

more edgy rebelliousness for the new wave crowd.

DEVO

Are You Experienced? (3:08)

PRODUCER: Devo
WRITER: Jimi Hendrix
PUBLISHER: Bella Godiva, ASCAP
Warner Bros. 7-29133

HONEYMOON SUITE

Burning In Love (3:59)

PRODUCER: Tom Treumuth
WRITER: Dermot Grehan
PUBLISHERS: Screen Gems-EMI/Auto Tunes, BMI
Warner Bros. 7-29109

BLACK

RECOMMENDED

CHAMPAIGN

This Time (4:12)

PRODUCER: Champaign
WRITERS: D. Walden, R. Maffit, M. Day, P. Carman
PUBLISHER: Walkin, BMI
Columbia 38-04721

Mellow soul at a slower tempo than their recent hit "Off And On Love."

LAKESIDE

Show You The Way (4:00)

PRODUCER: Lakeside
WRITERS: Fred Alexander, Jr., Stephen Shockley
PUBLISHER: Lakesound, ASCAP
Solar 7-69672 (c/o Elektra/Asylum)

Low-key ballad is a contrast to their usual rave-ups.

CASHMERE

Can I (6:27)

PRODUCER: Bobby Eli
WRITERS: M. Horton, M. Forte, D. Robinson
PUBLISHERS: Philly World, BMI/Persempre, ASCAP
Philly World 0-96905 (c/o Atlantic) (12-inch single)

A sweet-soul love song in the Philly tradition, electronic effects notwithstanding.

RODNEY SAULSBERRY

Look Whatcha Done Now (3:44)

PRODUCER: Stanley Clarke
WRITERS: R. Saulsberry, P. Brown
PUBLISHERS: Peter Brown/Rod Saulsongs, ASCAP
Allegiance 3923

Warm performance on a trickily rhythmic midtempo tune. Contact: (213) 851-8852.

GRIFFIN

Move (3:47)

PRODUCER: Reggie "Reg" Griffin
WRITER: Reggie "Reg" Griffin
PUBLISHERS: Griffbit/Uno/Rashida, BMI
Qwest 7-29135 (12-inch version also available, Qwest 0-20269)

SKYY

Dancin' To Be Dancin' (3:57)

PRODUCERS: Randy Muller, Solomon Roberts Jr.
WRITER: Randy Muller
PUBLISHER: One To One, ASCAP
Salsoul 57 7077

Label based in New York.

MICHAEL RUFF

Walkin' With Somebody (3:36)

PRODUCER: Tommy LiPuma
WRITER: Michael Ruff
PUBLISHER: Ruff Mix, BMI
Warner Bros. 7-29128

Quiet track with a brisk beat; Ruff's high tenor incorporates jazz and r&b influences into a strong personal style.

BMP

Let Me Show You (3:18)

PRODUCER: Gene Redd
WRITERS: B. McNeil, M. Holland, P. DaCosta, G. Redd
PUBLISHER: Ensign, BMI
Epic 34-04710

Slick techno-soul.

KYM YANCEY

Determination (4:11)

PRODUCER: Kym Yancey
WRITERS: Keith Cheatham, Kym Yancey
PUBLISHERS: Solid Smash/Leland Int'l., ASCAP
Critique CRI 711

Disco-funk; Yancey was lead singer for the group Sun. Contact: (617) 944-0423.

COUNTRY

PICKS

LEE GREENWOOD

You've Got A Good Love Comin' (2:53)

PRODUCER: Jerry Crutchfield
WRITERS: D. Morrison, J. Silbar, V. Stephenson
PUBLISHERS: Warner House of Music/WB Gold, BMI/ASCAP
MCA 52509

This cut, originally released on Van Stephenson's debut album, retains its pop flavor in softened form.

Greenwood is well suited to the arrangement's easy rocking groove.

RAY CHARLES (WITH WILLIE NELSON)

Seven Spanish Angels (3:39)

PRODUCER: Billy Sherrill
WRITERS: T. Seals, E. Setser
PUBLISHERS: Warner-Tamerlane, BMI/WB/Two Sons, ASCAP
Columbia 38-04715

The scenario is classic: a gunslinger over the border gears for one last battle—and never comes home to his sweetheart. Tender and powerful.

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CON HUNLEY

All American Country Boy (2:41)

PRODUCER: Kyle Lehning
WRITERS: K. Stegall, C. Craig
PUBLISHERS: Blackwood/Screen Gems-EMI, BMI
Capitol B-5428

A fine voice drowns in cliches.

EARL SCRUGGS

Pedal To The Metal (2:23)

PRODUCER: Randy Scruggs
WRITERS: E. Scruggs, S. Scruggs
PUBLISHER: Scruggs, BMI
Columbia 38-04717

A lively banjo instrumental.

DANCE/DISCO

PICKS

SCRITTI POLITTI

Hypnotize (4:24)

PRODUCER: not listed
WRITER: Green Gartside
PUBLISHER: Copyright Control
Warner Bros. 0-20292 (12-inch single)

He of the clover-honey voice, last heard praying like Aretha Franklin, goes a bit more jagged this time, with dazzling studio work making order out of eccentricity.

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JAMES INGRAM

It's Your Night (7:02)

PRODUCER: Quincy Jones
WRITERS: James Ingram, Barry Mann, Cynthia Weil
PUBLISHERS: Eisman/Hen-AI/Kings Road/Rashida/Dyad, BMI
Qwest 0-20270 (12-inch single)

Jellybean remixes spice up both the midtempo mood piece on the A side and the extended "Yah Mo B There" on the flip.

