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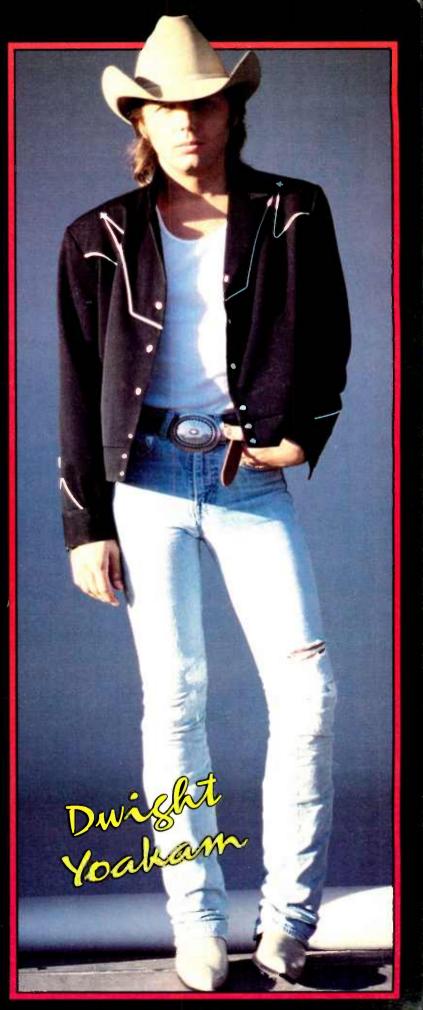
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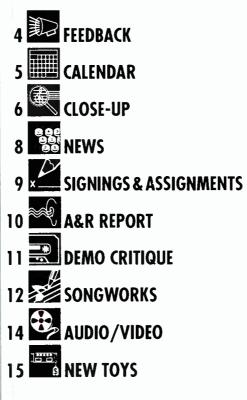
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#### Dear MC:

I simply had to respond to Alex Masi's telephone comment in the Feedback section of this fine mag, dated January 4/January 17. Masi's comments, point by point, beg a rebuttal. Firstly, if you feel like vomiting over rap's huge popularity, well, I can't knock you for your choice of musical genres. I saw the same program, and I agree that rap was the dominant music on what one may perceive as strictly a rock show. However, smashing your TV set over a perceived imbalance shows you're unwilling or unable to accept rap as the music of choice by an overwhelming segment of MTV's viewership.

Alex, you have to understand that there's still an incredible amount of pent-up anger here in L.A., not only in the African-American community, but in the Latino community, too. Understand the invisible walls that don't give minorities a chance to advance. Understand that the riots were caused by continued injustice nearly 30 years after the 1965 Watts riots. Understand that, economically, things are far worse than 1965. Understand that there are innumerable examples of a police state in all of California, not just South Central L.A.

Understand, if you can, being dragged from your car in Beverly Hills on the way to a recording studio, slammed to the ground, a gun at your head and told you'll be shot if you move a fucking muscle, and then be questioned as to why you're in that part of town. Understand that you've never been searched in such a degrading way that your man/womanhood has been compromised. Understand that a "good-ole-boy" corporate system blocks minorities from advancing to the board room (even in the record industry), despite sterling credentials. I could go on.

My question to you, Alex, is, why can't the world wake up and realize that the controversy needs to be reported by those "successful rappers" in their mansions. Should the anarchists conform and just shut up? Should we embrace the tenets of that arch conservative, Pat Buchanan, as your uninformed comments hint? I don't think so. Do yourself a favor and listen, really listen to the messages. Take the time to understand why the riots took place. Read between the lines. Analyze the situation and understand that if we continue the course

we're on, you'll realize that, yes, violence (and the threat of it) will be justified. Take the time to understand that we're all being manipulated by powers far beyond those of normal citizens. Then you'll understand that rappers are not selling listeners "another ignorant piece of populism."

> Gary Jackson Nightlife Editor Urban Contemporary

#### Tocco Response

Gary Tocco

Sherman Oaks, CA "This letter is in response to Ben McClain's letter on me. First, Ben, you know nothing about me. I was offered a deal by Rachel Matthews last summer but I turned it down because she wanted to have too much control of my music and I'm not a sell out as I'm sure you are, the way you kiss up to the A&R nominds. Also, Rachel Matthews wanted me to change lyrics, image and other trademarks of selling out, so I refused. They deserve all the crap I can give them. After all, A&R scum deliver a lot of crap, so they should be able to take it.

Also, you said I blamed others for my lack of success. I blamed no one in the letter because I have plenty of success. I'm rich, damn good-looking, I have God and a beautiful wife. I've got it all. So mind your own business, clown,"

## Tongue-Lashing

Paul Schrader, Native Tongue N. Hollywood, CA

"I'm calling to express the bad feelings I have towards some of the L.A. music community, from the royal jerk-off promoters who trade bong hits for better time slots, to bands like Poison whose total lack of originality and creativity has finally affected me personally. It just sucks how my band. Native Tongue. can promote seven days a week for the last twelve months and Poison comes along and takes our name for their album title. Now anyone outside of L.A. is going to think we ripped them off. By the way, I loved last week's cover."

## **CORRECTION:**

In last issue's Video Director Crosstalk, we misspelled Scott Kalvert's name. He has also directed numerous videos, instead of just ten as mentioned in the article. Our apologies.



## CALENDAR

By Trish Connery

If you have an event, workshop, class or seminar that you want us to announce, send the information in writing to:

Calendar, c/o Music Connection 6640 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90028.

#### Current

□ The Los Angeles Women In Music organization is hosting an event to highlight the talents of LAWIM members and prospective members on Tuesday, February 16 at 842 S. Alandele Ave. in Los Angeles. This musical networking event will also have a complimentary coffee and sandwich buffet. Admission is \$3.00 for members; \$5.00 for non-members. Contact Harriet Schock at (213) 934-5691 to RSVP or to obtain additional information.

□ The next National Academy of Songwriters artist showcase, Acoustic Underground, will be held at the Troubadour on February 15, 7:00 p.m. Eight artists are featured with hit songwriter Harold Payne as the special guest. The Troubadour is located at 9081 Santa Monica Blvd. in West Hollywood. Admission is \$8.00. For additional information, contact NAS at (213) 463-7178.

□ Sunday, January 31, 1:00-3:00 p.m. is the next time and date for vocal coach Lisa Popeil's Voiceworks Monthly Workshop. The topic will be "How To Improve Your Speaking Voice." In addition, Ted King, producer with Landmark Entertainment, will speak on "Making A Great Demo Tape" using samples from demos of some of L.A.'s most successful singers. The workshop cost is \$5.00. Call (818) 906-7229 to reserve your seat.

□ Drummers can now get all their questions answered in a one-day drum clinic taught by Tom Brechtlin (Robin Ford and the Blue Line), Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. The workshop will be held at the Church of Scientology, Celebrity Centre International, 5930 Franklin Ave. in Hollywood and the admission is \$15.00. Also at the Celebrity Centre International is record producer Nick Venet's (Beach Boys, Linda Ronstadt) ongoing class on creative record production. The next class is February 7. The initial class is \$25.00, continuing classes are \$15.00. Call (213) 960-3100 for additional information.

Brenda Freeman, Director of Personnel for A&M Records, will be teaching a new UCLA Extension course, "Breaking Into The Music Industry: A Practical Workshop In Career Advancement," meeting Mondays, February 22-March 29, 7:00-10:00 p.m., at UCLA's Universal CityWalk in Universal City. The goal of the course

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□ All is not quiet on the western front. Specifically, Ronnie Mack's Barndance has moved to its new home, In Cahoots, located at 223 N. Glendale Ave. in Glendale, and will continue to be held there every Tuesday night according to the usual schedule. The Barndance consistently features some of the best talent Los Angeles has to offer in the way of country, blues and rockabilly.

□ The next Western Beat American Music Showcase, hosted by *Music Connection's* own Billy Block, will be held on Thursday, February 4, at Highland Grounds, 742 N. Highland Ave. in Hollywood. Western Beat stalwarts Wendy Waldman, Brad Parker and Rick Vincent will be there, along with special guest stars. There is an open mic at 6:30 p.m., with Western Beat beginning at 8:00 p.m. Western Beat is a regular showcase held on the first Thursday of every month.

### **Re-Caps**

It is not too late to sign up for UCLA Extension's two new courses: "Rock Criticism And Publicity In The Music Industry." Cary Baker, Director, Publicity and Artist Development, Morgan Creek Records, and former National Publicity Director, Capitol Records, and Paula Batson, Senior Vice President, Public Relations, MCA Music Entertainment Group, serve as instructors for "Publicity In The Music Industry." This one-day workshop, which is an overview of a publicity campaign, takes place Satur-day, February 27, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at the Extension's new facility, Universal CityWalk. The fee is \$80.00. Baker and Batson are also teaching a three-session course in which students learn all of the skills necessary for putting together a successful public relations plan, culminating with work on a hypothetical campaign. It meets Tuesdays, March 2-16, 7:00-10:00 p.m. at Universal CityWalk. The fee is \$140 and students can earn 1.5 units of credit in Communications. Bill Holdship, BAM magazine's Los Angeles editor, along with guest speakers Bob Guccione Jr. of Spin, Edna Dungerson of USA Today, Steve Hochman of the Los Angeles Times, Dave DiMartino of Entertainment Weekly, Mark Rowland of Musician and David Wild of Rolling Stone teach a course entitled "Rock Criticism. The class meets Saturday, March 13, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at UCLA 154 Dodd Hall. The fee is \$95 and students can earn a .075 unit of credit in Journalism. Topics include breaking into the business, the crucial importance of style in rock writing and writing for different types of publications. For additional info, contact UCLA Extension, (310) 825-0641.



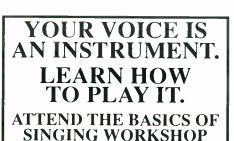
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## CLOSE-UP Hollywood Boulevard Studios

By Karen Orsi



HBS President Barry Class (center) with staff

It is Bill Haley's star you step on near the corner of Hollywood and Ivar, which is where you'll find Hollywood Boulevard Studios. In this bustling new studio complex there will soon be a recording studio, an auditorium for performance, the Palm Court Conference Room, several office suites for managers, A&R, post production and more offices housing just about any and all conceivable professions related to the music business.

For HBS President Barry Class, a veteran of both the real estate world and the music business, HBS is the perfect vehicle for his wealth of experience. Class was a London real estate broker during the late Sixties with absolutely no experience in the music business when he happened upon what was to become the Foundations. He came up with the name of the band after discovering them playing music in the basement of an old building in London while standing in six inches of water. With his support and managerial pluck, this multi-racial band had a string of Number One hits both in England and here in the U.S., including "Baby, Now That I've Found You" and "Build Me Up Buttercup." He also directed the careers of Clyde McPhatter and the Flirtations.

Another facet of the HBS project is the "Loading Bay" cafe, currently under construction just off the alley entrance at HBS. It is due to be open for business in February or March, and it will will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. However, admittance to this cafe will be for music patrons only. A pass is available upon registration. In addition to the 32-track studio, there are also plans for three 8/16 track studios. Two are for Audio/Visual Productions Co. and Arctic Wolf Management, but the third is available for lease.

The HBS project encompasses over 18,000 square feet. Out of that, half is dedicated to post production offices and other suites, and the 4,000 square foot auditorium will be for presentations, performances and showcasing. According to Class, HBS will be utilizing only part of the facilities for its own purposes; the rest is for lease.

"The whole thrust of HBS," Class says, "is the complex itself, where you have the networking going on between all the different interests that will be housed in the building itself."

Hollywood Boulevard Studios will also have its own production company. "Almost everything we're doing," he says, "is going to be done audio/ visually. You're not just going to have a record or a single or CD or whatever it is; everything we do will also be done visually as well. It doesn't matter whether it's an unknown band or whatever. We think that is the kind of presentation that is necessary now and in the future."

Class is creating studio, video, performance and even image-making opportunities for his clients and has even gone so far as to provide the right area for holding press conferences and meetings once the album and video have taken off. It would seem that a band would have no reason to leave once they got there.

What Class has done is to lasso a great property and he's now attempting to make it a bustling, successful, ambiance-correct breeding ground for the kind of success he found so easy in the music business. Class could not discuss current negotiations, but will only say that there are some very top-notch industry types moving in at HBS. Barry Class has been very lucky in the realm of music; his first attempt at any band (the Foundations) landed him a Number One record. He also spotted video as the next great music medium in the late Sixties when Sony began bringing Beta-Cam prototypes to recording studios in London. "Although sound has always been the main thrust," he says, "I don't think it's the only thing a band should be concerned with.'

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## NEWS Ninth Annual Gavin Seminar Set For February 11-13

By Oskar Scotti

SAN FRANCISCO—The city of San Francisco is bracing for an invasion. Not from giant spiders or mosseating aliens, but something equally ominous—the nation's music industry faithful. The tribes will gather on February 11, 12 & 13 at the St. Francis Westin to kick off the Ninth Annual Gavin Radio Seminar.

The convention is attended religiously by show biz luminaries from both coasts and presents debates involving every facet of the music business. With the future of Top 40 uncertain, discussions on the format will be plentiful, as will the current and projected status of rock, adult and jazz music on the airwaves.

KeithZimmerman, editor of *The Gavin Report*, the long-standing radio trade publication that supervises the event, said that this year's event promises to be the most action-packed ever. "We're working on bringing Wynton Marsalis in for the jazz portion of the seminar, which should lend a lot of credibility," said Zimmerman.

In addition to Marsalis, 'there will be more emphasis on rap music."Rap aficionados who only wish to get involved with that genre can do so at our "All Rap Day," which will take place on Thursday, February 11. It should be a great place to check out what's going on from a street level, as well as what the major labels are cooking up." Rap specialist Kelly Woo, who serves as an assistant editor specializing in urban product, mentioned that the artists targeted to appear at the event "should really turn some heads. We're bringing in Rush Management, who direct the careers of Run-D.M.C. and L.L. Cool J and some other heavies, to talk about how to produce and market top-selling rap material."

Another hot topic is the always controversial panel Women In Music, where a dozen of the most noteworthy females in the industry will talk about their trials and tribulations climbing the musical ladder of success.

For more information on this year's Gavin Seminar, call (415) 495-8684.

## *'Sgt. Pepper' Inducted Into NARAS' Hall Of Fame*

#### By Sue Gold

Los ANGELES—Six recordings spanning as many decades have been inducted into the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences Hall of Fame. Enrico Caruso's 1908 "Celeste Aida" is the oldest recording of the inductees and the Beatles' classic 1967 album, Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, is the most recent.

Other songs entering the Hall of Fame are Ray Charles' "Georgia On My Mind" (1960); Thelonious Monk Quintet's "'Round About Midnight" (1948); "St. Louis Blues" by Bessie Smith, with Louis Armstrong on cornet (1925); and Igor Stravinsky's "Le Sacre Du Printemps" by conductor Pierre Monteux and the Boston Symphony (1951).

This marks the second time recordings by Caruso, Charles and Smith have been inducted. Caruso's recording of Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci" was inducted in 1975, Charles' "I've Got A Woman" in 1990 and Smith's "Empty Bed Blues" in 1983.

All recordings must have been recorded more than 25 years ago. According to Michael Greene, President of NARAS, there is also a provision in the procedure so that at least one recording from before 1925 is inducted each year. "I think the list is incredibly diversified. It used to be that the Hall of Fame was for any recording prior to 1957, but we changed the rules two years ago to make it 25 years or more, so we could get some of those recordings like *Sgt. Pepper's* eligible."

The recordings were chosen by a panel of more than 100 musicologists, historians and experts in vintage recordings. The panel decides on the winners after members of the Recording Academy make recommendations.

This year's winners will join 90 other songs already in the Recording Academy's Hall of Fame.

## **PRIORITY DONATION**



Prominent rap label Priority Records recently donated \$25,000 to Community Build, a non-profit organization addressing the issues which led to last April's civil rioting. The money was culled from the sale of the Priority release *Street Soldiers*. Pictured (L-R): Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Priority President Bryan Turner, Priority exec Mark Cerami and Community Build Executive Director Brenda Shockley.

## Songwriting Contest Aids Rebuilding Efforts

#### By Sue Gold

Los ANGELES—The Musicians Institute is accepting songs for their "Help Heal L.A. Through Music" songwriting contest. The contest is seeking original songs about the Los Angeles riots and civil unrest which took place in April of last year.

Songs can be of any musical genre and should have a positive or inspiring message. The winner will receive \$1,000 in cash, a \$7,500 scholarship to the Musicians Institute and additional products provided by sponsors. Second and third prize winners will receive scholarships valued at \$4,500 and \$2,400, respectively.

Among those judging the contest are representatives from NARAS, ASCAP, BMI, the Songwriters Guild of America (SGA), Los Angeles Songwriters Showcase (LASS) and BMG/RCA Records.

Musicians Institute owner Pat Hicks commented, "Much of what we've seen and heard since the riots has been negative. Through this contest, we hope to be instrumental in aligning people's focus toward peace and harmony, while raising funds toward rebuilding Los Angeles."

The winning song will be performed at a special benefit concert this spring which will commemorate the one-year anniversary of the riots.

Money raised from the special concert will benefit "Beyond Shelter," an organization which supports the rebuilding of Los Angeles by helping homeless families relocate to permanent and affordable housing.

Songs must be submitted by April 15th. There is a \$15.00 entrance fee.

For an application or further information on the contest, contact the Musicians Institute at (213) 462-1384.

## SIGNINGS & ASSIGNMENTS

## Reactivated Vee-Jay Donates \$1 Per Reissue Sold

By Michael Amicone

CONNECTICUT—With the Chess catalog safely in the hands of MCA, it's nice to know that the legacy of another great Chicago-based label, Vee-Jay, is finally getting first-class reissue treatment, and that the R&B, blues, gospel and jazz artists that made these seminal recordings will finally be getting some long-overdue financial rewards.

