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A&M and PolyGram initiate CD single price format

A joint venture between the PolyGram Group labels, A&M-Island-Motown and PolyGram Records, will see a launch of CD singles targeted at reinvigorating the rapidly declining CD singles market.

"We are launching singles in earnest," explains Bill Ott, A&M-Island-Motown's executive vice-president. "In essence we are attempting to restore the singles market as an important promotional and entry vehicle for new music consumers."

Perhaps the biggest hurdle CD single product has always had to overcome is the high price point in comparison to a full album.

Because the manufacturing costs on a full album CD and a CD single are essentially the same, with the exception of the royalty rate, the traditional price difference to the consumer that existed during the period when vinyl singles were popular as a vehicle containing two tracks, as opposed to a full album containing ten to twelve tracks, was narrowed with the new CD single format. This resulted in a product that provided little advantage to the consumer whose relative indifference to the cassette and CD single formats has resulted in a decline in 1993 of 50% in total singles sales from 1992, according to the latest CRIA statistics.

"We are optimistic that by providing the consumer with digital quality music, in an attractive and durable format and at a price that represents real value when compared to the full album project, he or she will embrace the format," says Ott.

The new CD single format will feature two tracks, packaged in a conventional jewel case. Rather than have a standard CD insert

card on the front, the graphics, artist and song credits and record company logos will be printed on the disc itself in up to three colours.

The reverse side will contain a tray card with package information, including label and UPC information and the new CRIA marketing slogan "MUSIC FOR ALL ITS WORTH."

"The common packaging will give us continuity," continues Ott. "We want to create consistency for label presentation so that when they are merchandised together at retail, CD singles will be easily recognizable to the consumer."

"Recognizing that to preserve the consumer-accepted price differential between the single and the full album, we would have to offer the consumer an exceptional price value, and we have set suggested retail prices at \$3.99. In most cases, this equals or betters current retail prices for cassette singles."

"We realized that if the format is to succeed, we would have to shrink our margins to what amounts to a break-even proposition. The payoff will come if we are able to develop a new generation of music consumers who will hopefully graduate to purchasing complete albums, or music in other formats."

In regards to retail support, major players

such as HMV and Sam The Record Man have indicated that they would welcome the configuration. "I believe that all retail will embrace the CD single, in the anticipation that its success will help to build new music consumers for an industry whose sales have been in decline over the past few years," says Ott.



Both PolyGram Records and A&M-Island-Motown Records will be releasing new titles on the format, as well as a comprehensive list of catalogue selections.

YTV honours youth at 5th Achievement Awards

Tarzan Dan and Weird Al Yankovic will be the frenetic hosts of this year's YTV Achievement Awards honouring Canada's young people, to be broadcast April 16 from Ottawa's National Arts Centre.

The awards honour Canadians 19 and under who have excelled in one of a number of

different categories. The winners were chosen by a core of judges from national youth associations, as well as by celebrity and expert judges from the respective disciplines.

The show will feature live performances by award winners Gypsy Soul and Seventh Stone (tied in the band category), Matthias Sperling (dance), Marc-Andre Gauthier (instrumental), Marie-Alice Depestre (vocal), and Emilie Grenon-Emiroglou and Genevieve Bessette (specialty performance).

Other winners to be honoured include Steve Gendron (acting); Amelia Peter-Paul (bravery); Marc Boutet (entrepreneurship); Diana Steffen and Linda Hoogendoorn (environmental); Samir Gupta and Denis Tsui (innovation); Denise Campbell (public service); Marc Gagnon (sports); Zoe Mackenzie (visual arts) and Sheila Heti (writing).

As well, Moose Jaw resident Brad DeLorey will be presented the Terry Fox Award, which exemplifies dedication, determination and the spirit for which Fox is remembered.

The winners will be flown to Ottawa by YTV, and will receive a statuette and a \$3,000 honorarium. They will also be honoured at a special Rideau Hall reception hosted by Governor General Ray Hnatyshyn, the patron of the fifth annual awards.

Awards show host Tarzan Dan counts down the top 30 music videos every week on YTV's Hit List, and is also a popular drive-time DJ on Toronto's AM640.

Weird Al Yankovic is pop music's leading satirist, with several gold and platinum albums, and two Grammys, to his credit. Yankovic recently hit the album charts with his latest Attic Records release, Allapalooza.



While in Toronto for a club opening, Weird Al Yankovic was presented with a Canadian platinum award for his Allapalooza album by Attic Records' Kevin Shea. Canada is the first territory to take the album platinum, and it is Yankovic's first-ever platinum award.

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No. 1 HIT



THE SIGN
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BIG ALBUMS

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Mellow Gold

**REALITY BITES
SOUNDTRACK**
Various Artists

BRUCE COCKBURN
Dart To The Heart

JOHN McDERMOTT
Old Friends

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Debut

ZHANÉ
Pronounced Jah-Nay

COLIN JAMES
Colin James
And The Little Big Band

BIG HIT

RETURN TO INNOCENCE
Enigma 2

NO EXCUSES
Alice In Chains

ANNIVERSARY SONG
The Cowboy Junkies

LOST WITHOUT YOU
Roch Voisine

CANTALOOP
US3

NOBODY'S HERO
Rush

LISTEN FOR THE LAUGH
Bruce Cockburn

HIT ADDS

DISARM
Smashing Pumpkins

THE CALLING
Yes

COMPLETELY
Michael Bolton

MY PROBLEM IS YOU
Jackson Browne

SLEEPING IN MY CAR
Roxette

BLAME YOUR PARENTS
54-40

MOANIE
Bootsauce

BABY, PLEASE DON'T GO
John Mellencamp

HIT PICK



LOCKED OUT
Crowded House
EMI

LULLABYE
(Goodnight, My Angel)
Billy Joel

THE SKY IS FALLING
Junkhouse

BABY I LOVE YOUR WAY
Big Mountain

SURELY (I Love You)
Colin James

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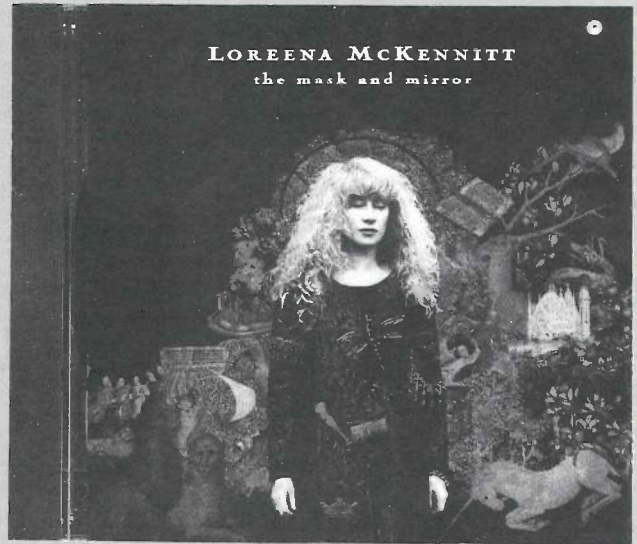
SPOONMAN
Soundgarden

I OWE YOU ONE
Aaron Neville

THERE'S NO EASY WAY
Roch Voisine

HUSH SWEET LOVER
K.D. Lang

ALBUM PICK



LOREENA McKENNITT
The Mask And Mirror - WEA - CD 95296-P

ALBUM ADDS

SOUNDGARDEN
Superunknown

NINE INCH NAILS
The Downward Spiral

CHRIS SHEPPARD
Pirate Radio

ELVIS COSTELLO
Brutal Youth

CURTIS MAYFIELD TRIBUTE
Various Artists

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BEFORE YOU KILL US ALL
Randy Travis

