**

HOLLYWOOD - Ian Dove has joined Cash Box as editorial director, east coast. Cove currently reviews popular music for the New York Times and is a former member of the editorial staff of Billboard

His is a former editor of Music Week in the U.K. and in that country worked in editorial positions for the New Musical Express and Record Mirror



Warner/Spector Changes Promo Staff Setup

HOLLYWOOD - Warner/Spector Records is not closing its doors. Phil Spector has announced that he has decided to change the promotion setup of the label and indicated new appointments within the promotion team would be forthcoming.

Spector recently entered into a long term contract with Warner Bros. Records whereby he would record and produce artists under his Warner/Spector label. Upcoming W/S releases include records by newly signed artist Jerry Bo Keno, a single and an album by Dion Dimucci and a single by Darlene Love. Spector will also produce an album for the Brewers, a new group from Los Angeles.

Lovelace Resumes Capricorn Adds 20th Promo Spot

HOLLYWOOD - Paul Lovelace, vice president, 20th Century Records has resumed his post as national promotion chief of the label effective immediately. according to Russ Regan president of the firm. Lovelace moves over following a tenure as v.p., country operations.

"With our country division operating like a fine watch, Paul's mission there clearly was a resounding success," said Regan. "We are elated to have him back in promotion. Paul has great credibility with everyone throughout the industry and has earned admiration and respect from his associates.

Simultaneously Lovelace has announced two new appointments to the country department in Nashville. Irving Woosley, formerly of ABC Records, now heads country promotion while Lynn Schultz, from UA Records, will helm country sales.

In 1972, Lovelace was tapped by Regan to join him in the formation of 20th Century Records as national promotion manager. Recently, when 20th entered the country field with Jimmy Vienneau at the helm in Nashville, Lovelace was appointed to the newly created position of director of country marketing



Mark Stern Named Levinson V.P.

HOLLYWOOD - Promotion of Mark Stern to senior vice president in charge of east coast operations at Levinson Associates, Inc., international public relations organization, has been announced by the firm's president, Bob Levinson.

Stern is in his fifth year with Levinson Associates, directing eastern activities from New York since 1972. He was promoted to vice president in 1973.

Stern joined the PR firm following five years with Capitol Records and a year as writer-producer of of the weekly Metropolitan Opera broadcasts from the Met

"No one has contributed more to the success of this company than Mark Stern," LKEVINSON NOTED. "His new position signifies growing responsibilities necessitated by the expanding organization he's helped us to achieve.

Stern headquarters at Levinson Associates, 10 West 66th Street, Suite 12b, New York 10023; (212) 595-3336. Levinson supervises world operations from offices at 6565 Sunset Blvd., Suite 225, Los Angeles, Calif. 90028; (213) 461-8441

Laufer Signs Curb

HOLLYWOOD — Mike Curb has been signed by the Laufer Entertainment Group (LEG) to produce Tony DeFranco with The DeFranco Family. Sessions will begin immediately under Michael Lloyd's direction. Laufer Entertainment Group records are distributed by 20th Century Records.

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program, Capricorn Records has added four new people to its staff and promoted David Young to the position of national sales and marketing director. Phil Rush, formerly a regional promotion operative with RCA Records on the west coast was named director of west coast promotion. Announcement was made by Phil Walden, Capricorn president and Frank Fenter, executive vice president of the label.

Named as Capricorn's national country promotion director is Merlin Littlefield. Merlin has a vast amount of experience in the record industry, having worked with Stax Records as national promotion manager and national country manager, as well as regional promotion manager for RCA Records. Littlefield was a partner in Moon-Hill Management, an organization that managed such artists as B. W. Stevenson, Michael Murphey, Rusty Weir, and Steve Fromholz. His background also includes a stint with Capitol Records as a division promotion manager

Recently appointed as Capricorn's director, east coast promotion, is Drew Nugent. Drew is a graduate of Fordham University and previously worked for Capitol Records as both a salesman and a district promotion manager. Drew works the east coast, including the Toronto, Canada area, and is based in New York City. He can be reached at (212) 873-4575. Both Drew Nugent and Merlin Littlefield will report directly to Dick Wooley, Capricorn's vice-president of promotion.

Joining Capricorn in the company's Macon home office as art director is Keith Crossley. Crossley's duties will include coordinating album covers as well as promotional materials and advertisements for all Capricorn artists. He will work closely with Diana Kaylan, Capricorn's director of advertising and creative services, and Ed Thrasher, art director, Warner Brothers Records. Prior to joining Capricorn, Crossley worked as art director for the "Tallahassee Democrat" newspaper and as a graphics designer for the Florida Department of Commerce. He also worked for Walt Disney Productions as an artist on various animation projects.



Young, Rush

Martinez Leaves N.Y. Times Music

HOLLYWOOD — Eddie Martinez has announced his resignation as west coast professional manager of The New York Times Music Corporation, to enter full time independent record production. As of June 2, 1975, his production company, Jerami Productions, will be located at 8265 Sunset Blvd., Suite 108, Los Angeles, California 90046. Telephone number will be (213) 656-2683.

Musexpo Names 5 Coordinators

NEW YORK — Coordinators have been named in five new markets for Musexpo 75, the international music market that will be held in Sept. in Las Vegas. Musexpo president Roddy Shashoua also reported that two additional coordinators have been appointed for Brazil and West Germany. The new markets and their coordinators are: Italy - Vladimir Massone, Lebanon — Ms. Ingrid Elias, New Zealand — David Forgie, South Africa — Robin H. Stamper & Noel W.K. Stamper, and Spain — Miguel Guerrero & Rafael Llopart Vazquez. Added representation in Brazil is being handled by Roberto Luiz Bueno, and in West Germany by Bengt Landegren.

In a policy change, the exhibit committee has deemed it necessary to change non-booth registration to individual rather than company coverage as of June 1, 1975. This change is due to the fact that the vast majority of companies attending Musexpo have taken booths, with unlimited registration privileges for all members of the company included. This policy change, which does not affect any registrations received by Musexpo before June 1, means that the \$275 registration fee will be payable on a per-representative basis for all participants in the event, with the exception of those companies taking booths at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

Kelleher Joins Polydor Press, Publicity Dept.

NEW YORK - Ed Kelleher has joined Polydor as manager of press and public information for the company, it was announced last week by Harriette Vidal, national director of press and public information for the company.

Kelleher will be involved in all aspects of publicity including writing, contacting representatives of the media and the devising of publicity campaigns on behalf of all Polydor artists. He will work in close association with Ms. Vidal.

Prior to joining Polydor Incorporated, Kelleher spent two years as publicist for Melanie. Earlier, he served as a member of the editorial staff of Cash Box and as a writer for the publicity department of Columbia Records.

Friedman Named Solters Sr. VP

NEW YORK - Monroe Friedman has been named to the newly-created post of senior vice president of west coast operations of Solters & Roskin, Inc., the public relations agency.

Friedman, who has been director of the company's west coast operations for the past year, will assume additional administrative responsibilities and continue to headquarter in the Los Angeles office.

He joined Solters & Roskin in 1971 as an account executive and later served as co-manager of the Los Angeles office before being named director in Mar. 1974. Prior to joining the agency, he served in various executive publicity posts at Columbia, 20th Century-Fox, Paramount and MCA-Universal.

Struth Elected New CRIA Pres.

TORONTO — George Struth, vice presi-dent & managing director of Quality Records Limited, has been elected president of the Canadian Recording Industry Association.

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Ead Co. Gold: Garden Sold Out

NEW YORK — Bad Company's "Straight Shooter" album, which is currently placed at #3 on the **Cash Box** album chart, has been certified "gold" by the RIAA under their new standards (requiring more than 500,000 retail sales). This brings to almost 2 million the total LPs the group has sold since its debut 11 months ago.

Bad Company is currently in the midst of their first U.S. tour as headliners. Their first headline appearance in New York — this past Fri., May 30, at Madison Square Garden — was sold out well in advance, and marks the first time a group has accomplished this on their first headline tour. The tour, which features Maggie Bell as special guest star, runs through June 22.

"Straight Shooter" is Bad Company's second consecutive gold album, following up ther 1974 debut "Bad Co.," which has now sold more than 1.3 million copies. "Shooter" is the third gold LP for Swan Song out of five releases for the new label, which is owned by the members of Led Zeppelin's "Physical Graffiti"



SLIPPIN' & SLIDIN' — London Records recently flew some key executives into the Austin area to celebrate the launch of "Greezy Wheels" debut LP on the London label. Seen at a press party which culminated at the world Armadillo headquarters, where Greezy Wheels performed, are (I-r): Buddy Daily, executive for LPs/45s of H.W. Dailey, Inc. based in Houston; Brian Interland, director of national promotion for London; Cleve Hattersley, vocals and guitars for Greezy Wheels; Mary Egan, fiddle and backup vocals; Tony Laire, percussion; and Sy Warner, national sales manager for London Records.

CBS To Rush 'Chorus Line' Soundtrack LP

NEW YORK — Columbia Records' Masterworks is currently recording the original soundtrack from the Off-Broadway Show, "A Chorus LIne." The musical, which has already been named "Musical Of The Year" by the New York Drama Critics, was conceived, choreographed and directed by Michael Bennett and features music by composer Marvin Hamlisch and lyrics by Edward Kleban. Goddard Lieberson will produce the music for recording on behalf of Columbia Masterworks.

"A Chorus Line" opened at the New York Shakespeare Festival's Newman Theatre on May 21 and was received with a torrent of raves from critics and general theatre-goers alike. Goddard Lieberson has previously produced soundtracks from such shows as "My Fair Lady," "Camelot," "The Sound Of Music," "South Pacific," "Flower Drum Song," "West Side Story" and others.

4th Eagles LP To Receive Special Attention From E/A

HOLLYWOOD — Elektra/Asylum Records has set "One Of These Nights." the fourth Asylum album by the Eagles, for national release on June 10. Extensive sales, merchandising and promotional campaigns are being prepared to support not only the new album but the entire Eagles catalog, with advertising and in-store displays to tie-in with the group's current national tour.

Underscoring consumer anticipation for the new set is the current chart performance of the title song, released as a single on May 21 and charted in its first week of release. "One Of These Nights" is bulleted at 56 in this week's **Cash Box** singles chart, pointing toward the most rapid ascent of any Eagles' single to date.

Helping to provide this immediate acceptance is the band's recent number one single, "Best Of My Love," and catalog activity that has earned the group gold record awards for their three previous albums and a platinum record award for their most recent, "On The Border." A two-week national catalog program, launched by Elektra/Asylum in

E,W,&F LP Hits 1 Million Units

NEW YORK — Earth, Wind & Fire's recent #1 LP "That's The Way Of The Way Of The World." which was certified gold by the RIAA not long after its release, has continued to sell rapidly, sending total volume over the one million units mark. The group also had a simultaneous #1 single, "Shining Star."

#1 single, "Shining Star." "That's The Way Of The World," the third gold LP for Earth, Wind & Fire and their fourth for Columbia, also serves as the original soundtrack for an upcoming Sig Shore ("Superfly") film of the same name. The nine members of the group make their cinematic debut in the movie, portraying a rock 'n' soul band. Sales on the "World" LP, which was co-produced by Charles Stepney, have also boosted interest in the three previous E,W&F albums in the Columbia catalog, "Open Our Eyes," "Head To The Sky," and "Last Days And Time." All but the latter have been declared gold. late January this year, helped maximize catalog activity; sales and merchandising campaigns for the new album will continue this performance through crossmerchandising.

In-store merchandising support will include a specially-prepared package of assorted display tools, all printed in full color and keyed to the album's strong graphics. Each pre-packaged kit will include two 24" square posters featuring album graphics and catalog crossmerchandising, with a special arrow for use as dangler; two flat posters; two "cutapart" posters featuring Eagles logos of various sizes; a 12" by 24" header card for mass floor displays and use in step-up bins, and a separate poster

Poco, Fifth Dimension Lead 17 ABC June LP Sked

LOS ANGELES — Jerry Rubinstein, chairman of ABC Records, has announced the label will release seventeen albums in June.

Featured among the new releases are "Head Over Heels," the first ABC album by country-rock group Poco, "Earthbound," debut LP for the label by the famed Fifth Dimension, and the soundtrack album for Robert Altman's film "Nashville."

Country releases for the month on ABC/Dot included Freddy Weller's first album for the label, "Freddy Weller;" "Tommy Overstreet's Greatest Hits — Volume I," and on ABC, "Strings," Johnny Carver's fourth album for the label and Ferlin Husky's interpretation of "The Foster Rice Songbook."



CBS MUSIC PACTS MASON — Dave Mason has been signed to CBS music publishing for worldwide music publishing representation it was announced last week. Mason's songs will be represented by April/Blackwood in the United States as well as by the CBS international music publishing network all over the globe. Mason has two albums currently available on Columbia Records, "It's Like You Never Left" and the more recent "Dave Mason." Shown above at the official signing ceremony are (I to r): Jason Cooper, Mason's manager; Irwin Segelstein, president, CBS Records; Dave Mason; and Charles Koppelman, vice president and general manager, music publishing, a CBS Records group. According to Koppelman, "both as a member of Traffic and as a solo artist, Dave Mason has long been regarded as one of the premiere songwriters in the rock/pop idiom. Many of his songs have been recorded by numerous artists in varying styles. We look forward to a long and successful association with Dave Mason and his outstanding material."

R&B albums in June will include the debut of singer/songwriter Angelo Bong ("Bondage"), "Loneliness And Temptation," the first album for the label by Clarence Carter to "Kickin'," 12th effort by the Mighty Clouds of Joy plus "Bobby 'Blue' Bland's Nashville Album."

Sire Records, distributed by ABC, will offer "Stamp Album," the fourth LP by The Climax Blues Band, currently touring the U.S.; and "Snakehips, Etc.," debut album by Nucleus, a British jazz-rock band. On Passport Records, "Night On Bald Mountain" will showcase the progressive rock of Fireballet.

Anchor Records, distributed by ABC, has two albums scheduled for June: "Moonrider" the first album by an English group of the same name and "Bye Bye Pretty Baby," the debut as a solo artist of singer Susan Webb.

Finally Bobby Vinton will launch "Heart Of Hearts," his second ABC LP.

Kiss Presents Promoter Award

NEW YORK — Kiss, Casablanca recording group, presented their own conceived citation of merit called "The Rocker-Fellow," award to promoter Steve Glantz, at the group's sell out Cobo Arena, Detroit date. The Kiss kudos were established so that proper recognition could be given to the promoter which has helped the group the most during the year.

Kiss' Paul Stanley disclosed that this award, perhaps the most personal of all music awards, was presented to Glantz because "He treats us with as much respect now as a headlining act as he did last year when we were fourth on the bill." Gene Simmons of Kiss added "It's our way of showing appreciation to someone who has greatly helped our careers."

Glantz was moved by the group's gesture and remarked that it was the first time a group had ever publicly demonstrated such gratitude. The presentation of the award occurred immediately after the concert at a party attended by the group, Glantz, Casablanca president Neil Bogart, Bill Aucoin and Joyce Biawitz of Rock Steady Management, and Larry Harris, Casablanca vp, among others.

Olivia Newton-John



From her LP "Have You Never Been Mellow," MCA-2133. Produced by John Farrar MCA RECORDS



ASTRAL TRAVELERS — Flying Dutchman Lonnie Liston Smith, whose RCA Recordsdistributed "Expansions" album with The Cosmic Echoes has entered the pop charts, made the promotional rounds of New York City last week. At Cash Box, the cosmic one (center) conferred with staffers (I-r): Steve Marks, Bob Spiesman and Howie Lowell at a meet set by Barry Fiedel, RCA's promotional specialist in Gotham (right).

AFM Approves New Commercials Pact

NEW YORK — Affected members of the American Federation of Musicians have voted 637 to 188 to approve a new contract covering their services for TV and radio commercial announcements, it was reported by federation president Hal C. Davis. In response to the desires of local unions and player representatives, the major focus of the negotiations was in the areas of re-use, new use and dubbing. "We strongly feel that this agreement will greatly increase the income of our members without jeopardizing their opportunities for employment in new production," Davis noted. The two-year contract is retroactive to May 1.

Among the primary changes and improvements are as follows: For "dubbing," "new use," or "re-use," a fee amounting to 62½% of the applicable scale will now be paid, as opposed to a previous payment of 50%; Health and Welfare payments are increased from \$2 to \$3, and are payable for each session, rather than each contract; commercial announcements not exhibited for two years or more may only be shown upon payment of full scale in effect at the time of reactivation; payments for foreign use now only allow use for a 12-month, rather than 18-month, period without additional payments. In addition, leaders contractors and orchestrators receive double the listed rates for foreign use.

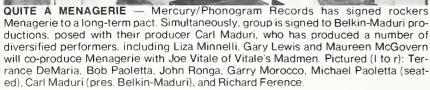
Negotiators for the union and the joint policy committee of the Association of National Advertisers/American Association of Advertising Agencies had announced tentative agreement on May 2, subject to approval by mail referendum of the musicians involved.

Si Mael New ABC VP

HOLLYWOOD — Si Mael has been appointed to the newly created position of financial vice president of ABC Records. He will report directly to Rubinstein, ABC Records' chairman.

Originally a CPA in public accounting practice, Mael gained recognition in the music industry as controller at United Artists, where he eventually became vice president and general manager. He subsequently operated his own business and management consultant organization, Si Mael Associates, and then became general manager of Polydor Records in New York.





Famous Music Names Gardner To Promo Post

NEW YORK — Marvin Cane, chief operating officer of the Famous Music Publishing Companies has announced the promotion of Ms. Ann Gardner to the position of national director of promotion. Cane points to this decision as the result of a program instituted by Famous Music three months ago to examine the value of a publishing firm personalizing local promotion.

Ms. Gardner, who joined the company as a part of the promotion program will be coordinating her efforts with record labels as well as making direct contact with radio stations via extensive travel, phone and mail. She is currently coordinating an extensive promotion campaign with ABC-TV, MGM Records and Phil Gernhard Enterprises for Jim Stafford's current MGM album "Not Just Another Pretty Foot," and his ABC-TV summer replacement show.

Blue Note Plans Jazz Re-Issue

LOS ANGELES - The June Blue Note re-issue Series release includes: Lester Young, the complete Aladdin combo recordings in one package, rare Yound sides; Ornette Coleman, unreleased tapes from the historic December 21, 1962 Town Hall concert, considered the pinnacle of Coleman's career, with support from David Izenzon on bass and Charles Moffet on drums: Chambers/Coltrane, recordings by the top jazz team o the late fifties, including a newlydiscovered session released for the first time; Gil Evans, two long Pacific jazz dates by such top performers as Cannonball Adderley, Art Blakey, Chambers, Curtis Fuller and Steve Lacy, Andrew Hill, three previously unreleased sessions, including one featuring a unique combination of jazz quartet coupled with string quartet; Jackie McLean, two previously unreleased sessions with the saxophonist in quintet and sextet settings - sidemen include Lee Morgan. Charles Tolliver, Larry Ridley, and Jack DeJohnette; Sam Rivers, two previously unreleased sessions by the top saxophonist, with support from Donald Byrd, Julian Priester, Ceil McBee and the Andrew Hill Quartet; Cecil Taylor, two rare albums by one of the most in-fluential leaders of the new music — the Transition and United Artists albums brought together for the first time, with one original tune previously unreleased anywhere.

Jerry Fuller To Produce Rick Nelson

LOS ANGELES — MCA Records has contracted producer Jerry Fuller to record the next album release by Rick Nelson and the Stone Canyon Band.

Fuller's first break in music came in 1961 when he wrote "Travellin' Man" for Nelson, who at the time was recording for the Imperial label. That number one single was followed with the Fullerpenned hits "Young World." "It's Up To You," and "A Wonder Like You," as well as sixteen other songs recorded by Nelson.

Later, Fuller went on to write and produce gold records for Gary Puckett and the Union Gap, O.C. Smith and Al Wilson.

Production of the album, under the aegis of Fuller's Moonchild Productions, will begin here after Fuller completes post-production of his own solo album, "Lines."



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E YORK - A new concert promotion ampaign which will bring a number of OBS recording artists to venues a colleges throughout the northeast has been devised by CBS and College Entertainment Associates, Inc., it was disclosed by Jack Craigo, CBS Records marketing vice president. The plan was devised, and a long-term agreement was reached. by Jonathan Coffino, director of new artist development for Columbia, and Ed Micone, Jr., president of College Entertainment Associates.

According to Craigo, "the college cam-puses across the country have always been a strong area for record sales and the student community has shown time and again that it is exceptionally open to new sounds and new musical ideas. As part of CBS Records' continuing effort to provide new talent for this important market, this trend-setting concert booking campaign will bring artists in every musical field to the college audience. The mutual benefits of this campaign are self-evident: the university communities throughout the U.S. will be getting the best in new rock, jazz, r&b and folk talent, while CBS Records will be effectively tapping an appreciative market for its upcoming artists.

The current plans for the campaign to cover a 15 state region from Illinois to Maine. Plans have already been formulated to add more states in the future, and CBS Records hopes to extend the college bookings to the rest of the country in the next few years.

In commenting on the campaign, Cof-fino noted that, "this new arrangement will accomplish many crucial ends for the labels, not the least of which is guaran-

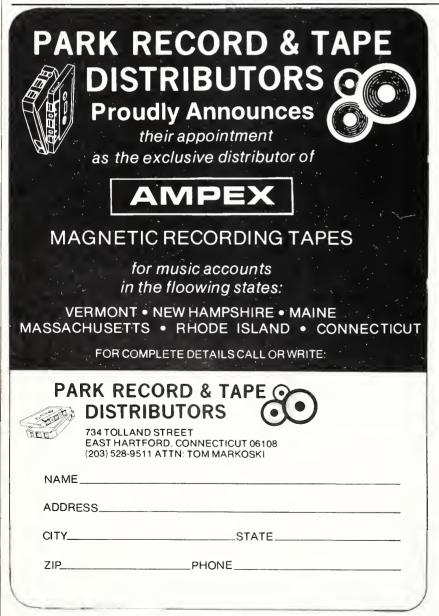
ty to play before receptive audiences of any size. These bookings will also be ideal for generating publicity and a concert following for many artists, providing a foundation on which to build successful careers. Last, but not least, this will provide the CBS Records college representatives with the chance to work directly with various acts right on their campuses.

Among the artists who will be the first to appear at northeast universities as part of the program will be Myles and Lenny, Starry Eyed and Laughing, Steve Satten, and Pavlov's Dog. An initial mailing has been made to more than 560 schools in order to begin settling on dates for the first bookings, which will commence with the start of the fall semester. CBS Records and College Entertainment Associates are hoping to formulate a circuit of 60 schools to begin the program

CBS Records will support the live appearances with consistent advertising in college newspapers and college radio stations. Posters, bios and photos will be distributed in advance of each concert. All the acts involved will have new or current product available on Columbia, Epic or the CBS Custom Labels at the time of their respective appearances

Ms. Halper To Mercury

CHICAGO - Charlie Fach, vice president/a&r of Phonogram, Inc./Mercury Records has announced the appointment of Donna Lee Halper to the post of east coast &r director



Rick Frio, MCA Records' vice president of marketing, has announced a major promotion, sales and publicity campaign to back **Elton John's** new album "Captain Fan-tastic And The Brown Dirt Cowboy." The album was the first in the history of the recording industry to ship platinum and the entire national MCA sales and promotion staff visited the company's manufacturing plant in Pinckneyville, Illinois to witness the preparation of Elton John's super package. The staff toured the plant and saw the pressing, packaging and boxing of "Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt Cowboy." Now that the LP has shipped, MCA is continuing its efforts and has embarked on a

special national campaign. Mobiles, display record jackets, stickers and posters have been shipped to record stores for in-store and window displays. T-shirts, iron-ons and buttons have also been sent out. A limited number of 10' by 25' reproductions of the album cover are also being shipped for use in key markets. In addition, an extensive print campaign has been undertaken with advertisements running in all major trade and consumer newspapers and magazines.

The campaign is being supplemented with major time buys. Radio spots have been taped for airing in key markets and special animated television spots using the characters on the album cover have also been prepared.

"Captain Fantastic and the Brown Dirt Cowboy" was written by Elton John and Bernie Taupin. The album is autobiographical, telling about Elton's and Bernie's ex-periences up to the completion of their first album, "Empty Sky." **Dee Murray, Davey** Johnstone, Ray Cooper and Nigel Olsson play on this album. "Captain Fantastic And The Brown Dirt Cowboy" was produced by Gus Dudgeon.



Pictured at MCA's manufacturing plant in Pickneyville are: (left to right) Rick Frio, vice president of marketing; Chick Doherty, vice president, Nashville; George Jones, vice president of operations; and Bill Glaseman, district manager in Cleveland

MCA records and Datsun have embarked on the most extensive promotion, advertising and merchandising campaign in support of country artists in the history of the record industry, announced **Bob Siner**, MCA Records' media director. The promotion, called "Travlin' Country," offers over one half million dollars in advertising ex-posure and prizes. The goal of this massive campaign is to increase awareness of country music and broaden its market.

Entry blanks for the "Travlin' Country" Win A Datsun Li'l Hustler pickup contest will be available at all participating Datsun dealers and record stores. The ballot will consist of a vote for the consumer's favorite MCA country recording artists, a vote for favorite MCA country LP by that artist and an option question listing the consumer's favorite country station. A drawing will take place to determine the winners. There will be ten grand prizes of Datsun Li'l Hustler pickups, twenty-five first prizes of any five MCA country LPs or tapes and one hundred second prizes of any MCA country LP or tape. The contest, which will start at Fan Fair in June, ends August 15.