The Vce-Jay reissue program debuted last October with the release of ten titles, including compilations profiling such celebrated soul artists as Jerry Butler and the Dells and original albums by gospel act the Staple Singers and jazz men Wayne Shorter and Lee Morgan.

Now, the resurrected label, which flourished in the late Fifties/ early Sixties (the label filed bankruptcy in the mid-Sixties; it was purchased by Dan Pritzker in 1990), has unleashed ten more titles, including CDs by legendary bluesman Jimmy Reed and doo-wop acts the Flamingos and the Moonglows.

According to company COO Gordon Bossin, Vee-Jay plans to release 40 titles a year (in increments of ten titles per quarter). "There's enough material to release product for quite a few years—provided we find 90 percent of everything that we're supposed to have in the vaults. You know, you don't always find inside what's listed on the box [laughs]."

Earmarked for an April release is a comprehensive box set, produced by artist/musicologist Billy Vera, the supervisor of the reissue series. "It will be a three-CD package with a lengthy booklet on the history of the company from 1953 up until the Eighties," says Bossin. "It will include 75 selections—some of the things that made the charts and were well-known as well as some that were less well-known."

In addition to making a lot of great music available again, Vee-Jay will donate one dollar per reissue sold to a specially established Vee-Jay Artists Fund within the Rhythm and Blues Foundation, a much-needed attempt to rectify some of the past commercial wrongs many of these artists suffered due to bad contracts. "We've even increased royalty rates on some of the contracts that were extremely low," explains Bossin.

"The industry as a whole is recognizing this obligation," he continues. "We're not out to rip off these artists. Since they've created such wonderful pieces of history, we plan to pay what is due them."

For a Vee-Jay reissue catalog and an order form, call 1-800-531-4533.



Paul Vitale

Paul Vitale has been named to the post of Vice President, Business Development, Sony Music Entertainment. Based in New York, Vitale will help oversee the company's worldwide efforts in acquisitions and new ventures. Vitale joined the company in 1974, most recently serving as the company's Vice President and Controller.

Oren Testa has been appointed to the post of Vice President of Fulfillment for BMG Direct Marketing, Inc. Testa, who will be based in Indianapolis, has been a principal of BOSS Consulting Associates, Inc. for the past five years.

In more BMG Direct Marketing, Inc. news, Elizabeth Koplitz has been named to the post of Vice President, Marketing Operations. Koplitz was recently with WundermanWorldwide as the company's Vice President and Director of Marketing Information Systems and Operations.

Mercury Records has announced the appointment of Bobby Duckett to the post of National Director of Artist Development. Duckett will oversee all aspects of artist development, most notably promotional touring. Prior to joining the label, Duckett was a tour manager for Hush Productions, working with artists such as Freddie Jackson, Najee and Melisa Morgan.



Nominations for the 35th Annual Grammy Awards were announcedrecently at a press conference held at the Universal Hilton. Leading the pack is Eric Clapton with nine nominations. Winners will be announced during the award ceremonies on February 24th. Pictured at the press conference are (L-R): Lindsey Buckingham, Natalie Cole, Grammy host Gary Shandling, Melissa Etheridge and NARAS President Michael Greene.



#### Fledgling label Silas Records has named Sara Melendez to the post of Vice President, Marketing/Artist Development.

President, Marketing/Artist Development. Melendez was Senior Vice President of Black Music for Columbia Records before joining the new label venture by longtime MCA A&R maven Louil Silas, Jr.

Rhino Records has announced the appointment of Jim Neill to the post of National Director of Promotion. Neill, formerly National Promotion Director with Boston-based indie Rykodisc, will shepherd the label's efforts to generate airclav for Rhino releases on radio.

#### By Michael Amicone

Atlantic Records has promoted Tod Elmore to the post of Director of Alternative Promotion. Based at the label's New York headquarters, Elmore was recently National Promotion Manager/Alternative Music.

Capitol/EMI Latin has announced the appointment of Manolo Gonzalez to the post of Vice President, Southwest Operations. Based in San Antonio, Gonzalez will oversee A&R, sales and promotion for the region. Gonzalez joined Capitol/ EMI Latin in 1989 as Promotion Manager.



James Henke

James Henke has been named to the post of Vice President of Product Developmentfor Elektra Entertainment. Henke was formerly Music Editor for *Rolling Stone* magazine.

In more Elektra news, Ellen Darst and Jeff Jones have been named Senior Vice President of Marketing and Product Development and Vice President of Marketing, respectively.

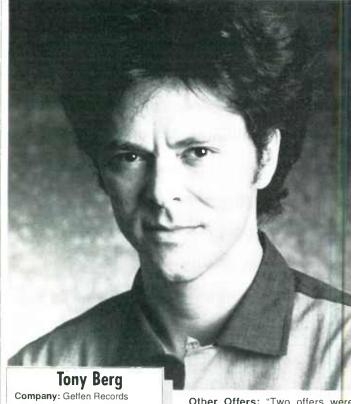
Reprise Records has named Michael Linehan to the post of Vice President of Album Promotion. Linehan, recently National Album Promotion Director for the label, joined Warner Bros, Records in 1979 as a local promotion representative.

MCA Records has announced the appointment of Karen Goodman to the post of Director of Press & Promotion. Goodman was previously Director of International Promotion and Artist Relations for Capitol Records.



Karen Hefler Arista Records has announced the appointment of Karen Hefler as Attorney, Business and Legal Affairs. Prior to joining the label, Hefler was a corporate associate at prominent New York law firm Cravath, Swaine and Moore.

## A&R REPORT -KENNY KERNER



Title: Director/A&R
Duties: Talent acquisition
production
Years with company: One month

## Dialogue

New Home: "Over the last five years I've been involved in the shopping of a lot of artists and it became clear to me that as they did well, it behooved me to be involved beyond just shopping the project; to have some participation in their careers beyond that demo or first record. It's a way to remain involved in the careers of the people I care about.

Another reason for hooking up with a record label is that over the last few years I made a few records that I felt strongly about that didn't see the light of day-particularly the Squeeze album on Warner Bros. from last year and one by a new group called Altered State. And that's so frustrating. The Squeeze album got lost at Warner Bros. They release more albums in a month than Geffen does in a year! What distinguishes Geffen from every other label is that you've heard of every album they released. Whether the record happens or not, it gets a shot. And also, while it's not explicitely mentioned, the A&R department at Geffen participates in the product management of artists. You're also given real autonomy here. Gary Gersh, John Kalodner and Tom Zutaut have what amounts to their own companies within the company. And David Geffen, Eddie Rosenblatt and David Berman offered me the same latitude.'

Other Offers: "Two offers were made and brought to me. After they were made, my curiosity was piqued about working for a company because I was growing frustrated due to the lack of attention given certain things I've done. This made me think that I could work at a label and do very well. And if someone had asked me which label I preferred to work at, I would have said Geffen. Then, fortunately, it materialized." Deal: "According to the deal, I can't go out producing acts that are not on Geffen. Everything I do has to be for this label. But, I won't necessarily be producing every act I sign. In fact, quite the opposite. I'm more interested in pairing people together. But if it's proper for me to produce an album or a track or to executive produce—then great!"

Releases: "Let me give you a very specific example of how some records never get their rightful shot. There's a band I worked with at Warner Bros. called Altered State. We made their first album, and when it came out, there was no attention given to it. Somehow, somebody at Pirate Radio and subsequently at KLOS, started hearing it and played it. It became the Number One song on Pirate, Top Five on KLOS and started picking up airplay across the country. It did magnificently, but if you walked into a record store, you couldn't buy the record. It wasn't available. I don't know who to blame, but it was a source of huge frustration for me. Based on my experiences at Geffen, I know that this is not the case. David is too driven, Eddie is too conscientious and the three A&R guys are too dedicated."

Focus: "If you look at the people I've worked with—whether it's Michael Penn, Squeeze, X, Public Image, Wendy & Lisa or Edie Brickell they're artists who are lyrically oriented. I'm interested in original voices and the articulation of ideas in an original fashion."

Talent & Tapes: "I don't care if it's Sydney or Dublin or Madison, Wisconsin. All I want is great writing. With regard to tapes, they really have to come in through a lawyer or manager or publisher or someone in the industry."

Demos: "Before you record anything, scrutinize your material. If you don't think it's extraordinary, reconsider sending it to me. You've got to believe in what you're doing. You've got to be passionate about it. You've also got to be convinced that it's an original voice. Great material will always surface; it will always be heard. It's possible to make a good little demo on your home studio, or there are so many small studios out there to record in. But again, don't misprioritize. Be sure the songs and the voice are there."

Local Overview: "I think you've got a little of everything here. There's some of the grunge that's been left over from the Nirvana/Seattle sound but you also have your literate/poetic scene that you find at places like Largo and Highland Grounds. There's so muchout there, it's teriffic."

Producing: "The only circumstances under which I would produce an act that I brought to the label would be if I could bring something appropriate to it; something original that is wanted by both the artist and the label. It's simply a case of when it's appropriate."

## Grapevine

Although rumors continue to name former Who bassist John Entwhistle as the replacement for former Rolling Stone Bill Wyman, Keith Richards denies those rumors and claims the new bassist will be younger.

The five top grossing acts of last



Having just finished their latest series of tours, Slaughter took time out to pose with America's Oldest Living Teenager, Dick Clark, after performing on his special, Dick Clark's Rockin' New Year's Eve. The band played their first hit single, "Up All Night," and followed it with their latest release, "Days Gone By." After their performance, Clark presented the band members with platinum plaques for their second album, The Wild Life. Pictured above are: (L-R) Dana Strum, Blas Elias, Dick Clark, Mark Slaughter and Tim Kelly.

## A&R REPORT-KENNY KERNER



RCA Records has signed singer Freddle Jackson to a long-term, worldwide recording contract. Under the terms of the new deal, Jackson will record and release up to six new albums for the label. Gathered together in New York to celebrate the joyous occasion are (L-R): Charles Huggins, President of Hush Productions; Joe Galante, President of RCA; Freddie Jackson and Skip Miller, Senior Vice President, Black Music, RCA Records.

year were U2, Metallica, Guns N' Roses, Grateful Dead and Bruce Springsteen.

Saks Fifth Avenue is selling mens neckties with reproductions of John Lennon's pen & ink drawings. Prices range from \$35-\$50.00.

The Zeros are looking for a new drummer & guitarist for an upcoming U.S. tour. Send your packages (include a photo and tape) to: Zeros, P.O. Box 931509, Los Angeles, CA 90093-1509. If you wanna speed things up, call (310) 285-8772.

Michael Jackson will be the only guest on an upcoming Oprah Winfrey Show which ABC-TV will air on Feb. 23rd at 9:30 p.m.

The buzz is on **B.O.S.S.**—the Brotherhood Of Sexual Survival.

Former Ratt bassist Juan Croucier is now spending time producing acts. His current project is a five-piece band called the **Bras**h.

Roxx Gang is currently looking for a lead guitarist with "vocal ability and a trashy look." Interested parties should call Steele Management at (813) 530-9291.

Vaudeville is looking for a new lead singer. Call (818) 569-5595 or (714) 951-8308 if you're interested.

### **Chart Activity**

Van Halen is readying their first ever live CD. The two-hour extravaganza, entitled *Right Here, Right Now*, with songs culled from their last three tours, contains 24 tracks, including a remake of the Who's "Won't Get Fooled Again."

Songs Of Faith And Devotion is the title of the forthcoming album from Depeche Mode. The lead single, "I Feel You," will be released in mid-February with the LP following shortly thereafter.

Contemporary jazz saxophonist Warren Hill composed and performed "The Passion Theme" for the Madonna movie *Body Of Evidence*. Hill's second BMG/Novus/RCA album entitled *Passion*, will be released in April.

What's that we're hearing? A Paul McCartney single getting banned in Europe for vulgarity? Seems Mac used the "F-word" six times. Now Paul, behave yourself!

Eric Clapton shows up on a couple of cuts on the brand new Jack Bruce EP.

#### Deals

Tina Turner leaves Capitol Records and signs with Virgin. Apparently she is upset with record sales in America.

Freddie Jackson and Danny Peck have signed with RCA Records. Jackson has been turning out the hits for years, and Peck has been wowing 'em over at the Genghis Cantina.

Rock & roll veterans NRBQ ink with Rhino Records.

Jeff Buckley, son of late folk hero Tim Buckley, pacts with Columbia/ Sony Music.

Kenny Rogers & Oingo Boingo now affiliated with Giant Records.

Denmark-based Mercyful Fate, with original lead singer King Diamond, has signed on with Metal Blade Records,

## **On The Move**

Hit producer Tony Berg (Michael Penn, Squeeze, Edie Brickell) has joined Geffen Records as the label's Director of A&R.

Melissa Komorsky has been named West Coast Talent Scout for RCA Records. Over on the East Coast, Peter Robinson has been named RCA's Manager/A&R. Robinson comes to the label from Giant Records.

Derek Oliver has been promoted to the position of Senior Director/ A&R for EastWest Records America.

Mike Stradford has joined Qwest Records as their VP of A&R.



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**Raquel** Contact: Kevin McDonald (412) 351-5882 **Purpose of Submission:** Seeking label deal

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PRODUCT ANALYSIS OF UNSIGNED TALENT

Describing his sound as "urban underground," Artwork meshes funk, rock, blues and rap into a melodic stew that is both professional sounding and pleasing to the ear in spots. Currently working as an engineer/ producer in many Los Angeles studios, Artwork used his experience to create this nine song cassette. His expertise as a producer/engineer certainly shines through, but on the artistic side, many of the songs he provided could use help and strengthening. Though some of the tunes sound similar, they all lack that real strong hook that grabs the listener in and holds his attention. I would suggest that Artwork spend some time working with other writers in a collaborative effort. Input from others would add plenty of objectivity to the tunes and give them a fresh approach. I think that'll make all the difference in the world.

Lipstick, multi-colored hair, outrageous stage clothes and solid pop material isn't usually associated with the city of Seattle these days. Maybe that's why the members of QBP decided to move to Hollywood and seek fame and fortune in the City of Angels. Combining pure pop vocal harmonies with a sampling of punk, these guys are attempting to give us a hybrid kind of music. The problem lies in the fact that most of the songs are underdeveloped. Without timing them it feels as if the tunes are all under three minutes long. Now that the band has its image and stage show together, I'd suggest putting some more time into the area of songwriting. When you've got a unique image, you wanna be sure your music is up to par as well. Otherwise, you'll be selling lots of band photos but few records. All in all, though, not a bad tape

Don't make the mistake of dismissing Raquel just because they've been around for some time. They're not getting older, they're getting better. These rockers from Pittsburgh have a knack for writing extremely melodic hard rock songs that are also very well structured. Add some nifty vocal harmonies and a biting guitar solo and you have the potential of a hit band. The band's sixsong demo submission is packed full of hard rockin material and though a couple of the tunes do sound somewhat generic, the majority of them are original and interesting. What Raquel is missing is that one solid hit that will turn the heads of all the A&R reps in the industry. Apart from that, the guys seem to be on the right track. Don't stop writing, you're only a song away.

To submit product for analysis, send your packages (including photo, bio & contact #) to: *Music Connection* Demo Critique, 6640 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90028. All packages become the property of *Music Connection* magazine.

## SONGWORKS-STEVEN P. WHEELER

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 1993 ROCK & ROLL**

## HALL OF FAME **INDUCTEES:**

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## **SHOWCASE HAPPENINGS**:

NEW MUSIC NIGHTS moves to San Francisco for our 4th Annual kick-off to The Gavin Convention. Check out DRUG, HONEYPOT, PORCH, HER MAJESTY THE BABY, YAH-YAH LITTLEMAN and POL at The Kennel Club on 2/10 at 8:30pm. Look for our next L.A. Z showcase at Club Lingerie on 2/18 at 9:00pm.

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Eddie Money recently released his first live album Unplug It In (Columbia/Sony), a musical document of his current acoustic tour. Money and his acoustic band are the first big-name rock act to take the acoustic format on an extensive national tour. Pictured backstage after a twonight stand at the Strand in Redondo Beach is Money's band (L-R): Tommy ("Flamenco Fingers") Girvin, lead guitar; John Snider, drums; Eddie Money; co-producer Monty Byrom, guitar, harmony vocals; Brian Gary, keyboards.

## **Upcoming Songwriter** Showcases

Listed below are some dates of upcoming industry sponsored showcases. If you have yet to attend any of these shows, it would be a wise move to start hanging out and meeting the industry personnel who may be able to get your career started or keep it moving in the right direction. I've given you the dates, so no more excuses. Nobody's going to come knocking on your door to help you, you've gotta help yourself. Al-though this is a very competitive business, Los Angeles needs a musical community we can all be proud of, so help make '93 a year to remember.

Force yourself to get out of your house or your studio and check out the different showcases I've listed for you. It may take you a couple of times before you start feeling comfortable, but once you reach that point, I guarantee that you'll be glad

you started networking. ASCAP's Quiet On The Set showcase will be held at Cafe Largo (432 North Fairfax) on Monday, February 22nd at 7:30 p.m. ASCAP will also sponsor the Best Kept Secrets showcase at the Coconut Teaszer (8117 Sunset Blvd.) on Tuesday, February 23rd.

For grunge rock fans, ASCAP also continues on with its Hardest Kept Secrets showcase at the Teaszer. The next head-banging evening is Tuesday, February 16th. Be sure to wear your plaid!

