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About two weeks later I got a call from Jordan who was raving about my material. We set up a meeting and subsequently inked a publishing deal on one song and another that I custom wrote for the artist they placed the songs with, Clint Holmes. Within a few months Holmes performed one song on the TV show Into The Night With Rick Dees for which I was paid \$1,600! Holmes now has his own show on a large New York network, NY at Night and a major label deal is in the works.

Of course, this is only a start for me, but because of your excellent magazine, I got national TV exposure on my songs, a check for \$1,600 and the potential future benefits of a record deal, all within a few months of simply answering an ad in your magazine!

I am now interested in placing songs with other artists and/or an artist deal and I felt you might want to mention my success story in your magazine. It may serve as an inspiration to some of your other readers. I also have a number of services I'd like to offer other artists, songwriters and producers ranging from songwriting, lyrics and arranging to demo, graphics and shopping consultation. If you would like to contact me, please feel free and thanks again!

Scott Kovarik Playa del Rey, CA

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Stan Watson Los Angeles, CA

"I read your magazine a lot; I buy it every two weeks. This issue with the management guide is not really catered toward unsigned musicians. Most of the management companies listed are for people with deals, so I don't see how that helps a person trying to get a deal or who is trying to get management to get to

that point. Like I said before, it's a great magazine, but I think we need a magazine that's going to give us something like the personal managers tips that's going to be for the unsigned musician trying to break through."

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UCLA Extension has quite a few

interesting courses coming up in April. "Breaking Into The Music Industry: A Practical Workshop In Career Advancement" begins April 13th, and is designed for pros and aspiring pros who wish to land jobs as musicians, in production, publishing and songwriting. publicity and as agents and managers. Entertainment Law: An Introduction To Primary Legal Issues In Film, Television And Music" provides an understanding of the legal principles and practices that govern the entertainment industry and begins April 15th. April 8th is the starting date for "American Music-Take1: Inside Rock History With Michael Ochs And Friends." This course takes a look at rock from its beginnings up to the present. Some of the scheduled speakers include Jerry Moss, cofounder and Chairman of A&M Records, producer Peter Asher, recording artist Glenn Frey, in addition to rock music's greatest bands, solo performers. songwriters, producers and DJ's from its early years. All classes begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated and generally run from six to ten weeks. The course fees vary from \$175.00 to \$295.00 and unit credits are available. Contact UCLA Extension at (310) 825-9064 for additional information.

☐ The Electronic Music Box is offering a one-time MIDI seminar on Monday, March 30th, 7:30 p.m. In addition, The Electronic Music Box offers ongoing software user groups on the following nights: Finale software users meet every fourth Wednesday of the month, 7:30 p.m., and Vision software users meet every fourth Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m. As with all Electronic Music Box seminars and workshops, there is no fee. which is a great thing. The Electronic Music Box is located at 14947 Ventura Blvd. in Sherman Oaks, and information or reservations can be obtained by calling (818) 789-4250.

The Songwriters Guild of America (SGA) continues to sponsor Supershop, a regular series which provides SGA members an opportunity to pitch their songs for upcoming recording projects and to network with industry professionals. The April 14th Supershop will have Dave Powell, publisher with Twin Towers Company, as its guest. Another regular SGA feature is Ask-A-Pro, a song critique offering songwriters an opportunity to have an industry professional answer their questions and critique their material. The next Ask-A-Pro is scheduled for April 21st featuring Greg Knowles, President of Helion Records, as quest. For additional information or reservations, contact SGA at (213) 462-1108.

Upcoming Events

☐ We have two UCLA one-day seminars coming up, "The Seth Riggs Vocal Technique: An Introduction To Speech Level Singing" (April 25th), and "Publicity In The Recording Industry" (May 2nd). Also upcoming, a singers' showcase sponsored by Vocal Power Institute (May 17th). More details on these events in the next Calendar.

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Bands Benefit From Second-Chance Hits

By John Lappen

Los Angeles—In 1991, A&M rock band Extreme surprised the industry when their single, "More Than Words," reached Number One, an out-of-left-field smash culled from an album which had been in release for many months and had, seemingly, come and gone without any commercial reward.

Currently, three bands—Mr. Big, RTZ and the Williams Brothers—are benefitting from this benevolent hindsight and getting a second chance with records long considered "dead" by radio, retail and, in some cases, even the band members themselves.

Take the case of Atlantic Records artist Mr. Big. This quartet's LP, Lean Into It, was released in March of 1991 and had languished in the nether regions of the charts. That is, until the Number One single "To Be With You" was released and kicked the band's career into high gear.

"Basically, the song was not planned to be released," says a spokesman for Atlantic Records. "An AOR station in Lincoln, Nebraska, started playing it on their own and got such a tremendous response, with both requests and sales, that we decided to release it as a single. We weren't even thinking about 'To Be With You' as a single until the station in Lincoln helped make the decision for us."

Another case in point is the success of "Until Your Love Comes Back Around," by Giant Records

rockers RTZ, featuring former Boston lead singer Brad Delp. Giant Records owner Irving Azoff explains, "We always intended to go to AOR twice before we came back with what we thought were the two CHR cuts. We actually got more CHR play than we intended on the first single, 'Face The Music.' The positives about this project are that we intended to get the first two tracks at AOR-which we didand the third track we'd take to CHR. That has happened. The bad news is I wrongly estimated that there was a hard-core base of Boston fans that would automatically buy the RTZ album. I thought we'd be at about twice as many albums saleswise as we are now. I'm disappointed in that, but I think the success of the current single will help this record tremendously."

"We could have released 'Until Your Love Comes Back Around' as the first single," adds RTZ guitarist Barry Goudreau, "but we didn't want to give the impression that we were a ballad band. A radio station in Baltimore started playing it and it pulled great phones. This was an AOR station, but all of the Top 40 stations started getting calls for it as well. The song went Top 20 in the Baltimore area, so the label decided to go with it across the country. The album came out last August, and by the end of the year, radio play and sales had dropped off considerably. Things looked bleak. Now things are definitely on the upswing."

Reprise artists the Williams Brothers and their single, "Can't Cry Hard Enough," from the duo's self-titled album, released in April of last year, has also finally found an audience. "Our album was dead." acknowledges Andrew Williams. "'Can't Cry Hard Enough' was initially released last year as the first single from the album. At the time, there were so many name acts that had released singles that a new act like us didn't stand a chance at radio. Warner Bros. just told us to be patient and that they would release the single again at a future date. In the meantime, we did a coffeehouse circuit tour which enabled us to create a grassroots following."

Obviously, many bands have heard their labels make the same promises, usually just before getting dropped. But Warner's faith in the band-and radio's interesthas paid off. "Several radio programmers," continues Williams. "came back to the promotion people and said that they thought 'Can't Cry Hard Enough' was a great record. Around the first of the year, the label decided it was time to work the single again. It's really incredible. Last year this album was doing almost nothing. I'm getting the feeling that radio is trying to change the strict formats that have been so prevalent. I do believe that if radio programmers hear a song that they like, they're going to try to find a slot for it.'

As for Extreme's surprise success story, Rick Stone, Senior VP Promotion for A&M Records in New York, offers, "I don't think it was a case of the album being over, but that it never really began. When we first heard this album, we always had this belief about 'More Than Words'; we always had our eye on that song, it was just a question of how we were going to get to it. One of the first radio stations that indicated to us that we might have a hit on our hands was an AOR station in Baltimore. That's always a good sign when a radio station gives that kind of feedback, because that means the radio station's listeners are into it and that usually leads to another station saying the same thing. A&M got behind it, and we started to spread it to other stations. From that point, it just was a matter of setting the single up in other parts of the country. When MTV got hold of it, it went through the roof. It just goes to show what can happen when a radio programmer believes in a

Henley Brings Walden Woods Fight To L.A.

By Sue Gold

Los Angeles—Singer-songwriter Don Henley brings his fight to save Walden Woods to the Universal Amphitheatre on March 31 and April 1, 1992, with two concerts to benefit the cause. Clint Black (with guest Don Henley), the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and Trisha Yearwood will perform on the first night, while John Fogerty, Neil Young and Roger Waters will join Henley on April 1st. Tickets range from \$35.00 to \$500.00 (available April 1st only) which includes pre- and post-concert parties.

Founded by Henley in April of 1990, the Walden Woods Project has already raised \$4 million to try and preserve the land Henry David Thoreau made famous. While most of the area was protected from developers before Henley joined the fight, several areas of Walden Woods were slated for a condominium project and office complex. The condominium site has since been saved thanks to Henley and the Walden Woods Project.

In spite of the recession, Henley has been able to raise a considerable amount of money, as well as gain national attention, for the problem. The four-time Grammy winning Henley has been an avid supporter of environmental and free-speech issues for years and is supportive of a wide variety of causes around the country. Among the causes he has recently lent his name to are the Rainforest Foundation (he just did a benefit with Sting in New York) and the Rhythm and Blues Foundation

Henley believes people are becoming more aware of the problems facing our country, but he also says this is only the beginning of a long battle: "The next ten years are going to be extremely critical as far as the environment is concerned. If we don't start turning the environmental around before the year 2000, the damage will be irreversible."

For ticket information, call Ticketmaster at (213) 480-3232. To contribute to, or find out more about, the Walden Woods Project, contact: The Walden Woods Project, 18 Tremont Street, #630, Boston, MA 02108.

PLATINUM FRED



Brothers Richard and Fred Fairbrass of Charisma Records act Right Said Fred are pictured receiving platinum sales awards for their hit single, "I'm Too Sexy," one of the surprise hits of the year. Gathered round the brothers are various label execs, including Charisma President Phil Quartararo (front, third from right).

SIGNINGS & ASSIGNMENTS

By Michael Amicone

Thorn-EMI Acquires Virgin Music Group

By Sue Gold

NEW YORK—Thorn-EMI has announced the purchase of the Virgin Music Group, one of the last and largest independent record companies, for \$963 million. The acquisition makes EMI Music one of the largest music companies in the world.

The sale of Virgin ended months of speculation and comes only a few months after EMI acquired SBK Records. Unlike SBK and Chrysalis (which was also purchased by EMI), Virgin Records will continue to operate as an independent label, according to Chairman Richard Branson. The company will, however, utilize EMI Music's worldwide marketing, manufacturing and distribution network. Branson, who founded Virgin in the Seventies, has been given the title of President for life of Virgin.

Several companies bid on Virgin in the last few months, including MCA and BMG, both of whom withdrew their interest in the deal after not being able to agree on a price.

Virgin's roster includes such superstars as Paula Abdul, Janet Jackson and the Rolling Stones. According to Branson, the Rolling Stones could have broken their new contract with Virgin if they disapproved of a change of ownership. But Branson said Mick Jagger was

happy about the deal, saying "he was very pleased it's a British company we were selling to."

The EMI/Virgin deal comes as no surprise to industry executives who have seen many independent labels taken over by the majors in recent years. According to Rick Ross, General Manager of Delicious Vinyl Records, one of the few independents left, "I think the business has changed a lot since Island Records, Geffen and Virgin started. Back then, you stayed independent your whole life and could just use the services of a major company for distribution and you were still acknowledged as an independent. Now, companies are much more inclined to be joint ventures than really stay independent. The definition of being independent has a whole different meaning these days than it did twenty years ago because almost everybody is affiliated with a major distributor one way or another.'

"It's just a fact of life," continues Ross. "It doesn't hurt the music industry, but it certainly doesn't help. The one thing it does do is, it inspires young record companies to build their catalogs. It's very exciting when you can go out in the market and expect almost a billion dollars for a company that started with nothing."

Geoff Bywater

MCA Records has announced the appointment of Geoff Bywater to the post of Senior Vice President, Marketing Development. In this newly created position, Bywater will spearhead special marketing projects.

The James Phelan Company has announced the appointment of David Ehrlich to the post of Vice President. The L.A.-based management company specializes in representing recording engineers and producers.

The Guitar Center has announced the appointment of Larry Thomas to the post of President and Chief Operating Officer. Thomas began his Guitar Center career more than sixteen years ago as a salesman in the Accessory Department.

Irving Ázotf's Giant Records has named Cassandra Mills to the post of President, Black Music. A twelve-year industry veteran, Mills is responsible for the label's break-through project, the New Jack City soundtrack, and the resultant success of Color Me Badd.



Billy Cataldo

JRS Records has announced the appointment of Billy Cataldo to the post of VP of Promotion. Cataldo was formerly the label's East Coast Promotion Marketing Manager.

Artist management company Borman Entertainment has announced two new appointments: Joni Fraker, who was previously associated with New York-based management firm the Mark Spector Company, has been named to the post of Director of Tour Marketing and Operations; and Mindy Glasberg has been named to the post of Director, Record Marketing. Glasberg will act as a record company liaison, overseeing the marketing and promotion of the firm's client list, which includes Boom Crash Opera, the recently reformed Chic, Michael Franks, Violent Femmes and Dwight Yoakam.

Former tour manager Mike Kelly has announced the formation of Michael Kelly Management. The fledgling company's client list includes Windham Hill artist Bob Sheppard and former Yellowjackets saxophonist Marc Russo.

Distribution company WEA has announced several new appointments: Jerard Orr has been named to the post of Field Marketing Rep/Black Music for the Miami office; Cathy Maesk becomes the company's Account Merchandising Rep for the Boston office; and Gary Dolick has been appointed Sales Rep in the Cleveland market.

Atco/EastWest Records has named Manny Bella to the post of Vice President of R&B Promotion. Bella will be based at the company's New York headquarters. In more Atco/EastWest news, Matt Pollack has been named Vice President of AOR Promotion. Pollack will also be based at the label's New York headquarters.



Marilyn Arthur

RCA Records has appointed Marilyn Arthur to the post of Director, West Coast Publicity. Prior to her appointment, Arthur was a publicist for Sarah McMullen Public Relations.

Charisma Records has restructured its Creative Department. As part of the restructuring, Caroline True has been named Director of Video Production, and Christopher Jarrin has been named Art Director. Both employees will work out of the label's New York offices.

Capitol Records has announced the appointment of Barbara Schwartz to the post of Regional Marketing Director, Northeast. Schwartz will work out of CEMA's Hackensack, New Jersey branch.



Jay Krugman
Columbia Records has announced the promotion of Jay Krugman to the post of Vice President, Marketing. Krugman will shepherd the creation and implementation of marketing campaigns for all East Coastbased Columbia acts.

GLEASON MUSIC BOOK AWARDS



The winners of the 1991 Ralph J. Gleason Music Book Awards are pictured receiving their plaques at a recent New York luncheon. Big Beat Heat: Alan Freed And The Early Days Of Rock & Roll, by John A. Jackson, won first prize; Dead Elvis: A Chronicle Of A Cultural Obsession, by Greil Marcus, won second place honors; and Lady Day: The Many Faces Of Billie Holiday, by Robert O'Meally, nabbed third place honors. Pictured (L-R): John A. Jackson, Dean Jerrold Ross of New York University, Robert O'Meally, BMI President/CEO Frances Preston, Rolling Stone Founder Jann Wenner and Greil Marcus.

A&R REPORT —KENNY KERNER



Lori Nafshun

Company: Scotti Bros.
Title: Director / A&R
Duties: Talent acquisition
Years with company: One

Dialogue

Background: "Until a year ago, I was with a small label called Cypress Records. While I was there, I signed two acts to the label: Vinnie James and Richard X. Heyman."

Why Scotti: "After PolyGram bought out A&M, a lot of the A&M employees saw the writing on the wall and left. That was the time that Scotti Bros. records was staffing-up. Many of the former A&M employees went over to Scotti Bros. One of the problems I had over at Cypress was getting records on the radio and Scotti Bros. is one of the best labels for doing that so I jumped at the opportunity to come over and head-up their A&R department."

Men/Women: "Being a woman in this industry sometimes means that you're type cast. There are times when I'm having a meeting with an act and their manager and the manager is thinking that I couldn't possibly be the head of A&R. I don't blame anyone in particular—I just think that people feel that A&R guys are really A&R guys. People's initial reaction is 'who is this little girl,' but once we start talking, they respect me and my position."

Why A&R: "I chose A&R because I think I have a really good sense for what draws people to music. It's not analytical, it's a gut feeling."

Ups & Downs: "The best part of the A&R gig is being in the recording studio laying down a vibe, and the worst part of the job is facing up to your executives when you don't meet your deadlines."

Unsolicited Tapes: "I accept unsolicited tapes, but I've got about three trash cans full of them in my office right now. If people send in tapes, please don't expect any kind of immediate correspondence. Also, there's no need to call me. I'll automatically call you if I like your tape. Send your demo tapes to: Lori Nafshun c/o Scotti Bros. Records, 2114 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405."