The "Travlin' Country" program will be supported with point of purchase material, posters, stickers, counter cards, ballots and catalogs, all of which tie in Datsun and MCA product. A variety of radio spots advertising the campaign and product will also be aired in key markets. The spots feature MCA Records and Datsun presenting MCA country product, including the MCA's country "two-fers." These two album sets feature the "Best of" Bob Wills, Webb Pierce, Mel Tillis, Osborne Brothers, Bill Monroe, Jimmie Davis, Burl Ives, Lenny Dee and Freddie Hart.

In addition, MCA will release several new country LPs during the summer. In June, one featured album is Loretta Lynn and Conway Twitty's duo album, "Feelins." Loretta and Conway, who have won the "Duo of the Year Award" from the Country Music Association for the past four years, record one album a year together and "Feelins" is the LP for 1975. In addition, other MCA country releases in June are Cal Smith's "My Kind Of Country," Jeanne Pruett's "Honey On His Hands" and Jerry Clower's "Live In Picayune.

MCA artists included in the "Travlin' Country" Win A Datsun Lil'I Hustler Pickup contest are Loretta Lynn, Conway Twitty, Bill Anderson, J. J. Cale (Shelter), Jerry Clower, Jeanne Pruett, Tanya Tucker, Olivia Newton-John, Jerry Jordan, Little David Wilkins, Jerry Jeff Walker, Bill Monroe, Ernest Tubb, Kenny Starr, Larry Hosford (Shelter), Atlanta James, Brenda Lee, Marty Robbins, Ronnie Reno (Tally), Ronnie Sessions, Jeannie Seely, Jack Greene, Ronnie Robbins, Jimmie Peters, Osborne Brothers, Jimmy Martin, Lenny Dee, Warner Mack, Bobby Allison, David Pearson, Darrell Waltrip, Cale Yarborough, Richard Petty, and Buddy Baker (NASCAR)

Ray Canady, director of marketing for Opryland, U.S.A. and the Grand Ole Opry, was named "marketing man of the year" by the middle Tennessee chapter of the American Marketing Association at their annual awards banquet in Nashville on May 27

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AGAC Sets Next Meet

NEW YORK — AGAC's next free songwriters rap session will take place on Wed. evening, June 4 at the Barbizon-Plaza Hotel at 8 p.m. The subject under discussion will be "How Does A Record Get On The Air?"

Rick Sklar, vice president of WABC radio will be the moderator and featured speakers will be Dennis Elsas, WNEW-FM music director and d.j. and Bobby Jay, WWRL assistant program director and d.j.

Famous Music Holds LA Meet

NEW YORK — Famous Music Publishing staff met recently at Paramount Studios in Hollywood to coordinate recording and promotion plans for the music of Paramount Pictures' new films "The Day Of The Locust," "Framed," "Once Is Not Enough," "Life Guard," "Mandingo," "Nashville," and "Posse" and the new weekly ABC-TV "Jim Stafford Show."

The meeting was headed by Marvin Cane, chief operating officer of the music firm. Participating in the two day conference were Julie Chester, west coast professional manager; Sid Herman, v.p. of administration; Ann Gardner, national promotional director; Hy Grill, director of Nashville operations; Billy Meshel, director of creative services and Dick Milfred, director, standard operations.



Meshel, Cane, Chester, Milfred, Ms. Gardner, Grill

Phonogram/Mercury Revamps Classical Ad, Publicity Staff

NEW YORK — Ms. Scott Mampe, vice president/classical division at Phonogram/Mercury Records has announced the appointment of Ms. Jill Kaufman to the position of assistant to the vice president and Ms. Nancy Zannini as director of publicity and artist relations for the classical department.

Marcellino And Larson Take Indie Course

HOLLYWOOD — After five years as exclusive in-house producers for Motown and writers for Jobete Music, Jerry Marcellino and Mel Larson have taken an independent course and will shortly be forming a new organization covering "every phase of pop music."

The producers advised that their years at the Motown organization were fruitful and provided them with all the skills of the music craft.

Marcellino and Larson are now negotiating with several major labels to produce a number of "name" artists. They are also developing two new acts, and will be taking them into the studio shortly.



HERE'S LOOKIN' AT YOU KID — While in Paris recently on business for International Musexpo '75, Roddy Shashoua, (left), president of International Music Industries, Ltd., which will be presenting International Musexpo '75 in Las Vegas this September, met and discussed the event with French vocalist Mireille Mathieu (right). The first event of its kind ever to be held in the U.S., International Musexpo '75 is designed to provide a showcase for a dialogue between the diverse business enterprises that comprise the world of music.

'Music On Mt.' Venue To Open

NEW YORK — "Music On The Mountain" will inaugurate its first summer season at the Vernon Valley Ski Lodge at Great Gorge, N.J. on June 6-7. Run by Abraham Silverstein, owner-operator of the Record Plant in New York. the new concert location features two rooms one a club with tables and chairs (capacity 800) with the concert projected onto a 12-foot screen. Commenting on his new operation, Silverstein noted that "The beautiful mountain setting gives us the easy ambience of an outdoor festival combined with the amenities and technical controllability of a professionally run indoor venue."

With booking being done by John Scher of the Capitol Theatre in Passaic, N.J. and lights and sound being handled by the Capitol crew, "Music On The Mountain" opens June 6 with Chris Hillman & Friends (Asylum) and Fallen Angels (Arista). Kraftwerk is slated for June 7. Future shows already scheduled include performances by Return To Forever featuring Chick Corea and David Bromberg. The \$5.50 ticket price covers admission to both the club and the discotheque.

E. H. Morris Rushes 'Shenandoah' Folio

NEW YORK — E. H. Morris & Company, Inc., music publishers of the Broadway musical "Shenandoah," is rush-releasing a folio of vocal selections from the show which includes 16 titles from the score and 7 pages of photographs. The book includes "Freedom" and "We Make A Beautiful Pair," recently issued as a double-sided single by cast members Donna Theodore and Chip Ford on RCA Records.

The show won two Tony awards for best actor in a musical and for best book. "Vocal selections from 'Shenandoah' is printed by Charles Hansen Educational Sheet Music & Books.



RIDE 'EM COWBOY — 20th Century Records recently welcomed Texan Rusty Wier to Los Angeles via a down-home luncheon at L.A.'s most acclaimed hamburger hangout, Cassell's. Luncheon preceded artist's appearance at L.A.'s Country Palace. Pictured in cowboy hats (I-r): Alvin Cassell, Paul Lovelace, v.p./national promotion; Russ Regan, president; Rusty Wier; Tom Rodden, v.p./general manager; and Mick Brown, director of national sales.

Columbia Hosts Saratoga Freebie

NEW YORK — Columbia Records, in conjunction with the Saratoga Performing Arts Center presented a free concert last week at the upstate New York Amphitheater. The bill of Blue Oyster Cult, Journey and Pavlov's Dog drew a crowd estimated to be in excess of 25,000.

A publicity campaign for the event was launched by Columbia last month which included a tie-in with seven radio stations, including WPTR, WRPI, WKNY, WSNY, WIZR, WGY, and WTRY which service the upstate New York region. The stations helped promote the event with public service announcements. Also helping to promote the concert were several regional publications including the Albany Times Union, the Saratogian, the Schenectady Gazette, the Times-Record in Troy, and the Glenn Falls Post Star who worked in association with Columbia and Craig Hankenson, Herb Chesbrough, and Ed Lewi of the Saratoga Center.

The concert, which drew people from as far as Montreal, Syracuse, and New York City marked the second time that Columbia used the Saratoga site for a free concert. "The Saratoga site has become an important showcase for both new and established acts in recent years," stated Jonathan Coffino, director of new artist development at Columbia and coordinator of the concert. "Both the Columbia label and the bands involved gave their time and effort for free in order to assure the concert of being a success and an enjoyable event for the entire community."

The Saratoga Performing Arts Center will begin their 10th year of concerts next month with a summer calendar of shows which include Chicago, Frank Sinatra, Eric Clapton, the Carpenters, Ramsey Lewis, and the Jefferson Starship.

AFTRA Ends 1st So. Conference

NEW YORK — The American Federation of Television and Radio Artists adjourned its first southern conference of local unions at the Hilton Airport Inn in Nashville on May 22. Two days of meetings brought together top executives of the union's national office, central and eastern region representatives, and executive secretaries of a number of AFTRA local unions.

The conference considered ways of dealing with national advertisers who attempt to impose substandard wages and working conditions on performers by moving into so-called "right-to-work" states and producing commercials and spots through non-signatory producers.

Lobbying and other means to combat state anti-union legislation also were discussed.

Other matters receiving detailed attention included piracy of tapes and records; coordination of efforts to achieve congressional passage of legislation to establish a performance royalty for broadcast of artists' recorded works, public relations, pension and welfare, local unions' relationships with talent agencies and other subjects of concern to participating local unions.

Local representatives unanimously expresssed the hope that, if possible, meetings of AFTRA's southern conference will be scheduled annually.

for the record

POINTS WEST — Hello again! Island Records' publicist Jeff Walker dropped by the Cash Box offices this week with recording artis Robert Palmer, whose "Sneakin' Salle Through The Alley" LP and cover single are some of the most pleasant listening to come our way in recent days. Robert, who's been with Island for six years, has toured extensively since the age of 16, and was formerly with Vinegar Joe on the Atlantic label. Robert came by just after completing his new LP for the label over the Memorial Day weekend here in town. The first album features arrangements by Allen Touseaint, whose material Robert was attracted to for its free-flowing New Orleans character. "The best feeling I know," says Robert, "is what I feel now, after finishing work on this LP. When you've brought together the right producer (Steve Smith produced the new disk), the right engineer, and everyone is enthused about the project, the hard work involved becomes all worthwhile." That kind of artistic pride is commendable, say I, and we can't wait for the new vinyl to roll off the presses.

David Budge and myself spent a lovely afternoon at Au Petit Cafe with Columbia publicists Charlie Copeland and Gayle Roberts last week, and got some scoops on what some of Columbia's artists are up to — Newly-signed female vocalist supreme Phoebe Snow is in a New York studio with producer Phil Ramone recording material for her new LP. Apparently, among the material are some songs Phoebe "kept under wraps" during her stay at Shelter/MCA. ... Columbia vice president and producer for Charlie Rich, Billy Sherrill is the latest person to be walking around concerned that someone has a contract out on him — a pie-in-the-face contract, that is! According to Billy, at least 8,000 people in Nashville would be happy to do the honors, so he's not taking any chances — he's hired a 24-hour a day personal guard! ... Next week, Governor Briscoe of Texas will declare the fourth of July as Willie Nelson day in Texas, to celebrate Willie's third annual holiday picnic outside of Boston. Dave Mason, returning to L A. from London where he's composed material for his next LP, will record the songs here in town.... And Flo and Eddie are in the studio completing work on their half-live half-studio LP for Columbia.



ONLY ROCK 'N' ROLL — Enjoying a break between sets during a recent Starwood engagement. Marc Tobaly, (right) lead guitarist-vocalist for French recording group Les Variations and Phil Alexander, Cash Box's gonzo "investigative" journalist, take a moment away from the hectic demands of rock and roll to chat with some winsome admirers. Buddah group, which combines the finest in Western rock virtuosity and North African rhythmic idioms, is current on U.S. concert swing. C'est la belle vie, n'est pas?

The relationship between **Quincy Jones** and **Leslie Gore** that began while Quincy was vice president at Mercury thirteen years ago continues. Leslie was fifteen years old when "Q" produced her teenage hits "It's My Party" and "Judy's Turn To Cry." Now Leslie's writing her own material with **Ellen Weston** for an upcoming A&M LP. The album, to be titled "Immortality" will be released the middle of this month, with a cover single due out this week. The project reportedly has felt real good to Quincy, and personally, I can't wait to hear what she's up to now!

Jim Connor, who wrote "Grandma's Feather Bed" and records and plays with John Denver, now has his own LP for RCA. Kids at the Torrance Elementary School have been learning the tune, produced on disk by Milt Okun, and Jim is so impressed he'll do an assembly for the entire school down there. Jim's a versatile cross-over country picker and an authority on early American folk music, formerly with the Kingston Trio.

Los Angeles concert promoters **Jim Rissmiller** of Wolf & Rissmiller Concerts is making the rounds on local TV and radio shows to discuss "The Future Of Rock Concerts In Los Angeles." The two promoters produced the five **Pink Floyd** shows at the Sports Arena, which resulted in the arrest of 511.... Meanwhile, up north, **John Bauer Concerts** sold out the July 18 **Rolling Stones** show scheduled for the Seattle Center Coliseum in seven hours, with a gross potential of \$127,500 at an \$8.50 ticket top price.

Marv Helfer, back in town after a couple of weeks' vacation, says he'll be announcing his future plans to the industry very shortly.... Three Dog Night found a new song by Gregory Grandillo entitled "Take You Down." An old English folk song, it's been translated by Chuck Negron, Sr. into Spanish, and has become "Yo Te Quiero Hablar."

Paul Dengrove has announced the opening of **Sunswept Sound** in Studio City. Paul's general manager, assisted by house engineer **Sandy Szigeti**, who's assisted by **Steve Newman**. Located at 4188 Sunswept Drive, they can be reached at 980-5442.

ROCK AND ROLL BABIES — Congratulations this week are in to ICM's David Gilmore, who apparently found time, in between building the careers of Bobby Goldsboro, Kenny Rogers and Ray Stevens, to "co-produce" with his wife Malou, a baby daughter, Tracy Anne Gilmore. Also becoming proud parents are Ode's Marshall Blonstein and his lovely Mrs., Beverly, who welcomed a five and a half Ib. baby daughter, Morgan, into the rock and roll world this past week. A tip of the Cash Box cap to both families! Sei gesund, people, and see you next week!

phil alexander

EAST COASTINGS — Columbia Records plans to release next month, a double album of some of **Bob Dylan's** basement tapes which have long been some of the most sought after bootleg recordings. The Columbia package will contain some different versions of songs currently existing on bootlegs in addition to several tracks recorded with just the **Band**. Many of these recordings which were made in 1967 while Dylan was recuperating from his motorcycle accident and are considered among his best. These include "This Wheel's On Fire," "Too Much Of Nothing," and "Open The Door, Richard," — tracks that have already been covered by many artists.

KNOW YOUR ZEPPELIN: Led Zeppelin's "Trampled Under Foot," a former top 30 single on the Cash Box charts is being released in England in a limited edition of 5,000 after the group vowed never to make a single for commercial release in Britain. The record will be made available to retailers with each order of a complete Led Zeppelin catalog. It will then be left up to the dealers to distribute the five copies included with each catalog order. . . . According to the New Musical Express' "Know Your Zeppelin" feature, the first time that all four members of the group appeared on the same album was in 1969 when they did session work for P. J. Proby's "Three Week Hero" LP. Jimmy Page was credited as Jimmy "Paige" and Robert Plant played harmonica. NME further reveals that "Bron -Y- Aur" is Welsh for "Golden Breast" and that if Keith Moon hadn't dubbed them Led Zeppelin, they would have called themselves The Whoopee Cushion or The Mad Dogs.

"Mr. Music," the first radio show to be done live on stage will take place at the Beacon Theatre on June 15. It will be hosted by Norm N. Nite and will feature a cast of 29 singers, dancers, and musicians. Nite, who works for WCBS-FM wrote an encyclopedia of rock and roll entitled "Rock On," the title also given to a record based on the book. The "Mr. Music" production will eventually hit the road after its N.Y. run. BITS & PIECES: Ray Barretto who recently added percussion tracks to the new Bee

Gees and Average White Band LPs, will be doing the same for the next Rolling Stones album. ... S.S. Fools is the name of the new six man group being fronted by three



Jon Tiven (left), Chess/Janus' minister of information visited Cash Box's N.Y. offices last week with British group Camel's snow goose to check chart positions on the band's new LP. Barry Taylor (right): "So What."

former members of **Three Dog Night, Michael Allsup** (guitar), **Joe Schermie** (bass), and **Floyd Sneed** (drums). The group, with all six members contributing vocals will be managed by **Jason Cooper**, who also manages **Dave Mason** and will embark on a fall tour after the release of their debut album. So far, several labels have expressed interest in the group, but they have not yet been signed.... Rumors are afloat that **Wishbone Ash** will be with Atlantic by the time their next album is ready for release. It also looks like **Black Oak Arkansas** will be leaving Atlantic for MCA when their contract expires, and that **Eric Carmen** will go to Arista.... **Elton John's** next single will be "Someone Saved My Life Tonight" from the "Brown Dirt Cowboy" LP. Though it has not been confirmed, it looks like the flip will be "Dogs In The Kitchen," a track that is not on the album though the lyrics do appear in the enclosed booklet. Release is expected sometime this week.

From down south we hear that the next **Allman Brothers** LP will be titled "Win, Lose, or Draw." It's being produced by Johnny Sandlin who did "Brothers And Sisters." ... **Bobby Whitlock** is finishing his first for Capricorn and it will be called "One Of A Kind."

...Both the **Marshall Tucker Band** and the **Charlie Daniels Band** are polishing off their latest with Paul Hornsby at the helm.

IN BRIEF: Ron Wood's second solo album which is being produced by Bobby Womack and will be titled, "New Look." Of the ten tracks, Womack contributed two and co-wrote two others. Womack met Wood on the last Faces tour when he joined the group on stage for several numbers. He also sings and plays guitar on the album.

... Keith Moon is planning a comedy LP for his next release. This one will have no musical content except for "novelty incidentals." John Walters, who produced Moon's British Radio 1 broadcasts last year is likely to produce the album. In association with its release later in the year, Moon would like to do a stage production called "A Night Of British Lunacy" in which Vivian Stanshall, Oliver Reed and Peter Sellers would all take part... Larry Coryell showed up at the Bottom Line with his guitar for the final night of the Brecker Brothers' recent three night appearance and jammed with the group on the Randy Brecker composition, "Rocks."... Henry Kissinger was voted the "Greatest Person In The World" at the recent Miss U.S.A. Beauty Pageant with eight out of a possible ten votes. Informers tell us that John Denver got the other two.

barry taylor

WOLFMAN TO CBS fr 9

The release of the album coincides with a 31-date national tour, which begins in Akron, Ohio, June 11. The concert package, produced by radio consultant Buzz Bennett, is being promoted under the title, "I Saw Radio - Fun And Romance." Wolfman Jack stars in a fully staged and choreographed setting, where he is backed by a rock band, singers and local radio personalities who are incorporated into each performance The theme of the show is radio," explains manager Don Kelley. "And what radio has done for rock and roll personalities ranging from Little Richard to Elton John. There's no lecture. though it's all music, singing and dancing Wolfman Jack's personal assessment of the show's theme is less formal: "It's just like a big, two-hour party." Many of the songs from the new album will be featured in the stage show.

Columbia and the Don Kelley Organization have planned an extensive promotion campaign, including in-store displays, browser cards, posters, time buys and cocktail parties for local radio station personnel. Album and tour promotion graphics have been coordinated for maximum impact, as have all other phases of the two-thrust campaign.

NANCY SINATRA DEAL fr 9

Snuff Garrett on her first release for Private Stock, a Bobby Russell tune called "Annabell Of Mobile."

"We are delighted that Nancy Sinatra has chosen Private Stock Records." commented Uttal. "She's an incredibly great talent and we are tremendously happy about the results of Snuff Garrett and Nancy working together."

Snuff Garrett, one of the most successful music producers over the past sixteen years, produces Nancy's legendary father and has had hit records with such artists as Bobby Vee, Sonny & Cher and Julie London He told Cash Box last week that he has just finished a new single with Frank Sr. and both expect the tune to be one of Sinatra's biggest hits of all time.

Garrett said he's very excited about working with Nancy. He said that he's had success in the past with Bobby Russell tunes such as "That's The Night The Lights Went Out In Georgia" and is sure that Nancy's version of "Annabell Of Mobile" will be a smash.

Private Stock is currently represented on the Cash Box pop singles chart with Frankie Valli's "Swearin' To God" which is 28 with a bullet, Terry Jacks' "Christina," 95, and on the album chart with Valli's "Closeup" at 71.

CAM TOUTS SCORES fr 9

Ugly," "A Fistful Of Dollars," "How The West Was Won").

Also available are several new composers, including Eric Carmen, who's written many pop hits for the Raspberries, Jack Murphy, Ralph Towner, Stelvio Ciprini and Skip Prokop.

In a coordinate move, Benedetto and Jimmy lenner, co-director of the CAM music publishing/production complex, also announced the acquisition of publishing rights to the scores of four major foreign films.

"Beyond The Door." a Film Ventures International release, was composed by Franco Micalizzi and produced for CAM Productions by Danny Weiss.

"The Sensuous Sicilian" was directed by Marco Vicario with musical score by Armando Travajoli.

The other film scores acquired by CAM are "The Big Hunt," a Titanus film with music by Carlo Savina; and "Vincent, Francois, Paul and the others . . ." starring Yves Montand with score by Philippe Sarde.

DISK BUYING HABITS fr 9

The store was playing the new David Bromberg disk. David Bromberg is the type of guy who I know and like, yet would not just pick up if I were browsing. But I must admit that having heard it, I would be tempted to buy it. Though I wouldn't have thought about buying it, after I heard it I had to change my mind. **CB:** What changes would you suggest in

the marketing and merchandising of disks? RD: One of the problems is that it's clear

that the marketing is aimed at the teenage audiences. I already feel that the rock marketing is not affecting me. I also think that there might be more discrimination in the music that radio stations play. The big difference between stations used to be between AM and FM. Now, all the stations are really playing the same things. I'd like to see different stations dealing only in special, musical categories. As far as record companies themselves are concerned, I think the jacket artwork, etc, doesn't really mean a thing to me. I suppose that the thing I would really like to see would be more good music. My impression is that I don't like as much of the music as I used to. It may be that, as I said, I'm more discriminating or that my tastes have changed.

CB: If you look at jazz music, you'll see that many people have many LPs on different labels. If you want to buy a record by an artist whom you know, you might find 10 records on ten different labels. This of course is an extreme example. How would you decide which record to buy?

RD: If I knew the artist but not the record, I might try to figure out if the artist had developed, for instance, and what the changes were. I might also want to know who played on the record and who wrote the compositions.

CB: Would it be accurate to summarize what you're saying by stating that labels are more concerned with gimmicky packaging than with the music. You seem to feel that they don't lay out why the recording session took place or why an artist wrote in a particular style at a certain time. In other words, do you feel there is a dirth of liner notes?

RD: I would definitely like to see more notes because they put an artist's music into a clearer perspective. On a very cross level, you know that "Chicago VIII" follows "Chicago VII" but it doesn't tell you anything about how the group is changing or what the personnel moves are. Half of the records out don't even list who plays on them. If I buy a record from a group that has been around for 10 years, it might pay for me to know who is in the group now and who isn't. If I just bought a BS&T record, I'd be buying 4 different types of music. I might not know what changes have taken place. I might like AI Kooper better than David Clayton-Thomas. How do you know what's up without this information? I'd like to know these things. The best thing that a record company could do is to improve the quality of the music and improve the ways in which people can understand the music rather than emphasize slick packaging. In the past, when I bought a record, I'd look at the jacket, the photos and pour over the artwork. The quality of the paper, etc. seems to have gotten worse, but I don't really care about that. I'd rather just have more info. If records came in clear containers with a piece of paper which had a personnel list and a statement of where the group has been and where it is going, I would be satisfied.

CB: Do you think many of your peers feel this way?

RD: I think many of them are turned off by recent trends. They stopped listening when Alice Cooper, The N.Y. Dolls and

ELTON MAKES HISTORY fr 7

promotion and marketing staffs to the guys in our pressing plants who pulled overtime shifts to meet the million required units."

Vince Cosgrave, vice president in charge of promotion at the label said, "We worked out a careful plan and I'm very happy we were successful, It's hard to grasp this moment, but I have to give Elton the credit. It's great working with his product. It's beautiful. It's history."

"Captain Fantastic" also benefitted by the perfect conditions in the marketplace which made maximum capitalization possible. Virtually all dealers across the country received the product at the same time. The anticipation created was unprecedentedly high with many dealers displaying the MCA "Captain Fantastic" ad on the back cover of **Cash Box** along with a note saying. "The Elton John LP will arrive Wednesdav."

These factors were instrumental in the large sales figures reported by MCA and the pattern of circumstances was ideal for an in-depth chart reflection. The common practice of drop shipping product by major artists directly to dealers was handled carefully by MCA. a fact that highlighted the label's interest in equal competitive opportunity. It is to MCA's credit that the company displayed its concern for the individual dealers.

Frio summed up the attitude of the entire staff of MCA when he said. "We can talk all we want about the company's excellent sales, marketing and promotion people, which is fine, but the fact is that none of this would have happened if it wasn't in the grooves. As we all know, Elton and his super talented songwriting partner, Bernie Taupin are responsible for the music and its success. Elton is a giant superstar and it's a privilege to be associated with him."

George Albert

Rod Stewart Makes Warners New Home

president Joe Smith and Billy Gaff of Gaff Management. Stewart has recorded for the label for the last six years as a member of The Faces and the announcement marks his move to Warner Bros. as a solo artist. "The Rod Stewart signing," commented Smith, "is one of our most important."

Concurrently with the signing, Stewart announced the completion of his latest album, to be released by Warner Bros. in August. Tentatively titled "Atlantic Crossing," the album was produced by Tom Dowd and recorded in Muscle Shoals and Los Angeles. Musicians on the album included the Muscle Shoals Rhythm Section, featuring Barry Beckett, Roger Hawkins, Jimmy Johnson, Pete Carr and David Hood, and the Memphis Rhythm Section, consisting of Al Jackson, Steve Cropper and Duck Dunn. The Los Angeles sessions include performances by Jesse Ed Davis, Fred Tackett, Lee Sklar, Willie Smith and Bob Glaub, among other guest artists.