BMI's acoustic and electric showcases, entitled New Music Nights, are held on alternating months at Molly Malone's and Club Lingerie. Scheduled this month is the electric "rock/alternative" showcase at Club Lingerie (6507 Sunset Blvd.) on Thursday, February 18, at 8:00 p.m. National Academy of Song-

writers has a couple of acoustic showcases: the Acoustic Underground at the Troubadour (9081 Santa Monica Blvd.) will take place



Singer-songwriter Jill Sobule is shown performing at BMI's January New Music Nights Showcase. Sobule, who has been described as a "Joni Mitchell of the Nine-ties," has been a critical favorite since her MCA debut, Things Here Are Different, was released back in 1990. Look for a new release from Sobule in '93.

on Monday, February 15th at 7:30 p.m., while the Hollywood Galaxy Songwriting Night at the Hollywood Galaxy (7021 Hollywood Blvd.) is scheduled for Saturday, February 27 at 7:00 p.m., with open mic sign-ups beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The Western Beat showcase at Highland Grounds (742 North Highland) is slated for Thursday, February 4th, at 7:30 p.m. with open mic sign-ups beginning at 6:00 p.m. Co-sponsored by BMI, ASCAP, NAS, LASS, Windswept Pacific Publishing, Curb Records, Nashville Songwriters Association International and Music Connection, there is also the Western Beat open mic night scheduled for Thursday, February 18th with sign-ups at 7:30 p.m.

I would recommend taking advantage of the open mic opportunities at these various showcases because it beats trying to get industry people to listen to your demo tapes when they have no idea who you are. Trust me, it's one of the quickest ways to get noticed by the industry.



ASCAP songwriter Shabba Ranks was recently greeted by ASCAP staffers at the New York City offices of Epic Records. Ranks is currently promoting his latest album, X-Tra Naked. Pictured are (L-R): ASCAP's Dwayne Alexander and Audra Washington; Shabba Ranks; Vivian Scott, VP of A&R, Epic Records; Ruben Smith, Ranks' road manager.



Spencer Proffer has been named Executive Vice-President of Cherry Lane Music Publishing. Formerly President of Pasha/CBS Records, Proffer will be in charge of heading up Cherry Lane's first West Coast operation in the company's 33-year history.

## SONGWORKS-STEVEN P. WHEELER

## **Tracking The Classics**



**Roger Waters** *The Wall* (Album reached Number One in January, 1980)

As the lyricist, vocalist and chief focal point of Pink Floyd from their psychedelic beginnings to their heyday in the Seventies and early Eighties, Roger Waters became an enigma.

Ă mysterious figure who preferred to talk through his songs rather than attempt to explain himself through trivial interviews, Waters remains one of pop music's strongest and most potent songwriters.

Pink Floyd's 1979 album, *The Wall*, remains one of the most powerful and dramatic "concept" pieces to have ever come from the pop music genre.

To this day, *The Wall*—which has sold nearly twenty million albums to date—has cemented a place in rock history for its naked and honest portrayal of alienation and the dark side of human nature.

Many people have no idea how Roger Waters' concept for *The Wall* first came about. According to the songwriter, the theme arose from a disasterous stadium tour that Pink Floyd embarked on in 1977.

Ironically, the "disaster" had nothing to do with financial concerns but rather artistic ones:

"I wrote the piece because of the disgust I felt during a stadium concert in Montreal, when I found myself spitting at some kid in the crowd who was trying to get through the barriers in front of the stage. He was shouting and screaming, while I was trying to sing a song. I though to myself, 'This is insane; this isn't what I joined a band for.' And I was honestly shocked that I had been driven to commit an act of violence against this fan.

"And backstage the only subject of conversation was 'Do you know how much we grossed?'

"It ceased to be anything to do with music or communicating ideas or writing songs, it was merely about gross. I didn't like it, and that's where the idea of building a wall across the stage in front of a rock group came from.

"It was my disgust with the greed of working stadiums. I swore at that point that I would never do it again, and so far I haven't."

## New Signings

Peermusic announced a slew of new signings including Kris Key, Krash McKinney, Marty Wilson Piper and English rock band the Sugar La La's.

Bug Music answers back with an army of signings of their own, including Karl Rucker, Tim Pierce and Zakiya Hooker, the granddaughter of blues legend John Lee Hooker.

## **Publishing Activities**

Primat America announced that their band East Of Gideon is currently in the studio recording with producer Greg Ladanyi, and that Garden Of Joy has put the finishing touches on its new album, due out in March.



Songwriter Denise Rich recently signed a three-year administrative publishing deal with BMG Music Publishing. Rich, who penned CeCe Penniston's current single, "Crazy Love," and has also written songs for Jody Watley and Brenda Russell, among others, will be covered worldwide, except for North America, under the terms of the agreement. Pictured (L-R): Neil Ratner, co-manager for Rich; Mitch Rubin, BMG; songwriter Denise Rich; Stuart Wax, co-manager for Rich; Stephen Kopitko, Esq., attorney for Rich.

## PUBLISHER PROFILE



**Nicholas Firth** 

President, BMG Music 1133 Avenue of the Americas, 8th floor New York, NY 10036 (212) 930-4000

President of BMG Music Publishing Worldwide in 1987, industry veteran Nicholas Firth has embarked on one of the most comprehensive and successful acquisition programs the publishing business has ever seen.

Under Firth's direction BMG has purchased more than 50 publishing companies and/or catalogs, as well as having signed a wide array of artists including Neil Diamond, John Hiatt and Aerosmith.

BMG has also become the leading country music publisher, being named BMI Country Publisher Of The Year in 1991. Oddly enough, RCA—which was bought by BMG a little more than five years ago—was long recognized as having a great Nashville tradition. However, it wasn't until Firth came along that BMG moved rapidly into the country music market.

"What shocked me when I came to BMG was that we didn't have a Nashville music operation, so it was absolutely natural for me to take us in that direction. We made a bunch of acquistions (including MTM and Act III) down in Nashville and we now have something like ten singles and 25 albums on the *Billboard* charts. We've invested a lot of money down in Nashville but it's also the greatest thing we've done."

More recently, Firth moved BMG into the gospel/contemporary Christian genre by acquiring 50% of the Sparrow Corporation's catalog and the Reunion Group, which includes the catalogs of Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith. Firth also sees BMG's recent venture with Killer Tracks—a leading film production music library company—as a potential bonanza.

"My job was to make BMG a worldwide, multi-national music publishing company," says Firth, before adding with a laugh, "to be quite honest, I can't remember now when this wasn't a publishing group. But back in '87, everyone operated independently, now they operate inter-dependently."

With Firth's extensive background in publishing, his incredible success at BMG should really come as no surprise. Having started at the Chappell Group back in 1964—Chappell was owned by his grandfather and greatuncle—Firth began running the London office and also dabbled in other musical activities like concert promotion, where he handled acts like Roy Orbison and the Moody Blues, and also discovered Tom Jones.

But Firth says he always came back to publishing: "I was caught up in the publishing business at a very early age, meeting the Rogers and Hammerstein's during my youth. If I understand anything about the music business, it's publishing. All those other things were just peripheral."

When Polygram purchased Chappell in 1969, Firth began running Polygram's international division from his New York office, and eventually became Vice President of Polygram's publishing division from 1981 to 1985.

Born in England but educated in the States, Firth has a wealth of knowledge in terms of the international publishing industry. In fact, under Firth's leadership BMG now has 24 offices in 22 countries.

"I would say that every country has its own distinct habits and peculiarities but this business is still very much a people-business, as much as it is a music business. The challenge is to let those companies stand alone and be successful in their own marketplace, whether it be in France, Italy or Brazil. But at the same time, you've got to have everyone be part of a network."

In the past five years, BMG has become the biggest news in publishing. No longer just an also-ran, BMG is now one of the top three publishing companies in the world.

"Without wanting to take away anything from companies like Warner-Chappell or EMI, who are very much bigger than we are, they are first and foremost Anglo-American catalogs. Huge and wonderful catalogs, but I believe that within our smaller company we have a broader geographical balance than they do."

Despite his aggressive acquistion strategy, Firth maintains that new talent is the lifeblood of the publishing business. "Record people tend to look for instant gratification, whereas the publishers tend to have more patience and more of an interest in the development process. We've got managers around the world trying to find the next cutting-edge acts like we did with Cypress Hill and House Of Pain. That's always very, very important for a publishing company and we're trying to be innovative in that aspect as well."

While buying up any company or catalogs can be considered risky business, the man with the Midas Touch merely shrugs off the compliments, saying, "You have to believe in the value of copyrights. I believe that a good song is every bit as valuable as any other asset you can imagine, and more valuable than most."

## AUDIO/VIDEO-MICHAEL AMICONE SOUNDTRACK SESSION



Novus/RCA recording artist Warren Hill is pictured during sessions for the soundtrack to Body Of Evidence, the new thriller starring Madonna and Willem Dafoe. Pictured (L-R, standing): Hill manager John Axelrod, soundtrack producers Rick Chudacoff and David Franco, (seated) Warren Hill and soundtrack producer Peter Bunetta.

MUSIC GRINDER STUDIOS: Cheap Trick's Robin Zander and engineer Phil Kaffel, finishing tracks for his forthcoming solo effort on Interscope Records, Greg Grill assisting on the sessions...Veteran producer David Kershenbaum and EMI artist Joshua Kadison, working on tracks for a new project, with drummer Denny Fongheiser, guitarist Tim Pierce and bassist John Pierce guesting on the tracks and engineer Kevin Smith and assistant Lawrence Ethan manning the console...Pro-ducer/engineer Robert Feist, recording tracks with Heads Popping Through, Greg Grill assisting during the sessions...Producer/ engineer Phil Kaffel and Tales Untold, mixing tracks with co-producer Clark Stiles and assistant engineer Greg Grill...Former teen heartthrob Paul Anka, laying down tracks, overdubs and vocals for his next release, with Randy Kerber producing the project and engineer Ray Pyle and assistant Gregg Grill adding the sonic expertise...MCA recording act Voivod and producer/engineer Mark Berry, laying down tracks for a new opus, with engineering assistance supplied by Greg Grill...Former Journey frontman Steve Perry, in Studio B, recording tracks for his Sony Music

## STUDIO WIZARDS



Noted producer-engineering brothers Chris and Tom Lord-Alge are the newest Audio-Technica 40 Series microphone endorsers. The Lord-Alges have worked with many heavyweights—Chris with Stevie Nicks, Cher and Joe Cocker and Tom with Steve Winwood, Roger Waters and Billy Idol. Pictured (L-R): Tom Lord-Alge, Audio-Technica National Marketing Manager Buzz Goodwin and Chris Lord-Alge.

### PROPER SESSION



Speaking of the Material Girl, fledgling Maverick act Proper Grounds is pictured during sessions for the band's debut opus. Pictured at Brooklyn Recording Studio (L-R): chief engineer Bill Dooley, assistant engineer Scott Stillman, guitarist/producer Danny Saber, Maverick A&R man Guy Oseary and vocalist/songwriter/producer Sandman.

solo release, with producer Peter Collins and engineer Michael Hutchinson manning the console ... Producer/guitarist Andrew Gold and Japanese artist Yazawa, in Studio B. recording tracks with engineer Brad Gilderman and assistant Lawrence Ethan.

SAYLOR RECORDING: EMI recording act Brenda Russell, mixing tracks for her new album, with Russell producing the sessions and engineer Tommy Vicari adding the sonic expertise, assisted by Chris Puram and Mats Blomberg...Producer/engineer Max Norman, mixing live tracks for Capitol heavy metal act Megadeth, assisted by Chris Puram...Rapper DJ Quik and coproducer Robert Bacon, recording tracks for Giant artist Shello, with Louie Teran turning the knobs... Motown recording act Nu Soul Habits, mixing their upcoming album with producer Eddie Townes and engi-

#### neer Chris Puram...Northern Californian rock band Street Fox, finishing tracks for their new project with producer/engineer Taavi Mote and assistant Mats Blomberg...Zoo Entertainment act Voices, remixing the single "My Momma Didn't Raise No Fool" with producer Hami and engineer Louie Teran. PRESENT TIME RECORDERS:

Artists who have recently availed themselves of this Burbank recording complex include Triple X artist Jeff Dahl (back from tours of Europe and Japan), Sony Music artist Miles Tachett, Chuck and Dan Jacobs, all finishing up their respective projects. Also at Present Time is Bob Sprayberry, recording several projects, including his scores for the stage musical They Shoot Horses, Don't They and an American Film Institite film series featuring an overdub appearance by actor Judge Reinhold. MC



Irish rock group Black 47 is pictured during sessions for their new album, Fire Of Freedom. The album was produced by former Cars leader Ric Ocasek. Pictured (L-R): producer Ric Ocasek and band members Larry Kirwan, Geoff Blythe, Fred Parcells, Thomas Hamlin and Chris Byrne.

## **producer** CROSSTALK



## **DUSTY** Wakeman

#### By Jonathan Widran

A state of the still has no desire to make up his mind.

The co-owner of Mad Dog Recording Studios in Venice for over thirteen years, Wakeman's extensive genredefying resume, working with what he calls "roots rock," perfectly mirrors his Billy Joel-esque feeling that "whatever1do—worldbeat, country, metal it's still rock & roll to me." Whether he's touring as a bass player with Michelle Shocked, engineering Stryper and Megadeth, mixing Wynton Marsalis or co-producing Dwight Yoakam, "the connection is in the quality of the artists and the songs I'm involved with. The styles may vary, but there is soul in each one, and of course, my commitment to the project."

Most current engineer/producers are either slaves to the latest technology and/or committed to following the latest trends, but Wakeman has made a career out of bucking fashion and assisting alternative or lesser known artists, in addition to his higher profile work. For every Jackson Browne on Dusty Wakeman's creative credit sheet, there are several performers like Lucinda Williams, the Bonedaddys and even Europe-only bands like Spain's mega-popular La Guardia.

Amazingly, his basic approach to stars as well as upstarts never wavers. "Having been an engineer first, I really work on quality control," he explains. "Every producer's knowledge should incorporate an equal amount of technical and creative savvy, as well as people skills. I always work with singersongwriters, who I'll first see live so as to be tuned in before becoming involved. Then, I'll get to know them during the rehearsal phase, where we'll fine tune the sounds I'm looking for. Being able to deal with different personalities and time pressures is the key.

"Certain artists," he continues, "you have to hold hands with, because they hate recording, while others have no problems with the process. Artists usually pick me because they like the sound of previous work I've done, and producers like co-producing with me because I bring along my technical expertise. During the last five years, I've been lucky in that I've been able to work only with artists whose work I like."

Though, like most Sixties kids, he grew up worshipping the Beatles and Stones, Wakeman's affinity toward country sounds makes sense in light of his Texan upbringing. He started out in rock bands, but knew early on about his recording abilities, "always fidding around with dubbing and tape loops." With two members of the original ZZ Top lineup, he formed Buzzbone, whose hefty rock caught on in Texas but failed to gather heat upon moving to L.A.

The band broke up, yet Wakeman still sought stardom. He and R&B singer King Cotton secured a deal with Island Records, but when that fell through, his day job selling equipment at West L.A. Music convinced him that the engineering business was right for him. "At the University of Texas, I was always using my four-track recorder to tape other bands, and I had worked two years at an eight-track studio," he recalls of his development. As a bassist, he also found producing to be a natural evolution for "the ultimate team player. I was always in the background, concerned about how I was blending in."

Mad Dog has given Wakeman more freedom than most producers in terms of the quality and variety of projects. He engineered many of Enigma Records' most influential albums in the mid-Eighties (Stryper, Megadeth), before a contribution to the seminal L.A. coun'ry project *A Town South Of Bakersfield* led to a longstanding association with Pete Anderson and Dwight Yoakam.

"Dwight's albums have been the easiest ones to make, because I'm working with a great artist, a big budget, greatsongs and very nice people," he muses. "The way the charts have changed, working with a top country artist is definitely to my advantage cross-over wise, but my goal has never been huge sales as much as good records. Since Dwight is the most rockin' of country artists, he's able to do both."

Wakeman sees this refreshing attitude as the key to his longevity in the business. As he concludes, "Rock keeps you young, and most of the music I do is classy and in its own way timeless.

"Working with real musicians helps. If you love music, all you have to do is draw out the song's essence and know what makes each artist special. Once you do that, everything else is obvious."

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**Digitech's Five-Part Harmony Processor** 

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Called "intelligent" because the unit will automatically present natural sounding chordal, scalic or chromatically correct harmonies when the unit knows in what key you're playing or recognizes, through MIDI, what chord is played. The unit will also enable separate control and coloration of each one of the individual five voices. Some of the effects listed are: steel guitar harmony, 12-string/chordal shift, multiband chorus and multiband flanging, dynamic filtering, digital "wahwah", up to six seconds of delay, sampling, distortion, detune and more.

If all this has got you thinking, then call or write Digitech at 5639 South Riley Lane, Salt Lake City, Utah 84107. Phone (619) 695-5948 or FAX (619) 695-7623.



Hammond XB-5 Organ

The Hammond Suzuki XB-5 is like the XB-2 but has two complete 61-note keyboards with drawbars. This organ combines the original B-3 look with the new digital sampling and MIDI. A consideration is the fact that this organ, built in a satin-finished hardwood cabinet, breaks down into a 55 pound package which contrasts the original back-breaking 425 pound Hammond B-3.

The XB-5 has nine front panel presets and a feature called Drawbar Priority that lets the player make drawbar changes while playing the current preset. There are six velocity curves offered, a Modulation Wheel and two programmable



#### Les Paul Signature Strings from Gibson

Mr. Les Paul himself worked with Gibson to come up with this electric guitar string set. These are high quality, pure nickel wrap strings and not just nickel-plated steel. The nickel cover wire is wound slower and tighter over a premium Swedish steel hex core to give a more consistent feel and better tuning footswitches. You can save edited settings to a RAM card or via MIDI Data Dump and separate MIDI channels maybe used for the upper and lower keyboards and pedals. That's right pedals...there are optional 13-note spinet or 25-note console-type pedal boards available to run your feet across.