Signing Power: "Our A&R department has two A&R guys and one person in A&R Administration. If the two other A&R guys want to sign an act, they have to come to me first and let me hear the tapes. I, however, have signing power and can sign acts if they knock me out. I would just bring the tapes to the president of the label and tell him I think the band is great. He trusts my judgement completely. One of the things that attracted me to this label was that the few acts that were already on Scotti Bros. were there for about ten years. That meant I could come in and virtually shape the entire label's roster from the ground up. So far I've signed the Northern Pikes, May May, Mothers Finest, Tag, Carl King and Blackbird—featuring some of the guys from Rank And File doing an alternative record."

Overview: "Right now, the local scene sucks. Let me give you an example: the SXSW Convention in Austin, Texas, is so conducive to playing. In Texas, the clubs are all within walking distance of each other, and there's no pay to play. The musicians can afford to live there, and if they get a deal-great. If they don't who cares? It's a real musical city. In Los Angeles, as soon as the pay to play thing happened, it disqualified a lot of musicians who probably couldn't get it together. It also turned musicians into businessmen and accountants. Now, instead of having to concentrate on writing songs and rehearsing, they have to deal with ticket counts and bookkeeping. It's not fair to ask musicians to do that. And at the end of the day, all they know is that they got ripped off."

Talent: "I try to sign bands that are a little bit different. I want bands to be able to stand on their own two feet and not sound kinda like someone else. That's why I signed a band like Mothers Finest. They're a hard-hit-

ting rock & roll band with a female lead singer. So, I look for things that don't look or sound like anything else."

Competition: "We certainly can't compete with the major labels in terms of monetary advances. We do, however have advantages that the majors don't. For example, as a new label, there are less acts for an artist to compete with. Also, we happen to have one of the best promotion departments in the business. It's like a family here and we get emotionally attached to our artists."

Advice: "The best advice I can offer anyone is to dare to be different. Artists don't have to be researchers—if they're cutting edge and they're different, they'll shine through."

Grapevine

Blues rock group Cinderella has announced that former Shadow King drummer Kevin Valentine is joining the band replacing departed drummer Fred Coury. Band is writing for their fourth album which will be produced by Andy Johns.

Reissue label **JCI Records** is rumored to be going belly-up.

In an effort to keep closer ties with his legions of fans and make them aware of concert and record information, guitar hero Steve Vai has launched the Vai News and the Vai News Hot Line. Published quarterly, the newsletter will feature contests, discussions about the environment and career events. The telephone hot line, updated by Tawn Mastry, gives fans a taste of some news stories and subscription info. You can reach the hot line by calling (213) 466-3182. Vai, in the meantime, is still looking for that awesome lead singer so he can get to the task of recording his next album—which should be a killer.



With their first album, Reality Playground, scheduled for release any day (no label affiliation was mentioned in their release), the members of Lixx Array took time out after their sold out Whisky show to pose with none other than Mick Jagger. Also in attendance at the show were Rutger Hauer and Kristy Swanson. Pictured above surrounding Jagger are (L-R) Barry McGill, Blake Hastings, Jagger, Rusty Dades and Rob Swanson.



Call it what you like, the fact is that Santa Barbara band Ugly Kid Joe (they took their name after sharing a bill with L.A. glam band Pretty Boy Floyd), is riding the crest of a wave that might never come again. Who would have imagined that a simple EP release would turn into a bonafide Top Twenty national smash? Much like Skid Row, this rowdy quintet plays metal music and prides itself on getting into mischief at every turn. As Ugly As They Wanna Be—featuring such selections as "Madman," "Whiplash," "Liquor," "Too Bad," "Everything About You," "Sweet Leaf" and the seven-minute long "Funky Fresh Country Club" is, in actuality, a take-off on 2 Live Crew. If you haven't heard this record vet, for shame!

Shrapnel Records will be releasing an album called L.A. Blues Authority that will feature one of the strongest and most star-studded lineups ever assembled. Conceptually, the album features a Nineties approach to many blues classics such as "Ramblin' On My Mind," "You Shook Me" and "Rollin' & Tumblin" performed by the likes of George Lynch, Tony MacAlpine, Zakk Wylde, Kevin Dubrow, Fred Coury, Brad Gillis, Billy Sheehan, Glenn Hughes, Gregg Bissonette and many other notable musicians. Expect the release to appear on Shrapnel's Blues Bureau label.

Congratulations (?) to Slash on his multi-million dollar endorsement deal with Black Death Vodka. Now that's what I call setting a good example for your fans.

Word has it that Tuff has re-upped with Titanium/Atlantic while Pretty Boy Floyd's days with MCA are

Local rocker Cody Jarrett has fully recovered from being stabbed in downtown Los Angeles several weeks ago and is continuing to collaborate with former Autograph star Steve Plunkett, who has recently released a fine solo album on Quality Records.

Vandal, one of the top bands in the St. Louis area, is planning a major label showcase on Saturday, April 11th at the Rock-it club in Tampa. This is a very solid and worthwhile hard rock act, so if you're going to be in the neighborhood, call (314) 946-3902 for demo packages and show info. You won't be sorry.

The telephone number in last issue's Demo Critique of Daughter Judy was incorrect. The correct number is (213) 655-1741.

Try to catch local favorites Kelley's Heroes when they invade FM Station on April 8th and the Whisky on May 9th.

Flo & Eddie recently returned from the Big Apple after helping lay down some backing vocals with the Ramones. F&E are two of the very best vocalists in the business.

On The Move

China Records, Ltd. London, has announced the appointment of John Guarnieri as North American Label Manager. Guarnieri will oversee the label roster which now includes such acts as Loud, Art Of Noise, Green On Red, Cassel Web, Chuck Prophet and the Levellers. Guarnieri will actively seek local American talent as well, and can be reached at (213) 483-1061. The label is located at 1314 N. Colorado Street, Los Angeles, CA 90026.

Century Media Records (a German independent record company) has announced the signing of Cro-Mags. The band will release their label debut, Cro-Mags III in late spring.



Sin To Saint Contact: Steve Favorito

(818) 753-1671 Purpose of Submission: Seeking

record producer

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The foundation of this power rock band is built on the ten-year relationship of guitarists Steve Favorito and Rich Ilkcagla. Both were responsible for seeking out the remaining members and for honing the material month after month. What's interesting about this act is that all of the songs submitted were written entirely by lead singer Phil Powerswith no writing credit at all given to any other band member. Once again we have a case of five very talented musicians getting together and writing nice rock material that just doesn't go anywhere. The playing is topnotch, the production is solid, but the songs themselves are nothing to write home about. A little more time back at the drawing boards might strengthen this band further and make them a more viable commodity. Stronger and more developed tunes are what's called for here. You're almost there, guys.



Forty Thieves Contact: Forty Thieves (818) 881-2748

Purpose of Submission: Seeking

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Forty Thieves combines former members of Britton, Hawk and Surgical Steel into a tightly knit, hard-driving, ass-kicking rock band with an attitude. This is a band from Phoenix that has now relocated to Los Angeles in search of that brass ring. Singer David Fefolt clearly has a super powerful blues-tinged voice that really cuts through the tracksespecially on the mid-tempo "He-roes Ride." Once again we're faced with a band that can play with the best of 'em but falls short in the songwriting department. It's really a shame because the lead singer could be recording one hit after another with outside material; that's how strong his voice is. I would strongly suggest getting a publisher involved in the search for stronger songs. Everything else is already in place. By the way, radio loves raspy voices.



Kajun Kelley

Contact: Ginger Warder/Publicist (703) 522-6507

Purpose of Submission: Seeking label deal

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Very few guitar instrumentalists ever get signed to a record deal; Steve Vai and Joe Satriani are the lucky, talented exceptions. I have a feeling, though, that when label execs hear Kajun Kelley (and it might be a good idea to change your name) play, they'll wanna sign him as well. Kelley knows the guitar inside and out. He's slick, tight and extra melodic and can also impress you with his flash. Without vocals, the listener has to rely on guitar melodies to remember the songs. And in that department, Kelley scores lotsa points. I would suggest going back into the studio to record a new instrumental version of a cover tune so labels can more easily identify with it. That alone should open some doors. This might be the perfect act for Relativity or Shrapnel Records. You'll probably be hearing from Kelley in the future.

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SONGWORKS—PAT LEWIS



Diamond Struck songwriters sign with BMI. Pictured (L-R) seated are: Chuck Jones, Chris Waters, Tom Shapiro and Rick Giles, Diamond Struck writers; (standing) Roger Sovine, BMI Vice President; Keith Follese, Diamond Struck writer; Chuck Howard, President, Diamond Struck; and Harry Warner, Assistant Vice President, BMI.



Diamond Struck, the Nashville publishing company owned by Chuck Howard, recently contributed four songs to the Top Twenty: Paulette Carlson's "I'll Start With You," co-written by Chris Waters and Tom Shapiro; Reba McEntire's "s There Life Out There," co-written by Rick Giles; Billy Dean's "Only The Wind," written by Chuck Jones and Tom Shapiro; and Patty Loveless' "Jealous Bone," co-written by Rick Giles. Recently, the staffwriters at Diamond Struck signed writer agreements with BMI in Nashville.

Dale Tedesco, independent music publisher/consultant, will be teaching a Santa Monica community college course entitled "The Business of Music Publishing." The course will comprise all the inside aspects of music publishing in the Nineties. Tedesco has been in

the publishing business for over 22 years. This informative and enlightening course meets Monday nights beginning April 27. Call (310) 452-9214 for more info.

New Songwriter Signings

Boston-based hard rockers Flesh have signed a co-publishing contract/development deal with EMI Music Publishing. Holly Greene, Vice President and General Manager of Creative Services, EMI East Coast was responsible for signing the band. Flesh, which features Paul Bettencourt (vocals), Michael Katz (drums), Markus Cherone (guitar) and Stephen Powell (bass) recently recorded a three-song demo with producer Jeff Scott Soto (Eyes, Yngwie Malmsteen) and engineer Rvan Greene.



Pictured is Dumpster, an L.A.-based thrash funk band who recently signed a publishing (and management) contract with Shankman De Blasio Melina Inc. A few issues back, we ran of photo of the lead singer of Mother and inadvertently called him the lead singer of Dumpster. We're sorry for any inconveniences this might have caused.



In the spirit of giving, the National Academy of Songwrlters (NAS) has donated a portion of the earnings from the Sixth Annual Salute to the American Songwriter to the T.J. Martell Foundation. Pictured (L-R) at the annual industry fund raising celebration are: Dan Kirkpatrick, Executive Director, NAS; T.J. Martell; Frances W. Preston, BMI President and CEO and this year's T.J. Martell Humanitarian of the Year; and Arthur Hamilton, President, NAS.

The Business Side

The Sparrow Corp, one of the largest Christian music companies in America, and BMG Music Publishing, one of the world's leading music publishing groups, have entered into a long-term worldwide publishing partnership. The major agreement comprises BMG's acquisition of a 50 percent ownerships of Sparrow's music publishing catalogs Birdwing Music, Sparrow Song, and His Eye containing more than 2,800 copyrights.

Denise Weathersby has been appointed Creative Manager, Black Music for EMI Music Publishing. Weathersby will be based at the publishing company's Los Angeles offices. In her new capacity, Weathersby will be responsible for the wide array of EMI Music's Black

artists and writers in the areas of talent acquisition, general artist development and relations, and the exploitation of new and existing song copyrights.

EMI Music Publishing has announced its extension of its subpublishing agreement with Jobete Music for an additional four years. Also as part of the agreement, EMI's representation of the catalog will include the territories of the United Kingdom and Japan. The Jobete catalog, which contains over 15,000 songs, features such classics as "Ain't No Mountain High Enough," "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," "What's Goin' On," "Ain't Too Proud To Beg," and many others from such artists as Smokey Robinson, Stevie Marvin Gaye, the Wonder, Supremes, the Jackson Five, and the legendary writing trio Holland-



BMG Music Publishing and Sparrow Corporation form worldwide partnership. Pictured (L-R) are: Elwyn Raymer, General Manager, BMG Music Gospel Division; Billy Ray Hearn, Chairman and CEO, the Sparrow Corp; Richard A. Green, attorney; and Nicholas Firth, President, BMG Music Worldwide.

SONGWORKS—PAT LEWIS

Songwriter Demo Spotlight



This well-produced demo from the inclined recently came our way from the Los Angeles-based band's new publisher, Chrysalis Music. The inclined recently signed a copublishing/development deal with the publishing company, which is headed up by Tom Sturges (who is also responsible for this particular signing). This demo, which the band is threatening to release as an independent CD entitled Bright New Day, is jam-packed with jazzinfused, psychedelic -flavored, funkified tunes that just knock my socks off! The arrangements (which occasionally include some amazing cello work along with loads of

Dozier-Holland.

Brian C. Roberts has been appointed Vice President of Finance for EMI Music Publishing. In his new capacity, Roberts will be responsible for all financial and reporting aspects relating to EMI Music in North America. He will be based at the company's New York headquarters.

inspiring guitar work) are innovative and stretch the old skull just enough to keep you coming back for more. Check out the never-ending grooves of "How Deep Is This Well," the syncopated rhythms of "Both Ways" and the intriguing lyrics in "There's A Window." Or check out any of the remaining six tracks on this demo.



EMI Music Publishing's Denise Weathersby



ASCAP's Marcy Drexler visited backstage with Polydor artists the Wonder Stuff following their performance at the Ritz in New York City. Pictured (L-R) are: Martin Bell; Martin Gilks; Drexler; Malc Treece; and Paul Clifford.

SONGWRITER PROFILE



Antonina Armato

By Pat Lewis

with Chrysalis Music, writer/producer Antonina Armato has been extremely successful in getting her songs cut by some of the most prestigious artists in the country. She's had a Number One hit with Glen Medeiros/Bobby Brown's "She Ain't' Worth It," two Top Tens with Brenda K Starr's "I Still Believe" and Eddie Money's "I'll Get By," and she's also had hits with Sheena Easton ("What Comes Naturally") and Barbra Streisand ("What Were We Thinking Of"), among many others. Recently, Armato finished working with Oliver Leiber on three songs for the Wild Pair (Capitol); she also wrote and produced the new Atlantic Starr (Warner Bros.) album with Danny Sembello; and she has the first single from MCA debut artist John Pagano, which she wrote with Nick Munday. Armato is currently writing and producing the Safire (MCA) album with Danny

Armato first discovered her knack for writing while she was still a student at USC. Interestingly, she wasn't studying music, but rather she was concentrating on the "arts" including acting, singing, and choreography. "I think it was my love of music that got me deeply into that," she recalls, "but I had songs in my head since I was a little kid and I just didn't know what to do with them." She began writing with a student colleague.

Her talents did not go unnoticed by the likes of Preston Glass and Narada Michael Walden, both of whom she began working with prior to finishing her studies. She wrote numerous songs with the pair, whose intentions were to make her an artist. However, Armato found that her heart just wasn't in the performing aspect of the business. "I've had lots of opportunities to be an artist," confesses Armato, "but it always comes down to the fact that it's just not the right thing for me. I'm a songwriter, that's what I want to do and that's what I'm best at "

Quite the go-getter, Armato searched out other writers to collaborate with. "I started getting a demo tape together," she recalls, "and I was writing with anybody who had studio equipment. I eventually met Alan Rider with A&M and he put me together with Jerry Knight and I started writing with him. I got a tape together and I played it for a number of publishers including Tom Sturges at Chrysalis, who really believed in me."

Before she graduated from USC with a Bachelors Degree in Fine Arts, Armato landed a position with Chrysalis Music. And within only a few months of gaining employment, she got her first cut through Arista's Clive Davis, who gave "It's Been A Long Time Coming" to Patrice Rushen, who recorded it.

Even though Armato had established relationships with numerous successful writers prior to her publishing deal, she felt there was an advantage to signing with a publisher and sharing her royalties as opposed to working independently. "In the beginning of your career, it is crucial to find a publisher," she states, "because there is a networking that happens with being with a good publisher that you wouldn't have otherwise. For instance, there was a woman who was working for Chrysalis, Carla Berkowitz, who was the one who got me my first hit, 'I Still Believe.' That song was the springboard from which a lot of other things happened. She also introduced me to a man, Denny Diante, who produced the Barbra Streisand single and we also had a Number One hit with 'She Ain't Worth It.' He was at CBS at that ime, but he's at MCA now. He was a dynamic and integral part of my success. It wasn't so much that Carla was holding my hand—all she did was say, 'Call Denny Diante,' but that one suggestion made for hit records."

Even though the music business has begun to open its doors to women, there are still only a select few who have broken into the field of production and Armato is one of them. "I just learned [to produce] by hanging out with the guys who do it," she explains. "It's pretty exciting. There aren't many women producing who aren't the artist themselves. It's a tough club to join, but I'm doing it."