Following the release of the alubm, Stewart will embark on a promotional tour for Warner Bros., meeting with radio, press and WB sales and promotion staffs in the major market cities. Beginning Aug. 15, Rod Stewart joins The Faces for a tour covering 35 cities in America and Canada. The group will tour Japan, Australia. New Zealand and Europe next year.

David Bowie appeared, which isn't meant to disparge them. I just can't get into the music. On the other hand, I'm not comfortable listening only to nostalgia rock. I'm not a child of the 50's or the 70's. You might say I'm a child of the late 60's who has grown up.



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Golden Earring: What Makes Them Run Manhattan Transfer:

There's nothing wrong with being an ego tripper.

To those too quick to judge, the above statement might seem the pompous bleatings of yet another one dimensional pop star, who is soon destined to go the way of rock and roll flesh.

But, in fact, this boast preceded a coldly logical explanation by Golden Earring vocalist Barry Hay on how the Dutch band psychologically kept it together for ten years before rising to stardom on the strength of a rock master stroke called "Radar Love."

"Everybody has an ego," stated Hay. "If a person doesn't have an ego then he'd better hurry up and get one. As musicians the members of our band feel it's very important to believe in what you're doing. We've stuck to our egos over the years and, as a result, we've progressed as musicians."

In concert Golden Earring's performance seemingly takes on the aura of another time and another group, back to a time when a tow-headed guitarist named **Townshend** smashed his guitar to smithereens.

"Of course we cop to that comparison. We are a throwback to the early **Who.** But the extent of our theatrics isn't all that great. Right now the explosions and the leap over the drum kit take up about five seconds out of a two hour show. Ours isn't a theatrical show in the sense that we smash guitars and things like that. Ours is a very visual show. There are seven people touring now and when we're on stage all of them are worth watching."

"Ours is a kind of theatrics that comes about during the natural flow of the show. The same things we do on stage are the same things that come about in the recording studio with no audience present."

According to Hay the band's on-stage flash is more than a shoddy burlesque routine and that, in fact, there's a method in Golden Earring's rock and roll madness.

"The band has always been conscious of the importance of theatrics in our stage presentation. We believe that if all people wanted to do was listen to music they would stay home and listen to a record. When they go to a concert they want something more than just music and that's exactly what we give them."



While theatrics play an important part in Golden Earring's act the overall ability of the band to get an audience up and boogieing has been a major reason for Earring's rise above the glut of rock and roll bands. Admitting that the band does seem to generate a boundless amount of energy to its audience; Hay was at a loss as to what it takes to move a crowd this way.

"I think when you pin a band down to generating excitement by jumping around on stage you're putting it in an obscure and negative light. I don't really know what does it for sure. What moves an audience is the ability of a band to raise the level of spirit and excitement in an audience. What moves an audience is emotion. What emotion is is anybody's guess."

Golden Earring's recent Shrine gig showcased the fact that the band is much more than a rock band with foreign roots. At various points in their performance the band brought overt jazz and classical influences to bear. With upfront diversification so apparent in the group's music the obvious point to touch on was where the band picked up their licks.

"We've lost all sense of describing things. There just is no word to describe the things the band is doing these days. The word to describe Golden Earring is not rock and roll and it's not jazz. I really can't describe it. The band has set out to do something totally different from anything that has been done before."

Hay continued: "We've been influenced by a good many people. We've been together a long time and we've learned a lot of things from a lot of people. In that sense we've got influences, like **Chuck Berry**, the **Everly Brothers** and the early **Beatles**. All the things that there going on at that time. At present we have no direct influences. There's nobody around today that really stands out in our minds as being a major influence on us. We are our own influence."

A myth has grown up around the recent European rock and roll invasion. People seem to think that these recent arrivals have been touched by a mystic wand that instantly raises a band with a foreign background and its audience to a higher musical level. According to Hay this conception of foreign bands is only partially correct.

"There's a difference between all bands regardless of where they're from. There's a difference, of course, in background that has a lot to do with what you do. The origin of a band is not as important as where a band learns their music and how they produce it. It's the same thing with audiences. All audiences are different in what they will listen to and how they will react to it."

The success of "Radar Love" would lead most people to think that a similar sounding followup would soon be in the offering. According to Hay nothing could be further from the truth.

"We were happy that "Radar Love" was a hit but we're not deliberately going to go out and try to manufacture another hit. What we want to do as a group is advance our music and not fall into the trap of becoming a machine that turns out hit singles. This is the way the band has always been and I don't see us changing in our attitudes towards the music."

Golden Earring; the finest example in the world of what a healthy ego will get you.

marc shapiro

Manhattan Transfer: A Long Way From The Train Station

With a musical repertoire ranging from the days of Jay Gatsby, Mayer La Guardia reading the comics over the radio, FDR, "The Grapes of Wrath," John Wayne antics, Betty Grable pin-ups, McCarthy, Quemoy and Matsu, "The Blackboard Jungle," Sputnik and Elvis "the Pelvis" comes the Manhattan Transfer.

Campy, art decoish, trashy, avant garde, cabaret oriented, slick and very New York City, the Transfer consists of four different but highly congenial personalities. Tim Hauser the eldest musical veteran of the group is the only original member of the Transfer.

The old Transfer group began in 1969 and had a brief stint with Capitol Records before folding in 1971 and then reforming with its present members in 1973. (By the way, with the popularity of the group being very high, Capitol has re-released the old Transfer LP.)

Tim said, "the old Transfer was a very enjoyable group to work with but we didn't have the right concept or direction back in those days."

Laurel Masse, a striking redhead reminiscent of **Rita Hayworth** and **Susan Hayward** was jiving around New York doing odd singing jobs when she actually bumped into Tim.

Laurel laughed, "It was raining and I was pissed, so I hailed this cab and started talking to Tim" Tim at the time was between things driving his hack almost losing his sanity from the New York traffic. "We started talking over lemon meringue pie," Laurel said, "and before I knew it Tim and I were forming a group."

Tim knew of another chick named **Janis Siegel**, who from the age of 12 was doing her thing making music. Janis had been in several thousand groups, had cut a few records, did clubs in and around here and there and was quickly recruited into the group.

Needing another male to balance out the group. Tim auditioned many guys, but found **Alan Paul**, playing a lead in the Broadway play, "Grease."



Alan said, "I had a lot of theatrical training, but I was looking for something that offered me more freedom in music. When I talked with Tim I thoroughly enjoyed his humor, his candor, and the music he was into. I also dug the sound and concept he wanted for the group, so like a dummy I volunteered."

Tim added, "I wanted to have a group of two men and two women, because in all my years of working in the music business, I preferred the balance between women and men in a group versus all-male or all-female groups.""I feel a balanced group can add more to the multiplicity of the sound I was looking to re-create, which was the sound of the swing period, especially the New York City sound. This sound is very inherent to the jazz, bop and swing influences in America."

One night, the "Divine Miss M," Bette Midler caught the act and really flipped out. The next night she brought her manager, Aaron Russo to see them.

Tim said, "Aaron at the time was very busy with Bette's career but I hounded him until he admitted that we were damn good and could really get things going with the right kind of direction and management he could offer."

Tim added, "Aaron secured a record deal with **Ahmet Ertegun** and Atlantic Records and from then its been a real roller coaster ride. The response across the country has been truly amazing."

Janis said, "we're having so much fun performing, that it's not like working at all, but a whole new life experience for us."

The Transfer's clothes, much a part of their music and mood were created in Tim's original concept of a chic, posh quartet. "I wanted to make the group as visually attractive as possible. The type of music we do make clothes a very integral part of the music. I love all those crazy styles, like Fred Astaire top hats and tails, vampish Vogue originals, zoot suits, 20's dresses, pin-stripped vent suits, beads, baubles and two-toned winged-tips. They're all great," he said.

Alan added that the costumes were much of the fun for him. "By being an actor, the wardrobe offered me the variety of playing different roles visually as well as vocally." Tim also said that he didn't want the Transfer to be typecast as a New York group,

Tim also said that he didn't want the Transfer to be typecast as a New York group, "because the group could have been actually started anywhere, Detroit, Boston, Miami, and amusingly, Los Angeles. "What I have been trying to do is just create a mood and texture that will be popular with everyone because the music we are doing is so expressive and the amount of material is so vast that it would be a shame to set a rigid set of standards."

Laurel added, "each one of us in the group has his own musical head, but we each enjoy the freedom of being able to do many types of songs and create many different situations. I feel the group can go on forever."

With their LP, "The Manhatten Transfer," on the **Cash Box** charts at number 70 with a bullet it looks like the Transfer is riding the rainbow to success. Already on tap for the multi-talented quartet is their own TV summer series which will air over CBS in August.

"The TV show really flipped me out," Tim said. "Our own series! The group and I are going to enter the video world of all my old-time favorites, "The Honeymooners," "Amos & Andy," "Leave It To Beaver," "Ozzie and Harriet," "Sgt. Bilko." It's truly amazing and terrific and I hope to create all the dash and spice we create as a group on stage."

So as the sun sets and the east meets the west the Manhattan Transfer are no longer waiting in the station but are headed straight up toward the stars and beyond. **iess levitt**

RINGO STARR (Apple P-1882)

It's All Down To Goodnight Vienna (2:58) (Lennon/ATV/BMI - John Lennon)

Capitol's done it! After the #1 chart success of "No No Song," Ringo releases the title track of his #1 LP, produced by Richard Perry, natch. A rousing rocker by Mr. Lennon, with super rhythm, piano, and ... accordion tracks! Those lyrics are the best. Must be another top tenner for our flying saucer friend! Also equally strong for pro-gramming is flip, "Oo-Wee," under strong promotional attack by the folks at the leaning tower of vinyl. (3:15)

OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN (MCA 40418)

Please Mr. Please (3:24) (Blue Gum/ASCAP — Welch — Rostill)

Wow! As powerful on vinyl as Olivia delivers it on stage, this tender ballad about a country girl's favorite jukebox tune is destined to become an air and coin machine classic in its own right. Simple arrangement with acoustic guitar, flutes and horns complement Olivia's voice nicely. So "Please Mr. Please" - play "B 17" particularly if it's this sweet disk! Produced by John Farrar. Flip: No info. available.

THE THREE DEGREES (Phila. Int'l./CBS ZS8 3568)

Take Good Care Of Yourself (3:23) (Mighty Three/BMI — K. Gamble — L. Huff) From their smash "International" LP, these three lovely ladies explode with a super-successor to "When Will I See You Again." With thrilling arrangement by Bobby Martin on this Gamble-Huff tune, The Three Degrees leave no doubt as to their establishment as America's new "supreme" talents. Hit-bound and beautiful - those girls are vocalists of the highest degree! Flip: No info. available.

GLORIA GAYNOR (MGM M-14808)

Walk On By (3:00) (Blue Seas/Jac/ASCAP - Burt Bacharach - Hal David)

What can you say about a record like this? Gloria has taken the old Bacharach-David tune and revitalized it with a scorching disco arrangement with spoken in-troduction and a funky, irresistable beat. The "Queen Of The Discos" has struck back with a vengeance. Watch for this one to hit big. Flip: No info. available.

CHER (Warner Bros. WBS-8096)

Geronimo's Cadillac (3:00) (Mystery Music/BMI - Michael Murphey - Charles Quart)

From her "Stars" LP, Cher's latest is the Michael Murphey favorite arranged and conducted by Jimmy Webb. She delivers the lyric with style and conviction while the instrumentation is plush and moving. Background vocals give Cher an extra boost. Watch for this one. Flip: No info. available.

FREDDY FENDER (ABC-Dot DOA-17558)

Wasted Days And Wasted Nights (2:41) (Travis/BMI - B. Huerta - W. Duncan)

With "Teardrop" on the Cash Box charts at #1 this week, Freddy's newest release, with its distinctive 50's rock and roll feel, makes its choice as a top pick obvious. 'Wasted Days" has the quality of a classic r&b rock ballad, and should join its predecessor at a top perch on both pop and c&w charts. A terrific disk. Flip: I Love My Rancho Grande (2:48)

JEFF BECK (Epic 8-50112)

You Know What I Mean (3:09) (Equator/B. Feldman/ASCAP - J. Beck - M. Middleton)

With a funky feeling set off by George Martin's brilliant orchestral arrangements. Jeff soars with a smash disco-flash single from "Blow By Blow." Guitar licks that could only belong to a specialist like Beck are dynamite here, and should lead it to a high chart spot. Already getting massive promotional push and airplay in majors, this disk has it all — super synthesizer, rhythm and lead tracks. The Martin-Beck marriage is a stroke of genius. Flip: No info. available.

JACK JONES (RCA PB-10317)

What I Did For Love (3:00) (Wren/BMI - Red Bullet Music West/ASCAP - Marvin Hamlisch — Edward Kleban)

From the musical "A Chorus Line," with music by Marvin Hamlisch and lyrics by Edward Kleban, Jack turns this ballad into something very special. Turning in a very warm and caressing performance Jack should pick up both pop and MOR play with this number. Flip: No info. available.

LETTERMEN (Capitol P-4096)

You Are My Sunshine Girl (2:40) (House Of Gold/BMI - John Reid)

A bouncy easy listening record with punching bass line, soaring string arrangement and light vocals by a classic group of folks, should be a major chart success for the Lettermen. Summer music is their specialty, and this is their hottest entry in recent days. Flip: Make A Time For Lovin' (2:50).

BONAROO (Warner Bros. WBS-8103)

Sally Ann (2:50) (Pants Down/BMI - Bill Cuomo)

A brisk calypso beat gives way to some sparkling harmonies reminiscent of the Hollies and the young group sounds like they have their first hit on their hands. Marked by some dynamic guitar work and a refreshingly clean melody line, this song should climb the charts in a hurry. Flip: No info. available.

BOOMER CASTLEMAN (Mums/CBS ZS8 6038)

Judy Mae (3:33) (Tree/BMI - B. Castleman)

From its opening acoustic guitar licks, Boomer delivers a strong, autobiographical song about a young boy's love for his old man's new wife. A little kinky? Who cares! Has a super strong hook, lyric line, and terrific delivery by Boomer. Five stars! Flip: Three Feet High And Growin' (3:01).

FRANK MORGAN (RCA JH-10298)

Sing Your Freedom Song (3:24) (Gil/Bandora/BMI — Frank Morgan) A track that could become a bicentennial favorite, RCA has issued the disk in blue vinyl and red and white label. A very rhythmic melody line carries the message of freedom. There's no denying that there's something in the air and this single carries the message proudly. Flip: No info. available.

VALERIE HARP (Buddah BDA 469)

A Wounded Blackbird Can't Fly (2:15) (Fox Fanfare/BMI - L. Pomus - M. Chase) A soulful ballad, Valerie turns on the charm with this number produced exquisitely by Roger Grod and John Pioli. Instrumentally, the tune has a full sound and the string arrangement is excellent as it augments Valerie's vocals. Soft and sincere, watch this one climb the charts. Flip: No info. available.

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SHARON RIDLEY (Sussex SR 636)

When A Woman Falls In Love (2:43) (Interior/Van McCoy/BMI - V. McCoy - J. Cobb) A sensational and very talented lady gives all she's got on this super Van McCoy composition — watch for this to take a driver's seat on the charts in the upcoming weeks - it jumps! Flip: No info. available.

LALO SCHIFRIN (20th Century TC-2205)

Bolero (3:25) (B.I.E.M. - Durand & Cie-Maurice Ravel)

A master composer-arranger-producer takes Maurice Ravel's classic melodic line, puts it in a new idiom with Hammond B-3, synthesizer, and the result is a soaring, strong single that could jump onto a high chart position — a disco natural. Dynamite horn arrangements are augmented by a fender rhodes solo that'll knock you over! "Mr. Mission Impossible" has a piece of creative genius on his hands with this one. Flip: No info. available.

TRIBE (ABC 12102)

Give Me One More Day (3:33) (Act One/BMI - Grape Vine/ASCAP - Dee Ervin -Kamala Bloom)

This haunting, imploring soulful ballad has essential beauty going for it with fine harmonies, synthesizer and string tracks. Produced and arranged by Dee Ervin, watch out for this one to get it on with style - bound for a high chart seat. Honestly conceived — it works! Five stars! Flip: No info, available.

PURE PRARIE LEAGUE (RCA JH-10302)

Two Lane Highway (3:05) (Rotgut/ASCAP - Larry Goshorn)

Pure Prarie League follows their hit "Amie" with this uptempo country rocker title track from their new LP. Featuring brisk guitar interplay and spright vocal harmonies, the group have produced a track which should become their biggest yet. Flip: No info, available.

GUYS AND DOLLS (Epic 8-50109)

There's A Whole Lot Of Loving (3:10) (Dick James/BMI - Arnold - Martin - Morrow)

Arranged by Andrew Jackman, tune fades in with ethereal strings and seques into an appealing, commercial boy-girl duet that breaks loose. Terrific harmonies with strong backing arrangement - lovely production that should be a summer smash talent all over the place here. Commercial AM smash, go get on it. Flip: No info. available.

GARRY BONNER (Migration/Atlantic 3275)

I Can't Take It (3:11) (Extraordinary/BMI - Bonner, Gordon, Levitt)

Garry has his strongest single in quite some time with this tune produced by Bob Ezrin. Garry has a big, strong voice with is vitalized with a big, full brassy arrangement and an infectious chorus line. This one is already picking up strong action. Flip: No info available

APRIL WINE (Big Tree BT-16036)

Oowatanite (3:28) (Slalom/BMI - Clench)

The hard rocking Canadian group packs a solid punch with this single culled from their recently released album. Electronics intermingle with soaring guitars to produce a very appealing electric sound which should go over well on AM radio this summer. Flip: No info. available.

JIMMY MAELEN (Epic 8-50102)

Run Johnny (3:23) (Mom's Best Music/ASCAP - John Hill)

Punctuated by a funky shuffling beat, Jimmy turns in a hot performance which is guaranteed to garner disco spins. A crisp production by John Hill emphasizes the rhythmic end of this story. A cinch to catch on! Flip: No info. available.

ELLISON CHASE (Magna Glide 5N-324)

Too Bad (3:00) (Kaskat/BMI - E. Chase - B. Haberman) A highly rhythmic uptempo ballad from the Kasenetz & Katz stable, this number is solid and should pick up immediate airplay. Excellent instrumentation and easy sounding vocals could turn this one into a hit. Flip: No info. available.

RORY BLOCK (RCA JB-10286)

What Do You Do With A Memory (2:40) (Range Buster/ASCAP --- Rory Block)

The young singer/songwriter has a bright future in store if her debut single is any indication. She has an emotive, commanding voice which is bolstered here by an excellent brassy production by Steve Katz. Rory is already blossoming into a songstress with a special touch as many will discover by this single. Flip: No info. available.

EDDIE REDAY & THE ALCOHOLICS (Direct Hit/DHS 999A)

502 Blues (3:14) (Direct Hit BMI - E. Reday)

Here's my novelty product pick of the week - a country talkin' blues about drunk driving on the Golden State Freeway. Until you get to Griffith Park you're ok, but watch out for the Highway Patrol. Getting booked for a "502" is no fun at all, but this disk surely is. Well produced, highly comical. Should grab MOR, c&w play, possible AM pop in some markets. Flip: Crying Over Little Things.

SONNY MUNRO (Columbia ZS8 160525)

I'm Never Gonna Hurt You Again (3:06) (Powerhouse/BMI — J. Gibson) Sonny replaced Wilson Pickett as lead singer with the Falcons about 12 years ago and his re-emergence has been long overdue. He has a smooth vocal delivery and slides into the upper ranges with ease. The accompaniment is a funky, shuffling beat which compliments Sonny's voice and should help to make this tune happen. Flip: No info. available.

UJIMA (Epic 8-50095)

A Shoulder To Lean On (3:25) (Cookie Box/Mom Bell/BMI - P. Hurtt - A. Bell)

One of the most noteworthy Hurtt-Bell productions to emerge in some time. Ujima delivers a soulful, highly movable sound. Super string section, tight editing, funky piano. Could do well pop crossover. Flip: No info. available.

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VENUS AND MARS ARE ALRIGHT TONIGHT inga - Capitol SMAS 11419 - Producer: Paul McCartney

This album is easily McCartney's most together effort since departing the Beatle's veil of tears. On Venus and Mars McCartney goes beyond the pop role he'd created for himself to prove a deft handler of all kinds of music. It's the blues for breakfast on "Letting Go" while the early issuance of "Listen To What The Man Said" is already proving a wise single's move. On "Venus And Mars" McCartney and Wings have put together an earthy ballad while "Rock Show" shows the band off as one ready, willing and able to kick out the jams. Venus And Mars Are Alright Tonight; and a bright new musical planet is born. METAMORPHOSIS - The Rolling Stones - London ANA-1

A facet of the Rolling Stones' career usually passed over is that they, especially in their earliest days, were strong handlers of rhythm and blues. And so it is with Metamorphosis that this aspect of the band's blackest musical leanings. On never released cuts as "If You Let Me" and "Downtown Suzie" Jagger and company forsake the strutting image of recent image in favor of a foray into the deepest possible musical roots with the overall effect being that of a bar band doing three sets a night in a dingy London club. On Metamorphosis the Stones let you know where they came from and, on all cuts, literally paint it black.

EVERY TIME YOU TOUCH ME (I GET HIGH) -Charlie Rich - Epic PE 33455 - Producer: Billy Sherrill

Charlie Rich's brand of country music succeeds beyond the initial attraction by virtue of a free-flowing musical and lyrical arrangement that allows for mass appeal. His latest LP offering contains the same content and, as a result, is a winner. Rich's full resonant vocals are all encompassing on the likes of "A Mellow Melody" and "Since I Fell For You" while his working knowledge of the Nashville sound comes into play on "A Little Bit Here (A Little Bit There)" and "Pass On By." Charlie Rich; the musical master of all he surveys

COMING DOWN YOUR WAY - Three Dog Night - ABC ABCD 888 - Producer: Jimmy lenner

One of the major factors behind Three Dog Night's rise to the top of the pop heap has been their almost uncanny ability of giving new life and stature to other people's songs. This mastery of other people's material continues on Coming Down Your Way as the Dog put their own brand of pop polish on the likes of Randy Newman's "You Can Leave Your Hat On" and Allen Toussaint's "Mind Over Matter." Chuck Negron's gritty vocals on the disk's title track proves a musical as do the same on " 'Til The World Ends." Three Dog Night's Coming Down Their Way; there isn't a dog in this musical litter

INTERNATIONAL - The Three Degrees Philadelphia International KZ 33162 Producers: K. Gamble and L. Huff

The Three Degrees are the owners of the most naturally soulful voices to ever grace the airwaves. Add these natural talents to Philly International's resident production aces, Gamble and Huff, and you've got International; a soulful polished monument to the singer's art. All around tight arrangement highlights this album as the patented MFSB sound plays a willing foil to the Degree's vocals. Highlighted are "Take Good Care Of Yourself," "Here I Am" and "Lonelier Are Fools." If you've ever wondered what it meant to be perfectly at ease, give this album a listen. And the Philly sound just keeps on coming.

RENAISSANCE - Ray Charles - Crossover CR 9005 - Producer: Ray Charles

When it comes to discussing the merits of a Ray Charles album, it becomes a challenge to find error. I mean, let's face it, the man just doesn't make any mistakes. Renaissance proves itself a continuation of this musical perfection as Charles gets into a fine series of music that is decidedly his in nature. Highlighted on this good listening disk are "We're Gonna Make It,""It Ain't Easy Being Green" and a truly professional cover of "Living For The City." Ray Charles is good and he trys harder. What more can you ask?

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JASMINE NIGHTDREAMS - Edgar Winter -Blue Sky PZ33483

Edgar Winter has long been known for his wizardry on the keyboards and various other technical instruments that have gone a long way towards giving his sound that other worldly jazz taste. Well, those influences are still with us but on Jasmine Nightdreams they are hardly alone. It's a slightly less frantic Winter this outing as the subtle shadings of rhythm and blues and country mix with the fineries of rock to form a full blown musical conglomerate that is heavy on the laidback. It's a change of musical heart for Winter and now, happily, his nightdreams can now be ours. Have a pleasant one.

TROUBLE IN PARADISE - The Souther, Hillman Furay Band - Asylum 7E-1036 - Producer: Tom Dowd

The topic of country-rock is a sure prelude to the bantering about of the names Souther, Hillman and Furay. Separately they've been at the forefront of breaking this musical ground and together the listener is treated to the cream of their combined talents. On Trouble In Paradise the trio, backed by one of the most professional backing units in the business, run through a series of first rate uptempo numbers. Highlighted are "Move Me Real Slow," "Love And Satisfy" and "Somebody Must Be Wrong." Souther, Hillman, Furay; the hottest trio since Tinker, Evers and Chance

THE HEAT IS ON – The Isley Brothers – T-Neck PZ 33536 – Producers: Isley Brothers There's a middle music ground that lies just to the right of funk and just this side of soul. For want of a better word let's call it earth music. Long before the form warranted a title The Isley Brothers were grinding out this very palatal brand; with their latest offering, The Heat Is On, proving a logical extension of their musical art. This disk is a mind scathing excursion, reaching deep to probe the darkened recesses with a music that is at once predictable and yet subtle in a transitory way. Black Oak Arkansas are considered the leading purveyors of sexually oriented music. Well, with this album, the Isley's prove their equal. Get hot.