ROPE THE MOON
John Michael Montgomery

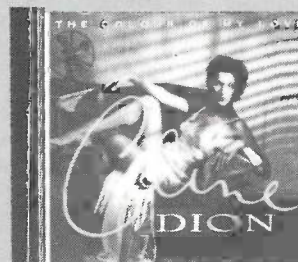
MY NIGHT TO HOWL
Lorrie Morgan

DREAMS ABOUT YOU
Valdy

ONCE IN A WHILE
Billy Dean

SWEET SWEET POISON
Jim Witter

No. 1 ALBUM



CELINE DION
The Colour Of My Love
Columbia - CK 57555-H

BIG COUNTRY AWARDS

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FRIDAY
MAY 27th

AWARDS
DINNER
SUNDAY
MAY 29TH

WAI SAYS



with Elvira Caprese

Wal-Mart will . . . ! Hey! This just in. Wal-Mart was given the go-ahead by Investment Canada to buy up 122 Woolco stores. There's a catch and the guys up in Ottawa deserve a pat on the back. According to a report in the Financial Post (March 17/94), Peter Caskey, who is Investment Canada's director of service and cultural industries, had his job cut out for him. He had to negotiate with Wal-Mart "to ensure the company's extensive network of U.S. suppliers would not supplant Canadian sources and cut out Canadian cultural products." Wait, there's more. Wal-Mart would, in effect, "use Canadian-based suppliers for books, magazines and recordings." Way to go Peter. I hope that agreement is etched in stone. *(EC: They better not try chipping away at that one !)*

No rental CDs . . . ? Now that CRIA has closed the door on the rental of CDs by record retailers and rental outlets like video stores,

what happens to the CDs lent out by libraries? *(EC: People who hold library cards are honourable, honest, decent and God-fearing people, for now . . . !)*

What's the latest DCC poop . . . ! Are they about to pull the plug on the DCC? Could the mini-disc be next? The industry has done such a good job in convincing the record buyer that the CD is king, and it is, in fact. *(EC: Back to the drawing board . . . !)*

An affordable CD single . . . ? Hey! I think they've got it. This just might be the answer, a CD single that could cost less than four bucks. I don't know about you, but I really miss those old 7" vinyl singles, and after talking to more than a few music directors, so do they. Enter A&M's Bill Ott, the guy who thought he had a winner with the cassette-single. Only this time, he's right on target. And, the new configuration just might be in time to save the Canadian country music industry. Somebody must have talked tough to the CD manufacturer. Check out the item on page 2. *(EC: Why did they wait so long . . . ?)*

Will heads roll . . . ? Rumour has it there's a couple of titans fightin' behind closed doors and the noise has leaked out into the hallway. Who said what and why, and to whom, seems to be behind the angry words. We could see some major policy changes within this organization that will no doubt effect a lot of people. *(EC: They need a committee to keep watch over the committees!)*

What better description . . . ? Shaking hands and counting my fingers at a recent you-all-come industry schmooze, my colourful companion asked. "Does the word unctuous come to mind?" After a couple of drinks, I began to wonder if she was referring to me or to them, but she had long gone. *(EC: But she did teach you a new word . . . !)*

Stress is spreading . . . ! Stress, that designer malady of the '90s, is catching like wildfire. One leading industry honcho, who is known to have a short fuse, is finding it tougher and tougher to cope. More time away from the stressmill appears to be his solution. But in the meantime, when the cat's away, the mice do play, and that's causing stress among the mouse population, who keep looking over their shoulder for the cat to return. *(EC: Is that a cool cat, or what . . . ?)*

Worried about the competition? Fretting about the competition and skewering them publicly at every opportunity has only magnified the fretter's problems, within and without. *(EC: Without he can do without!)*

RSVP! That's French . . . ! A lot of people obviously don't know what RSVP means. Perhaps they think it's the host's initials. But when you do confirm that you are going to attend, you should make an effort to do just that. If the event is a catered affair, food is ordered on the basis of the number of people who promised, who gave their word, who assured the host that they would be there. What happens when they don't show up? The food is wasted and you get billed for what is ordered. I was invited to an affair recently and

saw what damage can be done by thoughtless people who RSVP'd and didn't show up. To put it mildly, it's damned rude not to be there, or at least phone and cancel as soon as possible. I realize it's just the music industry, but that doesn't mean we can't behave like humans. *(EC: They should be put on that other list!)*

The return of vinyl . . . ? Rumor has it that a major is considering the release of a vinyl album or three. What a great idea. The industry certainly shot itself in the foot when it mercilessly pulled the plug on vinyl. Maybe that's why business hasn't been as great as some in the industry had expected. I think you would have to be some kind of a klutz not to realize there's still more than a few million folks who still love their turntables and it'll take a few years before they come to grips with CDs. *(EC: You better believe it . . . !)*

Remember Danny McBride . . . ? Carleton University professor George Pollard sends along an interesting story about Danny McBride, a member of Montreal's music biz in the '60s. Fortunately, as it turns out, he was one of the survivors of the music business, but not in the business. His wife gave him the ultimatum, "me or music," that most musicians hear but seldom heed, but McBride heeded. He got into computers, away back and now he is assistant deputy minister (ADM) of the Department of Education for New Brunswick. He is in charge of establishing a province-wide network that will let students in every school interact with every other student in a New Brunswick school. *(EC: Not bad for a picker from the '60s . . . eh?)*

Out! Out! Cowboy boot . . . ! Rumour has it that one country music programmer goes ballistic at the mere suggestion of imaging out as a country station. Employees can wear country boots, but they can't wear stetsons. And heaven forbid using these cowboy sidekicks on a station logo. *(EC: You can take the country out of the image, but you can't get rid of the sweet smell of cow poop . . . !)*

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Digital Radio officially launched at CBC Toronto

With a great deal of fanfare, the newly-formed Digital Radio Research Incorporated (DRRI) announced the launch of digital radio in Canada at a gala event March 14 at the CBC's Glenn Gould Studio. It is a move that will totally revamp radio broadcasting in this country.

DRRI is a joint venture of both the CBC and the Canadian Association of Broadcasters (CAB). The corporation's purpose was to bring digital radio to Canada, and establish experimental transmitters to further research the venture.

DRRI hosted several dozen top executives from radio, as well as members of the media, at the Glenn Gould Studio in Toronto's CBC building. Using a computer video presentation, representatives of the Toronto Launch Committee demonstrated the technical aspects of digital radio, pointing out the new system's versatility.

Following that, Launch Committee co-chairman Duff Roman, CHUM's vice president of industry affairs, acknowledged

the support of those assembled. In particular, he pointed out the work of the Japanese contingent representing Pioneer Electronics, who did the groundbreaking work on digital radio.

The highlight of the day was a first-hand demonstration of the new system, courtesy of the CBC. Four local radio personalities -

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CHFI's Sandy Hoyt, CHUM AM's Bob Magee, The Fan's Bob McCown and CBC Radio's Shelagh Rogers - assembled in an adjacent studio, where they provided Toronto's first digital radio program.

Listeners were given a unique before-and-after glimpse at each of the four stations,

first in their current format, and then as they will sound via digital technology.

Following that, the hundred or so assembled raised a glass and toasted digital radio. Then it was off for a ride in the two digitally-equipped vans provided by Chrysler, where visitors could get a personal experience with the new system.

Digital radio involves essentially the same technology utilized in compact disc players. A digital radio transmitter processes sounds into patterns of numbers, or digits. Digital receivers provide a sound quality significantly better than current analog receivers - basically it is CD sound on the radio.

The transmitter utilized in the demonstrations is now permanently mounted in the CN Tower, similar to one affixed in Montreal the previous week (March 11). The transmitter operates on the L-Band, effectively eliminating both AM and FM. Thus, in the near future, all stations will operate on one band, in the 1452-1492 Megahertz range.