And what is the secret to getting your foot in the door of this fairly exclusive club? "Well, the first thing is to try and get some hits," answers Armato, who just began her own production company called Tom Tom Productions. "It's the credibility aspect. Then you have the 'right' to co-produce this song. You can learn the ropes as you're doing your demos. If you do your demos as close to a record as you can, you learn the whole act of being a producer. It's a similar process. It just may not be as grandiose. When you're doing your demo, you're doing it to please a lot of people because they have to like the song and record it. And you want it to sound pretty much like the record and sometimes they'll say, 'Why don't you produce it?' because they like the demo so much. So, I would say, I would really focus in on making your demo sound like a record, so that people know what you are capable of doing."

AUDIO/VIDEO—MICHAEL AMICONE

RECORD PLANT: In Studio 1, soundtrack producer Danny Bramson and engineer Niko Bolas, tracking and mixing cuts by the Replacement's Paul Westerberg and other artists for the Warner Bros. movie project, Singles; Craig Brock assisting on the sessions...Guitar ace Steve Vai, working in Studio 1, producing Interscope act Big Trouble...Atlantic act 411, mixing their album debut in Studio II, 411's Vincent Brantley producing the sessions, with engineer DZB and assistant Kyle Bess manning the console. RUMBO RECORDERS: Caliber Records singer/songwriter/producer Robert Tepper, finishing up recording and producing tracks for his debut, Something On The Inside.
SUNSET SOUND: Tom Petty, mix-

ing concert footage for an upcoming long-form video release, sessions co-produced by Heartbreaker Mike Campbell, engineered by Mark Linett and assisted by Tom Nellen...Baby-Ion A.D., tracking, overdubbing and mixing their new album for Arista, veteran producer Tom Werman shepherding the sessions, with engineer Eddie Delena and assistant Neal Avron turning the knobs... Steelheart, overdubbing and mixing for their second MCA opus, Tom Werman once again producing the sessions, with the engineering crew Eddie Delena and assistant Neal

Avron supplying the sonic magic. SAYLOR RECORDING: Mercury/ Phonogram Records act Def Leppard, mixing their long-awaited next effort, Mike Shipley and Mutt Lange producing, Shipley and Pete Woodroffe engineering the sessions with assistants Chris Puram and Louie Teran... Profile Records act DJ Quick, recording and mixing his latest album, Quick producing the sessions and Louie Teran engineering...Producer/artist Vassal Benford, working on a track for the Giant Records soundtrack for the movie Class Act, Victor Flores man-ning the board and Louie Teran assisting...Ruthless Records act Penthouse Players, also tracking and mixing a song for the soundtrack to the film Class Act, DJ Quick producand Louie Teran assisting...Producer/keyboardist

HIGH FLYING E



Fledgling Polydor recording artist E cycles his way through one of the setups from the video shoot for his new single, "Hello Cruel World," the opening track from E's critically lauded debut, A Man Called E.

Don Randi, tracking and mixing with singer Pete Willcox; Chris Puran and Louie Teran assisting.

Louie Teran assisting.
AIRE L.A. STUDIOS: Tisha Campbell, working on a new record for Capitol, Dave Williams producing, Craig Burbidge engineering and Gregg Barrett assisting...Fellow Capitol artist Joey Diggs, mixing a new album, Chuckii Booker producing, Bob Chiarelli engineering and Rusty Richards assisting...Hollywood Records act the Party, mixing a song with producer Roy Hay, engineer Hein Hoven and assistant Gregg Barrett...In Studio A, Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis, producing cuts for the movie Mo Money, vocals supplied by Luther Vandross, Ralph Tresvant and Karyn White; sessions engineered by Dave Rideau and assistant Mike Scotella...Rock Melons, mixing a new album for Mushroom, Carmen Rizzo engineering and Gregg Barrett assisting.

PARTY TIME



Hollywood Records pop act the Party, who have just released their second single, "Private Affair," gather round the console during sessions for their sophomore full-length effort, tentatively scheduled for a late summer release. Pictured (L-R): Tiffini Hale, Chase Hampton, Damon Pampolina, producer Stephen Bray, Deedee Magno and Albert Fields.

PONDERING SESSION



Eclectic Columbia act Poi Dog Pondering is pictured on the video set for "Be The One," from the group's fine album, Volo Volo. Pictured (L-R, top row): band members Sue Voelz and Ted Cho, director Katherine Dieckmann, band members Frank Orrall, David Crawford, Darren Hess, Bruce Hughes and Adam Sultan, (bottom) John Nelson and DJ Cass.

ON THE SET



Imago recording act the Rollins Band takes a break during the video shoot for the song "Low Self Opinion," from their debut album, The End Of Silence. Pictured (L-R): Imago's Jim Leavitt, director Bill Stobaugh, Henry Rollins, band members Sim Cain, Theo Van Rock, Andrew Weiss and Chris Haskett and Imago's Erik Filkorn and Kate Hyman.

PRODUCER



MICHAFI

t's been 23 years since Michael Omartian first moved to Los Angeles from a small town outside of Chicago. Since then, his career has been filled with success as a producer, an arranger, a songwriter and a musician. He has had twenty years of hit records and songs, thirteen Grammy Award nominations, three Grammy Awards, plenty of gold and platinum records and a list of credits which includes such names as Rod Stewart, Donna Summer, Christo-pher Cross, Amy Grant, Whitney Houston and Richard Marx.

But, tracing Omartian's history, his early years were spent in a constant struggle to secure that needed first break; in fact, it took Omartian two years simply to land his first gig.

After landing his first job, playing keyboards in a recording session, word spread of this new keyboardist and his versatility and calls began flooding his lines—everything from rock to country to R&B sessions. His playing led him into songwriting, music arranging and finally producing; Omartian even had his own recording contract, but chose not to take that route.

With the advances in computer software, Omartian's role as a producer has changed considerably through the years. Whereas, ten years ago he would find himself jamming in a roomful of musicians while arranging a song, today he often finds himself working alone with his computer and keyboards.

So, what's his preference, live or midi? "I miss the spontaneity of the live session, but I like the ability to be able to hone and fine-tune something given an infinite amount of time. When you do a live track, you can't always alter something once you've walked out of the room; whereas with the computer, you have the ability to amend things, take them home, live with them and change them the next day.'

Once he has worked out the arrangement, Omartian brings in live players for overdubs, often throwing out all the computerized music in the end. He explains, "We'll keep the drum machine as a guide for the drummer, for example. Then we'll make a decision down the road to probably burn all the synthesized drums, and I'll regenerate maybe a high hat or a cowbell. The drummer will play to that.

"I really try to get live people in here, live drummers or a horn sec-tion," he continues. "I'm tired of the computer thing; it's too perfectly metronomic."

There are a few exceptions, as Omartian elaborates, "My frustration with real string sections is that they consider the session just a gig and they're looking at the clock while they're playing their notes. There are samples, on the other hand, that are so close to sounding like a live string section, and I can play them with fire, in time and in tune.

Even with the current availability of samples and sounds, Omartian warns against spending too much time on them. "The easiest thing to get caught up in are sounds, especially as a keyboardist, because it's your bread and butter. But it's a trap. because people often think of sounds over substance.

"For awhile," continues Omartian, "there was an intimidation factor that if you didn't have the latest samples. you couldn't make great records. However, the people I respect, that challenge that premise and do so well, don't need any of that stuff.'

Omartian also warns of other traps. "I don't like to get hung up on details that stop progress. I haven't always been this way, but I remember pouring out my guts for a record and waiting for people to pick up on the detail I spent hours on, and nobody even paid attention. Now, I'll even leave certain mistakes in the recording because they sound cool, maybe a sour note that nobody will know is a mistake. Or when I double vocals, I want them to beat and trash against each other. I'm not apathetic: I work hard and diligently, but spontaneity is the stuff that realy con-

His biggest concerns? "I really hope and pray that we get back to a little more honest trail of art music," says Omartian. "Now, it seems that making records and making music have nothing to do with each other. The concept of a musician today is anvone who can press some buttons in order to come out with something that grooves. What we gauge people's abilities by is a bankrupt system.

The first thing that I'd like to see is the remix business going out of business," continues Omartian. "The remixers take what everybody does, put their stiff metronomic drum parts on it and ruin everything a record producer tries to create, redefining everything so that it fits into a tiny box made just for radio. Every project has its unique touch, and I don't believe in bulldozing artists into conforming.

NEW TOYS—BARRY RUDOLPH



BBE's Model 381 Guitar Pre-Amp

BBE Sound, who makes the BBE Sonic Maximizer, has a new guitar pre-amp that gets "back to basics" with good, musical qualities that become an extension of the quitar's own sound. The Model 381 incorporates the BBE Sonic Maximizer processor which gives "focus" to the overall final sound by increasing clarity and bottom end punch. All over the world the BBE Processor has been an insisted upon mainstay in quitar player's rack systems since its introduction over six years ago.

The BBE 381 is a one rack space, stereo pre-amp, with both Clean and Distortion Channels that are switched from either the front panel or by way of the included footswitch. The 381 can also be used in mono mode by just using the left channel connections only. One feature of the 381 is both a pair of stereo recording outputs and a pair of main stereo outputs for driving a stereo power amp and speakers are provided. There are also Master Volume controls that individually set the left and right output levels of both the Main and Recording outputs. For my evaluation, I used the recording outputs since I was listening directly through the recording console and did not want to consider the additional subjective sound qualities of an external power amp and speakers. These recording outputs have an active filter that simulates a speaker cabinet. So the pre-amp functions as a stand alone piece for direct studio recording or the guitar player need only to add a power amp and speakers for a complete "rig." For effects, the 381 has a stereo loop with a mono send and stereo returns.

The Clean Channel, indicated by a green LED, I found to be very musical with lots of good sustain. If you play a single note or strike a chord, you can hear it ring (decay)

out to the very end just like a loud, good guitar amp. The Clean Channel has three tone controls: Bass with a maximum boost of IOdb. at 80Hz, Mids boosts frequencies centered around 500Hz up to IOdb, and you can boost high frequencies starting at 6Khz up to IOdb. All the controls on the Clean Channel work like a regular guitar amp in that fully counterclockwise means "flat" or no addi-

The Distortion Channel, indicated by a red LED, has a Drive Control which sets the amount of distortion and sustain. There are four tone controls here: Bass is centered at 130Hz with a maximum boost of 15db; MID 1 is centered at 340Hz and can be adjusted from -5db. to +15db; MID 2 is at 750Hz with a similar -5db. to +ISdb. range; Treble boosts up to +18db. at frequencies around 4Khz. Finally there is a Volume control that sets the level for the Distortion Channel. The Clean Channel volume interacts with this control so it is important to achieve a good volume balance between channels for switching back and forth. The Distortion Channel sounds like no other amp and you can get as crunchy or grungy as you want. I found the two Mid range controls work well together to precisely shape your sound. The BBE Process control works on both channels and adjusts the amount of definition for a higher overall "gloss", bite and low end tightness.

The BBE Model 381 sells for \$299 retail and is the first of three new guitar/ bass preamps from BBE. Look for the Model 383 Bass and the Model 386 Acoustic Guitar Pre-Amps in these pages soon. For more information about any of these new preamps which are all available now, contact BBE Sound Inc. at 5500 Bolsa Ave., Huntington Beach, CA 92649. Phone (714) 897-6766. Fax them at (714) 895-6728.



New AKG Headset Microphones

Three new headset mics are available from AKG that are all professional in design and use. First, the K270HC is a pair of AKG K270 headphones (my favorite) fitted with a studio quality condenser element and a mic on/off switch that is operated by moving the microphone arm up or down. Also available is the K270HQ which is the same headset but with a dynamic microphone and a speech

tailored frequency response. If you don't need the phones, then the C410 is just the condenser mic element attached to a lightweight headband.

The K270HC sells for \$350, the KC270HQ is \$360 and the C410 will set you back \$225.

Contact AKG Acoustics at 1525 Alvarado St., San Leandro, CA 94577. Phone (415) 351-3500 FAX (415) 351-0500. MC

SHOW BIZ—Tom Kidd



Debbie Gibson

Long Island-native Debbie Gibson is currently living out every East Coast schoolgirl's favorité dream. Starring on Broadway as Eponine in the monster hit Les Miserables, which producers are negotiating to take to London, the 21-year-old singer says this show biz stuff is all the education she needs. She doesn't plan to go to college. "If you give yourself something to fall back on," she says, contradicting every parent's advice, "you are going to fall back. For me, this is it. This is what he had been something to fall back. this is it. This is what I want to do with my life." Gibson, whose hits

include "Shake Your Love" and "Only In My Dreams," says that afing, arranging, recording and mar-

Relativity/First Night, who gave the U.S. the first Les Miserables soundtrack, has just released the domestic debut of a wonderful new stage musical called Five Guys Named Moe. This is the London cast recording of the European

stage hit, set to open on Broadway at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre on April 8. Based around the great songs of the late entertainer Louis Jordan, the soundtrack features an ample sampling of R&B, jazz and be-bop (which, during Jordan's day, was known as "jump blues"). Though

it's all pretty fabulous, the titles that stick most in mind include "I Like 'Em Fat Like That," "Messy Bessy" and "What's The Use Of Gettin' Sober." The popular British production has won two of that country's Olivier Awards for Outstanding Entertainment of the Year and Best Choreography.

Multi-platinum recording artists Color Me Badd have filmed an appearance on Fox

Broadcasting's super-hot show, Beverly Hills 90210. This is the prime-time series debut of the doowop, hip-hop vocal quartet.

Marilyn McCoo and Glen Campbell have signed on as cohosts of the 23rd Annual Dove Awards. This 90-minute live special of gospel music's most prestigious awards, which airs April 6 at 6:00 p.m. PST on TNN: The Nashville Network, will feature award presentations in seven categories, including "Song of the Year," "Group of the Year" and "New Artist of the Year." Campbell, who has recorded over 40 albums, four gold singles, twelve gold albums and seven platinum albums over the years, received a Dove Award in 1986 for his inspirational opus, No More Night. McCoo, who received six Grammys for her work with the 5th Dimension.

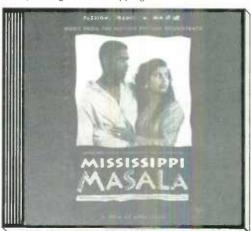
> has recently released her first gospel album, the Grammy-nominated The Me Nobody Knows.

Tune in to Magic 94.3 FM on Sunday, March 29, at 9:00 a.m. That's when Dick Clark, as host Countdown America, will dedicate three full hours to the career of Michael Jackson. Clark will talk with this amazing performer about his early days with Motown and the Jackson Five, as well as his recordbreaking solo success

you're lf France, be sure to look up LaToya Jackson. The Jack-

son sibling is being presented as the main attraction of the 1992-93 Moulin Rouge, the best-known cabaret in Paris. The show, which opened March 5, will run for a year.

Actress Leslie Ann Warren (Victor/Victoria) was among the celebrities dropping in to see Lauren Wood

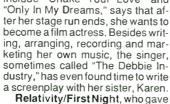


during a recent sold-out performance at At My Place. Wood, opening for and backed by members of the wonderful Freeway Philharmonic, performed a neat and nifty ten-song set. Though there was plenty of good stuff, including but not limited to two tunes co-written with Ailee Willis (also present), the evening climaxed with a rendition of "Fallen," the twelve-year-old song given a new life when included on the Pretty Woman soundtrack not so long ago, and kept in the public's mind by being prominently featured on the overhead system at places like Ross' and Ralph's. The unsigned singer's set was so successful that she's been asked back to the club on April 16. We recommend you plan to attend, and bring your favorite A&R rep.

MCA's first single from the Fried



Lauren Wood





Marilyn McCoo

Glen Campbell

SHOW BIZ—Tom Kidd

Green Tomatoes soundtrack is Paul Young's version of "What Becomes Of The Broken Hearted." Showbiz likes the single lots, but we wonder how long the soulful singer, whose previous singles include a cover of "Oh Girl," can go on remak-ing Sixties classics? Someone tell

Man for second place on the film

charts. When last we looked, both

flicks were doing business in the \$4.5 million range. The unexpected

hit of the movie release off-season,

however, is the goofball comedy

Wayne's World. The Paramount

motion picture is doing just about twice the business of its nearest

JRS Records has the soundtrack

for the Samuel Goldwyn Company

film Mississippi Masala. The movie

is billed as a bittersweet comedy

involving romance and clashing cul-

tures in the American South. The

soundtrack by L. Subramaniam at-

tempts to reflect the movie's travels

to Uganda and Mississippi by em-

competition.