THANK YOU BABY - The Stylistics - Avco AV-69008 - Producers: Hugo and Luigi

The music of the Stylistics has become synonymous with love and being with the one you love. This intimate nature is all evident on Thank You Baby as lead singer Russell Thompkins weaves a vocal tapestry around the sturdy Stylistic's harmony. From the opening of "Thank You Baby" through the likes of "What Goes Around Comes Around" and "Sing Baby Sing" the overriding musical theme is closeness. If you've got somebody this record makes the perfect adjunct. If you haven't, this record will serve as a suitable substitute until you do

STEPPIN' - The Pointer Sisters - Blue Thumb BTSD-6021 - Producer: David Rubinson

The Pointer Sisters' brand of musical funk is a hybrid of sorts. A bit of pop, a dash of soul and sliced up jazz on a raw one. The feel is a bouncey kind of Broadway soul guaranteed to be easy on the ears. It's this musical stew which provides the overriding aura on Steppin' as the sisters do just that to eight heady slices of music. Highlighted on this moving album are "How Long (Betcha Got A Chick On The Side)," "Save The Bones For Henry Jones" and "I Ain't Got Nothin' But The Blues." This is funk for the upper reaches. Get Steppin'; an album that gets up and walks.

INITIATION - Todd Rundgren - Bearsville BR 6957 - Producer: Todd Rundgren

It's a most existential road Todd Rundgren's chosen to travel with Initiation and, happily, it is a road well taken. His philosophical approach takes the form of two well orchestrated synthesizers backed outings on "Real Man" and 'Born To Synthesize'' before pulling out all the rock and roll stops on "The Death Of Rock And Roll." His assault on man and his concepts con-tinues with "Fair Warning" as the ability to handle truth and lies takes on lyrical dimension via Rundgren's musings. It's rare that a musician allows his listener so deep an insight into his psyche. Initiation; welcome to Rundgren's mind.

UNIVERSAL LOVE – M.F.S.B. – Philadelphia International KZ 33158 – Producers: K. Gamble and L. Huff

The musical backbone to much of Philly International's success rests on the strong musical shoulders of M.F.S.B. But backing other people does not a session band only make. This fact is much in evidence on Universal Love as the band kicks out with some highly stylized instrumental workings. The clear, polished riffs and runs, characteristic of the band, are put to their best use on "Love Has No Time Or Place," "Let's Go Disco" and a driving "Sexy." There's a cut on this album entitled "Tender Lovin' Care." That's what went into this album and that's what will go into your head.

BEHIND THE EYES — Tim Moore — Elektra/ Asylum 73-1042 — Producers: Paul Leka and Nick Jameson

It's been a long time since a balladeer with the ability to have his listener hinging on every word has been laid to record. With the recording of Tim Moore's Behind The Eyes the long draught is at last over. Moore is the master story teller with his musical meat and potatoes being the love song. On cuts such as "Lay Down A Line To Me" and the honky tonk rocker "(I Think I Wanna) Possess You" Moore's lyrical and musical arrangements collide in one positive bite that instantly hooks the reader and takes him away. Behind The Eyes; get set for a satisfying musical ride.

STRANGE UNIVERSE – Mahogany Rush – 20th Century T-482 – Producer: Franke Marino

The more shortsighted of music critics would have you believe that the capabilities of a rock trio never rises above the level of imitating the sound of a train wreck. Mahogany Rush's latest Strange Universe, is the best argument in the world for swearing off critics forever. The boundaries of guitar, bass and drums are stretched to limitless regions with Franke Marino's riffs adding a new finish to the expectedness of heavy metal. Hard as nails cuts include "Satisfy Your Soul," "Dear Music" and "Tales Of The Spanish Warrior." Mahogany Rush; music to loosen just about anything.

THE CHICAGO THEME – Hubert Laws – CTI 6058S1 – Producer: Creed Taylor

There really isn't a hell of a lot you can add to perfection and when that perfection is applied to the flute work of Hubert Laws, anything more would be a waste of breath. Law's flute improvisations play havoc on this album as his runs dart and skidder in and around the instrumental foundation laid by a host of guest players. Laws really gets down on "The Chicago Theme" as his musical experimentation leads to classic runs on "I Had A Dream" and "You Make Me Feel Brand New." Hubert Laws on The Chicago Theme; the musical law of the land.

LATIMORE III – Benny Latimore – Glades 7505 – Producer: Steve Alaimo

Latimore is a kind of musical exhibitionist and it is this trait that makes him the valid musical talent he is. When he's down, it's in his music. When his old lady is giving him a hard time it comes out in a song. It's this type of force behind music that makes Latimore III the strong song statement it is. On the likes of "Keep The Home Fire Burnin' and "She Don't Ever Lose Her Groove" Latimore is a veritable piston; pushing and driving the song for all the emotion it's worth. Latimore's music is a mirror of himself. When he's up you know it and when he's down you'll know it too.

UPCHURCH/TENNYSON – Phil Upchurch and Tennyson Stephens – Kudo KU 22S1 – Producer: Creed Taylor

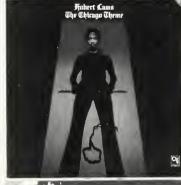
One of the jazz stalwarts of Chicago based music has got to be guitarist Phil Upchurch. Another heavy of late has been the vocal and keyboard talents of one Tennyson Stephens. So you can just imagine what resulted when the pair got together and decided to do their own musical thing. Upchurch/Tennyson is a musical melting pot of ideas as the finer aspects of both musicians surface on all fronts. Top cuts include "You Got Style," "Tell Me Something Good" and "I Wanted It Too." Upchurch/Tennyson; one hell of a musical marriage and the best argument in the world for musical minds meeting.

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THE CAPTAIN & TENNILLE



RED HEADED STRANGER





BLACK HUDRY





LOVE WILL KEEP US TOGETHER — The Captain And Tennille — A&M SP-3405 — Producers: The Captain and Tennille

Music that's light, bouncy, devoid of overbearing contemplation and an all around easy listen. There's definitely a place in one's musical library for that sort of thing. Hence you have the best reason in the world for lending this album your ear. "Love Will Keep Us Together" is immediately worthy of its top single status while "The Way I Want To Touch You" comes off as one of the best cuddling songs to come along in quite a long time. There's a misconception that music has to be loud and brash to get you off. This album should dispel those ideas once and for all. **RED HEADED STRANGER – Willie Nelson –**

Columbia KC 33482 – Producer: Willie Nelson Willie Nelson's got this thing about his music

Willie Nelson's got this thing about his music that is so overtly western in tone and texture that you'd expect him to be a steady fixture at any end of the day campfire. On Red Headed Stranger Nelson's easy going musical style is shown off to its best advantage as his songs paint pictures of situations and moments that surface on the western plain before sinking into the sunset. Top listens on this album include "Can I Sleep In Your Arms," "Hands On The Wheel" and "Blue Eyes Crying In The Rain." Red Headed Stranger; a collection of music you'll love to get to know.

BECK – Joe Beck – Kudo KU 21S1 – Producer: Creed Taylor

Joe Beck's guitar spits authority. It can bend and distort riffs that transcends mere labels such as rock or jazz or funk. Joe Beck and his axe are a musical world unto themselves and on a given occasion, such as his latest LP offering Beck, one is privy to the unique talents that he possesses Beck ranges wide the musical spectrum on the likes of "Star Fire" and "Cafe Black Rose" as he literally wrestles his guitar into submission. The musical assault continues as "Brothers And Others" takes you places you've never been before. Beck and guitar; they make beautiful music together.

THANKS TO THEE – Dixie Hummingbirds – Peacock PLP 59217 – Producer: Ira Tucker Sr.

Lost, to a large extent, in the rule to break new musical ground is the proud heritage of our roots and, in particular, the treasured lines of gospel. One of the foremost practitioners of the form for quite a long time has been the Dixie Hummingbirds. On Thanks To Thee the Hummingbirds show that time has not tarnished the sound as they run through a fine series of songs. Highlighted on this unchanged blast from the past are "Mother's Prayer," "A Change Is Sure To Come" and "Lord I Want You To Help Me." Thanks To Thee; a record guaranteed to put the fear of the Lord in you.

FEEL IT – Black Ivory – Buddah BDS 5644 – Producers: Robert John, Mike Gately and Black Ivory

Upon initial listen it becomes quite obvious that the members of Black Ivory are well versed in all areas of their music. On "Will We Ever Come Together" the listener quickly becomes aware of a low key funk beat, a stance the band effectively takes throughout the album. The music forms a cushioning counterpoint when played off against the harmonic vocals such as those evidenced on "Your Eyes Say Goodbye" The band returns to strong instrumental licks with their non-vocal outing on "Daily News." Black Ivory's Feel It. You will.

TENDER MAN – Jae Mason – Buddah BDS-5640 – Producer: Stan Vincent

Jae Mason is a technician of the up song. His lyrics and musical arrangement just seem to have that affinity for each other that, when combined, produce the only possible results; a good song. On Mason's Tender Man there's a whole lot of just that as he works his musical magic on such tunes as "Boogie With Me Baby," "Together And In Love" and "Woman (You've Gotta Be There)." Also included in this package of goodies is a professional outing on the Jagger/Richard composition "Lady Jane." If there's a tender bone in your body Jae Mason will touch it.

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Product S: Phil Galdston and Robert Klein

Robert Klein has a direct line to the off the wall fur, by one. His is particularly at home when it comes to imaginative take offs on everyday situations. New Teeth is more of this comic insanity as Klein, in his non stop shotgun delivery, milks each situation for all the laughs it's worth. Some of the better comedic efforts include "Six Clean Words You Can't Say Anywhere," "Young People's Guide To The Orchestra" and "Fear Is The Greatest Salesman." New Teeth is comedic overkill in the finest tradition. I'll bet you can't say Guam.

NEVER CAN SAY GOODBYE - Sonny Stitt -Cadet CA 60040 - Producer: Esmond Edwards

Putting a keyboard instrument in front of Sonny Stitt is like handing a razor sharp scalpel to a skilled surgeon; you know the patient is going to live. On Never Can Say Goodbye Stitt is in fine form as he and a host of capable side men cut a swatch through the land of musical improvisation. Stitt's licks on "Slick Eddie" and "The Way We Were" are sheer ambrosia as are other cuts such as "Spanish Harlem" and "Ocho Rios." The musical gods really smiled down on this land when Sonny Stitt decided to take up music as a profession.

PABLO CRUISE – Pablo Cruise – A&M SP-4528 – Producer: Michael Jackson

Pablo Cruise is a master musical taylor. Give him a swatch of rhythm, a snatch of melody and a stitch of feeling and then step back. Under his practiced hands music takes on a new complexity and diversion. Cruise's musical backbone is a subtle mixture of island and latin influences; a base he handles well on all cuts. On the likes of "Sleeping Dogs" and "In My Own Quiet Way" Cruise's quiet fire does a toe dance on the brain; quickly bringing to mind positive, happy thoughts. Once upon a time music had to be thought provoking before it could be considered valid Pablo Cruise succeeds on the basis of being a good listen and nothing more.

ELECTRONIC REALIZATIONS FOR ROCK ORCHESTRA - Synergy - Passport PPSD-98009

Although this album was created through the technology of the present and the future, there is a heavy aura of past times and places that is as a living component of the music itself. Throughout the music various keyboard and synthesizer instruments weave a majestic spell of a tranquil time before the flood, before the madness. On the likes of "Legacy" and "Relay Breakdown" one can picture a time of kings and of ladies in waiting at some royal court. Synergy is a time machine that, through its musical lines, draws you back, back, quite possibly to the dawn of creation.

JUKIN' – Manhattan Transfer and Gene Pistilli – Capitol ST-11405 – Producer: Adam Mitchell

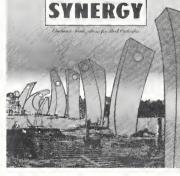
À good many people are under the mistaken impression that the rise to a stardom of the Manhattan Transfer has been one of those overnight success stories. Truth is they've been around awhile as witness this Capitol reissue of material from years gone by. The distinct talent that is the Transfers can be seen in its formative stages and is shown off to its best advantage on the likes of "Chicken Bone Bone," "Fair And Tender Ladies" and "One More Time Around Rosie." Jukin', and in the beginning a new talent was born

A TEAR TO A SMILE – Roy Ayers – Polydor PD 6046 – Producer: Roy Ayers

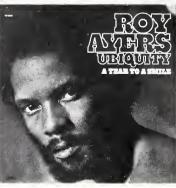
In a musical world full of overkill and overtness it's nice to know that there's people like Roy Ayers around who can effectively get their musical point across without having to beat you over the head with it. A Tear To A Smile is a low keyed approach to funk, sprinkled ever so lightly with the essential life juices of jazz and rhythm and blues. Ayers, with the aid of Ubiquity, a talented group of sidemen, lay down some classic musical patterns on route to an overall musical enjoyment. A Tear To A Smile; music you can kick back to.











Jerry Ropelle +Take & Chance













TAKE A CHANCE – Jerry Riopelle – ABC ABCD 886 – Producer: Jerry Riopelle

Jerry Riopelle is a true technician of the easy listen. It can be rock, country, or blues but in Riopelle's hands there will always be that measure of restraint and laidback. Jerry's forte is all evident in Take A Chance as he and his capable side men run through a series of light rock and ballad numbers with all the ease of a knife through butter. The musical tightness, a Riopelle strong point, is there for all to hear on the likes of "River On The Run," "Talk To Me" and "Red Ball Texas Flyer." Few musicians have the capacity of being consistently good. Jerry Riopelle is one of the chosen few.

THE LEGENDARY ZING ALBUM – The Fabulous Trammps – Buddah BDS 5641 – Producers: R. Baker, N. Harris and E. Young

The Trammps have been a disco institution since their early 1970's inception and since then have plyed their dance music trade to the tune of three chart singles. Now, with the disco scene getting into high gear, it was only natural that this album of Trammps greats should come into being. Highlighted are Trammps classics "Zing," "Penguin At The Big Apple," "Pray All You Sinners" and "Sixty Minute Man" as well as the previously unreleased "Hold Back The Night" and "Tom's Song." The highest compliment you can pay this record is to get up and dance to it.

TIP OF THE ICEBERG – Tip Of The Iceberg – Project 3 PR 5091 SD – Producer: Jeff Hest This album is a lot like its namesake. Like an

This album is a lot like its namesake. Like an iceberg your initial listen will reveal just so much to you. But, on subsequent listens, more and more of its musical subtleties will make themselves visible to you. The ebbing and flowing of this band's jazz and funk flavored waves prove a constant exercise in musical discovery as the likes of "Where The Grass Is Green," "Gotta Hold On" and "Tip Of The Iceberg" do a musical number on your head. Like a little challenge with your listening pleasure? Then try Tip Of The Iceberg. There's more of it below the surface.

LOVE ME . . . LOVE ME FOREVER - Irving Fields - Ford 726 - Producer: Irving Fields

The highest compliment that can be paid to Irving Fields is that he came to play. And play he does on his latest LP offering. Lve Me ... Love Me Forever. Field's creative bent shows through on all cuts as his interpretation of his and other people's songs goes a very long way towards the advancement of the musical art. Top listens on this album include "You And The Night And The Music," "Dream Of Olwein" and a sterling rendition of "My Gypsy Sweetheart." It takes unbridled enthusiasm and a belief in one's music to make it succeed. Irving Fields has both in spades.

TOMORROW BELONGS TO ME – The Sensational Alex Harvey Band – Vertigo VEL-2004 – Producer: David Batchelor

If you can envision a straight rocker about a German red light district turning, at mid-song, into something out of a gypsy camp and a bluesy tale of infidelity backed by some distorted Zeppelin riffs then you'll probably get off on Alex (the aging rocker) Harvey's latest. Harvey's lightweight brand of rock and blues works by virtue of some finely crafted, albeit eccentric, lyrical content mixed in with classic rock and blues licks; with the result being a restrained kind of musical erratim. Alex Harvey music is for all ears but goes down especially well with closet crazies of which there a guite a few.

PANIC – Zebra – Polydor PD 6043 – Producer: Ken Burgess

Zebra is the result of contrary musical forces at work. From its melodic insides come forth the lines of classic jazz as well as the primitive driving rhythm of a long forgotten African veldt. It is a manipulative music. It gets you in your mind and then your psyche. A wealth of musical ideas and influences has gone into Zebra and it shows up as musical murals painted across the midnight sky of the mind. Are you ready for a musical journey of a thousand light years? If so let Zebra be your first step.

Berkeley Jazz Festival

GREEK THEATRE, U.C. BERKELEY -The 9th annual Berkeley Jazz Festival a three-day musical happening which grew out of the student unrest in 1967 The festival's roots based on blues, work songs, black spirituals, rhythm & blues and jazz inspired to create the musical essence of black Americans from past to present

Headlining the show were Eddie Harris, Gil Scott-Heron, Taj Mahal, Joe Bataan, Stanley Turrentine, Cannonball Adderly, Grover Washington, Jr., Donald Byrd & The Blackbyrds, Freddie Hubbard, and Les McCann.

Opening the festival, Eddie Harris demonstrated the expertise of his many talents on tenor sax, electronic rhythm machine and vocals. The crowd came alive when Eddie sang about everyone's perennial problem, "I Need Some perennial problem, "I Need Some Money," with the audience chorusing along with, "Everything Is So Damn High.

The featured performer on Friday's bill was Arista's Gil Scott-Heron. Gil's set was remarkable in that besides being musically fine with the help of the Midnight Band, Gil's lyrics on "Winter In America," and "Tribute To The People," rang echoes through the crowd of 'Right On,' and 'Preach, Brother.' Gil's music with African roots and rhythm's blended the sounds of Africa with poignant, political and poetic lyrics that were moving besides being meaningful.

Saturday was even more of a frenzy with an overflowing 13,000 people shouting and dancing to the blistering sounds of Joe Bataan on tenor sax with his unique expression of the sounds of Spanish Harlem. All-time great Cannonball Adderly treated the crowd to some slow-time blues which was well-received. Stanley Turrentine and Freddie Hubbard joined forces to create a spectacular duo which electrified the audience even more than the total eclipse of the moon.

John Stewart **Mickey Newbury**

j.l.

SANTA MONICA CIVIC, LA - There's quite a bit of America's past in the musical world of John Stewart. His songs paint a panoramic picture of much simpler times when an amorous affair with a lady of the evening or a hobo hopping a train were mere moments in the learning experience called life.

Stewart's set this night was a lighthearted mixture of music and good natured patter that enveloped the auditorium in an aura of good vibes. His "July You're A Woman," famous for its classically tinted nature, carried a slightly faster pace that served to further the positiveness of Stewart and his music.

Of Stewart's between song dialogue; his Dylan takeoff coupled with the horrors of a malfunctioning monitor were easily the show's non-musical highlights.

Stewart's reconstructed backing unit showed off as an extremely well-oiled unit as their constantly driving foundation was a springboard into all areas of the American music idiom.

John Stewart proved this night that you don't have to wrap yourself up in the flag to be a good American.

Mickey Newbury proved a solid show opener as his "just me and my guitar" approach quickly transformed the arena into a dimly lit east coast coffee house. His stories in songs proved riveting in their subtle way as the lyrics crept into your mind to make their point all too well.

John Stewart and Mickey Newbury; good times to think about while you're wondering how you're going to get the rent up m.s.

Beach Boys Chicago

ANAHEIM STADIUM L.A. — The Beach Boys-Chicago pairing went beyond the obvious dollar potential of coupling supergroups. It went beyond the "spirit of America" hype which promises more American music extravaganzas through 1976.

Those in attendance witnessed, within the context of the two bands, the very fiber and core of what is American popular music now and what will doubtless be in the future.

The Beach Boys opening set was like a rift in time; an oasis, if you will, where the pressures of everyday living gave way to a fresh bikini on a wild island day. The likes of "Surfer Girl" and "I Get Around" were mirrors to a much simpler past where cruising the boulevard and hangspringboard into progressive and subtle musical changes; yet retaining that pop feel which went hand and hand with that of the Beach Boys.

cash box

Their big band excursions into "I'm A Man'' and "Saturday In The Park" showcased the band's ability to distort the basic musical track and journey into new areas of improvisation without losing sight of the basic goal of the music.

The more complicated and deeper nature reached its apex in "Wishing You Were Here" as the interweaving of brass, rhythm and lead runs combined to give the song a sense of majesty and feel that of late, is a rare quality in a live performance, Chicago is a musical machine; ingesting countless musical bits and pieces and spitting them back in

But it was the finale that showed up

music for the powerful force that it is in

today's world. The two bands joined

together for an extended medley of their

greatest hits and the competency of both

showed as total musical justice was done

toured versions of "Harry Truman," "California Girl" and "Feeling Stronger

Every day;" followed by a literal musical assault on "Jumping Jack Flash" which,

on energy, expanded, came very close to

roll blowout. It was the positive aspects

of a major force in the country on display.

In other words, a musical dance of the

Jimmy Buffett

TROUBADOUR, L.A. - Backed very

well by his Third Coral Reefer Band, Buf-

fett's headlining appearance was

refreshing in many ways, most notably in

his unpretentious avoidance of the banal

lyrics and song structure that seems to

be prevalent these days. He demonstrat-

ed quite clearly that his ability to put

together tasty and intelligent songs has

only progressed now that he has been

of country, jazz, blues and rock and roll in

his music and he handled each song

with a precise grasp of the energy that

each commands. From commode-

hugging drunk ("Buddy Bear") to hung-

over ("Tryin' to Reason with Hurricane

Season") to tender love songs ("Please

Take Your Drunken Fifteen-Year-Old

Girlfriend Home") and to songs of sur-

vival ("We Will Pay the Mini-Mart Back"),

Buffett communicates with lucidity and

music for money," says he; "I'm gonna play my music for me." Creativity comes first for Jimmy Buffett, and we all thank

him for leaving the Florida Keys to share

honesty every time.

it with us.

"I won't play my

s.p.

There are definite and distinct tastes

left alone to create as he sees fit.

This was more than a mere rock and

The tradeoff consisted of richly con-

on all fronts.

ages.

eclipsing the original.



ing ten were the ultimate teenage thrill that you thought would never end.

As the set continued the Southern California aura drew tighter around the city of Anaheim as "Shampoo," "I Get Around" and "Good Vibrations" painted scenes of popular music on an exacting level of a medium of entertainment.

But it remained for "Surfing U.S.A." to point up the marked influence the Beach Boys have had on the genre. "Surfing," proves more than a pop anthem to that one last ride; it encompasses the serious, yet light, approach to music that has made pop a musical institution unlike any other

In Chicago the opposite was showcased as the band's fushion of jazz and rock (a most satisfying blend of American musical influences) provided a

Rusty Wier

HAG'S PLACE, L.A. - Austin's Rusty Wier and his 'Filler Bros.' band treated the folks at the Country Palace to some of the finest Lone Star honk they had ever heard. Don't let Rusty's almost lethargically laid-back stage presence fool you; his style and energy authentically projected definite southeastern Texas roots throughout the set of predominantly original Wier tunes.

Rusty's very appreciative audience hooted and hollered through whiskey tunes like "Whiskey Man," jerked a tear to ballads like "Blue Haze" and "I Believe In The Way You Love Me," and jumped to kickers like "Trouble" and Don't It Make You Wanna Dance," and provided the necessary honky-tonk background noise for "I Heard You Been Layin' My Old Lady," which has been get-ting a lot of airplay on some of the nation's progressive country stations

Rusty and the Fillers overall have a great time playing music that is a direct manifestation of the lives they lead. logically giving the set an entirely honest concept of livin' and lovin' in the Big"T. s.p

Included in the set were "Propaganda." the title song from their latest Island LP, "Ach-Choo," and their hit (?), "Talent Is An Asset." Though the Mael brothers are Americans, they gained their first recognition in England. If you're looking for a band that is inventive, give a listen to Sparks.

Russel.

The evening's first act was the loony Orchestra Luna. Their sound encompassed everything from vaudeville and opera to space rock. Heading up the band are guitarist Randy Roos and Peter Barret, a beat poet, whose delivery was as whimsical as the satire-laden lyrics.

talent on stage

Sparks

Orchestra Luna

ignited the crowd here with their exposi-

tion of satirical rock. Lead singer Russel

Mael put on a jovial performance with his

ostentacious dances and multi-pitched

vocals. Russel carries the group on

stage; he is the band's spark. Many of the

vocals were lost, however, in the back-

ground music because of a lack of

volume on the voice mike. Ron Mael has

a stage presence all his own. Looking

like a mix of Charlie Chaplin and Ed

Sullivan, Ron is the straight man for the

group's satire. His stoical demeanor is

broken only by the furtive glances which

he periodically cast at the audience and

ACADAMY OF MUSIC, NYC

b.s.

Sparks

Lonnie Liston Smith Doug Carn Carlos Garnett

CARNEGIE HALL, NYC - An absorbing excursion into the lush musical jungle of Lonnie Liston Smith and The Cosmic Echoes was the keynote of this evening of the new wave in black jazz. Smith's tinkling piano solos were as sensuously soft as ever, especially when played acoustically, and they were uncommonly consistent with the themes of the con-- peace, love, and a cosmic colcert laboration of all men with music. In harmony with Smith's recent musical past (with Pharoah Sanders and Gato Barbieri), the group was driven by a strong and skillful rhythm section. In addition to bassist Greg Maker and drummer Doug Hammond, there were three percussionists performing on an ample collection of instruments, thus providing the primal beat, that Africanism that is inherent in Smith's music, supplementing a certain spaciness that was striven for with success. The reeds were in-corporated well, although they didn't solo much, with the group concept being perhaps the most important element of the cosmic echoes.

Lonnie Liston Smith is a roots musician. He plays what comes naturally, giving the image that his music is a selfportrait. His music also involves the audience in an attempt to make them also expose their inner-selves to their outerselves. The peak of the show was a long. rhythmic version of "Summer Days" from Lonnie's newest Flying Dutchman LP Expansions.