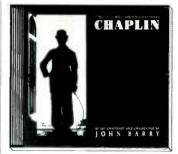
To go with the XB-5 is the Leslie 302 Speaker/Amplifier. The XB-5 will accept the original II-pin cable to any Leslie Tone Cabinet but the 302 is more portable at 110 pounds with a 100 watts of power. With the same rotating horn and bass speakers as the original, the 302 has a built-in pre-amp and so can also accept a direct 1/4" line from any keyboard or guitar. The 302 is also available in a rich walnut "home" version called the 322.

For more information, the XB-5 and Model 302 Leslie Speaker/Amp is made by Hammond Suzuki USA located at 733 Annoreno Drive, Addison, IL 60101 Phones: (708) 543-0277 or FAX (708) 543-0279.

accuracy. The set is gauged: .009, .011, .016, .026w, .036w, .046w. This arrangement allows for easier bending on the higher strings, yet gives the lower strings a more solid feel and volume for rhythm playing.

Priced at \$11.95 a set, the Les Paul Signature String set is numbered #G-LPS. For more information, contact Glbson Strings and Accessories at 1725 Fleetwood Drive, Elgin, IL 60123 or phone (708) 741-7315.

## SHOW BIZ-Tom Kidd



We can no longer stay silent about Chaplin. That's because we have the fine new soundtrack to the film of the same name, composed and conducted by John Barry. "When John first saw Chaplin, he instantly recognized a love of cinema that matched his own, one that inspired him to write music which complements and enhances the one truly ruling passion of Charlie Chaplin's life. comments Chaplin director Richard Attenborough in the liner notes. We have to agree. Barry captured the flavor of Chaplin's pre-talkie work. He's also captured the flavor of the actor himself in a Robert Downey, Jr.-sung version of Chaplin's famous theme song, "Smile," which is not featured in the flick but does appear on the CD. Downey's version is inspiring, touching and a somewhat bittersweet version, just as is his portrayal of the man.

Robert Anthony Aviles, electric violin player for NC-17, has recorded music for a film score. The project, a sequel to the very popular Weekend At Bernie's, has the title character returning as a zombie (he was dead in the first flick). The tracks were recorded with producer Peter Wolf, of whom Aviles says, "Peter had me play things that I could have never dreamed of-very odd intervals and scales, very fast and very different.'

To catch Aviles and NC-17 live, or to receive one of their not-so-fast but very differently produced demo packages, call Frank Richards at (714) 995-0471

You know the guy on the left. That's Ministry's Al Jourgensen enjoying a quiet moment during a recent video shoot. You may also know the guy on the right. That's legendary word mäster William S. Burroughs. He with appears Jourgensen in

said video. What you probably didn't know is that Burroughs also appears, courtesy of T/K Records, on a new EP called The Elvis Of Letters. Providing musical accompaniment to this semio-terrorist is film director Gus Van Sant. "Elvis is exactly the kind of mind-meld you'd expect from two misfits who make a living dicing up words and images, splicing them back together and making 'em run right," writes Nose reviewer Alek Hidell. "They should've called it Conjunction Junction.

Composer Mike Oldfield, who will perform his latest work Tubular Bells 2 at New York's Carnegie Hall on February 23, is trying to exorcise The Exorcist. The original Tubular Bells, composed when Oldfield was nineteen, launched him to international success when a selection from the album was used in that classic horror film. "The composition was so



Ministry's Al Jourgensen and author William S. Burroughs

associated with The Exorcist that it helps to do a sequel," Oldfield told the Los Angeles Daily News. "There was this notion among some that I was a composer of horror-movie soundtracks. Some people are actually scared of meeting me. They think I'll do head twirls and such." The sequel, which Oldfield says is "too optimistic to be used in a film like that," has so far sold two million copies worldwide.

A March production start has been set for Sister Act II. In the sequel to the hit movie, Whoopi Goldberg answers a call from Mother Superior to take on the training of an inner-city high school choir. It is rumored that casting agents working the film considered raping ability to be a big plus.

Show Biz can barely hold back the tears as we wait for someone to mail us the soundtrack to The Crying Game. The Miramax film stars Stephen Rea,

Miranda Richardson, Forest Whitaker and Jaye Davidson in a saga of sex, loyalty, betrayal and unexpected love. The complimenting CD has tracks such as a cover of the dance classic "Let The Music Play" by Carroll Thompson, and a cover of the country classic "Stand By Your Man" by Lyle Lovett. What we really want is a copy of the title track which features a resurrected Boy George singing over the unmistakably individual Pet Shop Boys production. The Crying Game will be imported for a

limited time only by the Pet Shop Boys' Spaghetti Recordings label.

If life had been different, Chris Kowanko might have been a painter. Instead, the Brooklyn-based visual artist/carpenter is a singer-songwriter on Morgan Creek Records with an amazingly strong Lou Reed/Gordon Gano-influenced self-titled CD. None of this surprises Kowanko, "I have a college art school background," he says "I found there were practical hassles to painting and it was easier for me to thrash around in the practice room with my piano." Not that he no longer thrashes around with a brush. The wonderful expressionistic cover design replacing the usual beginning-artist headshot may or may not be, according to Kowanko, a self-portrait.

If you love animation, you'll want to pick up Columbia's The Music Of Raymond Scott: Reckless Nights And Turkish Twilights. As adapted by Carl Stalling and others, Scott's Merry Melodies and Looney Toons have underscored the antics of Daffy Duck, Bugs Bunny, Tweety & Sylvester and Ren & Stimpy. This is the first ever digitally remastered CD and cassette release of Scott's world-famous tunes and the first Scott collection in any format since 1953. Though animation



**Raymond Scott** 



NC-17 (Robert Anthony Aviles and Frank Rogala)

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brought him fame, the classicallytrained, jazz-based composer never intentionally wrote for cartoons. He sought to portray the modern world and distant galaxies in musical vi-gnettes. Producer Irwin Chusid and executive producer Hal Willner collected 22 tracks from the composer's most fertile period (1937 through 1940) including such titles as "Dinner Music For A Pack Of Hungry Cannibals," "New Year's Eve In A Haunted House" and "Square Dance For Eight Egyptian Mummies." These titles should sound familiar to cartoon fans, whichy Warner Bros. Music Director Carl Stalling licensed Scott's composition, but not recordings, for his studio. The better-known versions of Scott and Stalling's work was previously released over the past two years on The Carl Stalling Project and Bugs Bunny On Broadway

"Nature wanted me to be a painter," says Sonic Images recording artist Christopher Franke, "but by accident I became a musician. I think of myself as a sonic painter. I feel like a painter or a sculptor forming with sounds like I would form with plaster or paint." So says the man who spent eighteen years with Tangerine Dream, recorded over a dozen soundtracks and is now pro-



Chris Kowanko

moting a live concert album, *The London Concert*, recorded during his first and only live performance in October, 1991. He also says to look for *Music For Films, Volume 1*, an upcoming compilation of music from the films *McBain, Eye Of The Storm* and *She Woke Up* and a brand-new solo album, *Big Island*, coming this fall. Franke is an artist, but darned if he isn't also a businessman.

Remember a film called *Tokyo Pop*? If so, remember the female lead Carrie Hamilton? She's back. Hamilton is the lead singer for Gilt Lily which also features former Dog/ Attack/Little Caesar guitar god Louren Molinare. We've been slipped a copy of the band's threemix CD single and video, "I Am A Boy," and we're favorably struck by how nicely the compact disc is packaged, how well-produced the video is and how pow-

erful the band's image is. We also like the mix by Roy Hay (Culture Club) and the fact that a portion of the band's profits from the single go to various AIDS charities. We are, however, slightly taken aback by the predominant theme of blatant, colorful, over-thetop androgyny. Lyrics have Hamilton keep referring to "that thing swinging between my legs,' which is probably a big surprise to her parents, Joe Hamilton and Carol Burnett. Kim Fowley would have killed for this 20 years ago. Gilt Lily is a fine band but a little misdirected

**Tina Turner** donated \$50,000 to help open a center for abused children in Ripley, TN. Turner, a native of nearby Nutbush, told in her autobiography of an impoverished childhood and years spent with her abusive former hushand. Ike Turner. The Exchange Club-Tina Turner Child Abuse Center is expected to open this month in the renovated wing of an old hospital building.

Whoever has Peggy Lee's watch, please re-

turn it. The singer sold her high school graduation watch, a 1940 Elgin, more than 50 years ago. In exchange she received a train ticket taking her from her home in Bismarck, ND to California and then to Chicago where she was hired by **Benny Goodman**. The song she recorded with Goodman, "Why Don't You Do Right?" launched Lee's musical career. Merv Griffin is trying to find the watch for a celebration of the 50th anniversary of Lee's first hit. Missing watch adshave been placed in Fargo newspapers.

Composer, writer and musical arranger Marc David Decker has announced his plans for this year. First up is the original music score for the film *Psycho Cop II*. Next are the scores for a couple of producer Brad Wyman's projects: the first being *Skinners* and the second being *Blood Bath A Go-Go*. Then comes



the biggest project, the Charlie Sheen feature film *The Chase*. Decker's work can also be heard on FOX Television's *The Ben Stiller Show* and the Playboy Channel's *Candy Cracker P.I.* He also contributes to the Comedy Network's *For Comics Only*.

At last we have the Toys soundtrack, thanks to producers Trevor Horn and Hans Zimmer. Both men, you'll recall, made their mark on pop culture as members of the Buggles, whose 1979 hit, "Video Killed The Radio Star," became the first to air on MTV. Horn produced most of the soundtrack, including the almost— hit "The Closing Of The Year (Main Theme)," featuring Wendy & Lisa. Zimmer, on the other hand, is the partner making the most of the situation. Already he's hitting the press trail with the soundtrack to the South African motion picture The Power Of One, for which he hired 10,000 Zulu Nation choir members to sing in a soccer stadium. He also wants you to know about Calendar Girl, an upcoming Luke Perry movie vehicle, and that he's composing the score for next holiday season's Disney animated adventure. The songs for that latter project, by the way, were composed by Elton John and Tim Rice



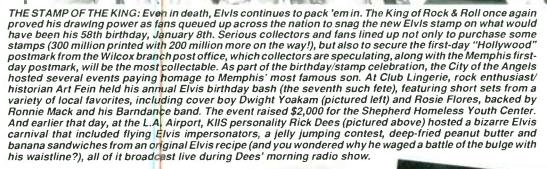
Christopher Franke

## Loca Note By Michael Amicone

Contributors include Oskar Scotti and Tom Farrell.





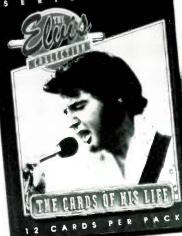


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I'LL TRADE YOU A 'BLUE HAWAII' FOR YOUR ...: The River Group has released the second series (220 cards) in its Elvis trading card collection just in time to tie in with the Elvis birthday/stamp mania. This handsome set-which debuted last October and, with the release of the third series this March, will total 660 cards—is divided into subsets (Early Days, Army Days, Movies, Television, Automobiles, etc.), each premium quality card sporting a photo and a corresponding paragraph explaining its import in the life and career of the King. The Elvis Collection-each pack contains twelve cards-is available at grocury, toy, convenience and hobby stores nationwide. A must for Elvis fans and card collectors. Pictured (above, L-R): the President admiring the King's cuff links, an outtake from that historic 1970 meeting; one of the latter-day (i.e., larger-sized) Elvis trademark jumpsuits, this one worn during his final television appearance, Elvis In Concert, taped during concerts on June 19 and 21, 1977, two months prior to his death; Elvis on his way to film Blue Hawaii in 1961, wearing a lei around his neck, which, considering the celluloid drek he would appear in, may as well have been a noose; and a shot from Elvis' '68 TV special, which, following years of insipid soundtrack lethargy, proved he could still rock.











HAIL, HAIL ROCK & ROLLI: On January 12th, the City of the Angels played host to the annual Rock & Roll Hall Of Fame Dinner/ Induction Ceremonies for the first time since its inception. Held at the Century Plaza Hotel, highlights included speeches by George Clinton and Bruce Springsteen, (inducting Sly & the Family Stone and Creedence Clearwater Revival, respectively), an acceptance speech which turned into a "hippie" plea for unity by Doors keyboardist Ray Manzarek and the three event-ending musical setsthe remaining members of the Doors with Jim Morrison stand-in Eddie Vedder of Pearl Jam, performing "Roadhouse Blues," "Break On Through" and "Light My Fire"; John Fogerty, plowing his way through the CCR chestnuts "Who'll Stop The Rain," "Green River" and "Born On The Bayou," backedby a "house" band that included Robbie Robertson, Don Was and Bruce Springsteen; and the Cream reunion every one was waiting for, Jack Bruce, Ginger Baker and Eric Clapton, performing game versions of "Sunshine Of Your Love" and "Born Under A Bad Sign" (which Clapton dedicated to the recently deceased Albert King) and a slowed down version of "Crossroads" that lacked the power of the original. Lowlights included a Van Morrison no-show, some dubious induction choices (Frankie Lymon & the Teenagers?) and John Fogerty vetoing a Creedence reunion. Anyone familiar with the Fogerty/Fantasy Records legal hassles can empathize with Fogerty's ire regarding his CCR past and his hesitation to play with former pals Stu Cook and Doug Clifford, still it was a chance to make a grand gesture on a grand night, to bury the hatchet, if only for one evening. Pictured: (above, left) John Densmore, Robbie Krieger and Ray Manzarek; (above, middle) Doug Clifford, John Fogerty, (son of the late Tom Fogerty), Stu Cook and Bruce Springsteen; and (above, right) artist/producer Dan Kessel, former inductee/legendary producer Phil Spector, screenwriter Jerico (Matinee) and artist/producer Dave Kessel.



A GATHERING OF FRETMEN: A host of musicians turned out to perform at the second annual benefit for the Randy Rhoads Charitable Trust Fund, held at the Palace in honor of the late guitarist. Cosponsored by Guitar For The Practicing Musician and radio station KNAC, the six-hour event included performances by Lita Ford and Howard Leese (pictured above, right), Brad Gillis, Rudy Sarzo, Tony Franklin, Adrian Vandenberg and former Twister Sister Dee Snider (pictured above, left).



A DOUBLE SHOT OF PLATINUM: Epic and Sony Music execs and Ozzy Osbourne and band are pictured during recent ceremonies presenting Osbourne with double platinum plaques for his latest release, No More Tears. Pictured (L-R): Epic Associated's Tony Martell, Zakk Wylde, Ozzy Osbourne, Epic Associated President Richard Griffiths, Randy Castillo, manager Sharon Osbourne, Mike Inez, Sony Music exec Michele Anthony and Epic President Dave Glew.



COL VIN SHOW: Just as there are some artists who rocket to popularity in disproportionate levels to their talent (did someone mention Michael

Bolton?), there are those who suffer the opposite affliction. For example, Shawn Colvin-a willowy singer-songwriter whose new album is entitled Fat Cityshould be drawing SRO crowds at roomier venues like the Wiltern, instead of playing the Troubadour for a handful of fanatics. Opening the show with an acoustic ver-sion of "Steady On," the showcase ballad that anchored her Columbia debut, Colvin's set was filled with her trademark delicate narratives and a unique vision that manages to embrace feminine sentimentality without sounding maudlin or mushy. Backed by a first-rate band (Richard Thompson, ace keyboardist Booker T. Jones and bassist Larry Klein), you got the idea that this would be the last time someone as talented as Colvin would be playing anything as diminutive as the Trou--OS badour.

## MUSIC CONNECTION Ten Years Ago... Tidbits from our tattered past

SECRET SESSION: Hollywood's latest teen sensation, Sean Penn, is working on a secret project with his brother-in-law, Bruce Springsteen. If you recall, he married da Boss's sistuh, Pamela, last year. AHEAD OF HER TIME: Annette Funicello is reportedly recording a country LP at Gold Star studios. GOING HEROWN WAY: The Dream Syndicate has lost the services of ace bassist Kendra due to the rigors of touring. She has been replaced by former Textone David Provost. The last bassist to leave the band was Kathy Valentine, now a Go-Go.



## By Billy Block

wight Yoakam—the embodiment of hillbilly cool.

The sound is more assured and more polished as Yoakam enters a new phase of his illustrious recording career with the new LP *This Time*, but the attitude remains determined, focused and rebellious—albeit more worldly and wise.

In conversation, Yoakam expresses himself in machine gun bursts, taking time to meticulously load, then aim and fire a flurry of well-articulated ideas and explanations for his creative process. He will then pause, listen, reload and carefully hit his target again with intelligence, candor and a congenial self-deprecating sense of humor.

"I think this new album is the most autonomously voiced album I've made," states Yoakam when asked how his new Reprise release differs from his initial album, Guitars, Cadillacs, etc., etc. "Pete Anderson, my producer, has suggested that this is the first completely Dwight Yoakam record. There's no reference here to the influences that I've had, whether it's Buck Owens or Johnny Cash or anything like that. This Time is an exclusively Dwight Yoakam musical statement. Whereas on Guitars we were very purposeful in deliberately attempting to introduce my audience to the influences that I had. That was so they had an understanding of why I would choose to play the style of music I play and have a perspective as to how I arrived at it. However unintentional, Buenas Noches completed a chapter, or a trilogy if you will. Now the bridge between the first three albums and If There Was A Way was the Greatest Hits package. Then If There Was A Way started a new chapter and This Time is the next step in the musical journeythough it was all very subconscious.

With the suggestion that this new record is more polished and slicker sounding than previous efforts, Yoakam quickly responds, "Yet, simultaneously more austere. This album was produced with fewer preconceived arrangements than any album we've ever done. *If There Was A Way* was the transition in terms of expanding the parameters. I always write what's right for me. What you also might be identifying as slick is a more pop writing style on some things. It was what felt right at the time."