The benefits, aside from the sound quality, are numerous. Listeners will be able to select their favourite stations simply by punching in the station call letters. Digital is virtually immune to interference, so there are no static growls or multipath echoes so common on radio currently.

Because the unit will contain a computer, listeners will be able to program their favourite format into the radio, which will automatically change from one signal to another while you're travelling.

For broadcasters, by moving all stations to one band, every station will get an equal opportunity to win listeners. And broadcasters will be able to utilize the LCD display and system computer to display advertising, thus generating new revenue possibilities.

Digital radio isn't just a possibility. It is going to happen, sometime within the next 10-20 years. And its benefits will touch both consumers and broadcasters alike.

CMPA awaits government position with new committee

The Canadian Music Publishers Association, under the daily efforts of secretary and legal advisor David A. Basskin, is awaiting the proposal of the Liberal government with regards to Phase II of the copyright reforms act.

Basskin, who organizes the daily efforts of the CMPA, notes that he's "hoping the Liberal government will make good on representations they've made to us, and make copyright reform a high priority. We need a home taping levy in this country to unwind some of the damage caused by unrestricted home taping."

The CMPA recently elected a new executive committee, of which Mark Altman is the new president. Altman is the president of Morning Music Ltd., is head of the SOCAN board and has been active in music publishing for 20 years. He replaces John C. Bird, who has retired.

"I would've been delighted to continue the relationship with John, but I wish him the very best."

Also on the 1994-95 committee are Norma Barnett (EMI Music Publishing Canada); Brian Chater (Avenue Road Music Group); Frank Davies (TMP The Music Publisher); Terry O'Brien (BMG Music Publishing Company Ltd.); John Redmond (PolyGram Music Publishing Ltd.); Jerry Renewych (Warner/Chappell Music Canada Ltd.); Andrew R. Shaw (Fredrick Harris Music Co. Ltd.); Tony Tobias (Pangaea Music); and George Ullmann (Boosey & Bice Canada Ltd.)

The CMPA was established in 1949, and helps keep links to government through attendance at hearings and actively lobbying for certain key industry issues. From 1984-88, the CMPA was instrumental in initiating the Phase I copyright reforms act that eliminated the compulsory license in sound recordings, which was a huge benefit to music publishers.

Phase II has just been reopened for

discussion by the government. The government is currently hammering out its official position on copyright reform under the auspices of the Deputy Minister of Heritage, Mark Rochan, and the Deputy Minister of Industry, Harry Swain.

"We don't feel there's any justification for carving more rights out of copyright owners for special interest groups whose principal motive in life is to avoid paying for what they use.

"The government expects to have the new legislation in the House by the fall, but on the basis of prior experience with the government, it will take until at least late 1995. Only a unique political will can make it happen any sooner."

CRIA set to launch generic marketing campaign

Canadian Recording Industry Association president Brian Robertson, as reported in RPM (Jan. 10/94), will announce the launch of its new marketing strategy March 20, the same day as the Juno awards.

The strategy's slogan, entitled Music For All Its Worth, is intended to communicate three things: "the value of recorded music, the importance music plays in our lives, and the pride in owning recorded music."

The initiative will have national impact



and is industry-sponsored, backed by the entire Canadian recording industry including performing artists, major and independent

record companies, racks and retailers. It has been in the works since a marketing committee in 1992 established that a generic marketing campaign should be created.

The campaign is also indirectly expected to slow down the growth of illegal copying and sharing of material, an issue that has spiralled recently with some CRIA findings. CRIA is also expecting to hear from the new Liberal government on possible new copyright legislation. Michel DuPuy, Minister of Heritage Canada, will give his first address to the Canadian music industry on March 20 as part of Canadian Music Week.

The logo was designed by Bob Ramsay of Advance Planning & Communications and Tim Forbes of Forbes Design. In addition to retail point of purchase, record company and retail advertising space, a televised campaign on MuchMusic and MusiquePlus will start in the fall. As well, the A&M and PolyGram groups intend to use the slogan prominently with their new CD single campaign.

FEATURED ARTIST - by Craig Thompson

Norman's roots in country propel latest Star offering

Patrick Norman, whose latest release on Star Records, *Whispering Shadows*, has just been released, relays the story of the time he met up with his inspiration and idol, the man who persuaded him to pick up the guitar, country legend Chet Atkins.

"Chet was my idol when I turned 14. I was in Nashville two years ago, and I had always dreamt of singing a song with Chet Atkins backing me up. Lo and behold, we hooked up and he did end up backing me up on the song *There'll Be Some Changes Made*."

Atkins, who is featured in a duet with Allen Toussaint on MCA's *Rhythm, Country & Blues* collection, was "everything I imagined him to be. He's a generous and marvellous man. I had the nerve to pick up a guitar and play along with him. It took a lot of courage on my part."

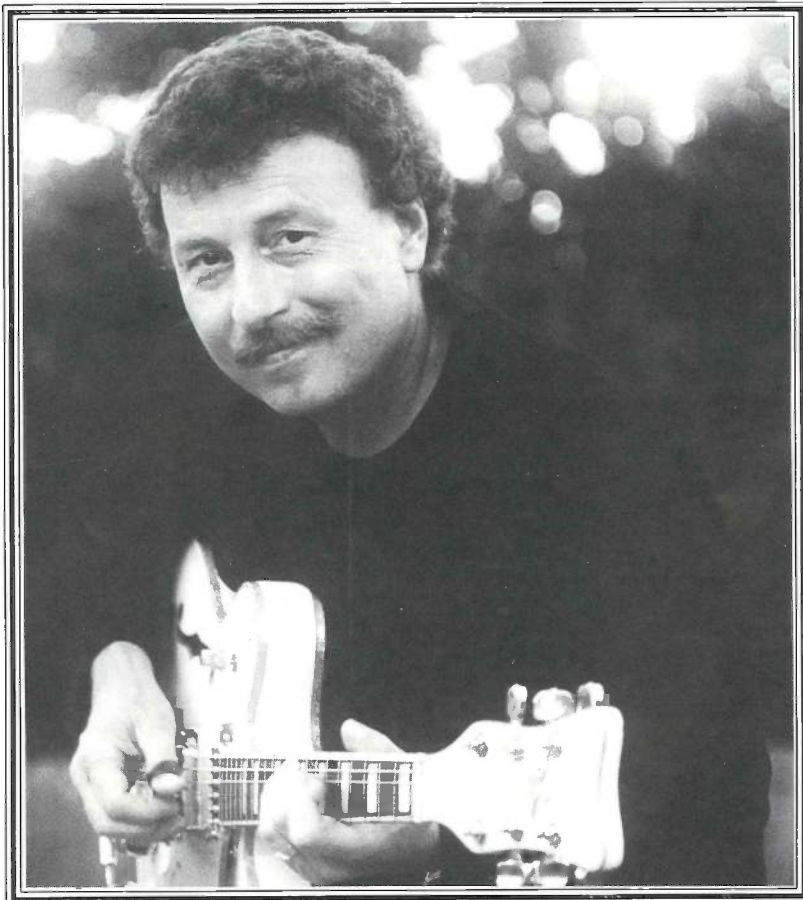
Norman's meeting with Atkins underscores the strongest roots to Norman's music, which is the country element. Although his latest offering runs the gamut across the musical map, ranging from the A/C-focused title track to a cover of Gershwin's *Summertime* standard, he has strong feelings about the power of country music.

"Country music has always been in Canada. It's only lately the media and marketers have taken hold of it. It has always been a part of our culture. It's really the music of North Americans. It's rare you don't find someone who doesn't have a favourite country tune somewhere."

Norman cites the MCA collection as a

parallel to what he is doing on his latest album.

"I don't like to be tagged," he notes, "because this raises barriers, and then you



can't try other things. The *Rhythm, Country & Blues* album is excellent. It's like the stuff I play on my album, moving from this to that."