Swimming side-by-side in this gumbo are cuts by soul man Otis Redding, gospel by Marion Williams and the traditional sounds of Zaire as represented by Papy Matolode Tex Group. Exotic, exciting and well-worth the price of admission. When Disney released The Little

Mermaid, press kept wondering if the success of that animated film-attributed in no small part to an

award-winning soundtrackwould do what Cop Rock couldn't and lead the way to the return of the musical as a viable art form. Though the Disney folks have been able to repeat the earlier successful formula with Beauty And The Beast, no one recently has had much luck when Young it's getting old! Meanwhile, the movie from which it's taken, has the music isn't accompanied by anitied with Memoirs Of An Invisible

mation. That may change, however, when Walt Disney Pictures releases Newsies. Christian Bale leads a cast of impoverished newsboys who find their livelihood threatened when the price of a daily paper is raised one-tenth-of-a-percent. The score is by Alan Menken (who also scored those two big cartoon hits) with lyricist Jack Feldman. Overall, the film seems to be a cross between Oliver! and the Dead End Kids and-you can quote us on this-will do for the musical what Roger Rabbit did for animation.

Private Music recording artist Andy Summers wants you to know that he's been named Musical Director of the Dennis Miller Show, which is syndicated internationally by Tribune Entertainment. The former Police member, whose jazz

solo outings for Private Music won him a 1990 Grammy nomination, says his work for the show will continue in this jazzrock direction.

Coming up on Bravo April 11 and 22 is the lively bigscreen version of Gilbert and Sullivan's memorable operetta. The Pirates Of Penzance. This flick, adapted from Joseph Papp's suc-cessful Broadway musical, stars Kevin Kline, Linda Ronstadt and Angela Lansbury in a rollicking, swashbuckling adventure. We also highly recommend Zoot Suit on Bravo April 18 and 20. This is an uncompromising screen ad-



Kevin Kline in The Pirates Of Penzance on Bravo

aptation of an acclaimed stage play based on the 1942 Sleepy Lagoon murder in Los Angeles. Edward James Olmos and Tyne Daly star in the story of a murdered boy and the 22 Chicanos who were unjustly tried and jailed for a crime they didn't commit. Check your guide for air times in your area.

Just received a package of tapes from a Michigan band called the Hermetic Academy. We really like the group's demo, The Reality Show, which-if we were pressed to describe it-sounds like an intelligent version of the Pet Shop Boys.

What appealed to our artistic sensibilities, however, was a solo project from lead singer David Fideler. Called Invocation, this classicalinspired tape is, in its creator's words, "an invocation to the Muse." The work was inspired, in part, by local hero R.C. Hogart's new translation of The Hymns Of Orpheus that Fideler's company, Phanes Press, just happens to publish. Showbiz thinks you'd like both tapes. Write to Fideler care of Phanes Press at P.O. Box 6114, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49516. You'll be glad vou did.



Andy Summers



The Hermetic Academy

Local Notes

By Michael Amicone

Contributors include Kenny Kerner and Pat Lewis.

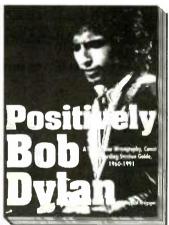




ALL SMILES: Recent Music Connection cover boy, Tevin Campbell, smiles for the photographers during the recent Soul Train Awards ceremonies.

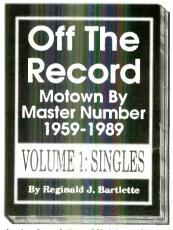
A GOOD RAP: Loud/Hollywood Records rapper Tung Twista is pictured performing at Marina Del Rey Junior High School during one of School Entertainment & Activities Program's JAMs (Joining Academics with Music). Through these mini-concerts, SEAP gets its point across—to stay in school—while entertaining students with up-and-coming musical talent. Tung Twista visited several schools as the JAM's featured artist and entertained over 5,000 students.





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ROCK CULTURE: Popular Culture, Ink, the Ann Arbor, Michigan-based publishing company which specializes in, as they proudly proclaim, "the best rock & roll books in the world," has released two new rock reference books destined to become welcome additions to many a serious-minded record collector or music-phile's library. Positively

such as Collecting Phil Spector and A Gershwin Companion—call 1-800-678-8828, or write to Popular Culture, Ink, P.O. Box 1839, Ann

Bob Dylan is a 30-year discography, concert and recording session guide, including comprehensive, chronological listings of Dylan recording sessions (the date, place, songs recorded and backing musicians used) and live performances (set lists, venues and dates), as well as official and bootleg discographies. And Off The Record is a complete listing of every single released by Motown and its many label subsidiaries between the years 1959-1989. Both volumes are loaded with easyto-use indexes and information. Though the books don't come cheap (they're not for the mildly interested fan, since the volumes sell for \$55.00 each), they will prove to be invaluable to any serious Dylan fan and Motown collector. For more information on Popular Culture, Ink's other fine music books-they have a large Beatles catalog and new volumes



GRAMMY PALS: Judas Priest mainman Rob Halford and fledgling recording artist Kell Raven are pictured at a post-Grammy party, held at Telly's Sports Bar and hosted by the Los Angeles chapter of the Recording Academy. Raven, who is finishing up his debut effort (Howle Rice producing), will appear at X-Poseur 54 on April 12th.



KOZ AND EFFECT: Capitol saxman Dave Koz, whose romantic instrumental "Emily" has become the love theme for two of the characters in the long-running soap opera General Hospital, is pictured with said celluloid lovebirds, actor Wallace Kurth (left) and Cheryl Richardson.



DECADE OF SLAYER: Last year, both Mötley Crüe and Ratt released albums commemorating their decade-long careers. Now, it's Slayer's turn to celebrate. Long considered the quintessential thrash metal band, Tom Araya, Kerry King, Jeff Hanneman and Dave Lombardo mark the occasion with a limited edition (only 10,000 units will be manufactured), spectacular two-CD box set repackaging of their live release, Decade Of Aggression, on Def American Records. In addition to containing all our favorite cuts-"Hell Awaits," "South Of Heaven,"
"Raining Blood," "Seasons In The
Abyss"—this special set is packaged in a flat black metal slipcase with Slayer's logo laser-etched in silver onto a shiny black metal piece and inlaid onto the face of the CD box. Additionally, the package comes numbered with a certificate of authenticity. Suggested retail price is \$39.95, and once the 10,000 copies are sold, that's it, folks. You'll also find two previously unreleased bonus tracks-"Skeletons Of Society" and "At Dawn They Sleep"-along with a full-color, 24-page booklet. This is Slayer at their best and a collector's item for sure. -KK



BACKSTAGE JUNKIES: Various RCA execs greet recording act the Cowboy Junkies and lead singer Margo Timmons (pictured center) during the alternative band's recent Variety Arts Center performance. The band has released their latest record for the label, entitled Black-Eyed Man.



BACKSTAGE BOYZ: Flavor Flav and Chuck D of controversial hard-core rap group Public Enemy and film director/Academy Award nominee John Singleton (Boyz N The Hood) are pictured backstage during the rap group's recent gig at the Palladium.



GRACEFUL FALL: Renaissance man John Mellencamp and latest girl friend, model Elaine Irwin, are pictured arriving at the premiere of Columbia's Falling From Grace, a movie marking Mellencamp's directorial and acting debut, held at the Cineplex Odeon Plaza Cinemas. Irwin is the tattooed girl who graces the cover of Mellencamp's latest album, Whenever We Wanted. Other stars in attendance were actresses Mariel Hemingway and Kay Lenz, who both star in the movie. —PL

MUSIC CONNECTION Ten Years Ago...

Tidbits from our tattered past

STARR TIME: Ringo Starr recently flew into the City of Angels for talks about starring in the movie Yellowbeard, a pirate comedy written by Monty Python's Graham Chapman. Assuming the deal goes through, Ringo will replace Adam Ant in the role

SERVING THE SOUNDTRACK INDUSTRY: The Busboys have been busy shooting scenes for Paramount Pictures film 48 Hours, a new movie starring Nick Nolte and Eddie Murphy, at the Club Lingerie in Hollywood. They wrote four originals for the film. They returned shortly thereafter to deliver a set to an appreciative audience.

LITTLE VILLAGE

By Steven P. Wheeler



Jim Keltner

Ry Cooder

Nick Lowe

John Hiatt

t was in the mid-Sixties that sociologist Marshall McLuhan brought the term "global village" into the American lexicon, a phrase used to describe the growing technological universe and the belief that the world was becoming a smaller place through science and communication advances. However, not even McLuhan could have ever imagined that his theory would be an apt rock & roll metaphor a quarter of a century later.

Little Village is the moniker given to a fourpiece band whose members are not only spread out around the globe- and who possess more than a century of rock history between them-but who also carry around reputations for doing things their own way or not at all. Veterans singersongwriter John Hiatt, artist/producer Nick Lowe, guitarist/soundtrack maven Ry Cooder and drummer Jim Keltner have joined forces for one of the year's most eagerly anticipated, and welcome, releases - a fact given credence by the self-titled album's quick ascent on the national charts and rock radio's obsession with the cruising, bluesy feel of the album's first single, "She Runs Hot."

The fact that Lowe resides in London, Hiatt in Nashville, with Cooder and Keltner the local boys in L.A., is just another example of why many industry insiders never believed that this project would ever come to fruition. Some critics have even dubbed them the "Travelin' Cult-burys," a not-so-subtle stab at these four musical veterans who have never really commanded the attention of the individual Wilbury members.

"There is the similarity of everybody being a songwriter and throwing in ideas," explains drummer Jim Keltner, who has played with solo Beatles during his career and is a member of both Little Village and the Wilburys.

But the differences are even more evident, according to bassist Nick Lowe, whose production work with Elvis Costello and quirky solo career have won him a cult following of admirers. "Let's face it, the members of the Wilburys are considerably more well-known than us, and I liked what they did. But I also felt that their albums were more producer-led, whereas our album was more like stumbling through the dark until we could find a sound we were all happy with."

But let's not get ahead of ourselves. The lengthy time between thought and deed and a series of misfires and false starts makes the Little Village saga a story in itself. The four musicians first played together on Hiatt's 1986 album, Bring The Family, but the magical qualities of that recording could do nothing to bring these three solo artists and session guru back together during the succeeding five-year period. "Within a year of Bring The Family, we were all toying with the idea of trying it again," recalls Hiatt, "but it just wasn't in the cards.

In 1989, there was a serious effort to make a recording, but personal and professional commitments kept the dream from becoming a reality. Then came a savior in the guise of Warner Brothers President Lenny Waronker, who was instrumental in bringing Little Village to the rest of the world. Hiatt says that Cooder struck the initial match: "Ry kind of lit a fire under Lenny and told him that it was basically up to him to make it happen. It took somebody with Lenny's expertise and Henry Kissinger-type abilities to sort it out amongst four knuckleheads like us."

The other three members of the band found it strangely ironic that it was Cooder- a world-class slide guitarist, solo artist and soundtrack producer and a man known for his musical independence- who was the most aggressive in his pursuit of getting the musical seeds to bloom into a project. However, Cooder doesn't find his actions so odd: "I've been with Lenny on this label for more than twenty years, and I've never once asked him for anything, but I did approach him about helping us get this thing together. It's true that I have avoided bands in the past because I don't like infighting and psycho dynamics, but I was also getting tired of leading a band and being the center of everything. As long as you don't set yourself up as the poor bastard who has to count off and lead the thing, it frees you up to do what you want and need to do."

This is not to say that the other three members didn't also have initial reservations about giving up their usual artistic control, as Hiatt, who has recorded three excellent solo albums for A&M, including *Bring The Family* and *Slow Turning*, notes, "It's hard to give up control, but it also has many benefits. I quickly realized that I had three extra bullshit meters sitting in the room with me, which is great, because if you only pay attention to your own bullshit meter, it's often faulty and

let's a lot of things get by."

Maturity, trust and respect are just a few of the descriptions that were echoed by the various members during the separate interviews, something that Cooder pointed out was the only way the Little Village project could have worked. "Criticism goes with the territory, and if you can't handle it, then you don't belong in a studio, and you certainly don't belong in this business. If the four of us were above criticism, even at this stage of our careers, I can guarantee you that this album would have never been made."

Aside from the musical aspect of the relationships, each veteran has a reputation for potential volatile behavior. But Lowe says that they soon found the secret ingredient. "I think it was very important to give each other room. We all have different lifestyles and different interests, so to make it work we have to stay out of each other's faces and not crowd each other on a personal level. That doesn't worry me, because whatever it takes to make this thing work and to make the

music sound as good as it does, I'm willing to do."

Cooder speaks for the others when he mentions that the artistic direction of the band was dictated by nothing less than a complete democracy. "The important thing to remember in a group like this is that we are all assistants. I can say now that it was really quite amazing that this album was done with a real spirit of cooperation, when it could have easily crashed and burned a number of times."

Despite the fact that there was a free-wheeling atmosphere swirling around the writing and recording sessions, Lowe admits that there was one basic rule that the various members agreed to adhere to prior to sitting down and formulating ideas. "The only unwritten rule we had going into this project was that no one was allowed to bring a finished song to the group. You can see that when you listen to the record because you can actually hear each member's hand in each of the songs." Lowe went on to say that during the initial

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Lenny Waronker: Little Village's Fifth Man

By Steven P. Wheeler

He may be the President of Warner Bros. Records, but Lenny Waronker is also the unofficial president of Little Village. Nick Lowe calls Waronker the "fifth guy in the group," and John Hiatt describes him as "the catalyst and the guiding light behind the band."

But ask the man himself, and you get quite a different response. "I'm getting a little self-conscious about doing interviews about the band," says Waronker, one of the most powerful men in the music industry. "I will take credit for my role in helping get the band together, but I don't want to confuse the issue. The band is the real story, and the album says it all."

After hearing the behind-the-scenes trials and tribulations that went on over the past three years, Mr. Waronker is far too modest in assessing his role in the building of this little musical town. After having been involved with the Traveling Wilburys' first project, the idea of bringing various solo artists together under one roof stuck with Waronker.

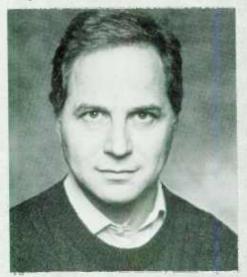
It was during a 1989 meeting with Nick Lowe that Waronker's wheels began to spin. "It wasn't until Nick brought it up to me in a meeting that I started thinking about it again. We ran through some names, and Ry Cooder was the first one that came up, and Keltner was the next obvious choice. But I don't think Nick was really looking at it as a real possibility. I think he thought it was more talk than anything else."

Thinking that Cooder would be the most difficult person to convince, Waronker called the veteran guitarist and was shocked to find the normally independent musician agreeable. "It amazed me that Ry really wanted to do this. It was a shocker, but he was also adamant about the band being a four-piece. He just flatly refused to be part of a trio."

That problem was solved shortly afterwards when the gossip on the industry grapevine seeped into Nashville. "Hiatt found out about it and called Nick and said, 'If you don't invite

me to be in this band, I'm gonna be pissed." Although the four musicians assembled for a meeting back in '89, Waronker says that problems arose at the very start. "John had to do another solo album for A&M and other things came up, and the band deteriorated and eventually fell apart."

Waronker and Cooder talked about trying the project with other people, but good sense won out, as the veteran industry executive points out, "It just didn't make sense to try to bring in other people. The spirit of the whole



thing from the beginning was that it had to be real and we couldn't force it to happen. About a year-and-a-half later, Ry and I talked about trying to get the guys together again." Fortunately, Hiatt had a window of opportunity, following the release of his Stolen Moments album.

What started out as a duel role of catalyst and cheerleader would change dramatically as the recording process progressed, culminating with Waronker mixing the album with the band's blessing. "What happened is that they kind of hit a brick wall during the mixing process. Nick would have normally been able to deal with it, but I think he was so close to it and so aligned with Ry, that I think he was trying to please Ry more than anything else, and it was just not working."

Lowe admits that the turning point came during the mix of the album's first track, "Solar Sex Panel." "We decided to compromise and clean it up and make it radio-friendly. We thought Lenny would be pleased that we had toed the line and made a commercial single, but he hated it."

Waronker, who, prior to becoming the President of Warner Bros., was a top-notch producer, agrees that it was that particular moment which changed the tide and his role with the band. "Yeah, it was during the mix of 'Solar Sex Panel' where I realized that something was wrong. I think Hiatt was the most objective of the band members. He was probably the only one who knew all along that this album was not going to be mixed by the band and that someone else was going to have to do it."

Fortunately, the mixing process was a joy for Waronker, who gives credit to engineer Allen Sides. "Allen did a heliuva job of capturing the band on tape. So it wasn't like we had to do massive editing or anything. Every overdub was well-planned, all the vocal parts were on the money. There really was a minimal amount of editing during the mix."