This Time boasts a variety of styles—the country lament "Home For Sale," the retro harmonies and three-legged dog shuffle of "The





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Pocket Of A Clowh and the swaggering "Wild Ride." It's more proof that Yoakam and producer Pete Anderson have an uncanny ability to take a retro idea and brilliantly modernize it.

"Well, I think that Pete and I are aware of reference points for ourselves as a collaborative team," explains Yoakam. "We don't ever become preoccupied with them, because that's all they are—reference points. What I hope to establish is my own artistic expression. I tend to be very verbal as well as visual in my connecting with things—more so verbal. So I tend to want to use a word to articulate something. 'The Pocket Of A Clown' background vocals came from me expressing an idea of some old Mills Brothers thing—but only if the becomes its own animal."

Yoakam wrote or co-wrote ten of the eleven songs on *This Time*. When asked about the writing process for this record, he relates, "Kostas and I co-wrote together again on this album. Kostas, of course, wrote 'Turn It On, Turn It Up, Turn Me Loose.' He's a terrific writer and an interesting guy in that he was an immigrant from Greece who moved to Montana. So culture shock is a light term with regard to his experience and perspective on our art and culture. He is an innately gifted songwriter. With Kostas and me, it's hard to tell a distinction between the two. We write so much alike. That's what's so great about it."

Yoakam's collaborations with Kostas were

not the first time the artist has co-written material. "My first experience in co-writing was with Roger Miller. I had talked to Roger about this shuffle tune idea I had called 'It Only Hurts When I Cry' at a Grammy party. Roger said, 'Yeah, I like that ,' and then he said, 'I've never co-written either.' I've always equated songwriting to a cat having kittens: You just crawl up under the house and do it all by yourself. So co-writing that song was a first experience for both of us, and it was great. Here I was writing with the guy who wrote 'Dang Me' and 'Chug-A-Lug'—it was a real honor."

How does he feel being a California country artist? "That's an odd thing. I think you're the first person who has ever referred to me as being from California. Our lives are not one complete journey. It's a series of adventures that make up a complete sojourn. The first portion of my developmental stage was Kentucky and Ohio. But my second developmental stage, which was my early adulthood, was here in California, and it shaped me. So, yeah, I am from here, at this point...sixteen years now.

I migrated here, much like Bob Wills, Buck Owens, Merle Haggard. California has a mystic attraction. It's the land of dreams. To Americans, it's the end of the rainbow...from *The Grapes of Wrath* on. It is a place people come to pursue their artistic passion. That was the case for me. I felt the country rock movement of the early

World Radio History

Seventies was still very much alive out here like Emmylou Harris, Rodney Crowell. The predecessors to that being the Flying Burrito Brothers, the Eagles, Linda Ronstadt. This environment was more conducive to me developing as an artist, rather than in Nashville around 1977."

What about the fragmentation of the country market? "I think that's inevitable. I think, like Top 40 radio used to be, country has expanded to encompass a variety of styles and genres. Someone once asked me about the Class of '86 and the New Traditionalists. I told 'em in the next three or four years we will all clearly define ourselves as individual artists for you. What you're seeing now is the culmination of a couple of other major factors. Those being TNN and CMT. Country music is now almost around the clock in almost 78 million homes. That is an enormous commercial conduit and marketing pipeline. I think that has been one of the greatest elements involved in the commercial explosion of country music.

"In addition, I think SoundScan is giving us an honest and accurate representation of what really goes on. It was around '88 and '89 when both TNN and CMT really started to have this impact. Of course, now with Garth and Billy Ray Cyrus and this phenomenon, it's fascinating."

When asked about his ability to maintain platinum sales status with a minimal amount of touring, Dwight offers, "Well, at first it was by design. At the end of '89, the 48-month period preceding that, I had spent 33 months on the road, I was burned out. The hotels and buses and backstage areas are not conducive to songwriting. So, I came home and took some time off. I just shut it down. Then, when we got ready to go out and perform the If There Was A Way tour, the Gulf War broke out and disrupted all our European tour plans. The distractive nature of the whole event led us to decide not to tour at all that year. By that point it was the beginning of '92 and we all decided it was more positive to concentrate on the next album. If There Was A Way had already been out a year and a half and was six singles deep with a million in sales. It was almost like, well, maybe I shouldn't go out [laughs].

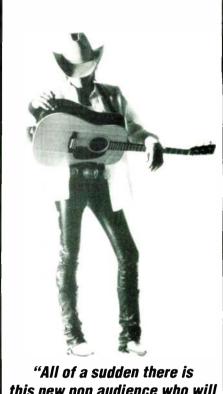
"I also think it's important to note that country music is changing and becoming more like pop as a marketed commodity, because the audience is becoming more like a pop audience. Much of the country audience is now new listeners and buyers—country converts. All of a sudden there is this new pop audience who will buy Phil Collins, U2 and their favorite country artist."

Much credit for the great sound of Dwight's new album is due to producer Pete Anderson. "I have a great relationship with Pete. It is a powerfully productive friendship and working relationship because it is the most compatible, functional relationship I've ever had in my live. Bob Bernstein, who was a steel player at the time and is now at Capitol, introduced me to Pete. We have a relationship similar to what I have with my brother, Ron, I will never be able to set aside my feelings for him, almost akin to a family member. It's because we both met each other when neither one of us had anything to gain from the other one, other than what we brought out in each other. That's an honest relationship. It builds trust. We never looked at each other with a suspicious eye. We both were very open.

"That's not to say we haven't had our ups and downs. It was not an easy ride for two guys who started out sharing a one-room apartment. We're talking about Pete's place—one room with a kitchen, a bath and a laundry room. I slept in that laundry room. Pete barely had room to turn around in there. We started together from that kind of place. That builds a bond that you don't break easy. However, success and the strain and stress of the kind of success we experienced...I'm proudest of the fact that Pete and I have maintained not only a working relationship but a friendship."

Among the great musicians who have played on all of Dwight's records is keyboardist Skip Edwards. "Yeah, Skip is an extremely gifted musician and a student of pop keyboards. And I include the term pop, which is short for popular.

"We forget that sometimes. When you and I were growing up in the Sixties, we could receive an education by osmosis just by hitting the AM car radio button and hearing all kinds of music playing on a single radio station. You could hear Buck Owens sing 'Tiger By The Tail' and the Stones' 'Get Off My Cloud' and then maybe hear



"All of a sudden there is this new pop audience who will buy Phil Collins, U2 and their favorite country artist."

'Mustang Sally' by Wilson Pickett and then hear the Statler Brothers.

"Skip has all of that. He allows me enormous latitude with my sound. Also, Taras Prodaniuk on bass, Jeff Donavan on drums and Scott Joss on fiddle."

Following the release of his new album, Yoakam will once again hit the road. "We are scheduled to do a 75-city North American tour beginning in May. That's the plan for right now. We will probably take a break and see how the record is doing, then do Europe, Australia and Japan. It will be a large tour."

Reluctant to sit on his laurels, Dwight finds time to brush up on his acting career when he's not recording or touring. "I just did a couple of small scenes in Red Rocks West. It was a big deal for me because it was with Nicholas Cage and Dennis Hopper. John Dahl, who is the director and writer, is a guy I met, and we talked about doing a long-form video for If There Was A Way. We have written a treatment for a western called Teach Me To Waltz that is now being made into a screenplay. I am also attached to a play called Ginger Snaps because I acted in high school and college theater and am still interested in pursuing that, I'm also producing a play called Southern Rapture by Joseph Tidwell, I was really taken by this stage play and felt we needed to put it up somewhere. So, it will open at the Met Theater, April 2nd, with Peter Fonda directing.'

Lest you think he's a workaholic, Dwight assures: "When I just wanna hang out sometimes, I'm likely to wander around the streets of Hollywood and look for interesting stuff."

Stuff that may very well turn up in a future Dwight Yoakam song.



Dwight serenades Whoopi on her talk show.



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## Joe Ianello Vice President Pop Promotion

### By Oskar Scotti

t first glance, Joe lanello looks like a dead ringer for the typical ethnic New Yorker. He's got a strong, well-defined jaw, penetrating eyes and—most importantly—a Christian name that Chris Columbus and Joltin' Joe DiMaggio would have applauded. But never mind the obvious stereotypes. All those impressions melt like butter on a barbecue when lanello opens his mouth for, despite his Sicilian looks, he is about as worthy of a standard bearer for the guaint borough of the Bronx as Ross Perot.

In truth, lanello's roots run deep into the soil of the Midwest. Like many of his ilk, he began his career as a journalist, not as a record hawker. His first gig in the music biz required reviewing major label releases for the now-defunct magazine *Record World*.

"That's really where I first gained insight as to how record promoters operated," acknowledged lanello in a deliberate Midwestern drawl. "Every Monday at least a dozen national record people would sit down before me and try and convince me to give their discs a good review in our 'new releases' section."

While the label reps were hard at work, Joe lanello did more than merely weigh the pros and cons of the singles; he carefully observed the reps—both their techniques and their intensity. Before too long, he began to see things from the promoters' point of view, which gave him confidence that he, too,



could ply the crucial trade.

A successful ten-year stint at Atlantic has proven him right. For during his brief tenure at *Record World*, lanello had the opportunity to soak up the skills of some of the most respected names in the business—stalwarts like Warner Bros. Stu Cohen, Arista's Rick Bisceglia and his current boss, Andrea Ganis. When the magazine folded, Joe hitched up temporarily with the TV show *Showtime*, as a publicist, but after acquiring a taste for the high stakes realm of label promotion, he knew what he wanted to do.

Galloping to his rescue came Bruce Tannenbaum, yet another swashbuckling record man who had gotten to know lanello at his earlier position. Tannenbaum plied his trade for Atlantic Records, and he sensed that in lanello he could secure the talents of a potential blue chip record hawker. But before the midwesterner landed in the Big Apple, he needed seasoning, and so lanello served his apprenticeship in Boston. Some two years later, an opening in Manhattan popped up, and Tannenbaum and his boss, Andrea Ganis, pegged the young New England rep for the position.

"I really got to know Andrea and Doug during my time in Boston," emphasized Joe, "and felt like they went out on a limb for me when they brought me to New York. That was the turning point in my career in a lot of ways." Upon arriving in the land of taxis and despair, the fresh-scrubbed ex-scribe wasted little time applying the skill he'd soaked up while in the company of national reps that had attempted to mold his opinions.

Not only is lanello adept at breaking records, he is also adept at picking them and says the process of selecting radio tracks at Atlantic is a very democratic procedure. "It's usually a free-for-all when we sit down and express our beliefs about music," he says, reflecting on the ultra competitive nature of his business."Usually we'll sit down at a table, Andrea, Doug, myself and a few more people and hash out ideas about which tracks would be right for which format. Naturally, if Doug Morris really feels strongly about something, it goes without saying that that's what we usually go with. But he's really open to other people's ideas, especially if they happen to be really passionate about something.

lanello confessed that, at present, he is very high on two acts on the roster: INXS and the Lemonheads—the later band featuring the tightfisted melodic savvy of another New Englander, Evan Dando. "We got a big boost during the Summer Olympics," stated lanello "as the network featured some of INXS' music during their pre-game ceremonies. This opened up a whole new audience for us." Branching off on the Lemonheads, lanello cited the group's single, "It's A Shame About Ray," as something he thinks may crossover into the mainstream, tracing the footsteps of



the aforementioned Aussie sextet who also began their career as darlings of the college circuit. "Wherever the group plays," he said beaming, "the result is always consistent: pretty much universal acclaim."

In addition to INXS and the Lemonheads, the label is also currently high on rock acts Saigon Kick, Alannah Myles and Marvin Gaye's daughter, Nona.

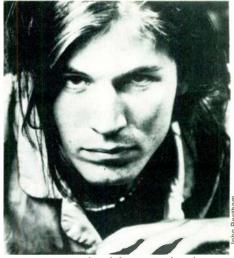
Yet, with all the glory of the artists and their champions, it is not surprising that certain members of the team have departed—not out of disloyalty but out of ambition to test the waters on their own. In part, they comprise Charley Lake (currently of Motown), Bruce

INXS

Tannenbaum (now VP at MCA) and Sylvia Rhone. Yet, in all probability, Joe lanello will not join them. He is, he asserts, "very confident in my position here and content to be a part of this long-standing organization. It seems that things just keep getting better and better the longer 1 stay," he goes on, "simply because I'm becoming more involved with the creative side of the marketing process. So far, it's really been one hell of a great ride, so why should I tempt fate? I'm really happy."

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One area lanello hadn't touched on yet was his interaction with Atlantic's national and regional team and tuning them into a precision instrument. "We have to watch our budget in the area of national promotion like every other label due to hard financial times," mourns lanello, unable to distance himself from our economic upheaval. "We have five people doing what maybe seven or eight used to do in the field," lanello mentions, "but that's alright. We're still able to generate



Evan Dando of the Lemonheads

plenty of communication in the field toward getting records played and keeping programmers informed as to what's happening on a national level."

For now, what's going on in lanello's domain is top notch, just as you'd expect of Atlantic Records. They set sail over three decades ago on the strength of venerable R&B titans like Ray Charles and Aretha Franklin and have that legacy afloat in the rock arena with Led Zeppelin, AC/DC and Genesis, thanks to Joe lanello, whose constant dedication to thoroughness has insured that artists like INXS and the Lemonheads will keep the banner waving proudly.





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## By Billy Block (photos: Billy Block)

s country music in America continues to grow by leaps and bounds, the L.A. country music scene is also enjoying a renaissance. While the music emanating from Nashville's Music Row pays tribute to the L.A. singer-songwriter period of the Seventies, many of those very artists are re-emerging and helping to keep the scene vital. Superstar Linda Ronstadt is working on a country project produced here on the West Coast. Wendy Waldman, Karla Bonoff, Kenny Edwards and Andrew Gold, who all emerged from that Seventies scene, are enjoying great success as songwriters, producers and artists and they are working together again in a powerful pop vocal ensemble with country and rock influences. Waldman with Brad Parker have discovered and nurtured the talents of Rick Vincent, L.A. country music's most recent success story on the Curb label. Rock & Roll Hall of Famer Chris Hillman, in harmony with Herb Pedersen, continues to steer the success of the Desert Rose Band. The Boy Howdy Band scored a Top Forty hit with its first single and drummer Hugh Wright is back rehearsing with the band after his tragic accident. Zaca Creek has signed with Giant Records with new product due this year. Mega-talent John Jorgenson and cohorts Will Ray and Jerry Donahue are recording their monster guitar group the Hellecasters for Michael Nesmith's Pacific Arts label. Randy Meisner of the Eagles is currently enjoying the collaborative efforts of his new project with hit songwriter Billy Swan and Allan Rich, the immensely talented son of the Silver Fox, Charlie Rich. Dwight Yoakam, the "King of Cool," will release a new record, This Time, for Reprise, and Don Henley still represents the Nashville ideal.

Many of Nashville's top producers travel here to complete or sweeten tracks. MCA's Tony Brown is

## OS ANGELES THE SCENE

currently collaborating with Don Was (Bonnie Raitt) on Kelly Willis' new recording. They are mixing here in search of that L.A. edge. Mike Reid, the former pro football player turned successful country singer, was produced here by Peter Bunetta and Rick Chudacoff. Pete Anderson continues to use Capitol Records'

CCMA's Dave Saunders



famous Studio B for Dwight Yoakam, Jerry Fuller, who has a track record of hits spanning several generations, produced country hunk Collin Raye with coproducer John Hobbs at his studio in the San Fernando Valley. David Kershenbaum (Tracy Chapman) is producing K.T. Oslin, Randy Sharp, Jill Colluci and Ed Berahoff continue to enjoy success as writers and artists based here in L.A.-and Dusty Wakeman (see Producer

Crosstalk, pg. 15), who recently produced Lucinda Williams' critically acclaimed Chameleon release at his Venice-based Mad Dog Studios, is emerging as a cutting edge wonder boy.

Hollywood, too, is turning its lens on country music. Last Picture Show director Peter Bogdanovich's new country music film employs several top L.A. producers and many of our local musicians like Paul Marshall, Skip Edwards and Dbn McNatt. L.A. producer Steve



Dorff handled music director chores for George Strait's Pure Country movie soundtrack that went straight to the top of the charts. Delta Burke's new show is about a country singer waiting tables in a honky tonk. NBC-TV and Dick Clark Productions launched the Hot Country Nights televison show, and though on hiatus, it helped usher in the country music boom.

Jonathan Stone of L.A.-based Windswept Pacific Publishing is developing a country roster with Nashville's hot publisher Pat Higdon at Patrick Joseph Music as a partner. Steve Bloch and Phil Swann of Southern Cow

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Music Publishing are actively pursuing West Coast writers for country hits. Betty Rosen at Third Stone Music is signing country writers and artists, as is Chrysalis Music, who has employed Mike Fink for a country music focus. Bug Music has a long history of administering West Coast country.

The legacy of California country music is a rich one that includes the legendary Sons of the Pioneers, cow-

boy heroes Roy Rogers and Gene Autry and the Maddox Brothers with their lovely sister Rose. They've all brought the best of the west to country and western music. The Bakersfield sound introduced by Buck Owens and reinvented by Dwight Yoakam add to a living musical heritage that also include the legendary Merle Haggard and his Strangers. Gram Parsons and Emmylou Harris, the Byrds, the Flying Burrito Bros. and eventually the Eagles, injected a youthful energy to country music, a

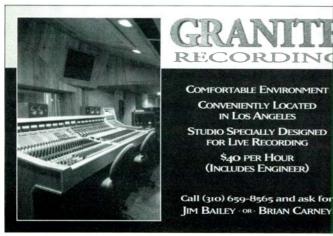
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new vision with reverence to tradition that continues to influence modern country music.