While Norman should appeal to the same demographic that has been turned off the majority of contemporary music, he also hopes to rope in an expanded English audience. This is his first full-length English release in five years.

"For 25 years, I've recorded in English

and French. As a matter of fact, my first record was through Quality Records. They had a new label out, *Celebration*, and I was the first artist to break the ice with *Love Is All*.

"But I don't feel any kind of difference between the English and French markets, because I was raised on both cultures. I've always been at ease in both languages."

When Norman performs in Quebec, he has a steadfast English audience. As well, his audience demographic is, as he says, "family. I have children who come and see me play, but they are taken to the shows by their grandmothers."

The new record sees him performing with some of country's finest pickers, including Leo Nocentelli, Jeff Smallwood, and organist Kenny Pearson, who used to be Janis Joplin's old flame. Star, with executive producer André Di Cesare and producers Di Cesare and John Farley, has assembled a fine collection of musicians for the album.

"I've known Linda Dawe (from *Music Solutions*) for many years and I would like to believe we're good friends. We don't see each other very often, but when we do it's an event.

"They've treated me very well. I'm not one to hang on, but with Star we've had a lot of success. When the machine ain't

broke, don't fix it."

Norman and Star haven't gone stateside extensively, although Norman did record there in 1975. But for now, they want to conquer the Canadian market first, where ears should be primed for *Whispering Shadows*. "We're starting on our own turf for now."

Crowded House/NKOTB to come to Toronto

MCA Concerts Canada presents Columbia's aging teen idol group NKOTB (once known as *New Kids On The Block*) at Toronto's Palladium (April 5).

NKOTB is promoting its new album, *Face The Music*, released seven years after the group first exploded onto the music scene. The quintet's last album, *Step By Step*, sold seven million copies worldwide.

NKOTB members are currently receiving flak for their controversial video *Dirty Dawg*, which features what some describe as a rape fantasy montage tagged onto the beginning and the end of the video.

MCA Concerts also present EMI's *Crowded House* at Massey Hall (April 25). This much-anticipated gig sees the group returning to one of its strongest fanbases. The band's fourth effort, *Together Alone*, reached the top 20 of the RPM Albums chart and the single *Distant Sun* hit the top five. The group also plays *The Grand Theatre* in Sudbury (April 28).

In addition, EMI's perennial critical fave Richard Thompson plays *The Palladium* (April 13). Thompson is promoting his recent release, *Mirror Blue*, and no support act has been announced.

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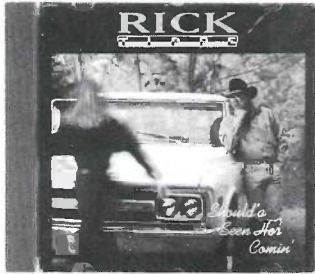
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RICK TIPPE - Country
Should'a Seen Her Comin'
Moon Tan-1123393

Tippe is already happening with the title track released as a single, gaining chart positions. Tippe, born in Maple Ridge, BC, first gained national attention in 1992 with his debut four-song EP. The next year he won the British Columbia Country Music Horizon award as BC's most promising new artist. Tippe went to Nashville to record this album at Sound Emporium with Dave Pomeroy looking after the production. Additional recording was done at Gotham City Recording in Port Coquitlam, BC. The title track is a Tippe original. Also key is Two Broken-Hearted Fools, which he wrote with guitarist Chris Rolin and Copper Prairie Sky, a co-writing with Larry Wayne Clark. Don't overlook Stetson Moon and The Wheel Of Love, both of which could be left-fielders. There's an urgency to Tippe's vocals that demands attention. Although fairly new to the business, Tippe has mastered that confidence of lyrical interpretation and a projection that brings it home, whether fast-paced or in a ballad. -WG



BONNIE RAITT - Rock/AC
Longing In Their Hearts
Capitol-81427-F

Bonnie Raitt brings a sincerity and integrity to music one rarely sees in other artists of her status. Even with the enormous surge in popularity following that tremendous Grammy sweep a few years back (with Nick Of Time), Raitt continued to make the same brand of blue-eyed blues and soul she'd been making for the nine studio releases prior to that smash. Now, three years after the equally successful Luck Of The Draw release, Raitt is back with her 12th studio effort. Once again she has teamed with monster co-producer Don Was and engineer Ed Cherney, and once again the results are predictably palatable. Raitt has always been one of music's great slide players, and that, combined with her raw, heartfelt voice, makes for great rhythm and blues. This album features five Raitt originals, as well as selections from Richard Thompson, Irish songwriter Paul Brady and Tom Snow, who wrote the lead single Love Sneaking Up On You. Among the highlights, and there are many, are the Thompson-penned Dimming Of The Day; the mellow, keyboard-oriented Circle Dance (featuring some fine David Crosby harmonizing); the title track, with a vocal contribution from Levon Helm; and the closing track, Shadow Of Doubt, featuring Raitt's terrific picking and blues legend Charlie Musselwhite on harmonica. A front rack must, and a sure thing at A/C and AOR radio. -RR

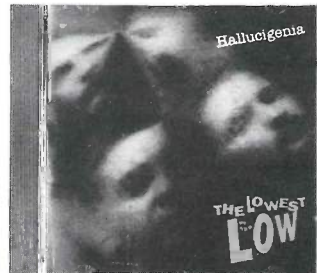
Laurie Thain - Pop/Country
Stages
Pure Pacific-392
Born in BC, Thain has never been too far from her roots when it comes to songwriting. Even with the four Nashville-produced singles, produced by Tony Migliore, Thain has managed to rise above the factory sound of Music City USA to maintain her own sound which she obviously cherishes. The album also contains four tracks from Hopeless Romantic, her debut album, plus four from Matters Of The Heart, her second album. So the comparison is made simple. If anything, the Nashville session offers Thain perhaps a little more aggressive and stylized. The song material also has a bit more of an edge, particularly with



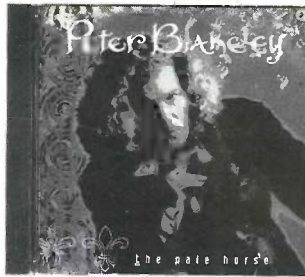
Please Return My Heart and Good Old Country, with great fiddle work by Rob Hajacos. It's difficult however to beat Thain's work on her first album, and the keyboards of John Arpin on The Tallest Man I Know and Dolphin Free. Please Return My Heart, a Thain original, has been taken as the first single. Thain reminds us that she was the architect for the 1-800 mail order system which resulted in the IDAC number system, so Stages is available by calling 1-800 Joe Radio (563-7234). The album is also available in the US and Europe through New York's DaSBro Imports. As well, she has a preliminary management agreement with John Edwards of Renaissance Music in Nashville. -WG

THE LOWEST OF THE LOW - Rock
Hallucigenia
Yes Boy!-314540228-0

The much-anticipated follow-up release to the independent Shakespeare, My Butt album (later picked up by A&M) that sold in the tens of thousands hits retail March 16. The record opens with the pointed words of George Bush: 'We do not want to be the lowest of the low, we are not a nation in decline.' This ironic and carefully-

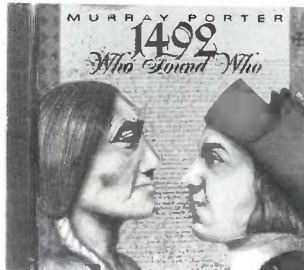


picked comment indicates the lyrical strength of what is to follow. The Low's greatest strength lies in writing catchy choruses supported by Ron Hawkins deeply penetrating lyrical skills. As well, his amicable, yearning voice and the Canadian roots rock sound of the band make Hallucigenia a strong, full record. The first single, Gamble, is well-worth of radio attention, and it follows on the heels of Pistol that was getting some early airplay. Black Monday is another key song, a tight acoustic number that includes the lines 'My heroes have all become pathetic clowns.' Say it ain't so, Ron! 7th Birthday, an incredible concert showpiece, is haunting, as the refrain 'so beautiful, you are so beautiful' echoes as the last notes die. Not a disappointment. These songs of life, love, 'beer and graffiti walls' were produced by Don Smith. -CT