Throwing his hat into the ring of speculation as to the future of Little Village, Waronker doesn't even hesitate to voice his opinion. "This better not be a one-time thing, and I honestly don't think it will be. In my mind, this is an endless thing with a lot of other interesting possibilities, and I think that the people who are fans of this album have a lot to look forward to; there's a lot of territory that these guys didn't get a chance to touch this time out. This is truly a special group of musicians, and I was fortunate enough to be involved with them."

Records

By Maxine Hillary J



Twenty-five-year-old David Haerle doesn't know why his dad, the late Martin Christian Haerle, named his bluegrass label, CMH. Perhaps it was to match his initials or to stand for Country Music Heritage. Haerle thinks the H stands for "Hits," as in "Country Music Hits," then recalls, "he once said that MCA was already taken so CMH sounded good."

As a youth growing up in post-war Stuttgart, Germany, the elder Haerle first heard country music on the Armed Forces Radio Network. He began collecting records and before long knew country music as if he'd been raised in the corn belt. At 20, he took a plane to Nashville where he met the head of Starday Records who offered him a job in the mail room. At 22, he became Vice President of the label. In the late Sixties, Haerle moved to Los Angeles where he served as Director of Manufacturing at United Artists, before leaving the label in 1975 to form his own company.

David recounts the beginning of the venture. "He got together with Arthur "Guitar Boogie" Smith (Arthur wrote "Guitar Boogie," which is the first million selling instrumental country hit, and also "Dueling Banjos"). They formed this partnership with dad as the majority owner and they hit the streets with twenty albums. They recorded a five-record set called 200 Years Of American Heritage In Song. It was the 100 most important songs of our country's rural music heritage from the 1700s to the 1900s. They went out and signed almost every major bluegrass star available and put out fourteen albums. The timing was just perfect."

In 1990, Martin Haerle passed away, leaving the label to David, who had opted to learn the music business on his own, rather than with his father (at 21, he was the youngest talent agent ever at ICM). The two had talked often about the music business and country music in particular. "I used to hate it," he confesses, "I was a rock & roller, that was it. I fell in love with country about six or seven years ago, then bluegrass. I'd always wanted

to come work here with my father, but I realized that it would be better to have my own thing without him and then be able to come work with him on the same level."

The business of taking over his father's dream, along with the shock of losing him, left the younger Haerle wondering if he could handle the tasks that lay before him, but with the perseverance inherited from his father, he forged ahead in the family tradition. David recalls the first days at CMH. "We walked

in and just started piecing it together like a puzzle and we'd find clues here and there as to how things were done. And we asked a lot of questions. I had fear but in a way, what else could I do but just give it my best? Here was my dad's life's work, what if I didn't pull it together and it went down the drain? That was a terrible fear."

A year and a half later, Haerle is running a business his father would be proud of. Having retained relationships with the distributors his father did business with and securing new ones on his own, David soon made sure that CMH products were available at outlets such as Music Plus and Warehouse Records. Instead of seeing bluegrass music as a genre only trailer park dwellers and older Americans from the back roads of the country could get into, Haerle and his staff saw bluegrass as something that everyone could love if they gave it a chance. Continuing with the idea of effective marketing and packaging, they've come up with new artwork for the label. The market for country music appears to be expanding as well with the onslaught of the European listener.

This year, according to Haerle, the company is doing well enough to consider adding to its staff as well as its catalog. He elaborates, "I'm open to pretty much any kind of music. We've started an alternative label, Overt Records, and we hope to launch that in two more quarters. Overt will encompass alternative music, industrial dance, rap, rock & roll. Anything we can enjoy and have fun with, we're willing to put it out—we're really open." Haerle also has plans to launch Serenity Records, a new age product, but this is no Shirley Maclaine schtick. "There's a whole flakiness associated with that term," he warns, "but every product we put out, we want to really have a grounded image about it. This is not hocus pocus obscure stuff. We're looking for finished products in this area but we're also looking to go into the studio and produce, too.'

While David makes plans to enhance the bluegrass/country tradition his father started at the label and adds additional genres to the roster, he's also reissued 200 Years Of American Heritage In Song on four CDs, along with the 50-page illustrated booklet written by musicologist Norm Cohen outlining the history of traditional American music. The pack-

age brings to life classic favorites such as "Shenandoah," "Green Green Grass Of Home" and "Fire On The Mountain," and while listening for the fun of it stands as one possibility, schools and libraries can use it as an educational tool as well.

Innovativeness and an understanding of what makes good music better and how it can be best brought to the consumer continue as Haerle trademarks. In times of economic crunch, listeners contend with music prices that climb as their wallets reduce, so

David Haerle

CMH priced their compact discs 25 percent less than the average compact disc, a formula that seems to be working, since sales are increasing. With business strategies like that, who knows, while CMH still releases the great music of the past and the present, don't be surprised if Haerle's next venture is music of the future.

✓ 21 Little Village

trial stages it became clear that the musical magic that first manifested itself during the Bring The Family sessions was again making itself known at Cooder's home studio in Santa Monica.

Although the project took a year to complete, the actual recording process lasted a little over two months. Again, because of solo commitments, the Little Village work was a stop-and-go evolution. Because the writing continued throughout these lengthy breaks, the "global village" theory took on a new meaning, or as Keltner jokingly said, "Thank God for FAX machines."

Hiatt agrees with Keltner as he recounts the bizarre writing process of the band, "After a couple of weeks of working together, we'd all go home to our respective corners of the world, and we'd be faxing lyrics to each other. Eventually we'd reconvene, and this song that was nothing more than a little egg before we went away would have taken on more form and was ready to be kicked around some more.

Lowe described the sessions as "extremely ungrueling." The veterans who were accustomed to late and erratic hours in the studio, instead took a business-like approach and turned Little Village into a nine-to-five job. As Hiatt sarcastically explained in his wry, sardonic way, "We worked eight- or nine-hour days, but the project was spread out over a year. Being older guys, what's left of your mind goes rather quickly, so we paced ourselves."

For one member of the band, the final mixing process was nothing short of a nightmare. Lowe laughingly recounted the misery of the band's drummer, "This was the first time that Keltner had to actually stay behind and worry about the mixing. All the other records he's done, he has done his bit and said goodbye. This is really the first record that he's made, and I think it was a real eye-opener for him." The bearded percussionist good-naturedly pleads guilty, "It was very painful for me to stick around during the mixing process. I always wanted to leave, and they pressured me into staying. The more I was there, the more problems I caused. That whole process is just a complete tearing down of something that was a

"It was really quite amazing that this album was done with a real spirit of cooperation, when it could have easily crashed and burned a number of times." —Ry Cooder

beautiful blend during the recording session. It's an awful practice."

Another vital difference between Little Village and the Wilburys is the fact that Little Village has taken their act on the road. After recently completing a brief European tour and a sizzling appearance at the fifth annual Farm Aid concert, the verdict is in. "During the European tour," Hiatt remembers, "I felt we were a bunch of doctors with bloody hands who were pulling out this baby band. It's so unpredictable - but that's what makes it so special and wonderful."

Mixing the Little Village material with selected numbers from Bring The Family and the various solo careers has brought on a few problems onstage, as Keltner explains, "There are some areas that are a little rough and scary. There is a lot of pressure on Ry because this is a four-piece, and he's used to playing with these huge ninepiece bands."

The influential guitarist sloughed off the compliment, but agrees that there is a lot of extra work involved during the live performances. "Basically, a four-piece band is a blues group, so we're having to do the work of ten musicians onstage-but it's not only me, Keltner is playing some fifty-odd surfaces in concert. It's true that I'm running around stage like a madman, trying to keep up with the songs, and there's a little bit of juggling, but if it sounds good, I don't mind."

As for questions about future projects, the general consensus seems to be that there will be another one, but it won't be in the immediate future for fear of ruining a good thing. "I think this is something that you can't go to the well too often with," states Lowe. "This is a project that you've got to treat with real respect."

Cooder sums up the future speculation with the following comment: "None of us will do this to the exclusion of other things, but it does seem like a worthwhile thing to do. A good thing should have a life of its own, as long as you don't abuse it. I've played music for a long time now, and I know that music doesn't take kindly to overwork and abuse. There is a fine line that you have to watch out for, and the four of us do recognize the importance of not crossing that line."



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BY TOM KIDD

How do you decide who to interview?

SK: Sometimes it's decided for me—we're not kidding anyone. A lot of this has to do with promotion. The studios are promoting their product and it depends on what junkets are available. We try to use our discretion, and we try to remember the word "no." We're consumer reporters, and the marketplace dictates what we'll be doing. It's what people are interested in. It's a twofold thing: You serve the market place and also serve the viewer.

DS: It's pretty simple. It's just a matter of who you think's interesting, who has a big name and who has something going on in their career that makes them somewhat newsworthy.

KS: You have to think in terms of your audience and demographics. On the other side, to me it's much more of an emotional attachment to music. I have pretty eclectic tastes and they run across the board from Cajun music like Queen Ida to B. B. King to groups like P.M. Dawn, which is a new rap group on the scene. It depends on what makes the emotional attachment for me and how I think it will go over with our viewers. There aren't a lot of speed or thrash metal bands on at the moment; it's not the kind of wake-up call we want. We do look at a lot of jazz artists, but we're looking primarily for musicianship and people who can play their instruments. They don't have to be known faces.

FC: It depends on what's happening and who's hot. A band doesn't necessarily have to have a hit—like the Sugarcubes. They've never had a Top Forty hit, but I think their story's very interesting, and I think they're very talented, so I'll do a story on them.

JC: Sometimes it's decided for you. In other words, if somebody comes to us and they say they have a junket for a movie, that's pretty much settled. Other times, somebody might pitch me an actor who's appearing in a current production. Access to stars is very carefully controlled in many cases...It's a combination of availability, your own enterprise, what's of interest and things like that

RP: It's a combination of things. We do have an assignment editor. This is a news show, as opposed to *Entertainment Tonight*, which is a feature show, so we need a news peg. Usually, something shows up on the wire saying this is happening and a chance for you to do so-and-so. It doesn't need much of a news peg, but it needs something.



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"We're consumer reporters, and the marketplace dictates what we'll be doing."

Are you accessible to local talent?

SK: Yes. Call me. I'm not going to kid you and say we're able to follow up on every single one. But I work with three producers—John Amato and Robin Singer on the national level and Jim Mietus on the local—and there's a staff of producers who are on *Studio 22*, the syndicated show. You would be surprised at how many people we are able to get to.

DS: Not that accessible, I would say. We've probably, on the average, not done more than one or two stories on local talent a year because that's about all that merits it. Strangely enough, I think that the real problem there is that—I'm probably going to be in real trouble for saying this—most local talents just assume up front that there's no chance and they don't even call. In fact, when we do the stories about any up-and-coming unknowns, we have to go out and find them. If we can't find a

hook, we might pass on it, but it's definitely an area I would like

KS: We try to focus on bringing local bands in. The main difference between our program and network morning news programs is that we focus on Los Angeles. There's a real appetite for Los Angeles news. My job is to try and look and see as many local bands as I can out there and bring them in. We had a band called Royal Crown Review, which was a swing band. They had a tremendous response. We featured the Irish rock band Young Dubliners. We had another swing/ska band called Jump With Joey and a blues band called Red Devils.

FC: Unsigned is difficult. Because television is a very visual medium, you really have to back it up with a video of something. Basically, they have to have a deal, unless they're doing great stuff and there's a real buzz on them. Then we'll go down and shoot them.

JC: Part of the problem with a television station in a city of this size with a two-and-a-half minute window each night is, you don't get to cover as much up-and-coming local talent as you would like to. On any given night, there may be things happening that you have to cover. I've had this happen many times where there's an interesting story that might involve a small act and you just can't do it because you've got to cover the other thing. So major television is a difficult access situation.

RP: Local's probably better [than network] in a way. There's no kind of criteria. We run it by everybody, and if they decide it's good, they'll do it; if it's not, it'll get shot down.

Have you ever come up with a scoop of which you're proud?

SK: I don't know if I'd call it a scoop, but Meryl Streep gave me a little tidbit...she told me she had heard that Sidney Pollack didn't think that she was sexy enough to be in *Out Of Africa*. She admitted to me that she went out and bought a push-up bra and a lowcut blouse and, needless to say, she got the job. Another thing, when I was talking to Robert Redford, he did say that there had been talk with Barbra Streisand and Sidney Pollack of a sequel to *The Way We Were*, but he said there will not be.

DS: My best one lately was being the only one invited on the set of the making of Michael Jackson's video for "Black and White." That was a genuine scoop and was even called that by the media. KS: I can't point to a piece of news information in producing here that I can say we scooped everyone. What I can say we've done

with our program is to share a much broader spectrum of music with our viewing audience than they've ever been exposed to—the evolution of artists as well as the birth of artists.

FC: That Paula Abdul thing with Yvette Marine when Paula was accused of lip-synching. I got this interview with Yvette Marine and I asked her, "Were you the voice instead of Paula?" And she said, "I didn't say that. Paula did sing. I'm just saying that I sang the guide vocals." That's very different from what her boyfriend/ attorney was alleging. So I got her to say that on tape. But I generally just put the artist close to the fan and vice versa. I don't try to outscoop anybody.

JC: I found out that a certain actor who was in a \$100 million movie this summer didn't work again. I checked and I found out there was a definite prejudice against this particular actor and others of the same breed. Norman the cow has never worked again since City Slickers. He's living on a ranch in Canyon Country. So I did a story taking that approach. Cows never work more than once. I'm not patting myself on the back, but I won a Golden Mike for it. I don't do a lot of investigative stuff. It's never been my forte, I've never been that interested and it's not what I do.

RP: What I do is not exactly scoop-oriented. The most successful pieces I do are pieces about things everybody sees but shows them off in a completely different way. For example, Zsa Zsa Gabor has a new book out. I was surprised at the lack of irony in the coverage, and I did a thing where I said, "Isn't it amazing that she can still get fifteen camera crews to show up?" Then, I did a side-bar piece called "The Good Parts" where I went through the book and said, "You don't have 22 bucks for this book. I'll give you the good stuff right now. On page 181, she sleeps with Marlon Brando. On page 182, here's a good part with Richard Burton."

What makes up a perfect interview and has it ever happened for you?

SK: A willing participant. One example of the perfect interview was Jody Foster recently for Little Man Tate. Jody doesn't like to discuss—and understandably so, because she had absolutely nothing to do with it-the John Hinkley incident. She was set to talk about Little Man Tate on the Today show. She had to be sitting in the green room when they ran a tape that they were going to run preceding her interview. They showed a video tape of President Reagan being shot and James Brady lying in a pool of blood on the sidewalk. She got up and walked out, and I think understandably so. But as a favor, and perhaps there was a little revenge factor in her mind, she had her publicist give us a call because we're a competing morning show. She said, "Whatever you want to do, we'll do." I said, "Okay. Let's go bike riding at Will Rogers Park." She was so on and such a willing participant. She looked great, she was relaxed and it was a perfect interview. DS: The more personal the better. When you happen to get onto some area of discussion that really allows the audience, my audience, to learn something and to get a glimpse of somebody's inner self and true personality in a helpful way. My best one recently was Barbra Streisand. Some of the subject of the interview was Prince of Tides, but in the process of talking about the film,

which has to do with child abuse and dysfunctional childhood, we stumbled on the idea of how much she identified with that. I asked her if that was because she had similar problems in her childhood, and she reluctantly said she did. So it was a very personal thing, and I think it offered a lot of hope and maybe inspiration to a lot of people watching the news who suffer from the same sort of past. KS: Someone who can be perfectly candid about their artistry is important. That's not easy to do. Normally, in any interview situation, even if it's a major news thing, you've got three to five minutes to communicate with people. Unfortunately, it's an artificial situation where you start the interview and you have to be already in the prime of communication and what you're trying to get across. So, for us, the perfect interview would be having someone who's willing to open up almost immediately and be very candid about their artistry as to what they try to get across and what they try to communicate and then for us to flesh it out with a clip of their musical performance or a video.

FC: Somebody who genuinely wants to be there and to talk about their music and has interesting things to say. I don't think it's just my job, it's their job, too. If they're interesting, then I'll ask interesting questions. If somebody gives you yes-and-no answers or they're not willing, then it's hard to pull things. Also, lots of people are very leery of the press because they think that you're not going to understand what they're talking about. That usually doesn't happen to me because I've interviewed people so many times over and over. I usually build a relationship with them. They think, "Oh good, It's Francesca. I don't have to worry about this one."