Preceding the main act was Doug Carn and The Voices of Revelation. The elaborate setup included a huge choir in addition to the band. Jean Carn reached some incredible peaks with her wideranged voice, and although Doug hit some classic riffs on electric organ, the group concept was also the dominant factor here

Opening the show was Carlos Garnett, a very experienced and sophisticated tenor man. Formerly with the Norman Conners group, Carlos stands strong as a solo performer. Although his backup band was at times disconcerted, they certainly didn't lack that all-important feel for the music. b.s.

ashbox/radio news

station breaks

Aspiring country musicians should be reminded that the **Grand Ole Opry's** 50th anniversary talent search semi-finals begin in San Diego on Saturday, June 28. Cohosted by San Diego's **KSON**, the Opry judges will be checking out the best of the western states' radio station talent winners. Other regional talent search semi-finals are slated for July 12 in Omaha (co-hosted by **KOOO**), July 26 in Dallas (**KBOX**). August 9 in Indianapolis (**WIRE**), August 30 in Philadelphia (**WRCP**), and September 13 in Atlanta (**WPLO**). The finals will be held in the Grand Ole Opry House during the Opry's 50th anniversary celebration in October.

You haven't heard the end of it yet as far as **Loretta Lynn's** controversial hit, "**The Pill**" is concerned. The song is getting tremendous airplay in Australia. The timing is ripe; the government there has just relaxed the laws regulating the advertising of contraceptives. Going one step further, the Population Institute, a non-profit organization which is dedicated to population control, is using "The Pill" as a tool in communicating their message. They have mailed a thousand copies of the single to people they want to influence.

A flock of **Blackbyrds** recently descended at several radio stations throughout the country. The little black birds, posed atop delicious fresh pies, were delivered to stations by **Fantasy's** field promotional force in appreciation for breaking the **Blackbyrd** bit "Waking In **Bbythm**" from their second album, "Flying Start."

hit, "Walking In Rhythm" from their second album, "Flying Start." Sid Garfinkle sweetened things up at stations WIOD, WFUN, WMYQ, and WQAM in Miami. In New York. Cal Stiles took Blackbyrd pies to WPIX and WXLO and one of the trade magazines. In St. Louis, midwestern promo man Bob Ursery took along the Blackbyrds (the real thing) for a visit at station KKSS with deejay Donnie Brooks. He also got some pies to WISN and KSHE. While Austin's Rusty Wier was in L.A. for three nights at The Country Palace (formerly Hag's Place) in North Hollywood he stopped by to visit KMET-FM's Jimmy Rabbit. Rusty and the folks on hand treated listeners to a fine live rendition of his semi-controversial "I Heard You Been Layin' My Old Lady" before heading back to Austin.

"I've always wanted a pie in my face!" sputtered WLXO-FM (New York City) morning man Terry Nelson as he swabbed the lemon meringue from his beard. Terry then invited listeners to call and tell him their favorite candidates for future meringue mug shots... and KFI (Los Angeles) mid-day man Dick Whittington received an initiation pie in the face on his first day on the job without breaking stride as he described the "award presentation" to his listeners. Our astral airwave sources report that Don Imus is back on the air on WNBC-AM in New York after a week's suspension for various and sundry minor — repeat — minor — reasons; a week's suspension for various and sundry Buffalo.

Metromedia in New York has tagged Jerry Graham for the post of general manager at its San Francisco affiliate KSAN-FM; Barney Simmons has been acting general manager since the passing of progressive radio pioneer Tom Donahue. Graham is currently with WGRG in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and should start his duties at KSAN in a month or so.

Capricorn Records and various radio stations across the country have been holding jukebox contests to promote "Juke Joint Jump," the new album by Elvis Bishop. In Savannah, station WSGA co-sponsored the jukebox contest and also co-

In Savannah, station **WSGA** co-sponsored the jukebox contest and also cosponsored an Elvin Bishop concert. The winner of the contest was picked the evening of the show; **Travis Strickland** of Savannah became the proud owner of a vintage Wurlitzer stereo jukebox.

BIGFOOT LIVES: WKDA-FM in Nashville recently sponsored a contest as a tie-in with Monument Records and the Barefoot Jerry album, "You Can't Get Off With Your Shoes On." Listeners who showed up at WKDA's studio without their shoes on were given a copy of the album. The man and woman with the largest feet were awarded a pair of Earth Shoes. Sizes 171/2 and 11 respectively.

Los Angeles country stations KLAC and KFOX teamed with Elektra Records to throw a celebration for Jim and John Hager at The Palomino in North Hollywood last Wednesday night; the occasion was the sixth anniversary of the Hagers' regular appearances on the nationally-syndicated television show "Hee Haw." The packed house included Jon Ellsworth and Sam Lovello, producers of "Hee Haw." Rose Marie, Paul Lynde, Karen Valentine, Connie Van Dyke (co-star with Burt Reynolds in 20th Century's film "W. W. and the Dixie Dancekings), ABC's Chuck Freis, Elektra vicepresident Jerry Sherrel and head promotion man Steve Wax, and, Mother Nature in the flesh, Dina Dietrich.

stephen peeples



DISCO PARTY! — To celebrate their tour of England, RCA Records tossed a gala for The Tymes last week at Leviticus disco in New York, where the group performed and accepted Gold Records for their number one British hit, "Ms. Grace," The band met with assorted press, DJs, dealers and friends. WBLS music director Wanda Ramos and Draper (I) flank The Tymes who surround Lucio Battisti and Billy Jackson (c). Gold Record plaques for "Ms. Grace" were presented during party proceedings.



OZARK BLUE — To celebrate their #1 single, "Jackie Blue," and their engagement at the Bottom Line, A&M hosted a party for the Ozark Mt. Daredevils. Pictured above are (I-r): Larry Lee, John Dillon, A&M artist Chris de Burgh, director of east coast publicity Martin Kirkup, national director of FM promo Joel Siegel, Rich Totoian, and the Ozarks manager Stan Plesser and Paul Peterson.

Korner Narrates Stones Show; Sets LP

NEW YORK — Columbia recording artist and British blues/rock star Alexis Korner has done the narration for a special seven-hour documentary on The Rolling Stones to be aired on more than 80 AM and FM radio stations throughout the country. The broadcast, which airs at the outset of The Rolling Stones' U.S. tour this week, is presented by London Wavelength, U.S. distributors of BBC contemporary music productions. musical organization before forming The Rolling Stones. Korner's new Columbia album, due for release next week, is entitled "Get Off My Cloud" after the famous Jagger-Richard-composition, which is also Korner's new single. Richard also makes a guest appearance on the album along with such musicians as Steve Marriott, Peter Frampton, and Nicky Hopkins. Korner is currently in the midst of a promotional tour of the United States in advance support of the "Get Off My Cloud" LP.

Stones members Charlie Watts, Mick Jagger, Keith Richard and the late Brian Jones all passed through Korner's



'OOH' SO GOOD! — After one of Taj Mahal's recent appearances at the Roxy Theater in Los Angeles, Taj was greeted backstage by two members of the cast of CBS-TV show, "Good Times." Pictured (I to r) are: Bernadette Stanis, Taj Mahal, and Esther Rolle.



PLEASED TO MEET YA! — Some of the Phonogram/Mercury personnel seemed to be having a good time during the Phonogram/Phonodisc get-to-know-each other gathering held May 23 & 24 in Chicago. Seen at the Friday night reception are (I to r): Rich Merschantz, director of production; Peter Pallas, director/customer service; Mike Gormley, national Director of publicity; Roger Sayles, promotion/Atlanta-Charlotte. All are with Phonogram/Mercury.

cashbox; additions to radio playlists

WAKY - LOUISVILLE

WPOP - HARTFORD

Tennille

WAKY - LOUISVILLE Old Days - Chicago - Columbia The Way We Were - Gladys Knight - Buddah Attitude Dancing - Carly Simon - Elektra 26 To 10 - Love Wori Let Me Wait - Major Harris 21 To 5 - Love Will Keep Us Together - Captain And

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Tennille 28 To 23 — When Will I Be Loved — Linda Ronstadt

WPOP - HARTFORD I Don't Know Why -- Rolling Stones -- ABKCO Please Mr. Please -- Olivia Newton-John -- MCA Captain Fantastic -- Elton John -- MCA 13 To 4 -- Shinin' Star -- E.W. & F 11 To 6 -- I'll Play For You -- Seals & Crofts 25 To 18 -- Wildire -- Michael Murphey. Extra To 25 -- Swearin To God -- Frankie Valli Extra To 26 -- Love Won't Let Me Wait -- Major Harris

WCFL – CHICAGO I'm On Fire — Dwight Twilley — Shelter Black Friday — Steely Dan — ABC Listen To What The Man Said — Wings — Capitol 17 To 12 — When Will I Be Loved — Linda Ronstadt 20 To 14 — Old Days — Chicago 24 To 16 — Take Me In Your Arms — Doobie Bros. 26 To 18 — Hey You — Bachman-Turner Overdrive 28 To 19 — Magic — Pilot

WHB – KANSAS CITY Get Down. Get Down – Joe Simon – Spring Magic – Pilot – EMI The Last Farewell – Roger Whittaker – RCA Love Will Keep Us Together – Captain & Tennille –

A&M Listen To What The Man Said — Wings — Capitol

WKLO – LOUISVILLE Listen To What The Man Said – Wings – Capitol T-R-O-U-B-L-E – Elvis Presley – RCA Rockin 'Chair – Gwen McCrae – Cat Jive Talkin' – Bee Gees – RSO You're Love – Raiders – Columbia Good Lovin' Gone Bad – Bad Company – Swan Song Disco Oueen – Hot Chocolate – Big Tree 14 To 2 – When Will I Be Loved – Linda Ronstadt 23 To 4 – Love Will Keep Us Together – Captain & Tennile

Tennille 16 To 5 — Long Haired Country Boy — Charlie Daniels

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Tennile 9 To 4 — Shining Star — Earth, Wind & Fire 16 To 12 — Take Me In Your Arms — Doobie Brothers

KNDE – SACRAMENTO Someone Saved My Life – Elton John – MCA One Of These Nights – Eagles – Asylum Got To Get You In My Life – Blood Sweat & Tears –

WRKO – BOSTON Sweet Emotion – Aerosmith – Columbia I'm Not In Love – 10 cc – Mercury 15 To 3 – Love Will Keep Us Together – Captain &

Extra To 14 — The Hustle — Van McCoy 22 To 13 — Take Me In Your Arms — Doobie Brothers

KFRC – SAN FRANCISCO I'm Not In Love – 10 cc – Mercury Misty – Ray Stevens – Barnaby 20 To 12 – Last Farewell – Roger Whittaker 21 To 14 – Take Me In Your Arms – Doobie Brothers

WHBQ – MEMPHIS Misty – Ray Stevens – Barnaby I'm Not In Love – 10 cc – Mercury Please Mr. Please – Olivia Newton-John – MCA Hey You – Bachman-Turner Overdrive – Mercury 16 To 6 – Love Will Keep Us Together – Captain & Tennile 28 To 14 – Love Won't Let Me Wait – Major Harris 30 To 21 – Midnight Blue – Melissa Manchester

WAVZ - NEW HAVEN Take Me In Your Arms - Doobie Brothers - Warner

Brothers — Van McCoy — Avco 19 To 10 — Love Won't Let Me Wait — Major Harris 22 To 14 — Wildfire — Michael Murphey 30 To 29 — Thank God I'm A Country Boy — John Denver

KJR – SEATTLE Please Mr. Please — Olivia Newton-John — MCA Love Won't Let Me Wait — Major Harris — Atlantic I'm On Fire — Dwight Twilley Band — Shelter 22 To 12 — Magic — Pilot

KKDJ – LOS ANGELES Please Mr. Please — Olivia Newton-John — MCA Isn't It Always True — Karen Alexander — Asylum

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KYA – SANFRANCISCO Midnight Blue – Melissa Manchester – Arista One Of These Nights – Eagles – Asylum Rockin' Chair – Gwen McCrae – Cat

Columbia 27 To 14 — Misty — Ray Stevens Extra To 22 — Damn It All — Gene Cotton

The Hustle — Van McCoy — Av∞ 15 To 10 — Magic — Pilot 19 To 15 — Wildfire — Michael Murphey 23 To 17 — I'm Not Lisa — Jessi Colter

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WABC -- NEW YORK Love Won't Let Me Wait -- Major Harris -- Atlantic Cut The Cake -- Average White Band -- Atlantic 10 To 2 -- How Long -- Ace 21 To 14 -- Bad Time -- Grand Funk 14 To 9 -- Swearin' To God -- Frankie Valli 9 To 4 -- Shinin' Star -- E.W &F.

WMAK — NASHVILLE One Of These Nights — Eagles — Asylum Listen To What The Man Said — Wings — Capitol Somebody Saved My Life — Elton John — MCA Rag Doll — Sammy Johns — GRC 16 To 10 — Midnight Blue — Melissa Manchester 28 To 23 — Get Down, Get Down — Joe Simon

WLS – CHICAGO Before The Next Teardrop — Freddy Fender — ABC/Dot Wildfire — Michael Murphey — Epic 24 To 18 — Take Me In Your Arms — Doobie Brothers 15 To 10 — When Will I Be Loved — Linda Ronstadt

WFKQ - PITTSBURGH Sail On Sailor - Beach Boys - Reprise Listen To What The Man Said - Wings - Capitol Somebody Saved My Life - Elton John - MCA Shinin Star - E.W &F. - Columbia The Last Farewell - Roger Whittaker - RCA 16 To 7 - Wildfire - Michael Murphey 17 To 10 - Judy Mae - Boomer Castleman 28 To 14 - I'm Not Lisa - Jessi Colter 30 To 18 - Love Will Keep Us Together - Captain & Tennille

WING – DAYTON Attitude Dancing – Carly Simon – Elektra I'll Do For You – Barry White – Twentieth Century Swearin' To God – Frankie Valli – Private Stock Last Picasso – Neil Diamond – Columbia The Rockford Files – Mike Post – MGM 8 To 1 – I'm Not Lisa – Jessi Colter

WPRO – PROVIDENCE Ding-A-Ling — Teach In — Phillips Last Picasso — Neil Diamond — Columbia 23 To 17 — Old Days — Chicago 28 To 21 — Wildfire — Michael Murphey Extra To 10 — Take Me In Your Arms — Doobie Brothe

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Extra To 16 - The Hustle - Van McCoy

WLAV – GRAND RAPIDS Listen To What The Man Said – Wings – Capitol Please Mr. Please – Olivia Newton-John – MCA Misty – Ray Stevens – Barnaby The Hustle – Van McCoy – Avco 26 To 21 – Bad Luck – Harold Melvin 28 To 18 – Anytime I'll Be There – Frank Sinatra 29 To 15 – Bad Time – Grand Funk 17 To 12 – Hey You – Bachman-Turner Overdrive 12 To 8 – When Will I Be Loved – Linda Ronstadt

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KIOA – DES MOINES Listen To What The Man Said — Wings — Capitol Love Wont Let Me Watt — Major Harris — Atlantic Midnight Blue — Melissa Manchester — ARista Rhinestone Cowboy — Glen Campbell — Capitol 23 To 15 — Hey You — Bachman-Turner Overdrive 22 To 11 — Lizzie And The Rainman — Tanya Tucker 9 To 3 — The Last Farewell — Roger Whittaker

WTIX - NEW ORLEANS Magic - Pilot - EMI

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WSGN – BIRMINGHAM Long Haired Country Boy – Charlie Daniels – Buddah Someone Saved My Life Tonight – Elton John – MCA Rockin' Chair – Gwen McCrae – Cat Listen To What The Man Said – Wings – Capitol 13 To 8 – Love Will Keep Us Together – Captain & Tennille

Tennile 19 To 9 — Magic — Pilot 24 To 12 — Get Down, Get Down — Joe Simon 21 To 14 — Swearin' To God — Frankie Valli

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WCAO – BALTIMORE No new adds.

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WLEE – RICHMOND One Of These Nights – Eagles – Asylum Swearin' To God – Frankie Valli – Private Stock Please Mr. Please – Olivia Newton-John – MCA Remember What I Told You To Forget – Tavares Capitol

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WBBQ - AUGUSTA Please Mr. Please — Olivia Newton-John — MCA 8 To 3 — Take Me In Your Arms — Doobie Brothers 9 To 4 — I'll Play For You — Seals & Crofts 15 To 9 — Magic — Pilot 20 To 14 — I'm Not In Love — 10 cc 27 To 21 — I Dreamed Last Night — Hayward & Lodge 29 To 23 — The Hustle — Van McCoy 34 To 29 — The Way We Were — Gladys Knight

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 24 To 17 — Love Wont Let Me Wait — Major Harris

 32 To 21 — Rockin' Chair — Gwen McCrae

 30 To 25 — Magic — Pilot

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Playboy Opens Nashville Office

NASHVILLE — In a major move aimed at the vital country market, Playboy Records and Music has opened an office in Nashville, announced Sal lannucci, Playboy Enterprises vice president and corporate director of the entertainment division and Tom Takayoshi, executive vice president of Playboy Records and Music. In the words of lannucci: "In the past year we have made significant inroads in the country market and scored a number of hits for the label. Our entry into the country market has met with success, and it is a natural move to open offices in Nashville to further our interests in the country market."

Heading the new office as director of country music is music-industry veteran Eddie Kilroy. He will be responsible for all aspects of promotion and production for Playboy Records in Nashville and their country-artists roster, and will report directly to Tom Takayoshi. Kilroy has worked on an independent basis with the label for the past 28 months, and all releases, both singles and albums, have been charted on the national country-music charts.

In addition to producing Mickey Gilley ("Room Full Of Roses") the first country artist on the label, Kilroy has produced several other country artists for the label, including Barbi Benton. Her debut album "Barbi Doll," rose high on the country charts, and her most recent single. "Brass Buckles," has hit the top 20 on the country charts and is still rising. Kilroy has also produced Mike Wells, Wynn Stewart, Brenda Pepper and Chuck Price for Playboy, and will continue to oversee all production and promotion for all Playboy artists in the country field.

Playboy's Nashville offices are located at 1511 Sigler, Suite 105, Nashville, Tennessee 37203. The phone number is (615) 242-4341.

Loretta Lynn Rates #1 In TVQ Survey

HOLLYWOOD — A recent survey by Marketing Evaluations, Inc. has revealed that Loretta Lynn has the highest TVQ of all female musical performers. The TVQ measures audience's awareness of a particular performer plus the degree of enthusiasm for that person. The results are impressive in respect to Ms. Lynn because, unlike Cher, Helen Reddy and Julie Andrews (who are also among the top ten), she does not currently have her own television program.

Jerry Jordan On The Road

HOLLYWOOD — MCA Records' country comedian Jerry Jordan has embarked on a promotional tour to back his hit LP "Phone Call From God." The album, Jerry Jordan's debut on MCA, is currently listed with bullets in the top ten on country charts.

Jerry's itinerary includes appearances in Dallas, Fort Worth, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Nashville with more dates to be added. Jerry Jordan's style combines country and religious humor with serious ideas.

His MCA album features Jerry's "Phone Call From God," a hilarious fifteen minute telephone 'conversation' with the Almighty. In addition to his "Phone Call," the album includes several other comedy cuts and one song titled, "Tell Me The Story." The album was written by Jerry Jordan and produced by Bud Andrews.

Grand Ole Opry Celebrates 50th

NASHVILLE — Opryland U.S.A. opened its 7-day schedule last May 24 with Porter Wagoner and stars of the Opry making personal appearances in the park and a special country music stage show commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Grand Ole Opry in the park's Theatre-By-The-Lake.

The country music season began with Porter Wagoner taping his syndicated country music television shows in the different music areas of the park. The show tapings got underway each day May 24-May 28, at 10 a.m. and visitors to Opryland were invited to be the audience at no charge.

Scheduled for concerts in the park were country giants Bill Monroe, Ernest Tubb, George Morgan, and Roy Acuff, and Opry ladies Jan Howard, Dottie West, Skeeter Davis, Jeanne Pruett, and Jean Shepard.

Opryland will be open daily through June 13 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and June 14 through Sept. 1 from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. The park will return to a weekend schedule on Sept. 6.



WILLS STILL KING Accepting the Wrangler Award for his illustrious father, Bob Wills, is Oklahoma University col-lege student Jim Wills. The last record album that Bob Wills participated in, Bob Wills and his Texas Playboys: "For The Last Time," was given a special trustees' award at the recent Western Heritage Awards Banquet sponsored by the Na-tional Cowboy Hall of Fame. Also holding their Wranglers are (left to right) Tommy Allsup, producer of the album; Jack Mesler, national country sales manager, United Artists Records; and Dr. Charles Townsend, who wrote the album liner notes. Representing the Cowboy Hall in making the special presentation is western movie great and long time friend of Bob Wills, Gene Autry

'U.S. Of A.' Chosen For South Nevada Bicentennial

LOS ANGELES — ABC recording artist Donna Fargo has been honored by the Southern Nevada bicentennial commission with their adoption of her song "U.S. of A." as their special theme song for the bicentennial celebration. Donna was presented by the commission with a plaque lauding her for her efforts as the creator of the song during her recent engagement at the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel.

As a result of the adoption of "U.S. of A." by the Southern Nevada bicentennial commission, the national bicentennial commission in Washington, D.C. has also been considering adoption of the song as the national bicentennial song for the historical celebrations. The song is under consideration by the Nevada bicentennial commission as well.

Ms. Fargo is currently in the midst of a national concert and club tour of the U.S., and will have a new ABC album, "Everything I Say Means I Love You," released shortly. Presently, the latest country single is "It Do Feel Good" from the ABC album "Miss Donna Fargo." **Country Artist Of The Week** Ruby Falls



"According to "Hoy" — In Warren Smith's "Predictions For 1975" super psychic Dr. David Hoy is quoted as saying: "A black female country singer is ready! Her first record will be released this year and will be #1 on pop and country charts." Dr. Hoy is internationally known as a lecturer, appearing regularly on radio and television and is one of the world's leading authorities on extra-sensory preception.

About the time that Dr. Hoy was making known his predictions for 1975, Ruby Falls, a native of Jackson, Tennessee, arrived in Nashville by the way of Milwaukee, where most of her family now lives. Her career began with church singing and talent shows and after high school, Ruby took her singing talents on the road for appearances in clubs and stage shows. Over the last three years she began mixing more and more country songs into her act, because, as she puts it, "I feel more at home with counputs it. try." Ruby's first record on 50 States, produced by Johnny Howard and Charlie Fields, was an instant chart climber and

Teri Brown Joins A. Q. Talent, Inc.

NASHVILLE — Quinnie Acuff, president of A. Q. Talent, Inc. has added Teri Brown₂\$taff.

Miss Brown recently relocated to Nashville from California where she was with Concern Express and American Mgt. Inc. in Calif., and more recently with MGM Records. Her responsibilities in the new position include both booking of acts and artist relations for them and the agency.

Miss Acuff was quoted as saying that "in this age of specialization it is important that the artists have the combined efforts of their representatives in all areas of their careers. In order to achieve and maintain success. Teri has worked in all areas of this business and brings to us that knowledge. I'm sure our artists will benefit greatly from this."

A. Q. Talent, Inc. currently represents artists such as George Jones, Vicki Bird, Doyle Holly, Sue Richards, Merle Kilgore, Jerry Foster, Mike Wells, etc.

They now have a total complex to include bookings, management, press, television and record representation. has created much excitement. 50 States is sold nationally by Nationwide Sound Distributors.

After reading Dr. Hoy's prediction, Betty Gibson of NSD contacted him and received an even more in-depth prediction: "Yes, Betty, I feel that Ruby Falls is the singer mentioned in my current predictions. I am happy to be able to tell you that, and trust that you understand that is my honest ESP impression." He further states in a letter to Betty that "It appears to me that within 7-10 months, you will be extremely happy with Ruby's success."

Personal management for Ruby is being handled by Choo Choo Enterprises, Inc. She is part owner of the management firm and is currently finishing up her first album and will make a limited number of personal appearances and TV guest shots during the next few months. Her current release on 50 States is "He Loves Me All To Pieces."

"Super Psychic (The Incredible Dr. Hoy)" by John Goodwin has just been released. Dr. Hoy is booked by Variety Artists International, Inc. of Minneapolis.

Doug Kershaw Mary Tyler Moore Tape TV Special

NASHVILLE — Warner Brothers' recording artist Doug Kershaw has just completed two weeks of production work on a television special starring Mary Tyler Moore.

Filmed in Hollywood, the program features Kershaw in two dramatic parts as "Adam" and "The Devil," in addition to five musical numbers written by the famous fiddler.

Scheduled to air this fall, the show is Ms. Moore's first TV special.

Loretta And Conway Set Summer Tour

HOLLYWOOD — Loretta Lynn and Conway Twitty, country music's most successful and dynamic vocal duo will tour the southwest beginning in Phoenix, Arizona on July 17. Other dates include Long Beach, July 18; Oakland, July 19; Sacramento, July 20; Redding, July 23: Imperial, July 25; San Bernardino, July 26; and San Diego, July 27. Keith Fowler is the promoter for the dates.