PETER BLAKELEY - Alternative A/C
The Pale Horse
Giant Records-24518-P

Blakely is an Australian songwriter who has combined some funky rhythms and polite R&B with inspiring and impressive lyrical content. This album will be tough to label for programmers. When you hear his voice, you'll think Mick Hucknall of Simply Red, but his sound is far too hip for that. It helps that Blakeley has worked here with Prince protégé David Z, and recorded at the purple meister's Paisley Park studios in Minneapolis. Blakely also enlisted the aid of the Lonely Boy himself, Andrew Gold, as producer on a number of tracks. The result is a fresh-sounding pop album that will undoubtedly grow on you after a few listens. This deserves some decent airplay, and could creep up on retailers a few months down the road. -RR



MURRAY PORTER - Rock
1492 Who Found Who
First Nations Music-10015-F

Porter is one of the first discoveries of First Nations Music, the aboriginal music label recently founded by Vic Wilson and Lawrence Martin. A rock and roll fan who grew up on the Six Nation's Indian reserve near Brantford, Ontario, Porter has found a way to blend his music and heritage together. The result is a powerful album that reflects Porter's love of the blues, and blues-influenced rock. The key track on the record is the title track, recorded on Columbus Day in Nashville. A cynical Porter takes a stab at Columbus revisionist history, closing out the song with the oft-repeated line "How can you find what was not lost?" That mood is continued on the track 500 Years, in which Porter claims "You've had 500 years to show us your better way. Is this your idea of good?" An important piece of work by an artist who is both musically and philosophically in touch with his roots. -RR



MAESTRO FRESH-WES - Rap
Naah, Dis Kid Can't Be From Canada?!
LMR-1391-Attic

An expatriate Canadian, Maestro disappeared to the US after his second album, Black Tie Affair, failed to make major ripples in the North American

rap market. Now signed to LMR Records out of New York, he comes back hard and fast with this diverse collection of tracks. Maestro's compelling verbal dexterity returns in full effect with the second single Certs Wid Out Da Retysn. He has a specific vernacular and a punctuated delivery that is recognizably Maestro, which should make him stand out from the usual rap hordes. Mic Mechanism and Brown Sugar, both with deep, horn-heavy production, could hit loud at dance and CHR radio here and R&B and urban radio in the US, as could the strongest track, Dat's My Nigga!! It's unfortunate Canada lost a quality artist like Maestro, but it's refreshing to hear Canada's first rap superstar returning (through the Attic distribution team) with this consistent, challenging release. -CT



JACK DE KEYZER - Rock/Blues
Wild At Heart
Parlo Music-31002

Jack de Keyzer was a well-known name in Canadian club circles for years before releasing his first solo record on Warner Music back in 1989, entitled Hard Working Man. Five years later, de Keyzer is back with his second solo effort, this time an independent release through Parlo Music Group. If you've ever seen de Keyzer playing in the clubs, you'll have a good idea of what to expect from this record. The tunes move from straight ahead rock n' roll to country rockabilly to slow blues, with de Keyzer showing a talent for each genre. All ten tracks here are originals, with the exception of the Otis Rush track All Your Love. Highlights include the bluest of When Love Walks Out, the opener In My Wildest Dreams, and the closing track, Top Of The Line. Produced by de Keyzer and Kevin Doyle, and recorded at Sounds Interchange. -RR



THE GRAYS - Rock
Ro Sham Bo
Epic-53773-H

If seventies progressive was your thing, you should check out this quartet from California, whose debut release holds great promise for the future. The foursome - Jason Faulkner (guitars and vocals), Jon Brian (guitars, vocals), Buddy Judge (guitar, vocals), Dan McCarrroll (drums) - have put together an eclectic sounding rock album that is probably twenty years past its prime. But the polished production makes this album a must for any truly inspired rock fans. The lead track, Very Best Years, is one of those songs that should be played at radio, regardless of formats. Other notable tracks include the remarkably Beatlesque sounding Everybody's World, Spooky and No One Can Hurt Me. It's listening to a good piece of music like this that makes one wish that programmers wouldn't worry about filling quotas or adapting to formats, and just play good music. Bands like this shouldn't get swept under the rug. -RR

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IN THE CLUBS

by Craig Thompson

Mint Records out of Vancouver has two new releases, with distribution handled through Cargo Records. The fun-loving, beer-swilling Smugglers, who toured cross-Canada in the spring of 1993 with west coast cuddlepop queens Cub, has a new release out. Kid Champion, "Canada's latest lo-fi melody makers," (reminiscent of Unrest and Velocity Girl) has a three-song 7" out on "elegant burgundy vinyl with stylish white swirls." KC was featured on Chart's flexi-disc from Jan. '94. For order details, Mint can be reached through Cargo.

If you've followed the music press, you'll have noticed rave reviews for Pavement's Crooked Rain, Crooked Rain (on Warner) in the dailies and consumer mags. A feature essay in The New York Times made note of the group's difficulty handling its expected rise from indie obscurity to alternative rock superstars, as expressed in the album's lyrics. Not only this, but all 150 import copies of the album at HMV's flagship store sold out. With these glowing press accolades and exceptional import sales, it is assured that once suburban North America gets hold of Pavement, all of the band's MTV-ridden, rock-god nightmares will come crashing down on the group's collective head.

I wish them luck.

ATTENTION MAJOR LABELS! As CMW heats up (more on this next week), one group out of Vancouver is making its mark by playing no less than five shows at five different venues. Slowburn, rising out of the ashes of BC local giants The Catherine Wheel, is expected to make a big splash with Canada's A&R types. Experienced songwriting is the band's strongest asset on Sparked, its first release. The single Whatever is simply majestic, a pure piece of punk-pop that, behind vocalist Cliff Boyd's Cobain-rumbings, has radio written all over it in BOLD letters. Don't let this one go!

An off-beat club happening in Toronto should be the Radio Free Vestibule shows at The Laugh Resort (March 24-26). The comedy troupe was recently nominated for a Gemini in the best comedy performance category for its appearance on the Just For Laughs television series. The Montreal-based team comes to Toronto courtesy of GAT Productions, armed with a fresh arsenal of punch-lines including this, on keeping its role-models and ambitions as simple as possible: "Our only political influence is Don Knotts."

Denon/Rykodisc artist Oysterband is headed east for five dates in the southern Ontario/Quebec core. The band is promoting Holy Bandits, its latest 'razor-sharp roots rock' album featuring the single Cry Cry.

Way and took it to #1 in 1989. Big Mountain could become the third artist to have a hit with that song as its version, from the Reality Bites Soundtrack, jumps 22 spots to #53. The original song peaked at #3 in 1976.

On that theme, Celine Dion's The Power Of Love recently became the third version of that song to reach the top 40. Dion hit #1 with it, as did Laura Branigan. Air Supply's version peaked at #35 in 1985.

Maybe the end. For the past 12 weeks, Celine Dion's The Colour Of My Love has been the #1 album in Canada. That streak could come to an end next week. Both Ace Of Base and Soundgarden were very close to knocking her off this week.

March break shopping. It's a busy time at many retail outlets as students on their one-week vacation are eager to pick up a CD or two. Here are the hottest sellers at the HMV store in Bramalea's City Centre mall as reported by Scott Galloway. 1. Soundgarden 2. Awesome 3 3. Nine Inch Nails 4. Ace of Base 5. Chris Sheppard 6. Smashing Pumpkins 7. Enigma 2 8. Counting Crows 9. Reality Bites Soundtrack 10. Freestyle.