JC: Sometimes a perfect interview may be one I enjoyed terrifically when I was doing it and then I look at it and it doesn't give me great bytes. Somebody who says something profound, humorous, appropriate, uses the correct subject, verb, object and keeps it to a ten-, twenty- or thirty-second sound byte. That's the fact of television. You can use ellipses—the television equivalent is the cutaway shot—and shorten things, but sometimes you get somebody who is so enthusiastic about something that they start out with something incredible. Then, in the middle they may get distracted and on to something else. When they get back to their original sentence, they're in a different tense. You can't use it.

RP: A perfect interview would be someone I'm interested in. I love musical history, so Les Paul would be a wonderful interview. He's not only a great musician, but somebody who practically invented the electric guitar and is a great innovator. There are a lot of people who don't know who Les Paul is, so there's an educational element—which I like.

Who was your most memorable interview?

SK: Bette Davis. It was when *The Whales of August* was released. First of all, when you say Bette Davis is coming for an interview, that conjures up all sorts of notions because she was such a legend. And then, to have her show up prior to the time she's supposed to be here. To have so many people keep you waiting and she was early, she was prepared, she was an active participant. Then she



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preceded to tell me she was a fan of mine. For someone like Bette Davis to give me as much time as I liked, to answer anything I had to ask, that was quite an experience and one I'll cherish for the rest of my life.

DS: Marlon Brando. He's just so articulate and so grand in his way of talking about things. And the idea that he does very few interviews, so I felt somewhat privileged to be in his company.

KS: I have to tell you one of the most fun interviews we've ever done was with Ray Manzarek of the Doors. We wanted to put him in a situation that was reminiscent of Doors hangouts and try to get an idea of where he is now. We put him over at Barney's Beanery and he shot some pool while he talked directly to our anchor in the studio. We cued him and he's live, talking to a camera just like a Nightline interview, and he goes, "Jeff! Get out of here! The camera's on!"

FC: I don't know. That's really tough. They're all pretty good. I just interviewed Boys II Men and that was good and Color Me Badd and Another Bad Creation because they were here after the American Music Awards and they were all delightful. So I usually take a good memory away each time. I hope to, anyway.

JC: There's a couple that come to mind that I remember, not necessarily because they were good interviews but because of who they were. Falling into that category were Dolly Parton and Sylvester Stallone. I interviewed them at a party with a lot of PR people looking on and they turned out to be two of the nicest people you'd ever hope to meet. The same thing happened with Willie Nelson and Kris Kristofferson together. Here's these incredibly cool guys and our crew was late. I ended up running out of most of my questions before the interview started.

RP: There's a guy named Rick Reynolds. He's not a music guy, he's a comedian. He does a one-man show in town called Only The Truth Is Funny. It's a wonderful show with this comic who stopped doing stand-up and created this two-hour show where he kind of tells his life story...his ruminations on comedy and show business were wonderful. Also, I was able to get to him before anybody else did because of my own interest in comedy [Procter is a former member of the Groundlings]. I was able to

ask him all the questions everybody else asked him, except I was able to ask him two weeks before everybody else.

What's the best part of the job?

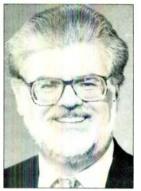
SK: A paycheck every week. Isn't that the best part of any job? DS: The communication and combination of creative energies, the process of the viewing of the film into a cohesive and coherent review. Then, couple that with using all the video sources for the clips and construction of something in two or three minutes that gives the viewer a sense of a movie that took two hours. It's kind of a daily creative challenge.

KS: For me, it's just being able to be exposed to more and more music. Most rewarding for me is that I have a job where I can bring in new talent and share them with people is wonderful. That's a real

FC: That I get to meet a lot of fun people. And even if I wake up one day and go, "I don't want to go to work," by the end of the day I'm usually glad I did. So it's that every day's different and that I

JC: I don't review anymore, but when I did it was the idea of being able to see something first and then telling somebody enthusiastically about this great experience that was coming up for them. Now, for me, it's the chance to be creative. Not, obviously, to the degree of a motion picture, but it's still a very collaborative medium. When you sit down to put a piece together and you work with people and you have the time and it works, that's when it's really fun. It's the creative aspect of being able to take a slightly different approach to something and do it in a memorable way. There's people in this business for the stardom and people in it for the work. I'm in the latter category.

RP: The most fun part is being out in the field and having the unexpected happen. I love it when something happens that forces me to change or be creative on my feet. Emie Kovacs once said, "I owe my success to the fact I can be funny ten minutes before air time." That's what it is. That's what I like. It's the ability every day to go out and try something new.



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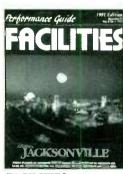
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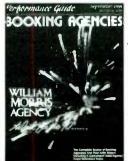


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here are two kinds of success stories in the music business. Some performers set their goals at an early age, persist through the rejections and someday laugh at their detractors from their perch at the top of the charts. Others, like Cheryl James and Sandy Denton, work part-time at Sears, make up rhymes for fun in front of customers, help their pal Hurby Azor with a school assignment and wonder five years later just how they became Salt-N-Pepa, the only female rap act ever to have Top Forty hits and achieve platinum sales status.

While their massive popularity as the Queens of Rap was certainly not an overnight phenomenon, their transformation from Sears

employees to recording artists began as an unexpected lark. James, a.k.a. Salt, and Denton, better known as Pepa, met shortly after high school and were attending college and working nights, depressed and clueless as to their career plans, when co-worker Azor, who was attending the Center of Visual Arts in New York with the hope of becoming an audio engineer, asked them for a favor. "I'm doing a school project," he told them, "a rap song called 'The Showstopper,' in answer to a famous rapper's tune, 'The Show.' I like your personalities and think you'd do a great job as the rappers."

"Even though Salt and I were really into rap, we just sort of went along with Hurby as

By Jonathan Widran

a joke," Denton recalls. "I remember after we recorded it, we kidded around with the other Sears employees, saying, 'Hey, we just did this big hit record.' And the next thing you know...."

Azor liked the way his project turned out and sent it out to several radio stations. A prominent New York deejay began grooving on "The Showstopper," and soon it was the station's most requested song. Listeners demanded a live performance, and James and Denton were on their way.

Well, not quite. See, local success in New York City may be all Sinatra longed for, but pushing a female hip-hop act onto the national scene proved harder than Azor expected. Pop Art Records signed them, and they secured management, but Salt-N-Pepa were young, new and, as James recalls, "got screwed at every turn." Reflecting on the dues-paying done by him and his protegés, Azor says, "We did more recording, but kept getting the runaround from the major labels, which were nervous about breaking a female act. I was about to start pressing an LP myself when...," James pauses, then continues the thought, "...we promised Next Plateau that we could do a really great album for five thousand dollars. We really went through a lot of work on the business side."

But once they broke through, Azor became a virtual behind the boards hit machine for his sassy duo. Even before *Blacks' Magic* took off, the girls hit the R&B charts with the clever rhymes of the Grammy-nominated "Push It," "My Mic Sounds Nice" and "Get Up Everybody (Get Up)." Then came 1990's *Blacks' Magic*—whose title represents James and



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Denton's desire to rid the word "Black" of all negative connotations, i.e. blacklist, black sheep, black market—and Salt-N-Pepa were seasoning radio stations and boom boxes across the land, appealing to all races and giving teenage girls (the core of SNP's audience) something positive to identify with.

The spicy "Do You Want Me" became the first female rap song to hit Billboard's Top Twenty, while its follow-up, "Expression," received the publication's award for Best Rap Single of 1990. But it's their recent hit, the provocative, instantly hooky "Let's Talk About Sex," which has pushed Salt-N-Pepa into a realm of popularity on par with the big boys. Helping to fuel the song is its controversial subject matter. But James and Denton insist that "sex" shouldn't be a dirty word; that their message is only to open up the lines of communication, not suggest anything sordid.

"We're just saying it shouldn't be the no-no subject that it is," Denton explains. "If partners would talk about their feelings regarding sex with each other, they could protect themselves from potential harm." Expanding this idea, James adds, "Communication about this is a positive thing, not just between lovers, but between parents and kids, mothers and daughters specifically. Every mother should tell their daughter what she went through at the beginning and advise the teenager how to protect herself. A lot of tragic teen pregnancies and potential spreading of diseases could be avoided."

Never the type to speak (or rap) idle words, James and Denton continue their support of AIDS awareness. They participated in ABC's recent special devoted to answering families' and young adult's questions about the disease. They performed a revised version of the song and video for "Let's Talk About Sex" on the special, which was hosted by Peter lennings.

Aside from the uproar caused by that song, there are two other issues Salt-N-Pepa have had to address as they've scaled the heights of

"We're not trying to get too heavy, we just want to communicate an idea while inviting people to dance along." —Sandy Denton

rap stardom. One is having to prove to both fans and the industry alike that while rap is a male-dominated genre, there's still room for women to make their mark. And the other is cries that they've sold out their urban roots by crossing over to pop success (something only selected rappers can claim).

Addressing the first problem, Denton claims, "A lot of male rappers thought we just

got lucky, and we really had to show them we had what it takes, despite our gender. Now that we've paved the way, more record companies are giving girls a chance. It goes back to the streets, where rap originated. No one ever saw girls in the parks, rapping along with

"I liked the way Hurby showed faith in us,"she continues. "He wanted that first record, 'The Showstopper,' to answer a male rapper and thought it might be fun to challenge a guy using girls to get his point across. He thought folks might say, 'The nerve of those girls, doing that,' and he was right!"

Regarding the crossover element, James and Denton make it clear that their intention is just to make music people can enjoy, and that the successful marketing to pop audiences is just a lucky by-product of what they've created. Although James claims that fans have told her they'd like SNP to return to their more hard-core urban style next time out, and that the duo is pushing back towards that direction on their upcoming Very Necessary LP, Denton says, "We never tried to go away from urban music, it's just that we happened to reach a larger audience. We're not trying to get too heavy, we just want to communicate an idea while inviting people to dance along.

"We're not out to burden people or tell them that the world is ending, we're just trying to give something back to the black community of musicians who have inspired us in the past. If that gives us crossover success, that's great, and we're pleased that so many people can relate to us."

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By Oskar Scotti

came to California from his native Culpepper, Virginia, in 1986 with a banjo on his back, a haversack full of hope and a lifetime of weighty emotional baggage. But his lofty musical aspirations were laced with doubt; he was—after all—a hayseed singer-songwriter three thousand miles from home. He also had something to prove to the flock of doubters back home. He would make it and roll triumphantly back home in a stretch limo, if only to rub their noses in his laurels.

Today, sitting humbly on a wicker chair at his favorite eatery in Silver Lake, E is cutting up with so many one liners, I thought for a second it was Henny Youngman in disguise. "My parents named me E because they were D and F, respectively, and wanted a child to round out the alphabet," he says. "As for my album, I played 99 percent of everything on it. I just listed those other people on the credits as favors—they're friends of mine and I like to help out the less fortunate."

The affable E, replete with mousy brown forelock and wire-rimmed specs, is, of course, putting on airs for fun. Yet, his effervescent character belies the brooding nature of the tracks on his debut LP, A Man Called E. For, if E has a calling card, it is

boldly embossed with this perplexing duality; he likes the idea of anonymity and wants to perpetuate this shadowy persona in his lifestyle. "I was originally going to attend the Gavin radio seminar in San Francisco to meet with the radio and press but decided at the last minute to stay at home with my girlfriend, Jocelyn," he admits. "It was Valentine's Day, after all." In truth, "It was E's manager, John Carter, opted for a low profile for his subject, and that's fine with the spindly Virginian. 'l've always been more comfortable being a behind-the-scenes guy any-

way."
Four years ago, upon arriving in the land of curdled milk and rancid honey, fate found E stranded on the corner of Yucca and Vine Street longing for attention—any kind of attention. "I was totally star-struck, and I just started handing out cassettes to random passersby, thinking, 'Hey, this is Hollywood, these people might be able to sign me.' I even handed out a tape to Angie Dickinson."

E sat back, reflecting on the memory, his tone suddenly turning dour again; it may have been Tinseltown, U.S.A., but the script bore little in common with Frank Capra."I worked at a lot of dead-end jobs and kept growing increasingly depressed," he continued. Yet, that misery triggered the creative process for E, and he reckons he wrote "a good thousand" tunes during the early years of struggle. Fortunately, he made enough cash to pay the rent and buy tapes, which he loaded up with somber reflections of life in Los Angeles.

One of these fell into the hands of Betsy Anthony of MCA Publishing, who encouraged the tunesmith and handed him a phone number of Parthenon Huxley, a musician with the second weirdest name in L.A. "That's when things started to gel, when I met Parthenon [who co-produced the record and co-wrote three of tracks] and started collaborating on ideas," says E, who also made some important industry contacts during his two-year tenure with *Music Connection*. The E/Parthenon pairing proved fruitful, with "Hello Cruel World" and "Nowheresville" attracting the attention of Polydor head honcho Davitt Sigerson.

In Huxley, E had finally met someone who could deflect his negativity in a positive direction. "Ours is a good check and balance—he's always giving me shit about being depressed and trying to elevate my spirits," says E.

After Sigerson okayed the spartan recording budget, the pair cajoled the label head into keeping the team intact for the production duties. "We said, 'Let us keep the raw feel of the demos," recounts the 26-year-old Virginian. "It wasn't that hard convincing him that we could do it."

A Man Called E was recorded in the basement studio of a house owned and operated by Parthenon's neighbor. The musician turned engineer, Jim Lang, worked out of a piecemeal studio that had one key feature that E and Huxley loved: "It was next door to Parthenon's house," relates E, "and he would often show up for sessions eating a bowl of cereal in his bathrobe."

To make matters worse, E relates that it was unbearably hot in the tiny bunker as the sessions were held in mid-summer. Plus, there were other problems, like the studio's proximity to the main boulevard. To understand what E's referring to, check out "Mockingbird Franklin," a tune he wrote about his girlfriend, Jocelyn. "You can hear a truck revving its engine outside the studio on the first verse," he explains.

E played a music store's worth of stuff on the disc—Hammond Organ, synthesizer, concertina, you name it, if it could be plugged in, whipped or massaged, E dealt with it. But E concedes that he had help on "the more difficult parts of the disc" by the aforementioned minions of mayhem—Lang and Huxley.

However, the record's piece de resistance, the blazing guitar solo on the song "Fitting In With The Misfits," was handled by our perpetually unshaven misfit himself. "it's only got three notes in it, but it blazes, don't you think?" he sheepishly queries.

E's vision is an endearing, albeit sobering, look at the seedy underbelly of the human condition. Though he tends to bemoan more often than exhault, his music leaves an indelible impression. "The next album is going to be even more candid," he says. "I won't disguise anything with echo and reverb like I did this time around."

The misfits of the world have cause to rejoice: They've found a champion at last.



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A Man Called E Polydor



☐ Producers: Parthenon Huxley and E

Top Cuts: "I've Been Kicked Around," "Looking Out The Window With A Blue Hat On."

☐ Material: There is a great deal of anguish percolating in the grooves of this disc, however, somehow, someway, E manages to leave the listener feeling almost optimistic. One problem—and it's a nice problem to have-is trying to pinpoint the standout tracks, since A Man Called E is chock full of gems. "I've Been Kicked Around" hums like a turbine, despite its crotchety refrain. "Pray" artfully displays a herky-jerky rhythmic structure that combines the scintillating craft of mid-period Beach Boys tethered by a Michael Pennlike sobriety. And the artist even displays a country edge at times (he is after all from ole Virginy), especially on "Nowheresville," a tune whose engaging simplicity would do Garth Brooks proud.

☐ Musicianship: Nothing to rival the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra here, but that may have been intentional. Some of the playing is ragtag in delivery, almost hootenannyish, but what E lacks in quality he makes up for in quantity and virtuosity

☐ Production: The tendency here is to let the songs do the talking—just as it should be. Huxley and E never get fancy; however, some of the eccentric touches, like on the odd ball "Symphony For Toy Piano in G Minor," are comical and provide ballast for the overwhelmingly stark textures of the songs. The pair wisely eschewed a hi-tech sound; the swirling warmth of the almost obsolete Hammond B3 runs like a filament throughout the record, providing a comfortable backbone.

☐ Summary: This record deserves a plum spot on any pop pundit's shelf, right alongside Michael Penn's debut LP and last year's alternative breakthrough, Doubt, by Jesus Jones. It is, unquestionably, one of the more vibrant pop debuts of recent vintage. Heartfelt, poignant, beguiling...so many adjectives come to mind as the songs cascade from the stereo.

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ROCK

By Tom Farrell



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Recommended: Chainsaw Kittens bring their Hanoi Rocks vibe to the English Acid on March 25th; Ku-De-Tah, Monkey Paw and Wooden Smoke at the Whisky on March 26th.

Keli Raven is appearing at X-Poseur 54 on April 12th, at 11 p.m. Check it out.