Today, the West Coast country music and singersongwriter scene is energized with a wealth of talent. Jim Lauderdale. Lucinda Williams, Karen Tobin, Jann Browne, George Highfill, Rosie Flores and Chris Gaffney, just to name a few, have all created great music for various record companies, while

Eddie Cunningham, the Bum Steers, Wylie and the Wild West Show, Eddie Dunbar, Teresa James, Alan Whitney, Buddy Miller, Re Winkler, Jenny Yates, Rick Shea, Dan





Bern, Pam Dwinell and Broken Arrows head the list of abundant talent on the horizon.

Throughout the greater L.A. area in honky tonks, showcase clubs and especially the coffee houses, songwriter/artists abound. Nashville's long-standing tradition of grooming some of the country's most

**Rick Shea** 



prolific songwriters has inspired West Coast songwriters to band together like never before. And band together

they have. At venues all over town, songwriter showcases have arrived in a big way. Country, folk, pop and blues performers are being featured together as they integrate these styles in song, creating wonderful hyphenated hybrids: country-blues, folk-country,

country-rock. These very same artists are being recognized and signed by publishers and labels with the foresight and understanding to see that there is a growing market for music that incorporates a variety of genres. Artist/writers like John Prine, Iris DeMent, Jimmy Dale Gilmore, Maura O'Connel, Joe Ely and Guy Clark are examples of those practicing musical and cultural diversity.

In addition to its musical diversity, the L.A. country/

#### Jim Lauderdale



roots scene maintains a strong sense of community. Organizations like the Academy of Country Music (ACM), the California Country Music Association (CCMA), the National Academy of Songwriters (NAS), the L.A. Songwriters Showcase (LASS) and the Nashville Songwriters Association International (NSAI), as well as ASCAP and BMI, all contribute to the development

of our talented artists.

The Los Angeles-based Academy of Country Music produces the most prestigious country entertainment awards show on the West Coast . This year's awards show will be the first three-hour telecast on prime time televison ever. Due largely to the efforts of Dick Clark Productions' Bill Boyd and Gene Weed, this year's awards show promises to be spectacular. The ACM also



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sponors many charitable celebrity events.

The CCMA has chapters throughout California with the L.A. Chapter boasting many members with major

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label affiliations. Newly elected president Dave Saunders promises to be an effective leader who hopes to bring more recognition to local talent. The CCMA sponsors a popular open mic night at the Butcher's Arms every Wednesday night. hosted by Stan Hebert. Renowned country singer Ray Doyle also hosts the CCMA sponsored Country Writers Spotlight at the Holiday Inn in Tor-

rance. The Annual CCMA Awards Show at the Hyatt on Sunset honors L.A.'s top country performers.

The National Academy of Songwriters is a strong suit in the L.A. songwriting community. NAS holds many informative seminars involving all aspects of the music business with a strong focus on improving the songwriting and marketing skills of its large membership. NAS also produces the acclaimed Acoustic Underground, a monthly showcase for promising artists.

#### Billy Swan



Dan Kirkpatrick, Steve Schalchlin, Blythe Newlon and Paul Zollo are accessible and highly qualified leaders of this fine organization. John Braheny and Len

Chandler, co-founders of LASS, provide the songwriting community direct access to music business professionals. The LASS Cassette Roulette and Pitch-A-Thon sessions have placed

countless songs of all genres with publishers and A&R execs for the last sixteen years, while the Annual Songwriters Expo is a virtual mecca for songwriters around the world.

The L.A. Chapter of NSAI is headed by songwriter Craig Lackey. Craig and Phil Goldberg have been instrumental in introducing some of Nashville's finest writers to the L.A. community with intimate and informative gatherings. NSAI has brought such notables as Pat Alger ("The Thunder Rolls"), Sonny Curtis ("I Fought The Law"), Wayland Holyfield ("Could I Have This Dance"), and Richard Leigh ("Don't It Make My Brown

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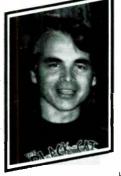
Eyes Blue") to meet and talk with L.A.'s up-andcoming writers. Craig Lackey and producer Richard Barron also host a series of country songwriter nights and have introduced Nashville's popular "In The Round" format to L.A.

The two major performance societies, ASCAP and BMI, support the country writer/artist in many ways. Brendan Okrent

at ASCAP and Paige Sober at BMI both assist in helping with career development and guidance to up-and-coming and established talent. ASCAP and BMI also sponsor writers nights that add tremendously to the community.

While songwriting is of primary importance in country music, so is performance. Throughout the Southland, honky tonks and dance clubs continue to support live country music. The reigning champion of country night clubs is Fred Reiser's Crazy Horse Saloon. For several





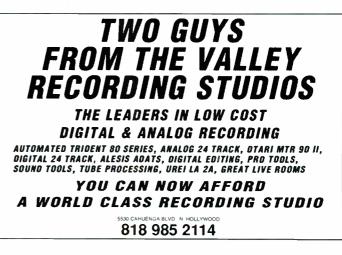
years voted Country Nightclub of the Year by the ACM, it is a favorite of performers and patrons alike. Local bands like the Doo-Wah Riders, American Made Band and the Night Riders are favorites there. The lights and sound, courtesy of ace house engineer Phil Johnson, are state-of-the-art, making it comfortable for national touring acts like Trisha Yearwood, Hal Ketchum and John Ander-

son. Boasting a fine steak house as well as the best in national and local talent, the Crazy Horse is still Numero Uno.

The Silver Bullet in Long Beach is another favorite watering hole for the country dance crowd who prefer their country music performed live. It features the best country dance bands like the Purple Sky Band, the Sierrah Band and Pacific Ryder. On occasion they will present national acts. Plenty of dance floor space makes the Bullet a favorite with locals.

Around the corner from the Bullet is the D. J. Ranch. The house band there, the Silver Star Band, has been packing them in night after night for two years and have developed a large and loyal following.

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## MUSIC GUIDE TO EVERYTHING COUNTRY

Whether it's records, clothes, books, clubs or television shows, let your fingers do the walking through Music Connection's guide to everything country. From leather boots to the latest Travis Tritt CD, our guide will make your country shopping easier. Special thanks to all who contributed to the guide and our apologies to the few we may have overlooked.

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*Citybilly* every Monday Night at 8:00 p.m. *KPFK 90.1 FM* airs Howard and Roz Lerman's *Folkscene KPCC 89.3 FM* airs Juke Logan and

Ellen Bloom's *Blues Extravaganza* on Friday Nights at 8:00 p.m.

## TELEVISION

Country Music Television broadcasting is dominated by THE NASH-VILLE NETWORK (TNN) and COUN-TRY MUSIC TELEVISION (CMT). Most cable operators carry these two widely popular networks. Of course TNN's Nashville Now hosted by Ralph Emery is one of the top rated programs. Don't miss Crook and Chase, Video A.M. and P.M., Miller and Company for interviews with the stars of today and tomorrow. The best TNN has to offer, however, includes the excellent American Music Shop, Austin City Limits and The Texas Connection which all capture live performances of the best country music singer/songwriters and stars.

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The center for the original country showcase scene is Ronnie Mack's Barndance. Every week Ronnie's Barndance presents all forms of roots music. The best in country, rockabilly and blues can always be seen at the Barndance. The appearance of big name artists like

Renale Mack



Dwight Yoakam or Marty Stewart dropping by is commonplace. Ronnie's specialties are his theme nights, like his annual Ricky Nelson, Hank Williams and Elvis Birthday Tributes. Ronnie is one of the biggest supporters of the L.A. scene.

Country radio in L.A. is dominated by KZLA 93.9 (FM), home of today's hot country. While the hot country format is quite popular around the coun-

try, KZLA leads L.A.'s current boom in country music. To their credit, KZLA has supported a local music show and does a nightly calendar listing of who is playing where, KFRG 95.1 (FM) in the San Berdoo area is a cool station that plays a mix of new country with country gold. KLAC 570 (AM) is a good listen for traditional country, but I personally enjoy Citybilly. Citybilly is an L.A. tradition hosted by Rene Engel on KPCC 89.3

Rene Engel of KPCC



(FM), Monday nights, from 8:00-10:00 p.m. Citybilly features old country standards, hip new country, folk and blues artists with the old FM radio warmth and style. Also worthy of note is Howard and Roz Larman's Folkscene show on KPFK. Both Folkscene and Citybilly are institutions in roots



#### **By Larry McClain**

Ithough the word "unplugged" is perhaps L.A.'s trendiest word right now, it takes more than twelve-string guitars and espresso to create the city's most prestigious acoustic venue. Billy Block's Western Beat American Music Showcase has succeeded for two basic reasons: the host genuinely wants Los Angeles to reclaim a leadership role in country, folk, and blues and he's a magnet for top artists and writers who feel the same way.

Western Beat, which revs up at 8:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Highland Grounds in Hollywood, features the top pro talent from L.A., Nashville, New York, and London.

In recent months, Western Beat has hosted artists

radio programming.

One of the main concerns for L.A. country artists is whether or not to make the move to Nashville to get

**Busty Wakeman** 



shopped. Well, if you ask someone from Nashville, they'll tell you, "Absolutely." However, there is a growing contingent of country music people at every level of the industry here in L.A. that will tell you otherwise. Many of the major players in the Nashville executive offices have done their time here. Jimmy Bowen at Liberty, Tony Brown at MCA and

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tion to light. Country is

Jim Ed Norman at Warner Bros. have all held positions in the L.A. office. The bottom line is, Nashville will pay attention to L.A. when there is money to be made.

And that's why L.A. should pay attention to itself. Producers, writers, artists-they're all here if you think about it. And what's wrong with West Coast labels making West Coast country records? There is a lot of talk in country radio circles of new

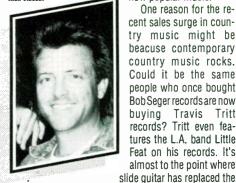
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and writers like Andrew Gold, Karla Bonoff, Gary Burr, Alannah Myles, 10cc founder Graham Gouldman and hit songwriter Jill Colucci (who's penned three Number One country songs in the last year alone). There have also been sizzling sets from major label artists like the Remingtons, Hal Ketchum, Boy Howdy, Rick Vincent, John Anderson and Lisa Stewart. And Western Beat was where the lads in Spinal Tap unveiled their first allacoustic set.

The showcase is the brainchild of Billy Block, wellknown to Music Connection readers who have followed his country music column in the magazine since 1989. He's also the music director for the USA Network's The Late Mr. Pete Show and host of the Country Music Video Magazine series. In his spare time, Billy Block has also won several Best Drummer awards from the California Country Music Association. Never at a loss for energy, Block, nonetheless, gets help each month from the Western Beat "home team": Curb Records artist Rick Vincent, Windswept Pacific staffwriter Brad Parker and songwriter/artist Wendy Waldman (whose Grammy-nominated Vanessa Williams hit, "Save The Best For Last," was one of 1992's ten most-played songs).

"Western Beat celebrates the renegade spirit of the American songwriter, and it's creating a sense of community that has long been absent from the L.A. music scene," says Block. "We've been described as **Rick Vincent** 



steel guitar in the young country sound.

Meanwhile, L.A. session stalwarts Leland Sklar, Carlos Vega and Willie Weeks appear all over Music Row product, while here on the West Coast, groups like Los Lobos, Little Village and Little Feat are homeless when it comes to radio. Even the Boss seems to have suffered from the radio squeeze. Yet, music that sounds just like them is heard on country radio daily.

**Jonathan Stone** 



Hit songs will continue to be written by L.A. writers. L.A. country and country rock artists will continue to influence trends and get deals. The L.A. and Nashville music communities will hopefully continue to cooperate and grow for the betterment of the community as a whole. So, when you call us country, call us in L.A. MC

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the Bluebird/West because we're trying to take all the great things about the Bluebird Cafe in Nashville and make them work in a Western setting. The Bluebird has a reputation for quality and consistency, and so do we, judging by the number of industry people who come here month after month."

Indeed, the paparazzi can catch plenty of entertainment-biz movers and shakers at each Western Beat showcase. Actors Gary Busey, Mike Myers (Wayne's World), and Katey Sagal of Married ... With Children are just a few of the celebs spotted at recent shows. Fellow thespian Ronnie Cox (Beverly Hills Cop) is a Western Beat regular who recently signed with Mercury/Nashville as a recording artist. At each showcase, the oncamera talent rubs shoulders with folks like BMI's Paige Sober, ASCAP's Brendan Okrent, Neil Portnow of Zomba Music, Windswept Pacific chief Jonathan Stone and Curb Records President Dick Whitehouse.

BNA Entertainment's Ric Pepin and Jim Della Croce recently were on hand to present Western Beat with a aold record for our role in helping John Anderson's Seminole Wind album reach that goal," says Block. "That's the sort of industry involvement that's making Western Beat such an exciting forum. The showcase is already having an impact on A&R and publishing, and we feel it's going to make a big difference at the radio level in '93. We're championing great songs and innovative writer/artists who don't deserve to fall between the cracks of today's formats."

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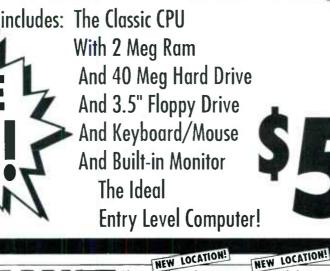
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## PRIVATE LIVES—Nina Blackwood Megadeth's Mile-High Club



Nick Menza, Marty Friedman, David Ellefson and Dave Mustaine

ard rock cult heroes, Dave Mustaine, David Ellefson, Marty Friedman and Nick Menza, collectively known as Megadeth, have had one blow-out year with the platinum success of their fifth album, Countdown To Extinction, and are diving right into 1993 with a major world tour.

Several months ago, upon the release of the album, a little wager was made between guitarist Marty Friedman and the other band members. The bet was that Marty would agree to go skydiving if Countdown went platinum. David, Nick, and Dave have all jumped previously, with Mustaine being the most experi-enced, having 20 jumps under his belt. Well, lo and behold, the album went platinum in a matter of weeks upon release, and it was time for Marty to pay the piper.

This all brings us up to the chilly morning of December 14th. Rising well before the crack of dawn (4:30 a.m., to be exact), I jumped in my Jeep and headed out to the Perris Valley Skydiving School located on the outskirts of the historic little town, nestled in the San Bernadino mountains, about two hours from Los Angeles. It was a gorgeous, clear morning with the snowcapped peaks and bright blue sky providing a panoramic setting for Marty's anxiously antici-pated "Platinum Plunge."

Upon arrival, I was greeted by Megadeth bassist David Ellefson, who shared his two previous skydiving experiences with me: "The first time I jumped, I was coming off the Rust In Peace tour. We came down here to Perris Valley with a video crew and everybody went jumping. Then, a year later, I jumped again after we came off the Clash of the Titans tour. The first time anybody says they're not scared, they're lying through their teeth. When you go up and up and up, and you look at your altimeter on your chest and it says 5,000 feet and you're actually going to 12,500 feet before you're ready to jump out-you're kinda cringing. I actually have a video of me and there's a picture of me as I'm chewing on my nails. It's pretty frightening because I didn't know what to expect. Then when you're standing at the door, when you' re down and ready to rock out of the plane, I was like—you better push me because I don't know if I'm going to go if you don't push me.

"Once we got out it was great; you're falling so fast and you're above these mountains and it's not even like you're falling. It's like sticking your head out of a car window driving at 120 m.p.h., you fall so fast. The next thing I knew I was at 4,000 feet, so I pulled the rip cord. Once I was under canopy, it was great just watching my legs dangle down there and seeing this little gravel target."

Next, I met up with guitarist Marty Friedman who was making his first jump. Friedman had just completed a last-minute instruction session and was putting on his parachute when I asked him how he was feeling. "Right now I feel great," he smiled, "I feel like Evil Knevil. The tough part is where to place the parachute harness. I think I have to adjust my family jewels so they don't get yanked."

Once a few adjustments were made, Marty and the instructor made their way over to the plane while a more experienced Dave Mustaine filled us in on some of his past jumping experiences. "Marty will be jumping tandem," Mustaine said, "that means he'll be strapped to the instructor. I don't do that. I've done AFF, which is when you go by yourself with no static line. Once I jumped out at 13,500 feet and freefell to 2,500 feet. That was a long way to be flying.

Nick Menza, who also jumped once, refused to make a commitment about going up again. "I did it the last time we came out here," he confided, "and that was enough for me to experience the thrill. It was my first and probably my last jump."

While talking with Nick, Marty's plane took off and headed for the wild blue yonder. A few minutes passed as we waited for it to reach the proper altitude and then, Marty and the instructor came flying out into the open sky. Both looked as if they were getting a great ride as their multi-colored parachutes finally opened. The chutes flapped in the wind like some gigantic bird as Marty and the instructor eventually glided back down to earth.

Though his bandmates seemed preoccupied with finding out if Marty wet his pants, I asked if he'd describe the feeling of free falling to me. "It was way intense, man," he said, "it was the ultimate. I'd do it again, but don't quote me on that! Right now I'm completely disoriented and I cringed when we went into the slow part and the turn. I was totally freaked.'

The "Platinum Plunge" a success, we all ambled back to the skydiving school-glad once again to be on solid ground. For the time being, anyway!



One of MTV's original VJ's, Nina Blackwood has also cohosted Solid Gold and served as music correspondent for Entertainment Tonight. She is currently the producer/writer/host of video magazine Turn Up The Vol-

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## FIRST ARTISTS



#### xtra large

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Phone: (310) 691-1919

Booking: n/a

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Warren Anthony Fitzgerald Type of Music: Diverse

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A&R Rep: Kevin Moran

#### By Richard Rosenthal

While Orange County is but a mere hour from Hollywood by freeway, it might as well be light years away musically. The music of xtra large reflects that, with a twelve-song debut album in which each of the dozen tunes sounds so different from the others that the package is more like twelve singles that coincidentally happen to be on the same record.