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21	MISSISSIPPI ON MY MIND Stoney Edwards (Capitol 4051)	28
22	SHE TALKED A LOT ABOUT TEXAS Cal Smith (MCA 40394)	30
23	THERE I SAID IT	
24	Margo Smith (20th Cent 2172) SHE'S ALREADY GONE	24
25	BRASS BUCKLES Barbi Benton (Playboy 6032)	29
26	BEYOND YOU	7
27	Crystal Gayle (U A XW 600X) GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS	26
28	COLINDA	32
20	Fiddlin' Frenchie Bourke & The Outlaws (20th Cent. 2182)	29
29	DREAMING MY DREAMS WITH YOU Waylon Jennings (RCA 10270)	33
30	PICTURES ON PAPER Jeris Ross (ABC 1 2064)	37
31	THE KIND OF WOMAN I GOT/ WHERE HE'S GOING Hank Williams Jr (MGM 14794)	23
32	HELLO I LOVE YOU	38
33	FIREBALL ROLLED A SEVEN	
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	Bobby G Rice (GRT 021)	40

35	PERSONALITY Price Mitchell (GRT 020)
36	THAT'S WHEN MY WOMAN
37	BEGINS Tommy Overstreet (ABC/Dot DOA 17552) CLASSIFIED
38	GOD'S GONNA GET 'CHA FOR THAT
39	George Jones & Tammy Wynette (Epic 8-50099)
40	UNCHAINED MELODY Joe Stampley (ABC/Dot 17551) BOILIN' CABBAGE
41	Bill Black Combo (Hi 2283) STEALIN'
42	Jacky Ward (Mercury 73667) I'M AVAILABLE (FOR YOU TO HOLD ME TIGHT) Kathy Barnes (MGM 14797)
43	BURNING
44	Ferlin Huskey (ABC 12085)
45	Bill Anderson (MCA 40404) THE DEVIL IN MRS. JONES Billy Larkin (Bryan 1018)
46	T-B-O-U-B-L-E
47	(THERE SHE GOES) I WISH HER WELL
48	Don Gibson (Hickory 345)
49	Jeanne Pruett (MCA 40395) YOU KNOW JUST WHAT I'D DO Lois Johnson (20th Cent. 2187)
50	ANOTHER SOMEBODY DONE SOMEBODY WRONG SONG B J Thomas (ABC 12054)
51	WHY DON'T YOU LOVE ME Connie Smith (Col 3-10135)
52	IT TAKES A WHOLE LOTTA LIVING' IN A HOUSE David Rogers (U A 15124)
53	ROLLIN' IN YOUR SWEET SUNSHINE Dottie West (RCA 10269)
54	SEARCHIN' (FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU) Melba Montgomery (Elektra 45427-A)
55	LET'S LOVE WHILE WE CAN Barbara Fairchild (Col 3-10128)
56	TOUCH THE HAND Conway Twitty (MCA 40407)
57	JUST GET UP AND CLOSE THE DOOR
58	MOVIN' ON Merle Haggard (Capitol 4085)
59	EVERY TIME YOU TOUCH ME (I GET HIGH) Charlie Rich (Epic 50103)
60	WHAT TIME OF DAY Billy Thunderkloud & The Chieftones (20th TC2181)
61	MR. RIGHT AND MRS. WRONG Mel Tillis & Sherry Bryce (MGM 14803)
62	LOVE YOU BACK TO GEORGIA Freddy Weller (ABC 17554)
63	I WANT TO HOLD YOU IN MY DREAMS Stella Parton (Country Soul RE1-333)
64	ILOVE A RODEO Roger Miller (Columbia 3-10107)
65	LOVE IN THE HOT AFTERNOON Gene Watson (Capitol 4076)
66	EARLY SUNDAY MORNING

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48	70	I'D LIKE TO SLEEP TILL I GET OVER YOU	71
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46	72	STORMS NEVER LAST Dottsy (RCA PB 10280)	75
	73	MARIA ELENA Sonny James (Columbia 3-1013)	83
52	74	MAY YOU REST IN PEACE Melody Allen (Mercury 73674)	78
47	75	I THINK I'LL SAY GOODBYE Mary Kaye James (Avco CAV 610)	76
54	76	HONKY TONKIN' SOUL George Kent (Shannon 830)	_
55	77	LION IN THE WINTER Hoyt Axton (A&M 1683)	80
59	78	GATHER ME Marilyn Sellars (MR 1230)	82
	79	LET ME TAKE CARE OF YOU Bobby Lewis (Ace Of Hearts 00502)	87
36	80	LAY AROUND Earl Richards (Ace of Hearts 00501)	84
58	81	DEAL Tom T Hall (Mercury 23687)	_
59	82	BAD NEWS George Hamilton IV (RCA PB 50063)	85
9	83	LOVE ME WRONG Gary Sargeants (Mercury 73665)	88
60	84	THAT'S THE WAY WE FALL IN LOVE	89
40	85	ONE TWO THREE Jim Glaser (MGM 14798)	91
49	86	THERE HAS TO BE A LOSER	91
61	87	Diana Trask (ABC/Dot 17555)	-
	88	Connie Cato (Capitol 4035)	31
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65	90	Tompall (MGM 14800) MY HEART WOULD KNOW	93
	91	Mack White (Playboy 6033)	94
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67	93	Jimmy Elledge (4-Star 5-1003)	96
68	94	Joe Bob Nashville Sound (Capitol 4059) EVERYTHING'S BROKEN	97
69		Larry Hosford (Shelter/MCA 40381)	98
74	95	GHOST STORY Susan Raye (Capitol 4063)	99
77	96	RAINY DAY PEOPLE Gordon Lightfoot (Reprise 1238)	86
70	97	COLD BEER SIGNS AND COUNTRY SONGS Darrell McCall (Avco 609)	100
64	98	YOU'RE GONNA LOVE YOURSELF IN THE MORNING Roy Clark (ABC/Dot 17545)	45
73	99	PLEASE COME TO NASHVILLE Bonnie Dove (Melodyland 6004)	92
72	100	WOULD YOU BE MY LADY David Allan Coe (Col. 3-10093)	90

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Another Somebody Done (Press/Tree — BMI)	. 50
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Brass Buckles (Tree - BMI)	
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Every Time (Algee-BMI/Double R - ASCAP)	
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Storms Never Last (Baron — BMI) Thank God I'm (Cherry Lane — ASCAP).. That's The (Music Of The Times — ASCAP).. That's When (Ricci Mareno — SESAC)... The Devil In(Blue Moon — ASCAP).. The Most Wanted (MaRee/Porter — ASCAP).. The Kind Of (Al Cartee/Tree/Surefire — BMI).. There I Said It (Jidobi — BMI). There I Said It (Jidobi — BMI). There She Goes (Acuff-Rose — BMI). There She Goes (Acuff-Rose — BMI). There As To Be A Loser (Spanka — BMI). There As To Be A Loser (Spanka — BMI). Touch The Hand (Twitty Bird — BMI). These Days (Altam — BMI). TH-RO-U-B-L-E (Jerry Chestnut — BMI). Tryin To Beat (Crews/Stone Diamond — BMI). Unchained Melody (Frank — ASCAP). What Time Of Day (Sawgrass — BMI). Who WII I Be (Acuff-Rose — BMI). Who WI You Love Me (Fred Rose — BMI). Word Games (Show Biz — BMI). Your Gona Love (Loromoine — ASCAP). You're My Best Friend (Don Williams — BMI).

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We Can" — Ronnie Prophet has We Can" — Ronnie Prophet has Heronessed a new single on RCA Victor Records Canada titled "Sanctuary," produced by Harry Hinde and recorded in Toronto.

Diana Trask has recorded a series of radio spots for the U.S. Department of Interior, to be aired nationwide. The music will become the official theme song for the interior department.

Mel Tillis has a new single release on the MGM label, "Woman In The Back Of My Mind," written by Ronald McCown and Roger Jaudon. The cut is off his current album, "Mel Tillis And The Statesiders.

Vaughn Curtis Smathers, 71, father of Ben Smathers (Stoney Mountain Cloggers), died Tues. morning. May 6, 1975 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ashville, North Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Senith Berdell Smathers, and son Ben; daughter-in-law Margaret Chapman Smathers and 5 grandchildren.

Kent Westberry owner of Crackerbox Productions, has been having plenty of studio activity. Harlan Sanders' soon-tobe-released Shannon Records single was produced by Kent, and he and Harlan co-wrote "Those Booze Drinkin" Buddies Of Mine." Kent has also just finished a session with Grant Grieves who is currently touring with Kent, and feature performer with Grieve's show. Kent also has just finished recordings for himself.

Barbara Mandrell, of country music fame, has just completed an extensive series of television appearances around the country. On Mar. 3 she arrived in Hollywood to film a "Dinah Shore Show." On Apr. 22 and 23 she appeared on a new television program from Toronto, Canada called "Celebration," produced by Sam Lovello for Youngstreet Productions. On Apr. 30 she returned to Nashville to film "The Mike Douglas Show." On May 30 she worked again with Sam Lovello on the "Hee Haw" show. Her agent and exclusive representative, **Jim Wagner**, has also announced that he is negotiating the possibility of a weekly series for this versatile young lady.

Ronnie Prophet is taping a pilot for a new series called "Grand Ole Country" (a 30 minute show) at CFTO studios for CTV in Toronto, Canada. Guests on the pilot will be Dolly Parton, Ferlin Husky and the Stony Mountain Cloggers

Boomer Castleman is a "booming" new Tree writer who's creating a lot of conversation with his controversial hit "Judy Mae." The sandy-haired talent now makes his home in Nashville, and you'll find him sporting a silver dollar medallion around his neck, which he claims "always brings me good luck."

Joe Allen, who also writes for Tree, is the author on the current Warner Brothers single by Rex Allen, Jr. titled "Lying In My Arms."

Jamboree USA audiences have been arriving from all over to see the top names in country music. Merle Haggard recently sold out three shows at the 43 year old country music show. He was preceded by Tammy Wynette, Jeannie C. Riley and Buck Owens, to name but a few. Jamboree USA tour director Freddy Carr said that jamboree fans are definitely going against national trends that show a decrease in travel this year. He and his assistant Linda Nolan have been working around the clock trying to accommodate all the requests for tours to visit the Jamboree.

The Rambos are on a 15-day tour that will include seven days in Holland and three days in London. They have been invited by the Evangelical Radio and Television network of Holland to tape four TV shows in Hilversum.

Ray Pillow and Jim & Jesse will be working together again when they perform at the Entertainment Center in LaFayette, Louisiana. Ray was a regular on the syndicated Jim & Jesse TV show. Jim & Jesse just got back from a tour in Japan. Jim McReynolds (the tall and dark tenor of the duo) says that it was terrific: "I never have seen so much response as from the Japanese audience and most of them couldn't even speak English."

Conny Van Dyke, co-starring with Burt Reynolds in 20th Century Fox's "W. W. And The Dixiedance Kings," made a special guest appearance at the west coast premiere of the film at the Directors Guild on Sat. May 17. The special charity screening and dinner, was sponsored by the National Society For Autistic Children. Chairman is Dan Paulson. Conny entertained with songs from the film.

Elektra recording artist Tommy Cash has wound up a month-long road tour. He appeared for three weeks at Harrah's in Reno, Nevada, along with John Davidson and Don Rickles, and also played two nights to packed audiences at the Palomino Club in North Hollywood, California. His tour was launched with an appearance in Erie, New York, at which the mayor of Erie declared a "Tommy Cash Day."

Sheila Tilton has been added to the roster of talent working out of Buddy Lee Attractions in Nashville. Miss Tilton's personal manager Roger West made the announcement when they returned to Hawaii after spending 11 days in Music City, where Miss Tilton taped guest appearances on the "Timex" Opryland TV special, the T. Tommy Cutrer syndicated TV show, and completed her first album for the Con Brio label. Her second single titled "Let Your Lovin' Do The Talkin'" has already been released.

The Stonemans thought they would get a rest after their five-week tour out west, but a last minute booking came in which took them to Hagerstown, Maryland for May 23-24. They performed at the Colonial Theatre.

Stella Parton recalls that Dolly and another sister did a lot of backup work on small record labknoxville during their early teenage years. "We all had high pitched voices and sounded like Alvin and the Chipmunks — 1950's vintage." Stella's record "I Want To Hold You In My Dreams Tonight" shows that her voice has changed somewhat. Stella is booked by the Joe Taylor Agency.

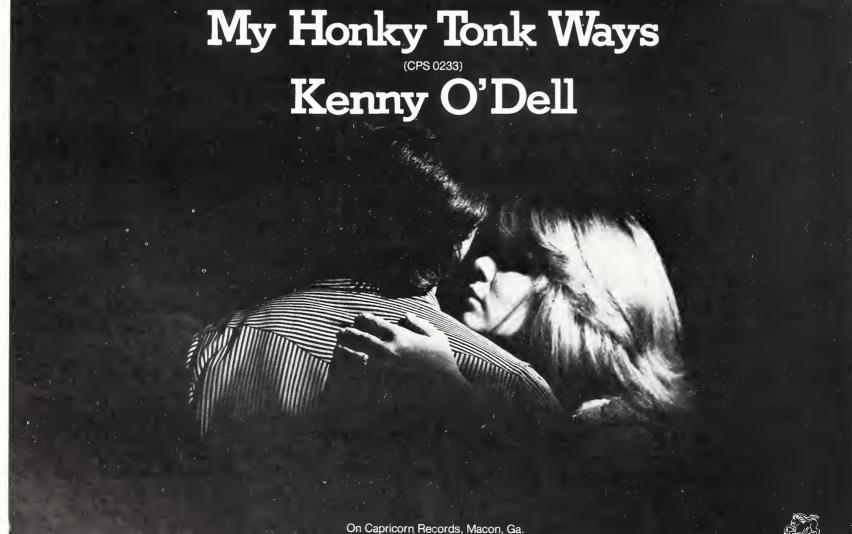
Ty Lemley has performed literally before millions of people across the land with the legendary Guy Lombardo Orchestra. Now after a lengthy time of polishing his country act, Ty believed the time has come to carry his solo act to the world's "Country Mecca," Music City U.S.A. Ty Lemley, the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania native, has always had a fascination for country music and the Nashville sound. With the advent of the upcoming June Fan Fair. Ty has chosen to join the thousands of loyal country singing fans and performers converging on "Music City" and will be "doing his thing" during Fan Fair in Nashville to help further the cause of good wholesome entertainment - country music.

Ben Peters, co-writer of the current pop and country hit, "Before The Next Teardrop Falls," has been pushing his pencil again with recent cuts by Faron Young, Nick Nixon, Freddy Hart, Ray Price, Lawrence Welk, Al Hirt, Ray Conniff, Diana Trask, Conway Twitty, Brenda Lee, David Wills, Henson Cargill, and Tom Fletcher, and additionally a new single out by Del Reeves.

"The Most Wanted Woman In Town" single, is back in Nashville finishing his first album for Shannon Records. The LP is being produced by Bud Logan at Music City Recorders in Nashville.

Cloud 9 Records' Troy Shondell and Mick Lloyd have announced the planned July opening of the Cloud 9 disco, to be located in what was formerly The Villa. Nashville's most complete and modern discotheque facility, the Cloud 9 will utilize the most advanced techniques in sound systems and lighting. Music play will be automated with guest deejays on special occasions.

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singles

RAY PETERSON (Cloud 9 CL 134)

Nobody But You (1:51) (Bilite - ASCAP) (J. Boholen) Produced by Troy Shondell, Ray's latest single release is a great rendition of a classic tune. Ray is well remembered for his numerous hits of a few years back and with releases like this one will be back on top again quickly. Flip: No info. available.

HARLAN SANDERS (Shannon 831)

Open Up Your Heart I'm Comin' Home (2.54) (Tuckahoe - BMI) (Gene Mabry) Harlan comes out with a super uptempo song produced by Bud Logan and Mary Reeves. His tale tells how he has rambled in till he can't roam anymore. His woman keeps pulling on his mind and he finds freedom is not exactly what he was looking for. Flip: No info, available.

MICHAEL HURST (Columbia 3-10141)

Country Boy From London Town (2:36) (Al Gallico/Algee — BMI) (M. Hurst) Self-penned and self-produced. Michael brings us an uptempo toe-tappin' tune while singing the praises of Tennessee. Vocals are light and easy and are com-

plimented by a good instrumental break. Flip: No info. available.

HOMER JOY (Capitol 4068)

Sure Didn't Take Him Long (2:08) (Baron — BMI) (Waylon Jennings)

Already riding high on loads of country station charts, this release is a deep soulful rendition of love gone wrong then gone. Vocals are rich and powerful leading to many more chart numbers. Flip: No info, available.

MIKE LUNSFORD (Starday 129)

How Can I Tell My Dreams (Not To Sleep With You) (2:37) (Power Play - BMI) Mike follows his last chart-topping single with a clear and distinctive ballad of unrequited love. After having loved and lost he finds he can forget her except for the

nighttime when he still dreams of her. Flip: No info. available

WOLFPACK (Fretone 028)

Plant Some Bluegrass On Me (2:52) (Starfree - BMI) (R. Crider) A new group on the scene hits with a hard-driving bluegrass number. Vocals, in-

strumentation and production all come together to head this one toward the airwaves and the charts. Flip: No info. available.

BILLY ARMSTRONG (4 Star 5-1012)

Lonely Street (2:17) (4 Star — BMI) (C. Belew — K. Souder — W. S. Stevinson) This tremendous classic from days gone by is given the royal treatment by Billy Superb sounds will find this instrumental interpretation around for a long, long time Flip: No info, available

JOHNNY WRIGHT (Capricorn 0232)

Wild, Passionate Lover (3:16) (Needahit - BMI) (Jim Anglin)

Johnny tells the tale of a lady who not only is too much for him, but from the sounds probably too much for 10 men. Seems she can change lovers quicker than most men can change socks. Vocal delivery is great leading to quick chart success. Flip: No info available

HANK BEACH (MGM 14806)

Run Right Back (2:55) (Al Cartee Music - BMI) (Al Cartee - Ava Aldridge) Dick Glasser produced this ballad style song of a man who cheats but always goes back to the woman who waits for him at home. Vocals are deep and rich and lend a special quality to the lyric. Flip: No info. available.

KAREN SUE MINTER (Gregorian 10B)

This Man (2:12) (American Music — ASCAP) (K. S. Minter) Self-penned and produced by Cathy Gregory, this is a very soft and lilting ballad from a young new artist. Vocals are lilting as well on a story of a young lady's feelings for the man who says he loves her, but already has a wife and family. Flip: No info available

EDDY ARNOLD (MGM 14780)

Red Roses For A Blue Lady (2:45) (Mills — ASCAP) (R. C. Bennett — S. Tepper) Produced by Dick Glasser and arranged by Bill Justis, this release is taken from 'The Wonderful World of Eddy Arnold'' LP. The vocal style is all his own on this rendition of a classic tune, made even more classic with this release from the master. Flip: No info, available

GLEN CAMPBELL (Capitol 4095)

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Rhinestone Cowboy (3:08) (20th Century/House of Weiss - ASCAP) (Larry Weiss) A medium tempo song tells the tale of lonely looking for big city lights and star spangled freedom. Glen's vocals are great and production adds to the delivery making for a sure contender for all markets. Flip: No info. available.

RAY PILLOW (ABC/Dot DOA 17560)

Rita Faye (2:40) (Sawgrass - BMI) (K. McDuffie)

Ray's latest release was produced by Larry Rogers and is the story of a woman who searches for more than just a man who loves her. Vocals reach into the lyric and deliver it with a dynamic style. Flip: No info. available.

PAT ROBERTS (ABC/Dot DOA 17559)

She Came Here For The Change (2:49) (Chess - ASCAP) (C. Barker - C. Quinten) Pat's vocal delivery is superb on a classic story of a lady looking for a new life. She's gone to work not for the money but for the change. Production by Tom Collins aids this release onto becoming a quick charter. Flip: No info. available

IIM WEATHERLY (Buddah 467N)

It Must Have Been The Rain (2:57) (Keca Music - ASCAP) (N. De Caro, J. Bowen) Jim Weatherly's down-home country vocals do absolute musical justice to this mellow outing. Lyrical and arrangement are cut to the quick and give this low-keyed effort a well-rounded structuring. "It Must Have Been The Rain"; good musical weather ahead. Flip: No info. available.









LP's

WATER GLASS FULL OF WHISKEY – Johnny Darrell – Capricorn CP 0154

Johnny Darrell's mastery of the country and western idiom is shown off to its best advantage on "Water Glass Full Of Whiskey" as he turns in a sterling rendition of his and other people's music. The overall depth of the music is enhanced by the deft but unobtrusive use of strings as a background medium. Highlighted on this album are "Rose Colored Gin," "Hardtime Charlie Softshoes" and a knockout cover of "Orange Blossum Special." Johnny Darrell is indicative of where country music is going; a long way

T.G. SHEPARD - Melodyland - ME 401SL

T.G. has so far carved a remarkable place for himself in the country market in just a short length of time. This LP features the #1 single "Devil In The Bottle," and his current hot chart climbing single "Tryin' To Beat The Morning Home," both of which were instrumental in put-tion him on tes. Of source your house to be set ting him on top. Of course you have to also consider superb vocal quality and tremendous production by Jack Gilmer and Bill Browder as fac-tors too. Some of our favorites include "Who's Julie," "Another Woman," "Livin' It Up, "Country Country Club," and "Rollin' With The Flow "

ERNIE SINGS AND GLEN PICKS - Ernie Ford and Glen Campbell - Capitol ST 11389

Produced by Steve Stone, the "concept" idea of this LP could not have been pulled off by 2 lesser talents. It is exactly what it claims to be, Ernie & Glen and only Ernie and Glen. Who could ask for more? Ernie's vocals are deep and rich and the pickin' by Glen could not be equaled. Favorite cuts include "She Called Me Baby," "Nobody Wins," "Loving Her Was Easier," and "I Really Don't Want To Know." This LP should be an all time classic.

MARRIED GAL IN MEMPHIS - Mick Lloyd - JMT Records 1021

With Tony Moon producing and all selections written by Mick Lloyd, this LP is laid back and written by Mick Lloyd, this LP is laid back and easy styled. Featuring his single release, "Run-ning," and the title track, "Married Gal In Mem-phis," selections also include "She Goes Right On Loving You," "I Hardly Knew Her," "Riding On The Wind" and "I'll Go On." Mick will go on from here to make a place for himself on the music scene. Since his release of this LP, Mick has signed with Cloud 9 Records.

additions to country playlists

WHN - NEW YORK

WHN – NEW YORK I Don't Love Her Anymore — Johnny Pa Deal/Flip — Tom T. Hall — Mercury Ghost Story — Susan Raye — Capitol II Takes Faith — Marty Robbins — MCA One Two Three — Jim Glaser — MGM Gather Me — Marilyn Sellars — Mega Molly — Dorsey Burnett — Melodyland Johnny Paycheck — Epic

WAME - CHARLOTTE

WAME – CHARLOTTE Early Sunday Morning – Chip Taylor – W B Farthest Thing From My Mind – Ray Price – ABC The Seeker – Dolly Parton – RCA Birds & Children Fly Away – Kenny Price – RCA I Want To Hold You – Stella Parton – Country Soul Carolina Cousins/Rollin In Your – Dotty West – RCA Just Get Up & Close – Johnny Rodriguez – Merc Honey On His Hands – Jeannie Pruett – MCA Unchained Melody – Joe Stampley – ABC/Dot You Know Just – Mei Tillis & Sherry Bryce – MGM 19 To 2 – Touch The Hand – Conway Twitty – MCA 17 To 11 – Brass Buckles – Barbi Benton 38 To 30 – Movin 'On – Merle Haggard

KMAK – FRESNO

KMAK – FRESNO Why Don't You Love Me — Connie Smith — Columbia Touch The Hand — Conway Twitty — MCA Unchained Melody — Joe Stampley — ABC/Dot 35 To 29 — EveryTime You Touch Me — Charlie Rich 32 To 27 — Rhinestone Cowboy — Glen Campbell 34 To 28 — Movin' On — Merle Haggard

 KLAC - LOS ANGELES

 Pictures On Paper - Jeris Ross - ABC

 Freda Comes Freda Goes - Bobby G. Rice - GRT

 Why Don't You Love Me - Connie Smith - Columbit

 Unchained Melody - Joe Stampley - ABC/Dot

 What Time of Day - Billy Thunderkloud - 20th

 8 To 3 - I Ain t All Bad - Charley Pride

 11 To 8 - Reconsider Me - Narvel Felts

 23 To 18 - There I Said It - Margo Smith

 31 To 24 - Spring - Tanya Tucker

 - Columbia KLAK – DENVER Hello Little Bluebird — Donna Fargo — Dot Woman In The Back Of My Mind — Mel Tillis — MGM Lonely Rain — Wynn Stewart — Playboy There Has To Be A Loser — Diana Trask — Dot Early Sunday Morning — Chip Taylor — W B Honey On His Hands — Jeanne Pruett — MCA 15 To 3 — She Talked A Lot About Texas — Cal Smith 25 To 7 — Mississippi You re — Stoney Edwards

WXCL – PEORIA Please Mr. Please — Olivia Newton-John — MCA Lonely Rain — Wynn Stewart — Playboy Good Time Baby — Lawanda Lindsey — Capitol Woman In The Back Of My Mind — Mel Tillis — MGN Boom Boom Barroom Mam — Nat Stuckey — RCA I Don't Love Her — Johnny Paycheck — Epic I Want To Hold You — Stella Parton — Country Soul Early Sunday Morning — Chip Taylor — W B MGM

Early Sunday Monthing — Chip Taylor — W B
WIRE – INDIANAPOLIS
Things – Ronnie Dove – Melodyland
Baby – Ernie Ford & Andra Willis – Capitol
Please Mr Please – Olivia Newton-John – MCA
What Time Of Day – Billy Thunderkloud – 20th Century
Stealin^{*} – Jacky Ward – Mercury
There Has To Be A Loser – Diana Trask – Dot
WITL – LANSING
Please Mr Please – Olivia Newton-John – MCA
Rhinestone Cowboy – Glen Campbell – Capitol
It Must Of Been The Rain – Jim Weatherly – Buddah
Love In The Hot Afternoon – Gene Watson – Capitol
Things – Ronnie Dove – Melodyland
III Be Your Stepping Stone – David Houston – Epic I'll Be Your Stepping Stone - David Houston - Epic

WHK – CLEVELAND Please Mr. Please — Olivia Newton-John — MCA Third Rate Romance — Amazing Rhythm Aces — ABC You Bring Out — Brenda Pepper — Playboy Fathest Thing From My MInd — Ray Price — ABC Fireball Rolled A Seven — Dave Dudley — U A

r&b ingredients

The Berkeley Jazz Festival was a jazz-ful three-day event and first off I want to con-gratulate the UCB students and Mansfield Collins of 2001 for making the 9th annual event a memorable one for yours truly. Featured on the all-star show were Eddie Harris, Taj Mahal, Gil Scott-Heron, Cannonball Adderly, Stanley Turrentine, Freddie Hubbard, Grover Washington, Jr., Joe Bataan, Les McCann and Donald Byrd and the Blackbyrds. All the shows were sold out and soul-ful.