You just Mr. The four other #1 songs that mention a specific Mr. or Mrs. in the title are Mr. Roboto (Styx-1983), Friends Of Mr. Cairo (Jon & Vangelis-1981), Mrs. Robinson (Simon & Garfunkel-1968), and Mrs. Brown You've Got A Lovely Daughter (Herman's Hermits-1965). Others that don't mention a specific person are Please Mr. Please, Please Mr. Postman and Mr. Lonely.

COUNTRY

Vince Gill eases into #1 with his MCA release Trying To Get Over You, up from #4. This is a Gill original, taken from his album I Still Believe In You, which was produced by Tony Brown.

Neal McCoy is the big gainer, jumping to #2 from #17 with No Doubt About It, the title track of his Atlantic album which was produced by Barry Beckett. The song was written by John Scott Sherrill and Steve Seskin. The chart activity has also given a boost to McCoy's album, which moves up the RPM Country 33 Albums chart to #11 from #19, the biggest gainer.

Jim Witter is a go with his latest FRE release, Sweet Sweet Poison getting the most adds. The single enters the chart at #68, the fastest out of the box in his short career. The song was written by Witter and his album producer Johnny Douglas.

John Michael Montgomery continues to make chart news. With I Swear now descending the chart (#22) after its successful run up to #1 (RPM Feb. 14/94), a position it held for three weeks, his latest, Rope The Moon, written by Jeff Brown, Jim Denton and Aggie Brown, enters the chart at #78. Both tracks were taken from his Atlantic album, Kickin' It Up, which was produced by Scott Hendricks. The handsome young Kentuckian has been getting his fair share of fan adoration, and is expected to be a big draw at the upcoming Fan Fair in Nashville (June 6-12).

Lorrie Morgan is back on the charts. My Night To Howl, her latest BNA release, enters the chart at #86. The song was written by Rick Giles, Austin Roberts and Charlie Black and is included on Morgan's new album, War Paint, expected to go to retail mid-May. The album was produced by Richard Landis. The track is on BMG promo CD comp 25.

Valdy is charting with his latest single, Dreams About You, which enters the chart at #87. Valdy teamed with veteran songwriter Bob Ruzicka to write the song, which is included on his Peg album, Heart At Work. The new single, produced by Dan Donahue, was recorded in Winnipeg at Channels Productions and Rust Productions. The release is four-parts Cancon. Peg is distributed in Canada by Sony Music.

Billy Dean charts with his latest release, Once In A While, which enters the chart at #89. Written by Steve Dorf and John Bettis, the track is included on the very popular movie soundtrack 8 Seconds, as well as on Dean's Greatest Hits album released on the Liberty label. There are two other songs charting from the MCA soundtrack: Reba McEntire's If I Had Only Known (#73), and Just Once by David Lee Murphy (#85).

Ian Tyson continues bulleting up the chart with his latest Stony Plain release, Alcohol In The Bloodstream (#31). The single is now gaining strength in the US where it is released on the Vanguard label. Paul Mascioli,

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CHARTS

by Tim Evans

Coming up Aces! For the second time, Ace Of Base has the #1 song in Canada. The Sign replaces Mr. Jones atop the Hit Tracks chart. It tops several radio station charts, including C100 Halifax, CKOI Montreal and Energy 108 Burlington. The band's other #1 song was All That She Wants, which spent two weeks at the top in November.

Mr. and Mrs. With Mr. Jones reaching #1 last week, Counting Crows becomes just the fifth act to have a #1 song that mentions a specific Mr. or Mrs. in the title. Name the other four songs.

The Soundgarden barrier . . . has been broken. The band's new album, Superunknown, enters the chart way up at #3. The most mainstream artist to enter is Elvis Costello! His Brutal Youth debuts at #42. Nine Inch Nails has the second-highest entry, breaking in at #28, while the latest Chris Sheppard compilation enters at #38. The only other album to debut is the Curtis Mayfield tribute album, which enters at #56.

Two bullets for Cockburn. The first release from the new Bruce Cockburn album is taking off. Listen For The Laugh jumps 20 spots to #42. His Dart To The Heart album is also rising. It climbs 17 places to #27.

Covering a cover! Will To Power covered Peter Frampton's Baby I Love Your

Feature story - by Ron Rogers

Ron Hynes sees Newfoundland become Cryer's Paradise

Political righteousness and musical integrity seem to go hand in hand in the politically correct world of the '90s. Artists are often judged more for what they say, rather than what they play. Instead of judging an album on its lyrical or musical content, critics judge it on whether it makes a statement, or defends a principle.

Newfoundland native Ron Hynes is caught between The Rock and a hard place in regards to the crumbling fortunes of his native province. He wants to fight the fight, promote the cause and hoist the provincial flag. He wants to tell everyone how the federal government has skewered the island's residents over the fisheries.

But, Hynes doesn't want to be a commercial shill. He doesn't want to be seen as exploiting Newfoundland's hard times for his financial benefit. It all comes down to a fine political line, and Hynes still isn't sure what side to jump on to.

"You do feel helpless sometimes. Most artists are kind of polarized in terms of politics. There's always that feeling of 'What does it have to do with me?', but in the end it really does have to do with the music industry."

While discussing his recent release, *Cryer's Paradise*, one can't help but venture beyond music. Hynes is a born and bred native

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Not almost gone,
they're gone."**

of The Rock, and the passion he feels for the province comes through, not only in his music, but in his conversation.

"I think there's more of a focus going into the arts in the maritimes and Newfoundland especially. The cultural industries are becoming the last viable economic base to turn to."

Hynes doesn't hesitate to talk about the province's financial woes, and doesn't hesitate to place the blame on those responsible for the devastation to the province's one main resource, the fisheries.

"The fisheries are gone. Not almost gone, they're gone. If they think a two or five year moratorium is going to resurrect those stocks, they're just not telling the people the truth. Now they're going to privatize Newfoundland Hydro. It's being pushed through with Gestapo tactics and the people aren't getting the full facts.

"The few bodies that are concerned about this are turning to the arts community for help - people like me, Greg Malone from CODCO, poets, musicians, songwriters. It's sad that cultural industries get ignored until the government needs them desperately, to save a little piece of ground. But I wouldn't like to think my career got a shot in the arm because the fisheries failed."

It's partially because of his love for his native land that Hynes wrote the song *Atlantic Blue*, an ode to the 84 men killed in the Ocean Ranger disaster eight years ago. But again,

Hynes doesn't want to be seen as exploiting a devastating occurrence. In saying this, he points out the number of people who have set upon Gordon Lightfoot, saying he filled his coffers from the lives lost in the Edmund Fitzgerald disaster.

Clearly, what Hynes wants to be seen as first and foremost is a storyteller. As he says, "I like to write about people that I know."

Songs like *Man Of A Thousand Songs*, *Story Of My Life*, *Roy Orbison Came On* and

**"... Hank Williams said,
'You gotta smell a lot
of mule shit.' Well, we
smell a lot of horse shit,
I guess..."**

the title track, are all indicative a man using music to convey images and tales of the proverbial Everyman.

Hynes may not be a country singer in the classic sense of the word. As he himself points out, before new country became all the rage, a country singer "had to come from Tennessee or the Ozark Mountains or Alabama. As Hank Williams said, 'You gotta smell a lot of mule shit.' Well, we smell a lot of horse shit, I guess, politicized or otherwise."

But, as he points out, what Hynes does have in common with Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, or Faith Hill for that matter, is that backwoods grassroots sensibility. Country exists in Canada just as it does in the US, but here it wears a different face.

"I think what we have in common is that rural experience. Rural Cape Breton or Nova Scotia have the 'place in time' feeling. It's like in my song *Sonny's Dream*. Success and the big city are always down that highway somewhere. So, I think if there's a celtic-country connection, it's in that sense of isolation."