To say that guitarist/producer Warren Anthony Fitzgerald agrees with that assessment enthusiastically would be an understatement. "When someone asks us what kind of music we play, we can truly say that we're a little different. When someone asks us to classify our music, we say, 'We have songs that are kind of heavy and we have songs with a little boogie-woogie. How do you classify that?' Just ask me which song and I'll tell you what we're like. I don't want to name any names, but there are a lot of bands that I really like one or two songs, but the whole record sounds so much the same that there's no break in it. After two or three songs, you say, 'Well, that was fun, but I'm going out of my mind hearing one long song.

The four members of xtra large are veterans of the alternative scene, although they would cringe at the thought of being labeled as such. Fitzgerald played in the Vandals and Gherkin Raucous. Vocalist Darren McNamee was also in Gherkin Raucous, while drummer Josh Freese was in the Vandals as well as playing with Dweezil Zappa, Suicidal Tendencies and Infectious Grooves Bassist Bob Thompson is known for the time he spent in Big Drill Car. The four have melded their musical background and influences to create the musical smorgasbord that is xtra large.

"All of us like all sorts of different music," says Freese. "We wanted to cover as much ground as possible and not get too self-indulgent. We wanted an opportunity to express all that and try to keep it coherent enough that if someone listens to it and absorbs it for a while they'll understand where we're comind from. Our album is not something that you would toss on at a party and at the first listen think this is it! It covers a lot more ground than that. think it's an album you listen to four or five different times and then hope fully you get sucked into it and absorb it a little more.

Now I Eat Them was for the most part recorded before the band was signed to a label deal. As a matter of fact, a lot of the recording was done before the band was even a band As Fitzgerald explains, all of the guys wanted to work with each other, but they were committed to the projects they were with at the time. So what would happen is that Thompson would lay down some bass tracks when he had the chance, then Fitzgerald would come in later and work on the guitars, then MacNamee would do his vocals here and there, and so it went. Eventually, the band recorded in ten different studios. But this approach, although not intentional, had its advantages. One, it helped to get the eclectic sound they wanted, but more importantly, it helped them bargain for artistic control because much of the album was completed before they were signed. "I think a lot of bands would like to

do what we did, and I think that we

were lucky that we started our album before we had a record company behind us so we got away with a lot of stuff," says Freese. "And they gave us artistic control, they didn't stick us with a producer. Warren produced it, but we put in our share, and that was nice. Especially with a new band on a major label, a lot of times they'll say, 'Let's get the guy that did Helmet.' Since we recorded a lot of the album ahead of time, the label knew what they were getting, what we were about and they didn't want to try and fuck with it." "Well they did," says MacNamee with a chuckle, "but they were cool about it.

With an album that refuses to fit neatly into any category, the band has had some trouble getting people to listen to it. Expalins Fitzgerald, "The people at KROQ say a lot of the stuff's too heavy, and the people at KNAC say it's just not heavy enough, which I can understand, but hopefully someone will take a chance."

"I hope people give the album a listen and try and understand where we're coming from, because we're not a standard grunge act. We're not from Seattle, and this whole title of 'alternative' that's so popular these days, that only encompasses a certain amount of music that was alternative. All of a sudden, we're seeing people that were never into punk getting into grunge bands and saying they always liked punk. Two or three years ago, there were heavy metal bands left and right on MTV. Now there's going to be all these bands that look like Nirvana. We don't want to be perceived as jumping on any bandwagons because we've been doing this for years. Two years ago, I would have probably said that we were an alternative band, but now I don't even want to say it because it comes off...

Fitzgerald's voice trails off, but his point is clear. The band is not what they are because it happens to be trendy. They're that way because that's who they really are.



FOCUS ON DEBUT TALENT

 xtra large

 Now I Eat Them

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Producer: Warren Anthony
 Fitzgerald and xtra large

□ Top Cuts: "Eggsbunk," "Glass Walls," "Sleep's My Only Friend." □ Material: The bio on xtra large calls Now I Eat Them a chronicle of

the band's "real and imagined schizophrenia," which is a pretty accurate reading. Alternative beyond alternative, the songs on *Now I Eat Them* are so diverse that apart from being on the same album together, they have little in common. With its weird melodies and arrangements, this is not a record you put on and instantly begin humming. In fact, it's as if the band deliberately went out of its way to avoid writing even a single song that had a hook in it.

Musicianship: All four members of xtra large have spent time honing their chops in respective bands such as Infectious Grooves, Suicidal Tendencies, the Vandals, Big Drill Car and School of Fish, so they're no slouches on their instruments. Drummer Josh Freese, who in his younger years (he's now nineteen) was described as a "child prodigy" may quite possibly be one of rock's finest drummers. Surrounded by three other equally talented players, they form a tight, cohesive unit capable of anything from quasi-hard rock to ultra-alternative.

□ Production: Self-produced by Warren Anthony Firtzgerald and the band, the record is filled with enough musical bells and buzzers to make sure there's never a dull moment. Even so, he's always in control of his musicians to ensure that no one is going to mistake this album for a novelty record.

Summary: It's hard to figure out how seriously to take these guys. Is Now I Eat Them tongue in cheek or not? The music bounces all over the place to the point of being unfocused. Each song is so different from the next that there is little continuity to the album. It's as if the band sat down and decided to make the strangest, most bizarre album they could, with the implication that normal is boring and therefore weird is cool. As Fitzgerald has accurately said, this is not a party record. It will inspire strong reactions-good and bad-from anyone who listens to -Richard Rosenthal the record.





ROCK By Barbara Shaughnessy



Filthy McNasty w/cake face

Despite the rain and the floods, Southern California music fans and stellar musicians showed up en masse for the second annual Randy Rhoads tribute/benefit concert at the Palace in Hollywood. The band performances and many celebrity jams were highlighted by Randy Rhoads' tunes. Motorhead's one song performance of "Hellraiser" with Lemmy's dedication to Randy was one of the emotional sparks of the evening. As for the newcomers performing, all female metal act Phantom Blue had some solid playing but came across a bit too much like Warlock for my taste. Insomnia, which features ex-members of Black Sabbath, Great White and Baton Rouge, played an impressive set. Mark Wood bowed his way through "Mr. Crowley" on an instrument called a Violint, a hand-held violin with the body shaped like a human arm and hand

A huge birthday cake was presented to Filthy McNasty at his recent birthday bash, but when he blew out his candles, he had the

cake pushed into his face. Filthy looked guite stunned at first but retained his composure, kept a smile (and the cake) on his face and walked around the club hugging everyone.

A few issues back, I told you that Wheel of Fire had a new drummer. Well they did, but right after the ink dried (or the type was set) they replaced him with yet another drummer, Brian Judkins. Brian read about the band in Music Connection and decided to check them out during one of their acoustic shows. He liked the band so much, he persuaded them to audition him, and they did. The chemistry between the members was so positive that a day later he was in the band. Wheel of Fire will be debuting their new material at the Troubadour on Saturday, January 30th, at 8:15. Headlining the evening is Venice. Don't miss it.

Feeling adventurous? Check out newly opened Amazon at 301 Santa Monica Boulevard in Santa Monica. The intimate setting of the club, with its waterfalls and misty forest atmosphere, houses a stage fifteen feet above the audience that's a tree house. The club is open Wednesday through Saturday and a percentage of the profits go to save the rain forest. The club is equipped for acoustic and semi-electric shows. Mother Conviction, a hard rock band with an R&B edge, will be performing their semi-electric set at the club on February 10th. For booking info, contact Jimmy D. at (818) 340-8591

Pepper's, an Orange County nightery, recently showcased the Jan Cyrka Band. The band captivated the audience with their instrumental set that mixed hard rock with just a splash of jazz wrapped up so tight and neatthat you couldn't help being lost in the sound. Hailing from England, the band is currently only released in Europe through Music For Nations, and that's too bad, they're a treat to see. For more information, contact Peter Grant at 011-44-7 794-0283

## WESTERN BEAI By Billy Block



Tom Kimmel

Songwriter Don McNatt has beaun production on his Writer's In the Round cable series. The first installment aired January 23rd (to be repeated Feb. 6th at 11:30 p.m.) on United Artists Cable and featured the songwriting talents of Ray Doyle of Reach For the Sky and Stanley T. of Broken Arrows. Dovle is the host of the CCMA sponsored Country Writer's Spotlight, held monthly (Feb.14th this month) at the Holiday Ìnn in Torrance. Stanley T. has been writing a lot with some of Nashville's top songwriters. McNatt, a longtime fixture on the country scene here, is adding an important new dimension to the songwriting community. Good work. Don!

Word on the street has Re Winkler hooking up with local country legends the Doo-Wah Riders. The Doo-Wahs are one of the most successful country bands working in Los Angeles and have been together in various incarnations for over ten years. They spend a lot of time perFlorida, known as Pleasure Island at the Neon Armadillo Club. Winkler will be a solid addition to this perennial favorite.

Demon recording artists the Zydeco Party Band have been a busy bunch as of late. Music mogul Danny Kessler has been in dialogue with Sony Music about the group following their performance at the Sony Music Cajun Christmas Celebration. ZPB's accordionist Doug Lacy has been playing West Coast dates with wildmen Oingo Boingo. Bassist/tuba legend Freebo, famous for his long tenure with Bonnie Raitt, recently added tracks to Aaron Neville's solo effort. Fiddler Lisa Haley is currently scor-ing music for a Prime Ticket golf show to premiere soon. Guitarist Mark Shark has been recording with Native American poet/actor John Trudell. The Zydeco Party Band will headline at the Lingerie, Friday, February 19, with special guests.

MCA/Nashville VP Tony Brown was in town and dropped in on Wendy Waldman, Andrew Gold, Karla Bonoff and Kenny Edwards to see what the buzz was all about. The guartet has been writing and rehearsing for months, developing an outrageous vocal blend on some incredible new material.

The Western Beat American Music Showcase at Highland Grounds enjoyed the company of some legendary guests. Producer Bones Howe, now at Windswept Pacific, was on hand, as was new PolyGram Recording artist and actor par excellence Ronnie Cox, John Ford Coley, Rob Royer and Mike Finnigan, Unistar Radio's Chris Kampmeier and music consultant Barry Kolski. Those were just the guests. Appearing were Lowen and Navarro, Lois Blaische, Mary Schindler, Reed Williams, Tom Kimmel and Lisa Aschmann. On February 4th, Western Beat welcomes Bob Bennett, Alan Whitney, Pam Dwinell, Dan Bern, the Hippie Gypsies, Steve Cochran and the

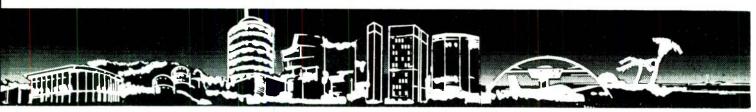


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By Scott Yanow



Cecelia Coleman

Cecelia Coleman has been a fixture in L.A. clubs during the past five years, often as the pianist in the **Benn Clatworthy Quartet**. Recently, her first recording as a leader, Words Of Wisdom (on L.A.P. Records), was released and to celebrate it she performed at Lunaria's with her trio. Not scared off by a loud convention crowd (after all, she's played at JAX!), Coleman was in excellent form (along with bassist Eric Von Essen and drummer Kendall Kay) on a set of boppish material that included "The Masquerade Is Over," a 6/4 version of "Polka Dots And Moonbeams" and Bud Powell's "Oblivion." This very talented pianist is well worth checking out.

At first, it did not seem logical to team up tenor-saxophonist Bennie Wallace and veteran planist Jimmy Rowles since Wallace (who mixes together the thick warm tone of Ben Webster with speechlike interval jumps reminiscent of Eric Dolphy), and the gentle Rowles (whose subtle chord voicings have long been the

joy of the many singers he has accompanied), have different styles. But at the Jazz Bakery they worked together perfectly with bassist Bill Huntington and drummer Alvin Queen; a record of this unit is upcoming on Audioquest. Wallace's tone really filled the room and he was quite spectacular on a set of superior standards, particularly a dazzling rendition of "The Best Things In Life Are Free." Sue Raney also added her beautiful voice to the quartet for two numbers. Credit Ruth Price with another example of inspired booking as she continues to provide L.A. with the best listening room in the city.

Also seen: Stephanie Haynes, one of Orange County's top jazz singers, sounded in fine form recently at Vine Street with a group co-starring pianist Dave Mackay; her clear voice is always impressive. And, despite a pouring rain, the Clayton/Hamilton Orchestra was inspired at Catalina's, roaring through a fine set of John Clayton arrangements including a humorous "Sunny Side Of The Street," "Georgia" (featuring Rickey Woodard's soulfully swinging tenor) and "Sashay" which found trumpeter Oscar Brashear taking solo hon-

Upcoming: The Jazz Bakery (310-271-9039) presents the Bill Perkins/Herbie Harper Quintet (Jan. 29), Bill Holman's Big Band (Jan. 30) and Dave Frishberg (Feb. 12-13), Le Cafe (818-986-2662) hosts the great Dick Hyman (Feb. 8-9) and Roger Kellaway (Feb. 10), Catalina's (213-466-2210) has Astrud Gilberto (through Jan. 31), Horace Silver's Brass Orchestra (Feb. 2-7) and the Steve Khan Trio (Feb. 8), Sweet Baby J'ai will be at Vine Street (213-463-4375) Jan. 29 & 30 and the Pasadena Roof Orchestra (from England, naturally) will be appearing at Pasadena's Ambassador Auditorium Feb. 23 (800-266-2378).



**By Gary Jackson** 



#### Larry Dunn

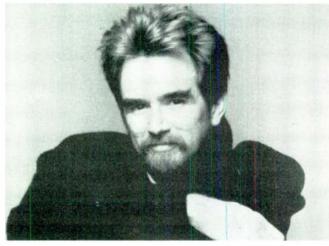
Larry Dunn, former keyboardist extraordinaire for Earth, Wind & Fire, has resurfaced in, of all places, Japan. He just released a CD for the Japanese market titled Lover's Silhouette. The album includes all the L.A. studio hotshots (Greg Phillinganes, Phil Upcurch, Al McKay, Ralph Johnson, and Ronnie Laws, and more). So when will we get it in LA?

Negotiations are underway among some of the hottest choreographers in the music video business to participate in a "dance-off" to benefit the Toni Stroman Foundation. Frank Gatson, Lavell Smith & Travis Payne are the cream of the crop,

having choreographed too many videos to mention. But a short list of their dance credentials include Michael & Janet Jackson, En Vogue, and other top acts. The dates and times and other participants are still being worked out. The Toni Stroman Foundation brings handicapped children to such activities as the Soul Train Awards and last year's Hammer concert.

The National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences (NARAS) has chosen Hollywood High School as the Los Angeles site for its Grammys In The Schools concert. The concert will be held on February 19 at 9:15 a.m. Michael Greene, President of NARAS, spoke to me about the program and stressed its objective: "The importance of Grammy In The Schools is, if a child is truly motivated to pursue a career in the music industry, to provide them with a roadmap so that they don't go down a dead-end street. The music industry is a difficult road to negotiate. This program is reality-based, and stresses the importance of a solid music education.

To that end, a \$25,000 grant has been given to Hollywood High School to renovate the sound system in its main auditorium, which will be host to such music luminaries as Dori Sheena Cavmmi. Easton, Branford Marsalis, David Sanborn, Immature and Michael Kamen. Several South Central Los Angeles students will participate, along with other students selected throughout the United States, in a big band Grammy nominee party the day besetting both that day and at a special fore the awards show.



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Atomic Boy: A question of balance.

**Atomic Boy** 

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The Players: Denny Lake, vocals; Strangler, guitar; Andrew Komanecky, guitar; Beth-Ami Heavenstone, bass; Jimmy Daugherty, drums.

C Material: Atomic Boy jumps into the arena with a guitar rock sound, a showy lead singer and some great press surrounding their debut EP Love And Revolution. Although their literature describes them as 'punkpop," Atomic Boy's music bears little relation to punk, and aligns itself more accurately to commercially acceptable college pop. There's little danger in the Atomic Boy repertoire, just snappy, close-to-the-surface songs executed with zeal.

Musicianship: Atomic Boy hums along thanks to guitarist Strangler's aggressive style, which provides the structure for the other bandmates to build upon. Komanecky's guitar is comfortably supportive, and Heavenstone is a bassist who can truly come into her own limelight once her talent matures a little, A shining star in the Atomic Boy line up is Jimmy Daugherty, who keeps a nimble beat while providing some impressive backup vocals.

Derformance: Frontman Denny Lake initially comes off like some kind of lounge lizard, a character in sunglasses which are never removed throughout the show. It would be easy to write him off as a flake, but

fortunately, I gave him a chance to reveal some sincerity in his performance—especially in the poignant song "Photograph Of Love." In fact, Denny's best moments on stage were when he appeared human, with less showbiz overtones. Food for thought, eh?

C Summary: Make of it what you will, Atomic Boy has its eyes on success, and they've already gotten some recognition toward that end. Lake has the potential to be a very charismatic frontman once he finds the balance between being an entertainer and being a human. Not an easy chore, but Atomic Boy has what it takes to be up to the challenge.