George McCrae's second LP on T.K. will be out within the next three weeks. H. W. Casey and Richard Finch are co-writers and producers of the LP B. T. Express are set to appear at the Newport Jazz Festival New York salute to soul & jazz at the Nassau Supremes are currently in Japan on a 17-day jaunt. After Japan Coliseum, July 6 there is no rest for the gals because they are already booked for the Philippines and

then bookings throughout the U.S. this summer. Consumer Rapport with the hit, "Ease On Down The Road," can be seen on American Bandstand June 9 ... Fantasy Records is releasing the soundtrack to "Cornbread, Earl and Me," the first soundtrack by the Blackbyrds. The music was composed by Donald Byrd ... Jeff Lane who is on the charts with Shirley Caesar's "No Charge" for Sceptor is finishing up the new B. T. Express LP and recording a group called the Brass Construction at the Ultra-Sonic Recording Studios ...

T. K. Records are releasing three new singles by Jackie Moore, Timmy Thomas and King Floyd. Jackie's release is, "Make Me Feel Like A Woman," Glades artist Timmy Thomas' 45 is "Sexy Woman," and King Floyd's new piece of vinyl is "Can't Give It Sister Sledge will be opening to Danny Thomas at the Starlight Theatre in Up.' Kansas City, July 21 thru Aug. 3. After the girls' engagement in **England** their second single release on Atco, "Momma Never Told Me," is becoming a hit on the island

Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes have been added to the Kool Jazz Festival July 25 in K.C. and the Sunshine Band currently ridin' high on the r&b charts San Diego across the U.S. with their hit, "Get Down Tonight," backed George McCrae on his upcoming LP

The beautiful gal on the new Disco-Tech #3 LP released by Motown is Charlene Jones. Charlene is a Los Angeles model and a boogaloo specialist . Smokev Robinson set to do Carnegie Hall June 26. Also to appear with Smokey is the lovely Pointers Sisters will be at Disneyland June 6 through 19, to coin-Thelma Houston cide with their new LP which should be out around the same time ... New Birth is currently on tour for a series of eastern dates ... J. J. Walker is currently touring with Paul Williams

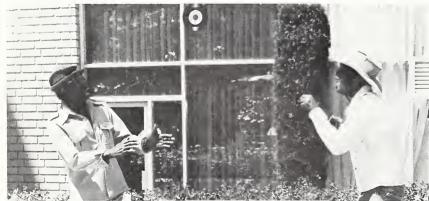
Rufus will do some dates with the Stones in Kansas City, Milwaukee, and Minneapolis/St. Paul ..., Barry White has returned from Europe where according to Hosea Wilson over at 20th, The Maestro did over one million dollars on his tour Crusaders also set for Stones dates in Boston, Buffalo, Toronto, Chicago and Bloomington, Indiana ... Melba Moore is set for the Apollo Theatre June 6 through 8. Melba will also be doing the Schaeffer Festival in Central Park July 19 ... Platters are in **Paris** at the **Bobino Theatre** playing an eleven-day tribute to the legendary **Josephine Baker.** After the Paris gig the Platters return to the states for their opening at the MGM Grand Hotel June 11

The 5th Dimension are back on the road with the group recently signing a long-term contract with ABC Records. A new album is due in June which was produced by Jim Webb. Webb wrote the 5th's first big hit, "Up, Up And Away." ... Gladys Knight and the Pips were honored at a luncheon last Wed. at the 21 Club by Buddah Records commemorating their second anniversary with the label. The group will have a new LP out shortly, interestingly enough entitled, "2nd Anniversary."... The government ... The government of Brazil is very interested in bringing Gladys and the Pips over to Brazil in Oct. and currently they are negotiating a deal

Arthur Brown, The God of Hell Fire is releasing a new disco single "We Got To Get Out Of This Place," with a 50 member choir on background vocals ... Miracles currently in studios recording a concept LP tentatively entitled "My Name Is Michael." This is the first LP written entirely by the Miracles, Pete Moore and Bill Griffin. The concept of "Michael," is a kid from the east coast who comes out to California and becomes a rock & roll star and then returns to the east trying to convince his friends that he is still the same 'regular Joe' they all knew.

Word has it that WMOT heads Alan Rubens and Steve Bernstein have got a label deal with Atlantic for WMOT with the release of Margie Joseph and Blue Magic's new single, "What Comes Over Me."... Allan Toussaint is producing Labelle's new LP and . The Trammps have signed with Atlantic Records ... Billy Paul is renot Gene Page leasing a new single off his "I've Got My Head On Straight," LP on Columbia. The single will be "July, July," which has astrological origins and Columbia will be doing a whole big astrology promotion to coincide with the release in July

Blue Magic's attorneys have filed a civil action suit against the Ann Arbor and related police municipalities for the alleged police violence which took place May 10. Epic Records and Philly International distributed over the Memorial Day weekend MSFB's new LP, "Universal Love," to the top ten discos in Los Angeles, before they released it in the record stores this past Tues. The record companies took out ads on AM & FM stations and told which discos were playing the new LP and single, "Sexy, to help bolster sales before the initial release ... That's soul jess levitt



TOO HOT TO HANDLE — Billy Guy Bright and Doug Jones of the original Coasters are shown spinning their latest on Sal/Wa "You Move Me."



NEW BIRTH AT CASH BOX - Pictured above are New Birth when the foursome came up to Cash Box to talk about their latest LP on Buddah, entitled, "Blind Baby," and their hit single, "Granddaddy." (I to r) Jess Levitt, r&b editor, Robert Jackson, Londee Williams, Tony Churchill and Austin Lander

Buddah R&B Show Set For Apollo

NEW YORK — A "Soul Of The Buddah Group" festival will be held from June 6-8 at New York's Apollo Theatre, it was disclosed last week by Art Kass, president of Buddah Records. The three day musical event will include 10 of the label's r&b acts on one bill.

Headlining this music festival will be Melba Moore whose latest single is "I Am His Lady,' ' from her debut Buddah album, "Peach Melba.

Also included in the billing will be recording artists Black Ivory, Barbara Mason, The Futures, The Modulations, Jae Mason, Fifth Avenue, Bobby Wilson, Jimmy Jackson, and the Sound Experience.

The "Soul of the Buddah Group" is a new corporate concept aimed at provid-"top-notch" entertainment at disina count prices to the New York com-

munity. According to Alan Lott, national director of r&b operations, "Buddah Records is very conscious of the black base necessary for the development and exposure of black talent. Because of this fact, we want to showcase many of our acts at a very economical price for the grass-root following that has played a very intricate role in the establishment of many Buddah recording stars as Gladys Knight & The Pips, New Birth, Barbara Mason. Jimmie Walker, The Futures, etc. "The ultimate critic is the consumer —

where it belongs. It is our way of saying thanks.

One hundred tickets each will be given to radio stations WBLS, WWRL, and WLIB for donations to their favorite charities.



O'JAYS GET DOWN - O'Jays are shown above gettin' on board during a record appearance on "Get Down." The show is hosted and produced by D.J. Brother George Vinnett of radio station WYLD, New Orleans.

Rufus, Crusaders **Confirmed For** Stones Dates

HOLLYWOOD - ABC Records artists Rufus Featuring Chaka Khan and The Crusaders have been set to appear with the Rolling Stones for segments of their U.S. tour.

Rufus, coming off a tour of the South and midwest, is slated for three midwestern Stones dates. June 6 they will open the show at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, June 8 at the Milwaukee County Stadium in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, June 9 at the St. Paul Civic Center in Minneapolis/St Paul

The Crusaders are booked for eight concerts with the Stones in five cities. June 11, 12 they will perform at the Boston Gardens and June 15 in Buffalo, New York. June 17, 18 they will be at the Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto, Canada. June 23, 24 the group will play Chicago Stadium and June 25 at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.



WE'RE NUMBER 1 Shown above celebrating a gold record for "AI Green Explores Your Mind" are AI and his producer Willie Mitchell.

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New Orleans' Brother George Vinnett is the morning jock/operations manager of WYLD-AM/FM. He is also the producer and host of Gets Down every Sat. at 1 p.m. on WUE-TV, with the Get Down Dancers and presents some of the biggest names in the r&b world. His one-hour-show is available for syndication.

Rob Singleton of KRE, called in to say hi! and said KRE is a progressive jazz and r&b station with a very loose free-form format. Rob added that Johnny 'Guitar' Watson's "I Don't Want To Be A Lone Ranger," has been getting the heaviest phone response all week

KATZ in St. Louis roster includes Doug Easen 6 a.m. to 9 a.m., Keith Adams 9 a.m. to noon, "Super Sugar Crisp" Hall noon to 4 p.m. "Heavy Mother Chucker" Diamond, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. with Jay "Rock" Dubard holding down the fort from 8 p.m. to midnite and 'World Famous' Roshan on the graveyard shift from midnite to 6 a.m. On weekends it's Rick Roberts taking the mike.

Robyn Stone is a new personality added to WJPC. WJPC is a daytimer station with Robyn's tantalizing voice broadcasting from 4 to 8 p.m., Mon. through Fri. Robyn was formerly with WBEE and a news commentator on WCIU all in Chicago. WJPC's Pick Of The Week is "Get Down Tonight," by K.C. and the Sunshine Bnd.

Jessie Fax of WHUR called in and said that he is adding two more gals to sit at the mikes in D.C. The gals are Robin Holden from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Charlene Watts from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. WHUR has dropped the single format and opted for LP cuts. Some of the hot ones on WHUR at the moment are: "Sexy" by **MFSB**, "Tail Spinning," by the Weather Report, and "Commitment," by Harold Vic on Muse Records.

Disco power is coming to **WRBD** 3 hours a day, according to **Joe Fischer** at that sta-tion. From 8 to 9 a.m., noon to 1 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m., Mon. through Fri. WRBD will play up to 25 minutes of discomania with only two blocks of commercials. The show will emphasize long LP cuts, long disco cuts and heavy golden oldies that are on the disco order. Disco favorites at WRBD are, "Three Steps To True Love," by the Reflections and "El Bimbo" by the Bimbo Jet.

Dave Darnell is the musical director and the 3 to 7 p.m. jock at WVOL. WCKO-FM is going to have a special show on the "Wizard of Oz." To promote it, they are playing intros from the new version and Broadway hit play, "The Wiz.

Don Allen informed Soul Waves that Darcel Howell is broadcasting from WUFO from midday to 4 p.m. weekly in Buffalo. During the summer WUFO will be doing live re-mote broadcasts from Delaware Park Casino entitled, "Sizzling Summer In The Park." WUFO has also expanded its playlist from 40 to 60 and will be adding more disco cuts. According to Don, "the hottest group in Buffalo is Earth, Wind & Fire." Isley Brothers, "Fight The Power," "Phone's Been Ringin" by J

by Jeannie Revnolds and "We're Going To Make It," by the Philly Devoitons are the hot new additions to the playlist at KPRS, according to Bob Anderson, music director.

Keith Willis is the new jock at WBOK. Keith will handle the soul sounds from 7 to midnight weekly. He was formerly with WDAO. WBOK finished a highly successful promotion call **Mystery House** where clues were given out as to the address of a particular house in the city of New Orleans. The callers would then call in to give the exact location. There were 10 houses in all at \$100 a house. Hot WBOK additions are 'Action Speaks Louder Than Words," by Chocolate Milk, "Pain," by Edwin Starr and 'Chocolate City," by the Parliaments.

WBMX and Atlantic Records in connection with the hit single, "Ease On Down The Road by the Consumer Rapport, and hit LP "The Wiz," are having a contest where the winner will receive a trip to New York for two to see the Broadway play "The Wiz." Hot picks on WBMX are "Fight The Power," by the Isleys, "I Can't Turn Around," by Issac Hayes and "Blow Your Whistle," by Gary Toms Empire.

WCHB is having a Talent Search Show June 28 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. The winner of the contest receives \$500 and a record contract with Columbia Records. Heading the show along with the contestants are the Dynamic Superiors, WCHB also has a new jock in Wade Briggs, "Butterball Jr.

Sonny White of WILD said it jokingly but seriously he is looking for a jock to fill a midday time slot. Station is currently giving away copies to lucky callers, of **Consumer Rapport's** hit, "Ease On Down The Road," because the record stores are always sold out

Nat Washington is a new jock to WOL. Nat is formerly from Philly at WHAT. A Moms Mabley Special will be coming up shortly on WOL. Hot picks for "Blow Your Whistle by Gary Toms Empire and "Free Man," by the South Shore Commission.

The Great Contest is happening at WADO coinciding with the tenth anniversary of this station in Dayton. The station is giving lucky winners LPs, 45s and cash when they call and give the correct number picked during the hour by the jock. After that if the caller guesses the right jock he or she receives an additional \$50 plus a special WDAO art-on decal.

Randy Sterling down at KGBC in Galveston said that "Rockin' Chair" by Gwen McCrae is currently #1 on their charts. KGBC has an unusual format where every third play is an oldie with every fourth play being a LP cut. This past weekend Hamilton Bohannon's LP "Inside Out," was featured. 45s on the move in Galveston are the Commodores, "Slippery When Wet," Carl Carlton, "Morning, Noon & Nighttime," and Johnny 'Guitar' Watson's "I Don't Want To Be A Lone Ranger



RIGHT ON BROTHER - During his recent appearance as part of the CTI Spring Jazz Festival, at L.A.'s Ahmanson Theater, CTI's Grover Washington, Jr. (center), took time to thank Rod McGrew, KJLH program director and station manager (right). Accompanying Washington was Motown west coast regional promotional manager, Sonny Woods (left).



KGFJ & THE CHOCOLATE CITY WINNER — Pictured above is James R. Horton Jr., first place winner of the "Draw the Chocolate City Contest" that was aired locally in Los Angeles over KGFJ radio. Horton shared first place with Barbara Dashiell of Los Angeles. The contest is part of a national promotion campaign for Casablanca Records and the Chocolate City LP by the Parlament. (Left to right): Alvin John Waples, KGFJ air personality; Horton with his prize entry; Gene West KGFJ program director and Cecil Holmes, vice president & general manager of Casablanca Records.

B. B. King Host To Miss. Homecoming

HOLLYWOOD — ABC/Dunhill recording artist B. B. King and Fayette (Miss.) mayor Charles Evers hosted the third an-nual "Mississippi Homecoming" in tribute to slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers on Sun. June 1, in Fayette and Natchez.

Since 1973, the "Mississippi Homecoming" has become an annual event in Fayette and this year mayor Charles Evers invited Mississippians of all races and from all walks of life to come to Fayette for a day of reunion and celebration.

Activities for this year's observance got underway in Fayette at 1:00 p.m. Sunday with memorial services in memory of Medgar Evers in the Jefferson Junior High School auditorium, Highway 61 North in Fayette.

Memorial services began at 2:30 p.m. with the dedication program for the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Apartments in Fayette held with Sam Jackson, former undersecretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

This event lasted till 6:00 p.m., with the Third Annual Medgar Evers Memorial Concert at the Natchez Convention Center beginning in the evening, featuring world-known blues singer B. B. King. Rev. Cleophus Robinson, known as the world's greatest gospel singer, the Staple Singers, the Jackson Southernaires and the Grenada Silvertones.

For the third consecutive year, B. B. King served as co-host along with mayor Charles Evers for the event.

Tavares Honored In Boston

BOSTON - Tavares, Capitol recording artists were presented with the Boston Bicentennial Music Award by Governor Dukakis of Massachusetts on May 28. The award, the first of its kind was given to the group in a ceremony in the governor's office at the state house in Boston.

Later on the award was presented again to the group by speaker of the house, David Bartley in the house of representatives, where they received a standing ovation.



THE BROTHER MEETS THE BEAUTY Pam Grier and Brother George Vinnett, D.J. on WYLD are shown celebrating her latest film and to help inaugurate the new WYLO-FM. To celebrate the wedding of WYLD-AM-FM, the stations are giving away two 1975 Dodge Chargers.

Richmond To Sal/Wa AR, Promo Position

HOLLYWOOD — Jamie Watts, executive vice president, Sal/Wa Records, has announced the appointment of Stacve Kasee Richmond to the post of artist relations and promotions manager effective immediately.

Ms. Richmond was with Sussex Records prior to joining Sal/Wa. While there she was assistant to the national promotion director and was instrumental in helping break records for Bill Withers and Creative Source. Before Sussex, Ms. Richmond was with Greif-Garris Management where she was assistant to George Greif. She was vital in the preparation of itineraries and schedules for Barry White, Love Unlimited and Love Unlimited Orchestra's European tour and national appearances.

Her record career began in Memphis with Stax Records where she held the post as retail relations manager under Paul Isbell.

Ms. Richmond's first project for Sal/Wa will be coordinating Billy Guy and The Coasters new single, entitled "You Move Me," just released on the label. Ms. Richmond will work along with Warren Gray, director of marketing for the label.

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- HAT'S THE WAY OF THE WORLD ARTH WIND & FIRE (Columbia PC 13280
- 2 SURVIVAL O'JAYS (Phila Int') KZ 33150)
- 3 TO BE TRUE HAROLD MELVIN & THE BLUENOTES (Phila Int'l KA 3314) (Dist Col.)
- 4 A SONG FOR YOU TEMPTATIONS (Gordy G6-969S1)
- 5 MR. MAGIC GROVER WASHINGTON JR (Kudu KU 20)
- 6 DRAMATICS JACKPOT DRAMATICS (ABCD 867)
- 7 SUN GODDESS RAMSEY LEWIS (Columbia KC 33194)
- 8 STEPPING INTO TOMORROW DONALD BYRD (Bluenote BRLA 3686)
- 9 DISCO BABY VAN McCOY & THE SOUL CITY SYMPHONY (Avco AV 69006)
- 10 DISCOTHEQUE HERBIE MANN (Atlantic SD 1670)
- 11 JUST ANOTHER WAY TO SAY I LOVE YOU BARRYWHITE (20th Century T-466)
- 12 A QUITE STORM SMOKEY ROBINSON (Tamla T6-33781)
- 13 CAUGHT IN THE ACT COMMODORES (Motown M6-820S1)
- 14 AL GREEN'S GREATEST HITS (London SHL 32089)
- 15 CHOCOLATE CITY PARLIAMENT (Casablanca NBLP 7014)
- 16 MY WAY MAJOR HARRIS (Atlantic SD 18119)
- 17 NEW AND IMPROVED SPINNERS (Atlantic SD 18118)
- 18 ROLLING DOWN A MOUNTAINSIDE MAIN INGREDIENT (RCA APL 1-0644)
- 19 RUFUSIZED RUFUS (ABCD 837)
- 20 EXPLORES YOUR MIND AL GREEN. (Hi/London SHL 32087)
- 21 AVERAGE WHITE BAND (Atlantic SD 7308)
- 22 EXPANSIONS LONNIE LISTON SMITH (Flying Dutchman BDL 1-0934)
- 23 ADVENTURES IN PARADISE MINNIE RIPERTON (Epic PE 33454)
- 24 SUPERNATURAL BEN E KING (Atlantic SD 18132)
- 25 FLYING START THE BLACKBYRDS (Fantasy F9472)

- BLIND BABY NEW BIRTH (Buddah BDS 5636) INSIDES OUT BOHANNON (Daka/Brunwick BK 6916) SEX MACHINE TODAY JAMES BROWN (Polydor PD 6042) SOLID MANDRILL (United Artists LA 408)
- 30 IN THE POCKET STANLEY TURRENTINE (Fantasy F-9478)
- 31 I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE WORLD IS COMING TO BOBBY WOMACK (United Artists UA LA 3536)
- 32 TWO BOB JAMES (CT! 6057)
- 33 IFEELA SONG GLADYS KNIGHT & THE PIPS (Buddah BDS 5612)
- 34 NIGHTBIRDS LABELLE (Epic KE 33075)
- 35 DISCO TEX AND HIS SEX-O-LETTES (Chelse a CHL 505)
- 36 THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE AMERICA TODAY CURTIS MAYFIELD (Curtom CU 5001)
- 37 KOKOMO KOKOMO (Columbia PC 33442)
- 38 THE WIZ (Atlantic SD 1837)
- 39 LATIMORE III LATIMORE (Glades 7505)
- 40 TALE SPINNIN' WEATHER REPORT (Columbia PC 33417)
- 41 HARD CORE POETRY TAVARES (Capitol ST 111316)
 - 42 BIRTH AND DEATH OF A GANGSTER FANTASTIC FOUR (20th Century/Westbound W201)
- 43 THE TRAMMPS (Golden Fleece KC 33163) (Dist Epic/Columbia)
- 44 MARK OF THE BEAST WILLIE HUTCH (Motown M6-815 S1)
- 45 HUTSON LEROY HUTSON (Curtom CU 5002)(Dist Warner Bros)
- 46 ROCKING CHAIR Gwen McCrae (Cat 2605)
- 47 THE AURA WILL PREVAIL GEORGE DUKE (BASF 25613)
- 48 PEACH MELBA MELBA MOORE (Buddah BDS 5629)
- 49 LOVE'S THE THING BARBARA MASON (Buddah BDS 5828)
- 50 TOM CAT TOM SCOTT & THE L.A EXPRESS (Ode SP 77029) -





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6	LOOK AT ME Moments(Stang 5060)	8	40
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8	GET DOWN, GET DOWN Joe Simon (Spring 156) (Dist. Polydor)	3	42
9 10	ME AND MRS. JONES Ron Banks & The Dramatics (ABC 12090) THE WAY WE WERE/TRY	11	43
10	TO REMEMBER Gladys Knight & The Pips (Buddah BDA 463)	15	44
11	SHACKIN' UP Barbara Mason (Buddah 459)	12	45
12	TAKE ME TO THE RIVER Syl Johnson (Hi 2863)	18	45
13	BABY THAT'S BACKATCHA Smokey Robinson (Tamla T-5428F)	9	47
14	HIJACK Herbie Mann (Atlantic 3246)	14	48
15	SHAKEY GROUND Temptations (Motown G7142)	10	49
16	BAD LUCK Harold Melvin & The Bluenotes (Epic 8-3562)	13	50
17	SADIE . Spinners (Atlantic 3268)	21	51
18	LEAVE IT ALONE The Dynamic Superiors(Motown M 1342F)	19	52
19	SLIPPERY WHEN WET Commodores (Motown 1338F)	23	53
20	MISTER MAGIC Grover Washington Jr (Kudo 924F)	24	54
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21	Consumer Rapport (Wing & A Prayer HS 101) (Dist: Atlantic)	32	61
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37	NO CHARGE Shirley Caesar (Sceptor 12402)	38
38	7-6-5-4-3-2-1 (BLOW YOUR WHISTLE) Gary Toms Empire (P I.P 6504)	43
39	CHECK IT OUT Bobby Womack (U.A. XW621-X)	26
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79	CRY, CRY, CRY Shirley & Company (Vibration 535)	_
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	GOTTA BE MINE) Bobby Franklin (Babylon 1123)	_
81	ALL RIGHT NOW Lea Roberts (United Artists 626)	56
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84	BUMPIN' & STOMPIN' Garland Green (Spring 158)	
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86	WHATEVER'S YOUR SIGN Prophecy (Mainstream 5565)	_
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88	ITRULY LOVE YOU Tony Troutman (Gramophon 457118)	_
89	GIVE ME SOME OF YOUR SWEET LOVE	
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Service inc. in Appleton, Wisconsin. The operation's route covers a 25 mile radius of territory, encompassing about six oities with a total population of approximately 150.000. Firm's equipment line includes music, games and cigarette vending machines.

Tonnell has been a member of the coin machine industry for 21 years and is an active participant in industry functions on both the state and national level. He is secretary-treasurer of the Wisconsin Music Merchants Association, a well organized state group which recently instituted a state-sanctioned apprenticeship training program for repair technicians; and a director of Music Operators of America. During the 1974 MOA Convention, Tonnell, who has an impressive background in electronics and is a ham radio operator, took part in the association's seminar, discussing the topic "what radio communication can do to help offset expenses," and briefly sketching the particulars of the radio communications repeater system used in the Cigarette Service operation. Limited time, however, precluded a more detailed analysis but the subject did induce considerable audience reaction and numerous requests for additional data which, Tonnell explained, is available from the various manufacturers (such as Motorola, BCA and GE) who market and produce communication systems.

In a recent **Cash Box** interview, Tonnell talked about the programming methods employed by Cigarette Service on its phonograph route and revealed some personal observations with regard to quarter play on jukeboxes, games tournaments and other topics, as outlined below in question and answer sequence.