Country gains new respect through Juno nominations

Canadian country music is getting a shot in the arm this year with well-earned recognition through Juno nominations.

Two of Canada's top country acts, Michelle Wright and The Rankin Family are competing in the entertainer of the year category, a first for country. They are up against Celine Dion, *Barenaked Ladies* and *The Tragically Hip*.

Another first is in the single of the year category, where Wright's *He Would Be Sixteen* and the Rankin's *Fare Thee Well Love* are competing against Celine Dion's *Love Can Move Mountains*, Neil Young's *Harvest Moon* and the *Tragically Hip's Courage*.

Anne Murray and Rita MacNeil, two very popular country artists, are competing against Celine Dion, Sarah McLachlan and Alannah Myles in the female vocalist category.

Charlie Major and Jim Witter, two country singer/songwriters who have come of age this past year, have been nominated in the

Although he's never one to write to fit categories or formats, Hynes does admit that he purposely attempted to aim for that new country sound on certain tracks.

"My album has songs like *No Kathleen*, *Atlantic Blue* and *She Went Crazy* that have the more traditional sound. But, it also has something like *If I Left You Alone With My Heart*, which is a deliberate attempt at mainstream country radio."

Cryer's Paradise was produced by Irishman Declan O'Doherty, whose engineering work dates back to The Beatles (he worked the board on *Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds*), and whose producing credits include the Gerry Rafferty classic *Baker Street*.

In recent years, O'Doherty is best known for his work in this country with Rita MacNeil. Hynes says that O'Doherty's ability to move so freely among different sounds and styles is what makes him such a talented producer.

"It was very brave of him, since it was a definite departure from his keyboard-based sound with Rita MacNeil. He has worked with her, quite successfully for a few albums now, and to depart from that and come down to a rootsy sounding album like mine took a little courage on his part."

While Ron Hynes continues to enjoy tremendous success at radio, and in the awards department (best male artist, best country artist and song of the year at the '93 East Coast Awards, and a country male vocalist nomination at the Junos), his album is still struggling to gain ground at retail, something that affects the entire genre.

"We're having tremendous radio success in a market without tremendous retail success. People get their country radio, and their country videos and they're almost saturated with it. So maybe they feel it isn't necessary to go out and buy those records if they can get it at home for free."

What radio listeners can't get for free is Ron Hynes' infectious charm and his passion for his native Newfoundland, which only comes from hearing the album.

best new solo artist category. They are up against Jann Arden, Meryn Cadell and Mario Pelchat.

With more Juno recognition for country artists, the flag is up for even more consumer attention. Chris Hughes, president of the Canadian Country Music Association (CCMA), says "this is an unprecedented roster of country artists nominated at the Junos. And we're equally pleased that in the country categories, the spotlight is being put on new artist as well as some of their better-known colleagues."

Nominated for country female vocalist this year are Joan Kennedy, Anne Murray, Anita Perras, Shania Twain and Cassandra Vasik. The country male nod goes to Joel Feeney, George Fox, Ron Hynes, Charlie Major and Jim Witter. Competing in the country group category are the *Blue Shadows*, *Cassandra Vasik & Russell deCarle*, *One Horse Blue*, *The Johner Brothers* and *The Rankin Family*.

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of the Nashville-based Mascioli Entertainment Corporation, sends an update of Tyson firm dates which includes Calgary's Longhorn (April 17), the Yates Theatre in Lethbridge (22), Cranbrook's Key City Theatre (24) and the Vancouver East Cultural Centre, where he is scheduled for a six day engagement from April 26 through May 1. He is also firm for

the Heida House at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver on May 26. Some of the dates over the summer include the Petroleum Club in Calgary (July 11-12), Calgary's Jubilee Auditorium (Aug. 5), the New West Washington fair in Lynden (18), the Douglas Lake B.C. Ranch (20), the Canadian Country Music Awards in Calgary (Sept. 19), and the Durango Cowboy Gathering in Durango, Colorado (29).

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THANKS to everyone who is playing the song >>> to those who aren't, it's never too late to jump on the bandwagon!!!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to my co-writer, Bryan Way and Warner-Chappell. I appreciate everything you've done!

Watch for Julio Iglesias to hit with a country release late April. The album is titled *Crazy For You*, the old Patsy Cline hit which was written by Willie Nelson. The title track of the Columbia album will be the first single. Also included on the album is a duet with Dolly Parton, entitled *When You Tell Me That You Love Me*. Iglesias is no stranger to the country charts. *To All The Girls I've Loved Before*, a duet he did with Willie Nelson, topped the RPM Country chart on May 12, 1984.

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Kingston to host its own Music Lovers Weekend

Kingston, Ontario will play host to its fourth annual Music Lovers Weekend on the weekend of March 26-27, the proceeds of which will go to the United Way and Partners in Mission Food Bank.

The program will feature 850 musicians participating in 160 showcases at 10 bandstands throughout the Kingston area. A diverse range of musical styles will be presented, including rock, folk, country, jazz, classical, concert, high school, choral and children's groups.

An all-access pass is available for a fixed price. For more extensive press and showcase information, contact Matthew Woodward at 613-545-1408.

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Sweet Sweet Poison - Jim Witter

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CHFX-FM Country 101 - Halifax
Baby Don't Cry - One Horse Blue

TED DAIGLE
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Chains - Tim Thorney

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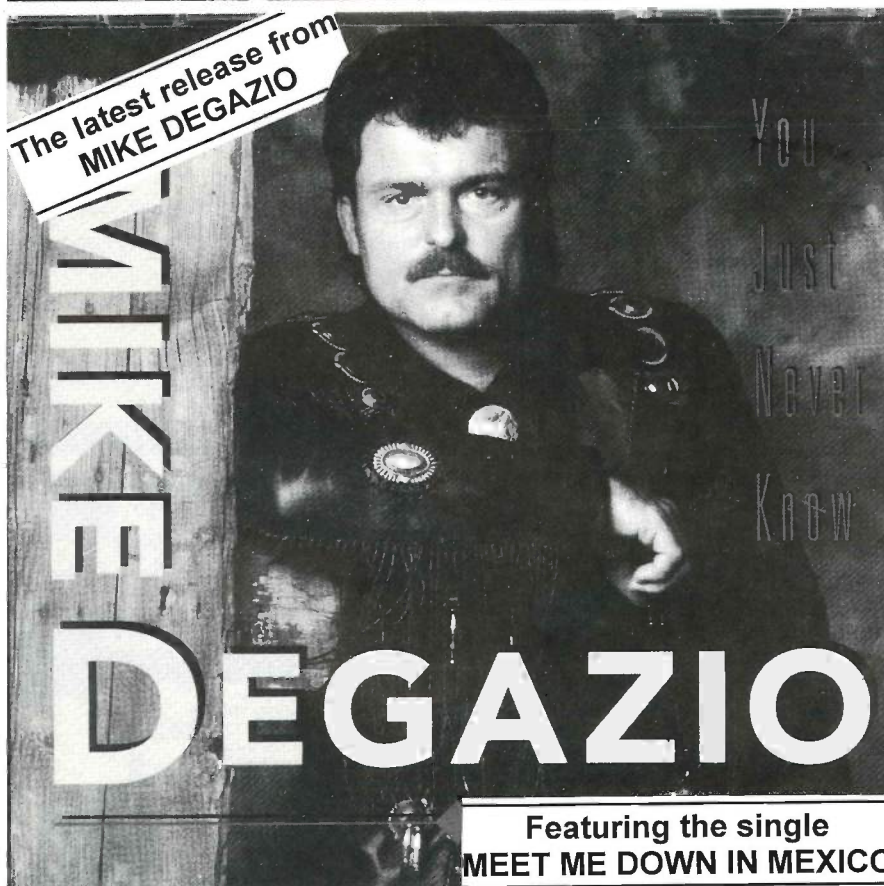
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Phil Collins - Both Sides
Atlantic-82550 (CD single)-P
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Whitney Houston - The Bodyguard Commemorative Edition
Arista-74321-16929 (BMG comp 59)-N
- 5 7 8 **HAVING A PARTY**
Rod Stewart - Unplugged... And Seated
Warner Bros-45289 (Album track)-P
- 6 10 6 **WHISPERING SHADOWS**
Patrick Norman - Whispering Shadows
Star/Select-8053 (CD single) M A P L
- 7 5 10 **LINGER**
The Cranberries - Everybody Else Is Doing It...
Island-314514 (A&M comp 5)-Q
- 8 8 17 **THE POWER OF LOVE**
Celine Dion - The Colour Of My Love
Columbia-57555 (CD single)-H
- 9 9 8 **IN YOUR EYES**
Dan Hill w/Rique Franks - Let Me Show You
Quality-2016 (CD single) M A P L
- 10 14 5 **THERE'S NO EASY WAY**
Roch Voisine - I'll Always Be There
Star/Select-8056 (CD single) M A P L
- 11 11 11 **THE WAYWARD WIND**
Anne Murray - Croonin'
EMI-27012 (EMI comp 26)-F M A P L
- 12 13 9 **THE SIGN**
Ace Of Base - The Sign
Arista-07822-18740 (Album track)-N
- 13 20 4 **WITHOUT YOU**
Mariah Carey - Music Box
Columbia-53205 (CD single)-H M A P L
- 14 19 8 **SWIMMING IN YOUR OCEAN**
Crash Test Dummies - God Shuffled His Feet
Arista-74321-16531 (CD single)-N M A P L
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- 16 6 11 **AND THE SONG GOES (Doo Dit)**
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Quality-2032 (CD single) M A P L
- 17 15 9 **MISSING YOU**
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- 18 18 8 **ROCK AND ROLL DREAMS COME THROUGH**
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- 19 23 4 **LULLABY (Goodnight My Angel)**
Bitty Joel - River Of Dreams
Columbia-53003 (CD single)-H
- 20 24 3 **FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS**
Bee Gees - Size Isn't Everything
Polydor-314 521 055 (PolyGram comp 349)-Q