Gazzarri's will be closing for a couple of weeks in mid-April for renovations on their sound and light systems and decor. We also hear that the interior will be modified to increase the club's capacity.

Once again, Club With No Name proprietor Dayle Gloria is teaming up with her old Scream partners, Michael Stewart and Bruce Perdue, to launch a new nightspot. This time it's Hell's Kitchen, located at

912 S. San Pedro in downtown L.A. The site of the short-lived **God Save The Queen**, Gloria asserts that despite complaints logged against the rather shoddy neighborhood, the club is cleaner than ever and more crimefree than a lot of Hollywood locales, based on reports she's received. Hell's Kitchen will be done in the same vein as the **Scream**, which was one of the best clubs in Hollywood's recent history.

Yet another way cool band name of the month: Danger, Will Robinson!, a local outfit comprised of talent from the Musician's Institute.

Rock nights at Vertigo have come to an unfortunate end, with the finger of guilt being pointed at financial problems experienced by the outside promoter responsible for the events. A spokesperson for Pirate Radio (who helped to present the nights) said that "things were going really well," but problems occurred when the promoter's check bounced. A spokesperson for Vertigo confirmed that they also "had problems with the promoter," a sentiment echoed by local bands who accused him of unprofessional conduct and broken promises. After Bang Tango failed to take the stage (supposedly due to a conflict betwen the sound company and the promoter), the nights were called off.

Meanwhile, Pirate Radio has been putting on some fantastic "Recession Relief" shows, presenting such acts as McQueen Street, Neverland, Drivin' N' Cryin', Black Cat Bone and Bangalore Choir at local clubs. According to Pirate promotions honcho Rob Tonkin, "We set the concerts up through the bands and their labels and give the tickets away free to our listeners. It's been going great." The station even hosts an after-party for their guests. Glad to see local radio getting more involved in the local scene, and keep your eyes open for those motorcycle mamas in the Pirate Harley Crew!

WESTERN BEAT

By Billy Block



Duane Jarvis, Rosie Flores and Don Lindley in Austin

Where can you get the world's best mexican food, tastiest BBQ and hear the best bands in the country? Why, only in Austin, Texas, at the South by Southwest Music Conference. I have to thank my good friends Bitsy Rice of Lighthouse Publishing and her golf club wielding husband Dr. Bill for their most gracious hospitality. I must also thank little Will Rice for a fine day of kite flying.

flying.

L.A. was very well-represented at SXSW as Mandy Mercier was joined by Lucinda Williams for an exciting set at La Zona Rosa. Ray Doyle played an all-acoustic set at the Hyatt Atrium with Mike Freid and Ed Berghoff, Wylie and the Wild West Show and Dale Watson performed an opening night concert at the Ritz that was very well-received. Mitch Cohen who manages Wylie and Dale was still flying high from their successful showing in Nashville. Bluewater Music's Brownlee Ferguson and Frank Lidell presented Re Winkler at the Ritz. Accompanying Re was Dan Dugmore, Reece Clark and Gurf Morlix. Rosie Flores performed an inspired instore acoustic set with Duane Jarvis, Dusty Wakeman and Donald Lindley at Waterloo Records. KPCC music director Rene Engel. Hightone's Larry Sloven, Katie Derryberry, Dave Wycoff Esq., Lorne Rall (who is now in Steve Forbert's band) and Rykodisc's Jim Bradt were all on hand to cheer Rosie on.

Lucinda Williams' show at the Ritz was SRO as she, D.J., Gurf Morlix, John Chambiottl and Don Lindley ripped through a set of songs that will appear on her first release for Chameleon Records. Backstage well-wishers included Hamstein Music's Richard Perna, Rosie, Mike Johnstone with his everpresent video camera, Mandy Mercier and Reeva Hunter.

Highlights of SXSW included the first stateside appearance of Warner Bros.' act and current MC cover boys, Little Village, featuring John Hiatt, Nick Lowe, Jim Keltner and Ry Cooder. Enjoying their set was Lone Wolf's J.W. Williams, Ten Ten's Mike Porter, drummer Gary Ray and half of Austin. Those who didn't make it this year should definitely plan ahead.

The Nashville Entertainment Assoc. has scheduled Thursday, April 30, 1992, for an all-day seminar entitled "Closing The Gap Between LA and Nashville." The event will take place at the Universal Hilton Hotel from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Prominent artist manager Ken Kragen (Kenny Rogers, Travis Tritt) will be the keynote speaker during the semi-nar. Panelists will include Harold Shedd, Polygram Records; Pam Lewis (Garth Brooks); Jonathan Stone, Windswept Pacific Publishing; Epic recording artist Joe Diffie and many more. Advance registration \$85; after April 24th -\$125; the fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, acoustic writers show, reception with panelists and a Super Barndance to be held that night. The Super Barndance will present local unsigned talent and a special appearance by Arista Records' Diamond Rio. This will be held at At My Place in Santa Monica, from 8 p.m. -12 p.m. Seminar registrants admitted free; general admission \$6 at the door. To register send check or money order to the NEA, P.O. Box 121984, Nashville, TN 37212-1948. For further info, call Barbara Dale at (310) 289-6322.



Tigg Ketler of Bang Tango with Jani Lane of Warrant



Mike Fried, Ray Doyle and Ed Berghoff at SXSW



JAZZ

By Scott Yanow



The Max Roach Quartet

At first glance, the duo of Bobby McFerrin and Chick Corea would seem to be a highly unlikely combination. While McFerrin is a unique vocalist who is often very humorous in concert, the versatile keyboardist Corea is usually heard in one of his groups. Yet their recent duet concert at the Wiltern Theatre was a classic, full of hilarious moments and superb musical interplay. Chick Corea held up his end of the partnership with brilliant humor which, when combined with McFerrin's antics, often bordered on performance art. A play-by-play of their two sets is unnecessary (and impossible anyway) but included these incidents: Corea and McFerrin turning the piano into a drum by playing inside the keyboard, a high-note battle that climaxed with McFerrin whistling, Corea exploring "Round Midnight," the singer doing an expert imitation of a pipe organ, Corea beating a cymbal to death, a surprise guest appearance by Al Jarreau for "All Blues," McFerrin putting on a solo display that found him keeping three

voices going simultaneously, more conventional versions of "Blue Bossa" and "Spain," and McFerrin for a finale performing the "Mickey Mouse" theme song (with both male and female voices) as grand opera! Needless to say this was a show not to be missed.

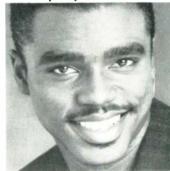
One of the top regular groups in jazz is the Max Roach Quartet, whose set at Catalina's featured the impressive talents of all four members (trumpeter Cecil Bridgewater, Odeon Pope on tenor, bassist Tyrone Brown and the classic drummer). At the start of a half-hour performance, Roach constructed a brilliant drum solo (often in several time signatures at once). Pope's passionate playing featured split tones and some circular breathing. Brown's solemn tone on bass did not disguise his soulfulness and Bridgewater made one realize how underrated a trumpeter he has always been. A 6/4 version of "Good Bait" and the spiritual "Calvary" were also quite enjoyable; Roach's Bluemoon debut To The Max is well worth acquiring.

Hard to believe, but it's almost time for the Playboy Jazz Festival again. With B.B. King, Joe Williams, the Yellowjackets, the Clayton-Hamilton Orchestra, Grover Washington Jr., the Brecker Brothers Reunion and fourteen other groups, this fun weekend (June 13-14) promises to be sold out soon!

Upcoming: Le Cafe (818-986-2662) features the Rob Mullins All-Stars (Mar. 27-28), Terry Trotter (Mar. 30) and Mark Isham (Apr. 1). Lunaria's (310-282-887) hosts Lorez Alexandria (Apr. 2). Catalina's (213-466-2210) has Charles Brown (through Mar. 29) and the Harper Brothers (Mar. 31-Apr. 5) while Pedrini Music (818-289-0241) continues its series of free Saturday afternoon concerts with the Pat Senatore Trio (Mar. 28).

URBANCONTEMPORARY

By Wayne Edwards



Stormin' Norman Brown

As usual, the Soul Train Awards brought a lot of major record industry execs to town, making March a very busy month. The annual Soul Train Awards Pre-Party was once held at the Sheraton Grande Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. This year's honorees were mega-producers Jimmy Jam & Terry Lewis. Live entertainment was provided by Jive recording artists Hi-Five.

Norman Connors, Captain of the Quiet Storm, performed at All That Jazz in the Beverly Center to rave reviews. Connors is set to begin his debut disc for Motown Records after completing production on guitarist Stormin' Norman Brown, the heir apparent to George Benson.

Atlantic Starr, continuing their crossover role with yet another ballad, "Masterpiece," was slated to appear at R&B Live!... Marky Mark & the Funky Bunch turned out the Wiltern Theatre... and keyboardist Rodney Franklin did the same at

LeCafe in Sherman Oaks.

Speaking of LeCafe, guitarist Doc Powell, best known for his longtime association with Luther Vandross, will be appearing at the intimate upstairs room on Friday and Saturday, April 17 & 18. Powell says it's a weekend birthday party and all kinds of surprise guests will drop by for some formal and informal jam sessions. Considering all the folks Powell has performed with, it's exciting to think about who might show up. Call (818) 986-2662 for further information on that and other upcoming concerts.

A second show, at 10:30, has been added to Patti Labelle's April 4 date at the Celebrity Theatre in Anaheim. She's also appearing the previous night at the Universal Amphitheatre. Bill Cosby, whose love of music (he's once again hosting the Playboy Jazz Festival) earns him an honorary mention in this column, will bring his comedy routine to the same venue on May 2nd at 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Rapper Ice-T, in one of the all too few rap shows to play Los Angeles proper, is appearing at the Palace in Hollywood (March 27). Opening for the ice-man will be special guest Eye & I... Zulu Spear will be at the Roxy April 7.

The Hop in Puente Hills is starting to make some noise offering Vesta (Apr. 5), Nancy Wilson (Apr. 15) and Bobby Caldwell (Mar. 29). Caldwell is also returning to the Strand in Redondo Beach on April 18. Also appearing at the nitery in April: Marilyn McCoo (Apr. 4), Gary Taylor (Apr. 11) and Regina Belle (Apr. 24).

Looking ahead, the club offers Gladys Knight (May 7), the Four Tops (June 3), an oldies show featuring the Manhattans, Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes and Ray, Goodman & Brown (June 6). Bobby Blue Bland hits later in the month (June 26).



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CLUB REVIEWS



Christy McCool: An adrenaline rush.

Christy McCool

Club Lingerie Hollywood

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□ Contact: Brady: (213) 962-7787 ☐ The Players: Thomas Tree, vo-cals; Neil McAnally, bass, backing vocals, Jason D, guitar; Bobby Breton,

☐ Material: Like that piece of cinematic genius Point Break, Christy McCool is: (using cheesy voice-over tone) one hundred percent pure adrenaline. Unrelenting from the outset, their phrenetic, raunchy, hellbent sound illegitimatly recalls Faith No More, Liguid Jesus and Superchunk, complete with fist sized chunks. The songs were bursts of energy, housed in the confines of speed funk, speedier metal and dissonant punk fluctuations that careened wildly off the walls and planted themselves like so many pieces of shrapnel in my virgin ears. There's no discriminating when the cuisineheart is on frappe, just a lot of flying crap that ends up on the walls, leaving you with art or a premeditated, dry, sticky substance.

☐ Musicianship: Caught up in this maelstrom are a group of pretty damn good musicians. Neil McAnally's recondite bass playing was quite intrigu-

ing, not really structuralized or freeform, its viruosity lies in its indefinable style. The lead quitar work would have made any strip rock goof re-enroll at GI; Jason D's fretwork far surpasses the average axheads' capabilities. Bobby Breton thumps gratuitously on drums, never relinquishing the spastic pace and always filling the nodes of negative sound. Leading this troup of scary sin is Thomas Tree, complete with bullhorn and screechadelic banter: there could be no other vocal technique for this band than his blender in cheek emanations.

□ Performance: Tree, looking like Warren Zevon and dressed like a lost member of Funkadelic, bounced around the stage, adding a visual compliment to the schizophrenic tone. The energy element was more than provided for by the music, as the other members concentrated on their playing and did that rock & roll thing. The megaphone vocals bit could have benefitted from a little moderation; novelty loses its novelty when it's beat over your head.

☐ Summary: I could be the umteenth scribbler to tell how they got their name story, but their name's as obscure as their music, and I'll let you figure them both out. There's no middle ground when it comes to Christy McCool's music, either you take the shot of glowing Reanimator liquid in the medulla oblongata, or you walk out and wonder what the hell would have happened had you stayed. To be quit honest, this really wasn't my cup of java, but the guys can wail; and their potency and uniqueness alone are enough for me to use that lame opening line about adrenaline.

Mother Conviction

The Whisky West Hollywood 1 2 3 4 5 6 6 8 9 0

☐ Contact: Tony Goff, (818) 377-4344 ☐ The Players: Tony Goff, lead vocals; Joey Mareno, lead guitar, backing vocals; Mike Riojas, bass, backing vocals; Joe Hite, piano, organ, backing vocals; Joe Goff, drums.

☐ Material: Hard rock with an R&B edge that gets the feet moving as well

as the head banging. In other words, Mother Conviction caters to different tastes. There's something for everyone. M.C. delivers sheer volume and thrash to those who like their music heavy and lay down deep funky grooves for the closet dancers in the crowd. "My Song," "Kissing Tree," and "Not Afraid To Die" show a more personal and introspective side to the

☐ Musicianship: M.C. plays well together and seems to be a cohesive unit. Obviously technically proficient musicians, there nevertheless seems to be no extraordinary players in this band. The rhythm section, consisting of bassist Riojas and drummer Joe Goff, provided a solid backbeat. Against this backdrop, guitarist Mareno and keyboardist Hite then added a splash to color the proceedings.

Performance: Led by frontman Tony Goff, M.C. exhibited an energetic stage presence which succeeded in getting some of the audience (mostly the women) to let go of their inhibitions, particularly when Mareno and Hite discarded their shirts and finished the evening's performance only wearing plaid flannel shorts. Unlike most hard rock bands playing on the Strip, M.C. was not above engaging in a certain amount of lighthearted, zany onstage antics which gave personality to the set. The highlight of the evening, and undoubtedly the band's strongest point, was, in honor of Freddie Mercury, renditions of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" and "We Are The Champions." This medley of songs, done as an encore, allowed the band to showcase their greatest musical asset, an ability to harmonize in a complex and intricate system of a capella vocals.

Summary: The unquestioned ability to harmonize well, in and of itself, makes Mother Conviction stand out as more than just standard fare one would expect to hear coming from the Sunset Strip. In spite of this talent, M.C. seems to suffer from the most common of maladies afflicting the local club scene: a seeming inability to craft unique and out-of-the-ordinary original material. Part of this problem may be that this lineup has only been performing together for a relatively short period of time. Maybe not enough time to come up with better, more distinctive mate--Harriet Kaplan



Mother Conviction: Lacking strong songs.

TCLUB REVIEWS



Pressurehed: Enjoyable but redundant.

Pressurehed

Club Linaerie Hollywood

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□ Contact: Cathy Johnston: (310)

☐ The Players: Len Del Rio, analog synthesizers, tape loops; Tommy Johnston, guitar, vocals; Marc Collignon, bass, vocals.

■ Material: Claiming sheer ignorance when it comes to bands such as Can, Hawkwind and Chrome (the group's listed influences), I ventured to form a new opinion about a style of music that seemed derivative and unique at the same time. We'll call it experimental, avant-gloom with major psychedelic undertones. Drawing on a heavy synthesized, technical vein, Pressurehed incorporates samples, drum machines, keyboards, a rigid bass, a free-flowing guitar and sterile vocals that might have harkened back to the early Devo days. The featured songs were a study in repetition; a persistently quantifing hypnosis that both mesmerized and

☐ Musicianship: The wall of synthesized sound, skillfully mastered by Len Del Rio, was completely and ingeniously integrated to give the band a pervasive sound that was defiantly polemic but disarmingly listenable. Marc Collignon's functional bass playing added a murky element to the already bottom heavy sound. But the emancipating constituent was Tommy Johnston's lead guitar work; reacting to the cold, grounding techno sound, it allowed the group the flexibility to not come off one handed. As for the vocals, their importance seemed secondary and minimal; sort of a way to legitimize the "song" concept

Performance: One could not speak of the Pressurehed sensory experience without commenting on the stimulating visuals. Using psychedelic permutations, old obscure cartoons and various stark imagery, the engaging backdrop fit to perfection the hypnotic vibrations that melded the auditory into the transitory. The overall effect complimented their approbation with Sixties soundtrack music. Many groups try to produce a multi-faceted affair, failing idividually as well as collectively; this can't be said of Pressurehed. ☐ Summary: It was an enjoyable set of eclectic, if at times, stifling redundant music. Boasting a crew that hails from Belfast, Brussels and Downey (as in California), this band can't help but be at odds with the mundane Los Angeles music scene. Before this gig, I thought my musical taste was somewhat diverse.... --Jjet

B.B. Chung King And The Screamina **Buddah Heads**

FM Station North Hollywood 1 2 3 4 5 6 6 8 9 10

□ Contact: Chris Fletcher, Coast To Coast Consulting, (818) 909-9663

The Players: B.B. Chung King (aka

Alan Mirikitani), lead vocals, lead guitar; Bobby Schneck, rhythm guitar, backing vocals; Mike Stover, bass; Ray Hernandez, drums; Kellie Rucker, harmonica, backing vocals.