CB: What procedure do you follow in the selection of records for your phonograph route; are location requests an important factor or do you rely largely on the trade charts. How often do you purchase single records and in what quantity?

Tonnell: Actually, we rely almost entirely on the top 100 charts and the suggestions of our one-stop when we buy single



Roland Tonnell

records; and we meter our pop records at two-week intervals when we initially put them on, so that we can eliminate and replace the ones that are not being played. Although our location requests are 99% for oldies, and we maintain a library of several thousand records in this category, we have discovered that current product must be on our jukeboxes, and this fact is most certainly evidenced in our collections. We are fortunate to have on our staff a very capable individual, Alice Maas, who has come up from the ranks in the company to handle programming for our entire phonograph route. She has a sixth sense when it comes to music and applies a very systematic approach to purchasing and programming records. Instead of just phoning in a quick order to the onestop she spends a little extra time communicating, and exchanging personal preferences. Singles are always selected with the location in mind, to be certain the right product is in the spot where it will receive the most play We buy approximately five hundred single records per week and, as I mentioned before, we



A WIZARD FOR THE VETS — Tom Nieman (right) of Bally Manufacturing Corp., is obviously as pleased as the happy patient (left) at Chicago's West Side Veterans Hospital, who is enjoying play on the new Bally Wizard pinball machine donated by WDHF-FM air personality Tom Jeffries, winner of the Bally-Tommy Celebrity Pinball Wizard Tournament which has been in progress since the local premiere of the film "Tommy." Jeffries' victory made him eligible to compete with eight other finalists, from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, in the Chicagoland Bally Pinball Wizard Championship at the Ford City Shopping Center. All finalists received prizes of AM-FM radios, promotional t-shirts, belt buckles and "Tommy" soundtrack albums with the grand prize for first place being a Bally Wizard pinball machine for donations to the winner's favorite charity.

Martin & Snyder Bowling Tournament

DETROIT — Approximately thirty-two operators participated in the third annual Music and Vending Bowling Tournament sponsored by Martin and Snyder One Stop at Fred Wolf's Eastland Bowl on Saturday, April 26. Bowlers played four games, across four pairs of alleys, according to Martin and Snyder president Chet Kajeski, "to make the play more challenging and eliminate any chance to study the lanes!"

"Although the bowlers take their games very seriously," he said, "our tournament is actually planned as a social function to give operators a better chance to get to know each other and we've noticed, with each year's tournament, an increasing number of new faces participating, which is certainly achieving our purpose."

meter all of our new selections. I'd like to also make mention of the fact that we do receive promotion copies of singles on a fairly regular basis, however, we sometimes receive them after we have already placed them on phonographs. The timing may be a little off, but it is gratifying to know that the record companies are becoming increasingly aware of the importance of operator exposure of new product.

CB: How do you feel about quarter play pricing on jukeboxes?

Tonnell: I personally can appreciate the economic feasibility of quarter play but it just is not acceptable on our route. As a matter of fact, in some of our spots we are still making the two for a quarter conversion, even though it is the most widely accepted pricing for us. Today's economy has dictated price increases on all levels and those locations who have had to increase their beverage prices most certainly have discouraged straight quarter play. Because competition is so stiff, we are obliged to comply with the demands of the locations on our route; and since changes are so gradual in our area of the country, I do not anticipate a conversion to straight quarter play on iukeboxes right now

CB: The growing popularity of tournaments on coin-operated machines has been publicized in the trade press and other media. Do you think tournaments stimulate enough business to justify the expense involved in running them?

Tonnell: I definitely do. We've had comparatively limited experience with tournaments but those we've participated in have resulted in collection increases of fifty to one hundred percent. We intend to become more involved of course, and are currently considering a foosball tournament. I've noticed that even the advance preparatory promotion, the sight of tropies on display, placards, and the like, stimulate interest on the location level. My prime stipulation is to confine tournament play to our own locations and limit it to coinoperated equipment, prohibiting any play on location-owned equipment. As for the expense involved, it's minimal by comparison to a tournament's earning power

CB: Have you experienced any measurable dropoff in collections as a result of the present state of the economy?

Tonnell: We haven't really had any significant dropoff in collections, attributable in part I am sure to the fact that unemployment is not high in our route area. What has affected us far more than any earnings reduction would is a general overhead cost increase. We

At the conclusion of play a cocktail party and banquet were held following which trophies and prizes were awarded. Jackpot winners were: Burt Rosenthal of All Amusement; Chet Perkoski of Vet's Amusement and Rudy Pittaway of Michigan Nichol; Rudy Pittaway of Michigan Nichol; Rudy Pittaway of Michigan Nichol; Rudy Pittaway of Michigan Nichol won for highest single game; highest four games series champ was Bob Snyder of Martin and Snyder Co.; and Phil Morisi of Joy Amusement Co. and Bob Snyder of Martin and Snyder Co. won for high series doubles champs. A fun award was presented for lowest score.

Kajeski noted that numerous door prizes were donated by record distributors and everyone attending went home with a Michigan lottery ticket, as a special gift.

have had to increase employee wages because of the high cost of living, and our own operating expenses are considerably higher. Equipment is more expensive and so are telephone service and other necessary utilities.

CB: Have you been able to secure any unique, new locations lately?

Tonnell: We are always on the lookout for new locations, and we have added a few, but these are pretty much the norm and not what we could classify as "unique." We tried placing machines in some of the grade schools in our area but the venture was not very profitable so we discontinued the project. We have had success, however, in department stores, especial-Iv in teenage clothing sections where the young people seem to gather. Our procedure is to lease the machines (which the stores put on free play) and provide full service similar to that given to any other locations on our route. We have thought of other types of locations but sometimes there is so much red tape involved that we become a little discouraged. Hospital waiting rooms might be a good idea, but equipment placement would have to be limited to games without sound or other distractions that might be prohibited.

CB: In your games line, what are your most consistently popular, high earning pieces?

Tonnell: Pool tables and pinball machines, because both have staying power and high earning capacity. Some of the new electronic pieces bring in increased earnings in short periods of time, and that is profitable as well. In our experience, though, these games are short lived on location and prosper when the spot is transient. They are not as successful in the corner bar. Pinball machines, on the other hand, can be placed at a location for an unlimited period of time and sustain their earning power indefinitely.

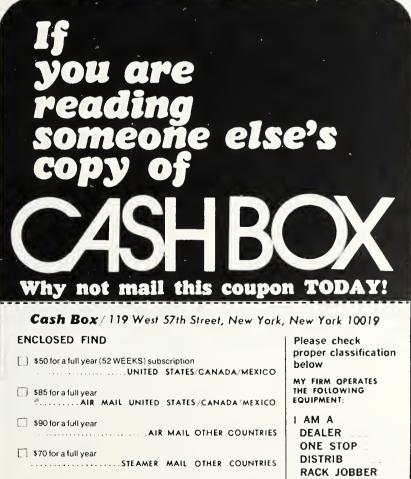


Round the Route

CALIFORNIA CLIPPINGS

Dick Januzzi at National Entertainment (San Jose) info's a new video game called 'Bomber' began shipping to his distributors last Thursday. While the Bomber looks good, Dick says the plant is still producing FF 320 cocktail tables at peak capacity with no let-up in sight. Test collections on the Bomber, by the way, proved very en-Mickie Greenman is back in town after almost two weeks couraging, Dick told us on the road, visiting his Bio-Computer game distribs in the east, mid-west and south. Mickie tells us new locations open up for the game almost daily. Matter of fact, he joined one operator on a sales call to a Philadelphia hotel. They landed the location and in the first week, the game did \$120. Hotels and motels, according to Mickie, are among the best stops for the piece ... One of the biggest suppliers of video games in town is **Chris Loumakis** of Pico Indoor Sports. Handling games by U.S. Billiards, Digital Games, EBSCO and Mirco Games, Chris' place is well trafficked by operaters He also does good business with the soccer tables ... Bally's Wizard 4-player flipper will be officially released next week. Meantime samples should be at Robinson's by now, tho all initial shipments will go right out to operators who placed orders for the game many weeks ago ... Bob Portale, who info's that 1975 marks Rock-Ola's 40th year, info's that music box sales are maintaining very well this spring.





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CHICAGO CHATTER

The Meet Market, popular ground-level lounge in the Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, recently had a jukebox installed to replace the live entertainment policy which had prevailed in the room during the highly publicized 4-8 p.m. cocktail hour. The phonograph will be programmed with music of the past and present and, in line with the room's nostalgia theme, management has instituted various special features such as 99¢ drinks on Mondays, 50¢ draft beer and peanuts on Wednesdays, nickel play pricing on the jukebox during cocktail hour. etc.

SERVICEMEN ARE GETTING YOUNGER --- as observed by Midway Mfg. Co's. Andy Ducay, at the recent Bally-Midway service school he and Tom Hata conducted during the Music Operators of Minnesota convention in Minneapolis. He put the age bracket of the student assemblage at 18-25 (in stark contrast to the norm) and he was pretty accurate since when he offered a prize to the veteran in the group the winner had a total of five years experience! "We kept our presentation on a rather basic level because of the time element involved," as Andy said, "and everything went real well. The young service people were very receptive and earnest in their desire to learn. He commented on how nice it was to see more young blood becoming interested in Andy and Tom will be huddling this week to set up a the coin machine industry

date in early June for a Bally-Midway session at Phil Moss & Co. in Des Moines. THE SURGING INTEREST IN SHUFFLES is being beautifully felt at Williams Electronics where "Supreme," factory's current model, is in such heavy demand! A very big seller — along with the "Big Ben" single player, of course!

LES MONTOOTH OF PEORIA, ILLINOS applies a very aggressive approach to the promotion of straight quarter play pricing on his phonograph route and it seems to be paying off, according to what he told us last week. The quad units he's put out have realized increased earnings of 25-30% and he is continuing to promote the new pric-ing, including 3 plays for 50¢, which is also being accepted at some of his spots. Collections are holding up, he said, with a slight drop in the rural locations; however, operation costs have risen at a far greater rate than earnings, he added, which seems to be a common problem these days. Les mentioned that the increased cost of singles has necessitated a reduction in his purchases and a more "choosy" attitude in the selection of records, however, he still maintains that each box be programmed with a variety of pop, country and oldies, and equipment be kept in top condition with as many new models as possible placed on location.

WORLD POCKET BILLIARD CHAMPION Jimmy Caras, a member of Brunswick's advisory staff, made a guest appearance on the Chi-based Dave Baum television talk show on Saturday (24) to demonstrate the fundamentals of pocket billiards (as well as some of his trick shots) on Brunswick's antique-styled "Heritage" table.

MILWAUKEE MENTIONS

In anticipation of a very lucrative resort season, the popular Lake Geneva Playboy Club has booked a lineup of top acts to perform in the main show room commencing June 3 with Shelly Berman and Pam De'Orion, followed by Lesley Gore (6/10); Little Anthony and The Imperials (6/17-2 wks.); Billy Eckstine (7/1); The Mills Bros. (7/8); George Kirby (7/15); Patti Page (7/22); Tony Bennett (7/29); Eddie Fisher (8/5); The King Cousins and John Byner (8/17); Al Martino (8/19) and Trini Lopez (8/26). The club has also embellished the entertainment lineup in its Playmate Bar with the booking of some rock and contemporary acts like, All Of Us (6/3); Patchwork (6/17); Show And Tell (7/1); Al Belletto and Coach's Choice (7/15) and Joy (8/12).

AREA TAVERN LOCATIONS are currently preparing for the annual July 1 licensing period

AND SPEAKING OF LOCATIONS -- Art Manske of Wisconsin Novelty commented on the new trend towards improvement and sophistication on the part of many of the taverns on the route. He said tavern owners are becoming increasingly aware of the appearance of their spots and displaying a greater interest in remodeling and improving their locations. By the same token, he added, operators must comply with the trend by maintaining their own equipment in tip top condition --- a practice which has always been in force at Wisconsin Novelty! Art also happily noted that music and games collections are stable and business is good!

IF PRESENT BALMY WEATHER conditions continue to prevail, area resort operators can look forward to an early and, hopefully, prosperous season this year.

UPPER MID-WEST

Dean Schroeder, Aberdeen, So. Dakota, in the cities for a few days making the rounds Roy Foster, Sioux Falls, in town over the weekend visiting his children and driving home with some equipment Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Runnberg, in the cities for the day as was Jotic, Dale Rooney, Joe Hechter, and Len Worsech . Ron Scheuble and Lee South Dakota Music & Vending Associa-Vonderhaar in the cities on a buying trip tion held their quarterly meeting at Pierre on Fri. 9 and the pool tournament was held the 10-11 at Pierre. The largest tournament ever with twice as many entries since the tournaments started. Year after year these tournaments have grown and have proven to be one of the best advertisements for the South Dakota operators. ... Jim DeMars, in town looking healthy and in good shape since his illness. . Midway's "Wheels' and Atari's "Tank" are the hottest items. Lieberman Music can't get enough of them, also Gottlieb's "El Dorado" and Williams' "Big Ben"... Glenn Charney of Viking Vending, Merrill Steincamp of Automatic Products were guests of Irv Linderholm and Harlan Beach of Fargo, Merrill and Glenn flew up to Canada in Merrill's plane and met the boys for several days of trout fishing. Herman Warn, Salem, S.D. also there for the fishing and fun . Jerry Lawler, Hurley, in the cities for the day picking up equipment and parts . Ed Smith, Motley, Minn. in town as was Tom Karas, Carl Vonderhaar, Jim Stolp Jr. in the cities picking up equipment as Marshall Keintz of Tomahawk . Fishing season opened last weekend and the resorts were was Johnny Galep . filled to capacity even though the weather wasn't the best for fishing Tom Roberts in town, also Roger Schmidt and Tom O'Hara of St. Cloud.

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Middleton New WEA Intl. VP

TORONTO — Ken Middleton, president of WEA Music of Canada, Ltd., has been appointed vice president of WEA International. Also named in the appointment activity by Nesuhi Ertegun, president of WEA International, was Siegfried Loch, managing director WEA Music Gmbh Germany.

Middleton has been a part of the Canadian music industry since 1956 when he took over the duties of operations manager with RCA. He quickly proved himself and moved up to manager of RCA's Custom Pressing as well as looking after both recording studios and the label's custom pressings. He took over RCA's record club and mail order division as director in 1964 and three years later founded Warner Brothers Records in Canada as vice president and general manager. When there was a name change in 1970 Middleton was appointed president and chief executive of Kinney Music of Canada retaining this position when the company name was finally changed to WEA Music of Canada Ltd. in 1971. The company then became an affiliate of WEA International.

Tape Pirates On The Run In Canada

TORONTO - The combined efforts of the Canadian Recording Industry Association (CRIA) and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have taken much of the wind out of the sail of tape pirates. George Struth, vice president and managing director of Quality Records Ltd. and the new president of the CRIA reports: "There's still tape piracy going on, but it has been drastically reduced through the assistance given the in-dustry by the RCMP." The CRIA maintain teams of observers in major markets across Canada, reporting on any tape activity. This information is turned over to the association who in turn advise their legal people and contact is then made with the RCMP. There are still several cases before the courts with Mon-treal/Ottawa lawyer Paul Amos acting on behalf of the association.

Although, as Struth claims: "We've made great strides toward curbing piracy in Canada," the battle still isn't won. Much of the pirate activity still centers around the west coast, which some suspect is being supplied by pirates from the U.S. west coast.

The Canadian copyright act is being updated and the powers that be in Ottawa have been supplied with reams of information through briefs etc., and if taken into account should make for a much more useful act.



BREAK IN THE ACTION — Shown relaxing after a strenuous couple of hours in a London studio are the participants in Ron Wood's new album, produced by Bobby Womack. Hanging out together are (from left) Wood, bassist Willie Weeks, Womack. and drummer Andy Newmark. Womack's currently out with a new UA album of his own, "I Don't Know What The World Is Coming To," which contains his current UA single, "Check It Out."

Canadian Publishers Form Collection Agency

TORONTO — A group of concerned Canadian publishers have created a collection, lobbying and licensing institution, incorporated as the Canadian Musical Reproduction Rights Agency (CMRRA). Temporary president is Franco Columbo of E.C. Kerby, a music publishing firm. Noted Columbo: "The association was created by Canadian publishers for the benefit of Canadian publishers and publishers all over the world and in the interest of the industry at large." There is no fee to belong to the association, only a commission for the collecting. Should a publisher wish to join the association there will be a membership fee levied.

The shooting committee of the CMPRA comprises: MCA, Chapqell, Peer International, Waterloo, Gordon V. Thompson, E.C. Kerby, Canadian Music Sales. Boosey & Hawkes and G Ricordi & Co. A brochure, outlining the aims and services of the association will be mailed within the next few weeks.



SWEDISH SWAN PLATINUM — Monument recording artist Billy Swan's success with his LP "I Can Help" has resulted in sales deserving of a Swedish platinum album, which he collected during a brief visit in Stockholm recently. Pictured here are Billy and his wife Marlu with, from left to right, Christer Lundbland, Monument label manager, Sten af Kleinteberg, marketing manager, Bengt Pettersson, sales manager, Thomas Witt, CBS label manager, press officer Margaretha Beverloo and Jorgen Larsen, managing director. Billy will return to Sweden in the fall for a concert tour.

Charlie Rich Sets British Concert, TV

LONDON — Charlie Rich has been signed by Jeffry S. Kruger's Ember Concerts for his first major tour of Britain, according to an announcement made jointly by Kruger and Rich's manager Seymour Rosenberg.

Rich is due there during the Sept. 16-30 period. He'll headline two concerts at the London Palladium, as well as dates in Scotland, Ireland and Wales. A Charlie Rich television special for BBC-TV also has been set by Kruger and Ember.

"We are pleased to add Charlie Rich's name to the roster of artists we've presented to British audiences in the past year," Kruger noted.

Twitty & Lynn Get So. African Gold

HOLLYWOOD — Gallo (Africa) Ltd., MCA Records' licensee in South Africa, reports that Conway Twitty and Loretta Lynn's "As Soon As I Hang Up The Phone" is the fastest selling single in the history of the company. According to Lee Armstrong, MCA Records' vice president/international, the record has maintained the #1 position in South Africa for three consecutive weeks. Having achieved gold status, the single is expected to earn a second gold record shortly.

Gallo (Africa) Ltd. is responsible for the best selling single in the history of South Africa's recording industry. MCA recording artist Dobie Gray holds the record with "Loving Arms." In addition, Gallo distributed the largest selling LP in South African history with MCA's "Hot August Night" by Neil Diamond.

The success of "As Soon As I Hang Up The Phone" marks a breakthrough for country music in South Africa, opening avenues for country artists not previously exposed out of the United States.

CRIA Names New Officers

TORONTO — George Struth, vice president and general manager of Quality Records Ltd., has been elected to serve as president of the Canadian Recording Industry Association (CRIA).

Also elected were Terry Lynd, president of Columbia Records Canada, who will act as vice president; and Stan Kulin, president of United Artists Records, who will serve as treasurer.

Sayer Turns DJ In Australia



Leo Sayer & 3XY's Greg Evans

MELBOURNE — International rock artist Leo Sayer turned dísk jockey last week on Australian radio station 3XY during the Greg Evans program. During the show Sayer talked about his career with his manager, former top British disk personality Adam Faith, and announced that following his current two-week Aussie tour he will be flying to Spain to write the music for his next LP. Leo's "Just A Boy" album is high on the Australian LP charts and his concerts have sold out extremely well.

Toshiba-EMI Acquires McCartney LP Rights

TOKYO — Toshiba-EMI of Japan has contracted with Paul McCartney for exclusive sales and distribution rights for the former Beatles' Capitol product. The deal, inked with McCartney Music, Inc., is effective immediately, and will affect McCartney's new "Venus And Mars Are Alright Tonight" LP, and "Listen To What The Man Said" single, just released in the U.S.

The new McCartney product, to be released in Japan in mid-June, will use Capitol's distinctive old "script" logo on the disk's label.

London

Uriah Heep is to embark on a massive world tour to promote their new Bronze album "Return to Fantasy." The tour starts in Denmark May 22 and takes in Sweden, Norway, Belgium, Holland, France, Germany and Austria before returning to London late June for a concert date. On July 31 they open in Buffalo and their North American tour takes in forty two dates ending up in Canada on November 2. After all that a British tour is currently being arranged for the autumn plus a Far Eastern tour in the new year.

Geoffrey Heath of ATV Music just back from a visit to the States where he acquired the Joel Diamond Silver Blue catalogue as well as Tony Romeo Wherefor Music catalogue for the United Kingdom.

Latest group to create scenes of havoc and hysteria amongst the teenyboppers is The Bay City Rollers who hit the top of the charts recently with their Bell single 'Bye Bye Baby.'' At a recent BBC Radio One "Funday" festival some 300 young girls were hurt as they tried to mob the group who were the star attraction at the Mallory Park racing circuit. The group had to leave before giving a performance. The Bay City Rollers are to begin work on their first film in July. It will take the form of a semi-documentary shot on location around the world and is to be directed by Mike Mansfield. First sequences will be shot at London Airport July 14 when the group take off for the Caribbean and arrival scenes will be shot at St. Lucia Airport. Return journey sequences will be filmed when the group travel home from New York aboard the QE2. Other locations include New York. Scotland and a specially staged London concert. The group have already started work on songs for a soundtrack LP which will be released to coincide with the release of the film.

Fifteen Year Search Yields Aussie Gold

MELBOURNE — Fable Records' artists Bill & Boyd, pictured here with Fable managing director for Australia Ron Tudor (center), have garnered their first gold record after fifteen years together as a recording art.



Boyd Robertson, Ron Tudor, Bill Cate The gold disks were earned for their "Santa Never Made It Into Darwin," recorded following the devastating cyclone which hit the city of Darwin in northern Australia last Christmas Eve. The track was produced by Doug Trevor.

cash box/international best sellers

Great Britain

TW	LW		
1	1	Stand By Your Man — Tammy Wynette — Epic — KPM	
2	2	Loving You — Minnie Riperton — Epic — Cop Con.	
3	11	The Way We Were — Gladys Knight & The Pips — Buddah —	
		Screen Gems/Columbia	
4	16	Sing Baby Sing — Stylistics — Avco — Avemb/C. Shane	
4 5 6 7	4	Let Me Try Again — Tammy Jones — Epic — MAM	
6	3	Oh Boy — Mud — Rak — Southern	
7		Whispering Grass — Windsor Davis & Don Estelle — EMI —	
		Campbell Connelly	
8	7	I Wanna Dance Wit Choo — Disco Tex & The Sex-O-Lettes —	
		Chelsea — KPM/Carlin	
9	5	Hurt So Good — Susan Cadogan — Magnet — Warner Bros.	
10	8	Only Yesterday — Carpenters — A&M — Rondor	
11	18	Don't Do It Baby — Mac & Katie Kissoon — State —	
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12	17	Thanks For The Memory — Slade — Polydor — Barn	
13	9	The Night — Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons — Mowest —	
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14	_	Send In The Clowns — Judy Collins — Elektra —	
17		Beautiful/Revelation	
15	_	Autobahn — Kraftwerk — Vertigo — Famous Chappell	
16	_	Three Steps To Heaven — Showaddywaddy — Bell — Palace	
17	10	Love Like You And Me — Gary Glitter — Bell — Rock Artists	
18	-	Roll Over Lay Down — Status Quo — Vertigo — Shawbury/Valley	
19	6	Honey — Bobby Goldsboro — UA — KPM	
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 Can't Get Enough — B. White — Philips XIX Raccolta — F. Pepetti — Durium Anima Latina — L. Battisti — RCA '71-'74 — Pooh — CBS Just Another Way To Say — B. White — Philips F. De Andre', Vol. 8 — F. De Andre' — Prod. Ass. In Concert — J. Last — Polydor Un'Altra Donna — Cugini di Campagna — Pull White Gold — B. White — Philips Disco D'oro — Santo & Johnny — Prod. Ass. 			

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2	La Noche Que Murio Chicago — Korn — Paper ace — Philips —
	Banda Macho — CBS
3	No Debemos Separarnos — Clanort — Los Linces — RCA
4	Arrulla Tu Nena — Korn — Millie Ridge — Philips
5	Enfermo Por Vos — Pamsco — Dany — Music Hall
6	Tomame O Dejame MAI — Luciana — EMI
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8	Vive — Korn — Sergio Denis — CBS
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10	Adios, Hoy Sobran Las Palabras — Relay — Fernando de
	Madariaga — RCA
11	Rock Del Bote — The Hues Corporation — RCA
12	El Bimbo — Korn — Gigliola Cinquette — CBS — Bimbo Jet —
	EMI
13	La Vida Se Va Y No Vuelve — Ansa — Carlos Torres Vila —
	Microfon
14	Juntos Y Enamorados — Pamsco — Marcelo Dupre — Music Hall
15	Solo Tu — Ringo Starr — EMI
16	No Es Que Me Arrepiento — Korn — Los Visconti — Philips
17	Amame Como Un Leon — B. Z. N. — Music Hall
18	Que Sera De Mi Manana — Mai — Manzano — EMI
19	Es Mi Amor — Trompos — Sabu — Microfon
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5	CHICAGO VIII CHICAGO (Columbia PC 33100)	2
6	WELCOME TO MY NIGHTMARE ALICE COOPER (Atlantic SD 18130)	8
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10	A SONG FOR YOU TEMPTATIONS (Gordy G6-969S1)	11
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17	FOUR WHEEL DRIVE BACHMAN-TURNER OVERDRIVE (Mercury SRM 1-1027)	27
18 ⁻	AN EVENING WITH JOHN DENVER	
19	(RCA CPL 2-0764)	14
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31	RICK WAKEMAN (A&M SP 4515)	18
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