CHRISTMAS

Following is a list of all new or reissued Christmas singles received by Billboard's review panel this week. Because of the seasonal nature of the music, the records are not rated as to chart potential.

KENNY ROGERS The Christmas Song

RCA PB-13944

DOLLY PARTON Medley: Winter Wonderland/Sleighride

RCA PB-13944

CONWAY TWITTY White Christmas

Warner Bros. 7-29129

EARL THOMAS CONLEY White Christmas/Blue Christmas

RCA PB-13905

WAYLON JENNINGS with JESSI COLTER Silent Night

Holy Night
RCA PB-13903

JUDDS Light Of The Stable

RCA/Curb PB-13906

STORMY WEATHER Christmas Time Is Coming

Magic Moment 37728. Contact: (219) 884-3768.

SCOTT GRIMES We Believe In Christmas

Jamex J-45-017. Label based in Sherman Oaks, Calif.

KENNY ROGERS & DOLLY PARTON

The Greatest Gift Of All
RCA PB-13945

RONNIE MILSAP We're Here To Love/It's Christmas

RCA PB-13665

DEBORAH ALLEN Rockin' Little Christmas

RCA PB-13904

LEON RAUSCH Please Come Home For Christmas

Southland SR-7316. Contact: (817) 461-3280.

TOMMY MERCER Jingle Bell Night

Plantation PL213. Label based in Nashville.

DOCTOR RON The Gift

Mary Lou TLEE 23045.

NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

BRONSKI BEAT

Smalltown Boy (3:59)

PRODUCER: Mike Thorne
WRITERS: Somerville, Steinbachek, Bronski
PUBLISHERS: Bronski/William A. Bong
MCA/London MCA-52494 (12-inch version also available, MCA/London MCA-23521)

Subdued techno-pop made unforgettable by the keening falsetto of singer Jimmy Somerville. British trio has earned reputé both for its no-nonsense gay activism and for its devastating ability to evoke the emotional world of the outsider.

OTHER RELEASES POP

LORENZO LAMAS Smooth Talker

Scotti Bros. Z54 04686 (c/o CBS)

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Zakia ZK007 (12-inch single). Contact: (212) 316-5900.

SUPERDUDE Face The Music

Ace NRG 103. Contact: (718) 748-1919.

BRIJ BHUSHAN KABRA Raga Puriya Alap

Celluloid/OAO CELL 5012 (12-inch single). Contact: (212) 714-0033.

BLACK

FRANKIE LEE The Ladies & The Babies
HighTone 401. Contact: P.O. Box 8064, Emeryville, Calif. 94662.

VERICHERI Ultra-Sonic Breakdance

Zakia ZK 131. Contact: (212) 316-2307.

J.C. LODGE You Can Dance

RAS RAS7009 (12-inch single). Contact: (301) 564-1295.

DYNAMIC FORCE It's Not Right

Ebony Coast ECA-5001 (12-inch single). Contact: (516) 481-0100.

BANTU Black Is

Apple Brothers Music AB1002 (12-inch single). Contact: (213) 515-2506.

MILE HIGH PIE Freedom

HMC MHP-84-02. Contact: (800) 642-2503.

FREE STYLE The Party Has Begun

Music Specialists Incorporated MSI-108. Label based in Miami, Fla.

GENTS For You My Baby Love

Positive Image PIR-101 (12-inch single). Contact: (201) 837-9510.

SIR WALTER RILEY Make Me Feel Good

Brisk BK 52117. Contact: (213) 650-5480.

WEST PHILLIPS Organized Desire

Crystal CRS-84-1. Contact: (212) 580-8776.

LESTER CHAMBERS Ain't It Nice To Know

Masterpiece MP-1001 (12-inch single).

FLY GUY RAP Fly Up Rap

Land of Hits LH 1700 (12-inch single). Contact: (212) 265-4300.

COUNTRY

GENE COOK Hello Stranger

Radio Records 45-104. Label based in Nashville.

SHAUNA SMITH The Last Yodeling Cowgirl

Buckboard 116. Contact: P.O. Box 1645, Hurst, Tex. 76053

JOHNNY HOLM Too Poor To Quit

Neva 3702. Label based in Minneapolis, Minn.

DONEL & THE CAT Sad Country Songs

MSK 880. Contact: (313) 581-8100.

JIM POOLE I'm Missing You All Over Again

Songwriters' 8403. Contact: P.O. Box 35158, Decatur, Ga. 30035.

JIM PASSION One More Good Lovin'

Sun Rize 143. Contact: (615) 255-2175.

ANNE LORD Rainbow

Cornstock 1768. Contact: (913) 631-6060.

EDDIE EASTMAN Dreaming All Over Again

Artisan 8203. Contact: (615) 646-9999.

JERRY BONI Lonely Man

Diamond PP 1311.

JACK YOUNG Fool Number One

BGM 112584. Contact: (512) 654-8773.

JIMMY WATFORD The Best Thing I Ever Did Wrong

NSD 199. Label based in Nashville.

COLT DANIELS Hot Bod Betty

Part 2 1031.

DON R. BRYANT Love At Last Sight

Southern Tracks 1032. Contact: (404) 325-0832.

BOB BRABHAM You're The Greatest Love In My Life

Rock-Shoals 841. Label based in Monetta, S.C.

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