☐ Material: Raucous blues with hardrock overtones that manage to be contemporary in the vein of Stevie Ray Vaughan but owe a debt or two to the past, particularly the innovative fretwork of Jimi Hendrix. Possessing a repertoire of over two hundred songs in the musical arsenal, they obviously had time only to perform ten of these. Overall, the tunes were melodic and, for the most part, seemed catchy, but only three songs could be considered above-average fare. These numbers included two original compositions, "Little Miss Lover" and "Rayleen." The former boasted a sexy and sinewy groove that wouldn't let up, the latter possessed a gritty roadhouse style that gave clubgoers a release valve for their pent-up reservoir of kinetic energy. Most of the songs performed during this set were fast-paced and upbeat. The show's one exception was a cover of Jimi Hendrix's "Little Wing. This version, similar to the original, was done in a thoughtful, melancholy

Musicianship: From the night's opening number it was readily apparent that King was an above-average guitar player, both in his blues licks and his harder rock techniques. King's gruff, rough-hewn vocals were per-fectly suited to his genre of music. The rest of the band seemed competent and proficient in their backup capacity. Besides the well-crafted guitar leads executed by King, the harmonica playing of Rucker was the highlight of the evening, adding texture and color to the various songs.

☐ Performance: While the music was primarily high-energy in its delivery, the band displayed a cool and subdued demeanor onstage. This is not to say that they played with no emotion, but their approach live seemed to emphasize their musicianship rather than posturing or theatrics. Rucker's spunkiness succeeded in adding an element of personality to the often lowkey performance by the rest of the band.

Summary: B.B. Chung King and the Screaming Buddah Heads have been together for about three years now. During this period, they have played all over town, doing as many as ten shows a month. In doing so they have attracted much critical attention and acclaim as well as many loyal fans. This was evident by the enthusiastic reception they received at this show. However, the novelty of seeing an Asian playing the blues will only go so far. Better material is definitely in order. Maybe one of the other two hundred songs could possibly be their ticket to success. Based on the ten numbers they showcased during this performance, the majority of their material seemed like fairly standard barroom blues done by many other bands across the country. -- Harriet Kaplan



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CLUB REVIEWS

Swingin' Thing

The Roxy West Hollywood

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O Contact: Tom Hulett and Associates: (213) 395-5994.

The Players: Paul Bardot, singer: Chris Penketh, guitar; Sunny Phillips, guitar; Henry Kelly, bass; Michael Penketh, drums.

☐ Material: You have to wonder how long the Mötley Crüe/Hanoi Rocks residue will linger on the club scene...Swingin' Thing is a case in point. While nothing they do is truly horrendous, and in fact they can be entertaining, still there is nothing about them that sets your sock on fire or impresses you as being novel. While "Better Left Unsaid" is a classic whitetrash acoustic ballad that works well, the vibe of "Avenue Boys" is a little too close to "Mama Kin" to make you feel comfortable. And on "I Want Your Body," you wish they would just take the plunge and say "pussy" instead. Indeed, what they need is a little more

☐ Musicianship: These guys pound out some tight rhythms, that's for sure. and there is really not one of them you can take issue with, except for Bardot. He's predictable, not that strong a vocalist and sounds thin in front of such a mighty music machine.

□ Performance: They led into the first number with samples from the Beastie Boys and Queen, which was a great way to get the audiense up and interested. Unfortunately, the payoff wasn't there. "Spontaneous" synchronized moves. Light show. Dry ice. Next case?

Summary: Swingin' Thing has wicked guitars, a great bass and drums, and vocals that need a kick in the ass. You have the feeling that the essence of a really good band is there, but some overhauling needs to be done before they go further down the road.

-Sam Dunn

Mark Curry

Coconut Teaszer West Hollywood

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□ Contact: Rob Ladd: (213) 469-3552 ☐ The Players: Mark Curry, guitar, vocals; Paul Roesseler, keyboards; Charlie Quintana, drums; Kenny Lyon,



Swingin' Thing: Predictable and



Uninvited: Listenable and likeable.

bass; Aaron Abeyta, quitar.

Material: Curry makes you think of '56 Chevys, James Dean and smokefilled bars with wood floors. Much in the same vein as Johnny Diesel and the Injectors, Curry's music pulls from blues, country, and honky-tonk rock & roll. His songwriting is soulful and moving, working best on numbers like "Lyin' On The Telephone" and "All My Suites Are Torn." Some arrangements need work, though; the songs tend to take you down and leave you there. A few more fast-tempo numbers like "Blow Me Down" would help roll his set along, too.

☐ Musicianship: Curry has placed a good band behind him-each member contributes to the whole and not one element is overwhelming. The effortlessness of their performance is the true earmark of seasoned professionals. Curry's voice is lush, gritty, and always on key. It's a powerful instrument, and he wields it as such.

☐ Performance: There are no fancy stage maneuvers here, but Curry's persona is in itself riveting, recalling an early Chris Isaacs. His charisma hits you like a low blow, but he can be annoying-after every single song he said, "Thanks, guys." Put a little more effort into your segues, please, or skip them altogether.

Summary: Curry is a compelling performer who offers material with wide appeal. More work on arrangements, some new songs, and an energy boost would serve him well. Ultimately, though, all the pieces are there to make him a great act; some molding and shaping is all that is needed.

-Sam Dunn

The Uninvited

Club Linaerie Hollywood

1 2 3 4 5 7 8 9 10

□ Contact: The Uninvited: (213) 841-2342.

☐ The Players: John Taylor, guitar, vocals; Steve Taylor, guitar, vocals; Bill Corey, bass, vocals; Bruce Logan,

drums, backing vocals.

• Material: This quartet delivers listenable and likable tunes that expertly combine elements of bluegrass, blues and country in a pop/rock format. At moments they can sound pretty R.E.M.-ish; at other times their singalong hooks, powerful harmonies and

solid arrangements are reminiscent of-are you ready?-Loggins and Messina. Squeeze, too. But don't get the wrong idea-they're not another knock-off band, they're just, as is said, "accessible." Their most stellar moments came at the end of the set, after Clay Goldstein joined them on har-monica for "Kali Station," a rip-roaring rocker that had the audience dancing and cheering, and "She Talks To The Rain," a gentler ballad. Their problem, though, is that some songs can sound too much the same: "Tired Of Hangin' 'Round" and "Edge Of A Penny" sounded tired and dull.

☐ Musicianship: These four are their own ten-piece orchestra. The Taylor brothers play banjo and mandolin, and do it well. They also pitch in on the tambourine, maracas...you name it. Corey may be a thin surfer-looking dude, but he plays bass like he's possessed with the soul of Bootsy Collins. Logan is no slouch, either. He provides a solid framework for the band and even makes time for some Tommy Lee-like swirls of his sticks.

☐ Performance: If these guys had been a little more on top of their game during the first half of their set, they would have earned at least an eight rating. But they were sluggish and loose, especially on the first two numbers. Once they did kick into gear, though, they seemed to have a spectacular time and inspired everyone else to do the same. Onstage they're comfortable, smiling, laughing, with more bounce than Air Jordans.

☐ Summary: Incredibly musical, laidback and listener-friendly, the Uninvited may be getting more welcomes in the future. If they can deliver a more even set and throw out some of their weaker offering, these guys could be an extremely hot commodity. As it is, they're still a hell of a good time.

-Sam Dunn



Mark Curry: Soulful and moving.

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Piano: No

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Club Capacity: 500

Stage Capacity: 12-15
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Piano: No Audition: Send tape, promo pack, SASE. Pay: Negotiable.

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Stage Capacity: 8
PA: Yes

Lighting: Yes Piano: No

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Lighting: Yes
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Lighting, You Lighting: Yes Piano: No Audition: Send promo pkg. Pay: Negotiable.

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Styles: Like the stuff on your favorite radio station. Rock energy, blues feeling, classical chops, jazz knowledge and slamming beats.

Technical Skills: Producer, keyboardist, sonnwitter singer arranger recording exclusives.

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STEVE BLOM

STEVE SLOW
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Instruments: Custom made Tom Smith Strat,
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GM-70 MIDI converter for synth parts. State of
the art effects rack. Read Music: Yes.

Styles: R&B, jazz fusion, rock

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Technical Skillis: Great look, sound and stage presence. Dynamic soloist.
Qualifications: 3 years classical study at CSUS, jazz study with Ted Greene, Henry Robinette, the Faunt School and more. Have played/toured with Maxine Nightingale, David Pomerantz, Tommy Brechtlein, Peter Schless ("On The Wings Of Love"), John Novello, Jamie Faunt, Glona Rusch, Nicky Hopkins, Glen Zatolla.
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Phone: (818) 994-9344
Instruments: Modulus 5-string bass, Ibanez,
Kramer accusite & custom 4-string basses, SWR
400 watt stereo amp with one 2 x10 cabinet and
one 1x15 cabinet.

Read Music: Charts

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Styles: All.
Technical Skills: Strong groove player, solid time, great feel, professional and able to take direction, knowledge of theory, arranging and

direction, knowledge of theory, arranging and harmony.

Vocal Range: Backgrounds.

Qualifications: Over 10 years of studio and live performance experience. Shared stage with Flock of Seaguils, The Motels, The Producers, Dickles, Steve Marriot and The Pilmsouls. Played and recorded woth members of Talk Talk, Wang Chung and Millions Like Us. Graduate of Grove School of Music School of Music.

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Phone: (213) 479-2010
Instruments: Akai /Linn MPC-60, (sampling sequencer), simmons and Dauz MIDI pads and set. MIDI kit and PM 16 MIDI controllers. Pearl acoustic drums. Roland R8M sound module,

Technical Skills: Drum programming, Sam-pling acoustic and/or electronic drums. Read Music: Yes.

Styles: All.

Styles: All.

Qualifications: Large library of quality samples.

Film and TV, casuals, sessions, shows. Berklee
College of Music.

Available For: Drum programming (sampling),
sessions, casuals and consultations.

MAURICE GAINEN

Phone: (213) 662-3642 Instruments: Fostex G-16 16-track with full

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Read music: Yes.

Styles: All

Technical Skills: Woodwinds, keyboards, ar-ranging, composing. Complete demo and mas-ter production. (MIDI and/or written music for live

Qualifications: Berklee College of Music, National Endowment for the Arts Scholarship. Discovery Records solo artist. LASS and NAS pro

covery records solo artist. LASS and NAS pro-member, Lots of live and recording experience. Jingle and songwriting track record. Available for: Sessions, concerts, touring, full service production in my studio. MIDI and studio consultation. Original songs with tracks avail-able to singers. No spec deals. Pro situations

CESAR GARCIA

Phone: (818) 891-2645 Instruments: Saxophones tenor, alto, soprano and flute. Electric effects. Yamaha REX 50. Read Music: Yes.

Nead wuste: Yes.
Styles: All.
Technical Skills: Songwriter.
Vocal Range: Tenor.
Qualifications: 25 years experience, hot soloist, lead vocals. 3 years of college, music major.
One year at Dick Grove School of Music. One
year at L.A. Jazz Workshops. Have played with
many or ollayers around flown concerts. casually many pro players around town, concerts, casuals clubs and sessions. Have recorded my own solo

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Read Music: Yes.

Styles: All.

Qualifications: New Gretsch artist, Philadelphia Music Academy graduate w/BM in Percussion, transcribes for Modern Drummer, performed w/Bill Medley, Bob Cranshaw, Maurice Hines, Jamie Glaser, Eric Marienthal, Bob Shepard, Andrew Woolfolk, Chuck Wayne, Grant Geissman, Dinah Shore, Helen O'Connell, Biff Hannon, Brian Bromberg, Blackstone, Lee Jackson, Darlene Koldenhoven, Larry Nash. TV & film: Roseanne Barr, Wise Guys, Let's Talk, Asian Media Awards, Good Morning America.

Avallable For: Sessions, jingles, videos, tours, writing, inspiring instruction, any pro situation! Styles: All.

CARLOS HATEM

Phone: (213) 874-5823 Instruments: Percussion and drum-set. Drums-shakers, bells and whistles. Read Music: Yes.

Styles: Pop, rock, funk, latin, jazz. Qualifications: Original music projects in the pop & dance field. National & international tour-ing. Television performance credits. Soundtrack percussion. Music production. Languages: English & Spanish. Highlights: "The Grammy's Around The World". Enterlainment Tonight, MTV Artist Of The Year award winner on ABC Television series Bravisimo, Drummer on The Paul Rodriguez Show

Available For: Recording, live performance, sequencing and lessons. For specifics, please call (213) 874-5823.

ERIC LITMAN

Phone: (310) 445-9292 Instruments: Saxophones, alto, tenor, baritone.

Read Music: Yes.

Vocal Range: Tenor, for backup vocals.

Technical Skills: I am 25 years old and have
been playing for 20 years. I am fully schooled.

Qualifications: Performed with Neville Brothers, Billy Preston, former session player with RCA N.Y. studios. Avallable For: Live paying gigs/paying sessions. No B.S. please

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Phone (818) 982-1198
Instruments: Akai S1000, Roland 330, DX7 II,
M1, Proteus, 808 drum machine, DAT, lurntable,
complete MIDI production studio, extensive
sample library, access to any keyboard.
Technical Skills: Complete song production,
arranging and programming, remixing and scoring

arranging and possible.

ing.

Qualifications: Written and/or produced songs for Deniece Williams, Five Star, TimmyT, Irene Cara, Mona Lisa and Tommy Page. Remix production for Color Me Badd and many songs in TV

and turn. Avallable For: Song production, remixing, sam-pling, programming. House and hip-hop produc-tion, arranging.

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Instruments: Full 24 trk studio, specializing in HR/HM drums, guitar, keyboard layering and vocal sounds. Drumtriggers with Roland PM-16, full computer control. Akai S-1000, various sound sources. Gibson Flying V, Roland D-50. Read Music: Yes. Styles: Heavy metal, hard rock.

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Read Music: Yes
Styles: Extremely flexible, strong grooves and

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Technical Skills: Accomplished planist, synth and sequencing programming, sampling, vocal and instrumental production, song, and jingle writing, engineering, electronic percussion and drums, vocals.

Qualifications: NEC Grad, live performance from the rock clubs of Boston to the Jazz clubs of

N.Y. city to the salsa clubs of San Juan to the Brazilian clubs of L.A. Numerous studio and record credits including: Grace Jones, Tone Loc, John Barry, Hans Zimmer, Johnny Clegg, Irene Cara, Mananne Faithful and more. Composer of Cara, Marianne Faithful and more. Composer of numerous on air national and international com-mercials. Staff writer and producer -4 years, Elias Assoc., NY, staff producer, composer-3 years, Rhythm Safan Records, L.A... Producer-LAtino LAtino..more

Available For: All the above

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Styles: All-rock & pop a specialty, Traditional &
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Forein nampe: renor.

Qualifications: Have played with Russell Ferrante, Jeff Richman, Justo Almano, Jamie Glaser and Chuck Loeb, and with members of the bands of Barry Manilow, Howard Hewitt, Maynard Fergusson and Manilyn McCoo. AA in commercial music, graduate of the Grove School of Music.

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MICHAEL STARK

Phone: (213) 876-9864 Instruments: Electric & acoustic guitars, rack

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Styles: Fusion, jazz rock, blues r&b, funk, folk, new age, classical, contemporary & big band, but prefers fusion.
Technical Skills: Exceptional improvising "in" or "out" over vamps or changes, fast learner, vast knowledge of music, great ear, songwriting and excellent technical facility.
Qualifications: Eastman School of Music, Berklee College of Music, graduate of MIT, studied with Scott Henderson, 100's of original tunes and 12 vears experience.

and 12 years experience.
Available For: Sessions, performances, show-cases, studio work, private instruction at all levels, songwriting, touring, forming original band, any pro-situation.

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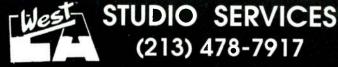
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