James Tuverson

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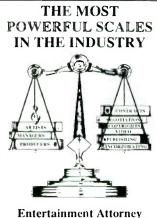
7831 The Players: Kevin Roehgean, vocals, guitar; Stef Jillian, guitar; Tristian Greth, bass; Kenny Pierce,

drums. D Material: Soul has a southern fried rock sound with an East Coast feel. Their songs are gritty tales of love, hope, anger and despair. I am reminded of bands like Junkyard and Circus Of Power when listening to Soul. The band's aggression and laissez-faire attitude seem far more suited for CBGB than the Whisky. The music is powerful and tuneful, yet I couldn't remember the melody to a single song upon leaving the gig. Musicianship: Clearly, this is a band that works together well as a

team; no virtuosos here. Especially prominent in the Soul sound is the sometimes gruff, sometimes tender throat work courtesy of Roehgean. What a pleasure it is to see a male hard rock vocalist who doesn't feel the need to shriek or use a nauseating falsetto while performing. Pierce's heavy tribal beats are the perfect complement to Jillian and Roehgean's bluesy riffs and Greth's throbbing bass lines. The southern fried aspect of the band appeared in the nicely executed Allman Brothers cover "Whipping Post" as well as in "Bad News," the last song of the evening. The varied influences in Soul's sound is most likely due to the members' different regional backgrounds, ranging from Cleveland to New Orleans

C Performance: Soul is a passionate band and I hope that they don't change their name. The quartet strongly believes in body art; each member has Soul tattooed somewhere on his torso along with other tattoos. Now that's commitment. I was impressed by the contrast of tender in the near-ballad "Hang On" and the bluesy "Angry Young Man," seemingly the Soul anthem.

C Summary: I like the fact that Soul reminds me of biker-type bands like C.O.P. and Scottish rogues the Almighty, but Soul needs to be able to entirely captivate an audience with their passion as these other bands do, to score a deal. The band is well on its way: They have the inspiration, the talent, the ability and the tattoos. It all boils down to uniqueness. Soul is far better than many local bands I've seen recently, but I want to see a touch more gut put into —L. Schlosshardt Sout



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an incredible show behind the drums. This band is extremely tight and efficient, and as a result, they are justifiably confident and packed with attitude.

D Performance: Jones Street puts on a great show. Scott, Jaregi and Perez were literally all over the place, while Focx slammed his kit like it was meant to be slammed. Without the typical choreography and cheap stunts, all the members performed with incredible high energy while onstage. There was never a dull moment in the entire set. Image is too often a factor in most hard rock bands, and Jones Street is certainly no exception. They definitely look the part without taking it too seriously, and concentrate instead on their music, which is what most bands should do.

□ Summary: It is a great possibility that this band missed the last wave of signings because of their hardedge sound. So many hard rock bands that didn't come close to Jones Street were signed and failed. It is because of the over-saturated market that this talented band may get lost in the A&R muddle. Otherwise, Jones Street is an excellent club band with potential. They will send you home with their tunes in your head, as well as that familiar ringing in your ears. —Jeff Blue

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Jones Street: Tight and efficient.

#### **Jones Street**

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Contact: The Jones Line: (818) 563-3906

□ The Players: Shawn Crosby, vocals; J.J. Jaregi, bass; Mickey Perez, guitar; Johnny Scott, guitar; Anthony Focx, drums.

□ Material: Full-force, combat bootto-the-head, hard rock, with intensity turned up to level eleven. This is far from another "strip band." Combining the energy of Skid Row with the attitude of Guns N' Roses, Jones Street delivers a unique sound with catchy choruses and pounding grooves. It is hard to forget the tunes because they were all named after cliches, (What Comes Around Goes Around," "Dancin' With The Devil," "On The Edge.") "Fuck Authority" is a sure-fire club rocker.

→ Musicianship: Crosby has a good voice, great range and the ability to sustain the punishing set. It is always a pleasure to find a rock band with such great backup vocals. Each player put maximum effort into the show. Scott and Perez, ripped up the stage with their blistering guitars, while adding dimension and intensity to the vocals. Jaregi kept everyone in the pocket, while Focx put on

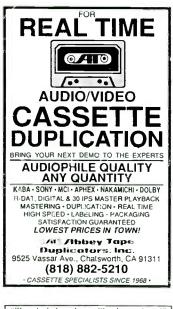


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Blind Melon: Guns N' Roses in overalls?

#### **Blind Melon**

 The Troubadour

 West Hollywood

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□ Contact: Kathy Williams, Capitol Records: (213) 871-5718. □ The Players: Glen Graham,

□ The Piayers: Glen Graham, drums; Shannon Hoon, vocals; Brad Smith, bass; Rogers Stevens, guitar; and Christopher Thorn, guitar. □ Material: How about Guns N' Roses in overalls? There is a distinct southern rock flavor to this group, but don't start waxing sentimental about Lynyrd Skynyrd. Blind Melon is more a stepchild of the Eagles, with some Smashing Pumpkins thrown in. At its most appealing, the music has an organic feel, a raw chord that makes it appealing. At its most banal—and you got both extremes in this show—the song struc-



Fiction Alley: Lotsa potential.

tures are obvious and lack emotional depth. Unequivocally, they are the kind of band you relate to best after two Jack Daniels & Coke.

D Musicianship: Speaking of GNR, Hoon does sound like Axl Rose on steroids, and I mean that in the best possible sense. Anyway, the rest of the band plays in a kind of loose familiarity that belies the comfort they have with their respective instruments. Smith, in particular, delivers much of the music's flavor with a vibe straight out of Mississippi's mud. Performance: This is a straightup sort of rock band in much the same vein as the Black Crowes (there's that southern thing again). Hoon is a confident master of ceremonies, demanding that the crowd be as engaged as the band in the performance, and is palatably disappointed if they are not. On the flip side, the band knows how to surf the up tide of audience approval for all its worth

□ Summary: These guys, with their scruffy, devil-may-care bravado, have that "danger" factor down pat. And they generate accessible, songoriented music that seems ripe for large market success. Expect these guys to get way too much press in the coming year. —Sam Dunn

#### **Fiction Alley**

*The Troubadour* West Hollywood ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ✿ ⑧ ⑨ ⑩

U Contact: Sean Amato, Electric Records: (909) 629-8224

The Players: Sean Amato, vocals; Matt Jacovides, bass; Ray Scott, lead guitar, Ray Seese, drums.
 Material: Groove-slamming alternative hard rock. Their passionate

lyrics are supplemented with tasty bits of Seattle, Motown, and classic rock. Despite their various influences, they still maintain a hard core focus with concentration on youth and energy. On the other hand, their wide appeal may diminish their marketability. Songs such as "Burning Tree" and "Window" demonstrate that these young rockers have a lot to offer.

Musicianship: Although Fiction Alley has a great talent for songwriting, they could use more confidence in their musical ability. Frontman Sean Amato needed a few songs to get warmed up and at times it seemed he over-extended his vocal range. But when he started rockin', he mixed the intensity of Axl Rose with the passion of Robin Zander. The rhythm section could have sent the crowd bouncing off the walls with harder hitting by newcomer Seese. Despite his good meter, he really needs to drive the beat home.

Derformance: These guys had a great time playing and it showed. The crowd was moving to the energy and music as singer Amato naturally worked the stage. The set flowed well and ended too quickly as they performed songs from their debut release *Soulrhythmicgroove*. You couldn't help but really dig these guys because they have a certain honesty that shines through in their music and performance.

C Summary: Fiction Alley has a diverse appeal based on solid, well written material, and a good stage presence. With these qualities and a little refinement, they have the potential to elevate themselves above the growing population of alternative rock bands. Hopefully, we'll be seeing more of Fiction Alley.

-Jeff Blue

# **CLUB REVIEWS**



Forecast: Sunny and bright.

#### Forecast

Sunset Social Club Hollywood

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Contact: Jay Snyder: (818) 781-1661

□ The Players: K.C., harmonicas, vocals; Emry Thomas, drums; Steve Preactor, lead guitar; Jay "Big Daddy" Snyder, bass; Willie Tate, vocals, rhythm guitar.

□ Material: Ah, the blues. When a young band like Forecast comes along who can play the standards with sincerity and passion, as well as come up with originals that can stand proudly alongside those standards, we all breathe a collective sigh of relief that the art of the blues continues to live and grow. Forecast is tight and true, with members that combine the best in Texas and Chicagostyle blues for a wide-open show.

☐ Musicianship: These boys fit together extremely well musically, and do ample justice to covers by Elmore James, Howlin' Wolf and Willie Dixon, to name a few. Steve Preactor's licks and bends on lead guitar are making Mr. Albert King smile in heaven, and the whole band is comfortable in its competence. One highlight was K.C.'s harmonica solo on "The Sky Is Crying"—it teetered precariously between biting tension and sweet resolution.

Derformance: Forecast is a bar band, and nowhere else could one enjoy them so intimately. The tight performance space of the Sunset Social Club allowed absolutely no movement, but it did little to detract from the show. Vocalist Willie Tate makes the most of the set by displaying superb vocal dynamics. Forecast as a whole growls with expression, and brings you both highs and lows in the course of the set.

□ Summary: The choice here is simple: Those who enjoy the blues will surely dig Forecast's style and approach to the music. The evening I spent watching them perform was one of the best I'd had out in a while. Keep your eyes out for their next show, and enjoy.

James Tuverson

#### Shivertown

*FM Station* North Hollywood

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Contact: Dino Maddalone: (310) 782-0915

❑ The Players: David Robyn, lead vocals; Kevin Layland, guitar; Steve Curto, keyboards; Stanley T, bass; Anthony Cicero, drums.

D Material: Catchy, well-crafted rock perfect for parties and cruisin' with the top down on a hot summer day. More like a trip through Bon Jovi's career than anything else, Shivertown pumped out a set of commercial rock whose time has passed. → Musicianship: Shivertown is a group of strong musicians who have perfected their sound. Vocalist Dave Robyn is a true talent who is not limited to pop rock, and is complemented well by background vocals from Stanley and Layland. A capella group, First Choice, joined Shivertown on stage and demonstrated that this band can, and should, work on a new sound and direction. Layland showed off some impressive jazz riffs and shook the audience with his screaming guitar while Curto filled all the tunes with atmosphere and style. Although Cicero's background includes Black

Flag and Saccharine Trust, you wouldn't know it by the gentle nature with which he coddled his drums.

Derformance: Amusing. Come on guys, this is the Nineties. Open shirts, chest hair, and medallions don't cut it. Robyn did exude confidence, ability, and tolerance with Stanley T (who although is a fine bassist, must have raided the closet of Wild Bill Hickcock). Costumes aside, Shivertown does put a great deal of effort into their show. In addition to decent choreography and great lighting, Robyn actually picked up Layland during the latter's guitar solo. The ending was the epitome of cheesiness as Robyn waved two huge flags while singing "Spirit."

Jummary: These guys do have strong material and are all competent musicians. However, it's hard to take them seriously with their wardrobe and dated songs. If they work on originality and play for themselves, this will have a positive effect on their direction and show in their attitude. Otherwise, Shivertown remains an excellent party band. —Jeff Blue

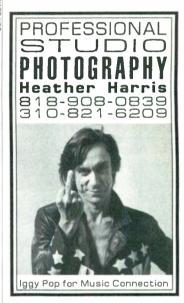


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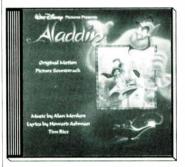
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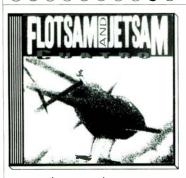
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Flotsam and Jetsam Cuatro MCA 1234560890

#### Producer: Sade Top Cuts: "Kiss Of Life," "Feel No Pain," "No Ordinary Love."

Summary: Once you get beyond the expected adjectives about Sade Adu's performance-cool, classy, silky, romantic, smooth, sweet, jazzy-the songs just don't stay with you. There are many artsy touches, a poignant message or two, but with the exception of a few easy beat tracks, the pace as a whole is downright listless, leading to an hypnotic deep sleep. Sade's a fine singer, but the lack of energy around her (not to mention a pointless instrumental) adds up to romantic WAVE fare, and not much else. Has its moments, but after a four-year layoff, it's a let-—Wanda Edenetti down.

#### D Producer: Various

D Top Cuts: "I'm Every Woman," "Run To You," "Queen Of The Night." Summary: Strong production by the likes of David Foster and L.A. & Babyface help make the six Whitney Houston cuts more dynamic than most of the tunes on her last full LP. She gets a little heavy on the histri-onics, as usual, but her buoyant mood is contagious. The filler cuts (by Arista artists Kenny G, Lisa Stansfield and Curtis Stigers, not to mention Joe Cocker/Sass Jordan) don't match the majesty of Houston's side, but they're likeable enough. It's no competition for Boomerang, but it's pretty enjoyable listening as far as star-vehicle soundtracks go. —Jonathan Widran

#### D Producer: Alan Menken

Top Cuts: "A Whole New World," "Prince Ali," "Friend Like Me." of Beauty And The Beast must have been a formidable task, but Menker's songs and score for this latest cartoon masterpiece is every bit as whimsical and endearing. Not to mention catchy and exciting. Thm Rice's lyrics are slightly less clever than those of the late Howard Ashman, but provide an appealing balance, The Peabo Bryson/Regina Belle duet is every bit as heartwarming as Beauty and should garner Menken another Best Song Öscar. Robin Williams' vocals are a hoot, too. Another triumph for Menken and Jonathan Widran Disney.

#### - Producer: Neil Kernon Top Cuts: "Forget About Heaven,"

"Hypodermic Midnight Snack,""(Ain't Nothing Gonna) Save This World." J Summary: Flotsam and Jetsam's fourth album takes a more melodic view of thrash, while still maintaining its trademark throaty, aggressive style. More attention has been paid to writing more meaningful solars and memorable poetry, yet there's still that hard, thick visceral quality that makes this band throb. Singer Eric A.K. adds a new dimension to his vocals, utilizing more range without losing his two-fisted, face-pummeling edge. These improvements in style and songwriting make Cuatro arguably the best Flotsam and Jetsam album yet. -James Tuverson



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Stonewheat Stonewheat Bearing Tree 1234567590 D Producer: Tracey Freeman D Top Cuts: "Stardust," "Moment's Notice," "This Time The Dream's On Me.

Summary: Remarkably popular as a middle-of-the-road vocalist, Harry Connick's singing still owes a bit too much to Frank Sinatra and his piano playing (which resemble the styles of Erroll Garner and Monk) can be erratic, particularly in staying at a steady tempo. Still, he has an undeniable charm and a certain amount of talent as displayed on 25, a mostly unaccompanied date that finds Connick accompanying his vocals on standards and New Orleans favorites. But will success eventually stunt Harry's growth as a jazz musician? -Scott Yanow

#### D Producer: Various □ Top Cuts: "By The Time This Night Is Over," "G-Bop."

Summary: Let's get one thing straight: our next president's favorite saxman is a lot of things, but he is not jazz! This amiable, perfectly enjoyable set is pretty much a carbon copy of what made Kenny G famous-sweet and harmless melodies, some stronger alto and tenor licks mixed in with that ultra-cloving soprano, a moment of whimsy here and there, and of course, nothing too challenging so as not to scare pop listeners away. The G-man is a fine player who simply needs to challenge himself more compositionally. A vocal by Peabo Bryson is the -Nicole DeYoung standout cut.

D Producer: Various

Top Cuts: "Man Overboard," "Torrid Zone," "Weight Of The World." the only place to find strong alterna-tive rockers? This eighteen-cut compilation finds a diverse cross section of the Big Apple's best, in the hopes that at least a few can nab wider industry notice. Most of them are worthy of some mainstream success, but the groups to keep your eyes and ears on are the Montana Acid Danceband, the Unbelievable Truth, Jax, the In Between and Dave Rave Conspiracy. Expect the requisite clunkers, but overall, Reaction is an intriguing and constructive way to get some thus-far overlooked music out there. –Jonathan Widran

 Producer: Jim Bailey and Stonewheat

Top Cuts: "Sun May Shine," "Gentle Rest."

J Summary: Stonewheat packs a lot of wallop in this fourteen-song collection powered by keyboard and guitar arrangements that give this album a big sound without seeming overproduced and contrived. Brian Carney's lead vocals relay emotion the same way grainy black and white photographs do, by revealing all with subtle shades of gray. An honest, intense effort by young musicians with something valuable to share with those who care to listen. And if you do, pack yourself a bag-because you might not be home to-James Tuverson night.

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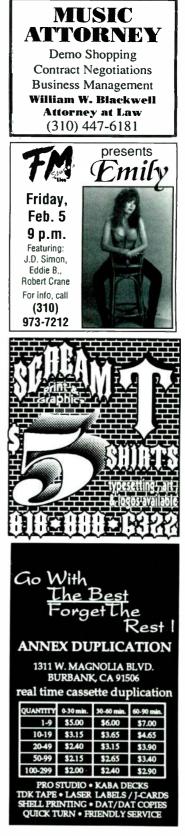
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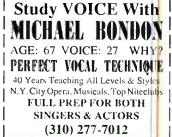
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60°a/90°s tem voc/lyricst, Stevie Nicks, Joplin, Morrison, Madonna, Edle Brickell, Spiritual, ritualistic, pwrll, dancer. God is queen image. Kathyn III, 818-757-3544
-Aggrav voc sks FR band wrpunk edge. Infl Love/Hate, the Almighty, Pistols, Dolls, Hanoi, Have trnspo. Hilywd OK. No (takes, 714-529-2556-Angry pro voc avail to J/F bluesy, ballsy, 2 guit band. Zep, GNR, Aero, 213-960-2010

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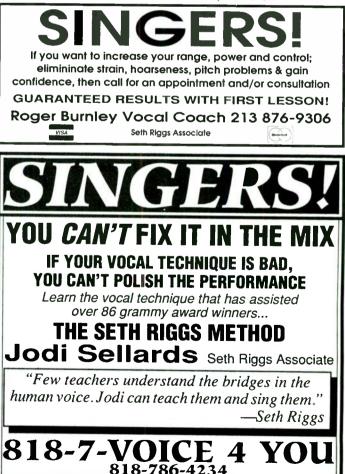
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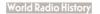
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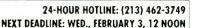
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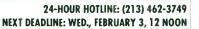
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