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Hemingway Corner - Hemingway Corner
Epic-80180 (CD single)-H M A P L
- 22 26 3 **THE ONES YOU LOVE**
Rick Astley - Body And Soul
RCA-07863 66295 (CD track)-N
- 23 17 11 **DANCING ON MY OWN GROUND**
Lawrence Gowan - ... But You Can Call Me Larry
Columbia/Anthem-80183 (CD single)-J M A P L
- 24 30 3 **ANNIVERSARY SONG**
Cowboy Junkies - Pale Sun, Crescent Moon
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- 25 12 15 **HAVING A PARTY**
The Rankin Family - North Country
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- 26 16 15 **DARLING BE HOME SOON**
The Barra MacNeils - Closer To Paradise
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- 27 27 9 **CRYING IN THE RAIN**
Art Garfunkel w/James Taylor - Up 'Til Now
Columbia-471113 (Sony comp 21)-H
- 28 NEW **HUSH SWEET LOVER**
K.D. Lang - Even Cowgirls Get The Blues
Sire/Warner-45433 (CD single)-P M A P L
- 29 32 3 **HASN'T HIT ME YET**
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- 39 28 11 **SENTIMENTAL**
Kenny G - Breathless
Arista-07822-18646 (BMG comp 57)-N
- 40 38 19 **PLEASE FORGIVE ME**
Bryan Adams - So Far So Good
A&M-314 540 157 (CD single)-Q



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Kickin' It Up
Atlantic-82559-P
- 2 3 15 **CLAY WALKER**
Clay Walker
Giant/Warner-24511-P
- 3 2 10 **FAITH HILL**
Take Me As I Am
Warner Bros-45389-P
- 4 5 27 **ANNE MURRAY**
Croonin'
EMI-27012-F M A P L
- 5 6 34 **CHARLIE MAJOR**
The Other Side
Arista-14864-N M A P L
- 6 7 12 **DOUG STONE**
More Love
Epic-57271-H M A P L
- 7 10 4 **NEW COUNTRY**
Today's Hottest Country Hits - Various Artists
WEA-32610-P M A P L
- 8 4 26 **THE RANKIN FAMILY**
North Country
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- 9 21 3 **8 SECONDS**
Soundtrack
MCA-10927-J
- 10 19 9 **NEAL MCCOY**
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Atlantic-82568-p
- 11 12 10 **TANYA TUCKER**
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Liberty-89408-F M A P L
- 12 8 6 **SHENANDOAH**
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RCA-07863-66267-N
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MCA-10851-J
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Stony Plain-1193-P M A P L
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Outskirts Of Town
Curb-77625-F
- 27 26 34 **CARLENE CARTER**
Little Love Letters
Giant-24499-P
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No Time To Kill
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- 30 28 19 **ALABAMA**
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Shannon Gaye - Humankind
Bimini/Spinner-N/A (promo CD single)
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Gogh Van Go - Gogh Van Go
Audiogram/Select-10058
- 6 7 2 **UNDER THE MOONLIGHT**
The Partand Brothers - Part Land, Part Water
Kinetic/Denon-912
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EMI-28605 (EMI comp 794)-F
- 8 9 5 **EXPECTATIONS**
Stephen Fearing - The Assassin's Apprentice
True North-84 (promo CD single)-H
- 9 10 2 **FELL IN LOVE**
Mory Frivous - Bargainville
WEA-83134 (Warner comp 199)-P
- 10 NEW **ONE LAST COLD KISS**
John McDermott - Old Friends
EMI-27467 (EMI comp 394)-F

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D.J. Hopson looks good with his latest release, *Baby's Leavin'*, which was written by a couple of Canadians now living in Nashville, Cyril Rawson and Gilles Godard. The track was recorded at Nashville's House Of David. David Briggs, who owns the studio, played keyboards on the session. Other session musicians included Pete Bordonali (acoustic guitar), Milton Sledge (drums), Gary Lunn (bass), Russ Pahl (steel) and B. James Lowrey (electric guitars). Wade McCurdy supplied background vocals. The CD single also includes a dance mix of the song.

A Conway Twitty/Sam Moore single, *Rainy Night In Georgia*, is expected to break shortly. The old Tony White cover is included on *Rhythm, Country & Blues*, a recently released album on the MCA label. Don Was produced.

Susan Jacks, who has been living in Nashville for several years, has been signed

as a writer for the Quantum Music Group. The firm recently opened an office on Music Row, headed up by Eddie Burton as general manager.

Bronco's, a west-end Toronto country showplace, is now auditioning bands for Tuesday night gigs. Auditions are being held Wednesday evenings. All jammers receive a free beer. Call 416-531-4635 for more information.

Harley Renaud is off with a new single entitled *Priceless*. This is the second release from his *Country Lovin'* album, and the follow-up to *Blue Jean Wonder*, which was written by Cyril Rawson. Renaud, who lives in North Bay, Ontario, recorded the album at Toronto's Kinck Sound. Albert MacDonald produced all the tracks with the exception of *You Can't Build A Fire In The Rain*, which was produced by Larry Mercey.

Victoria Shaw, born in New York, raised in Los Angeles and now living in Nashville, makes a bid for recognition with a four-song CD release. The EP was produced by Jim Ed Norman and Andy Byrn. Included are *Tears Dry*, which she wrote with Jon Vezner, with Garth Brooks supplying background vocals; *Cry Wolf*, co-written with Jess Leary; *Half-Hearted*, a co-writing with Lari White; and *Where Your Road Leads*, which she wrote with Desmond Child. *Cry Wolf* has been taken as the first single and ships to radio April 14.

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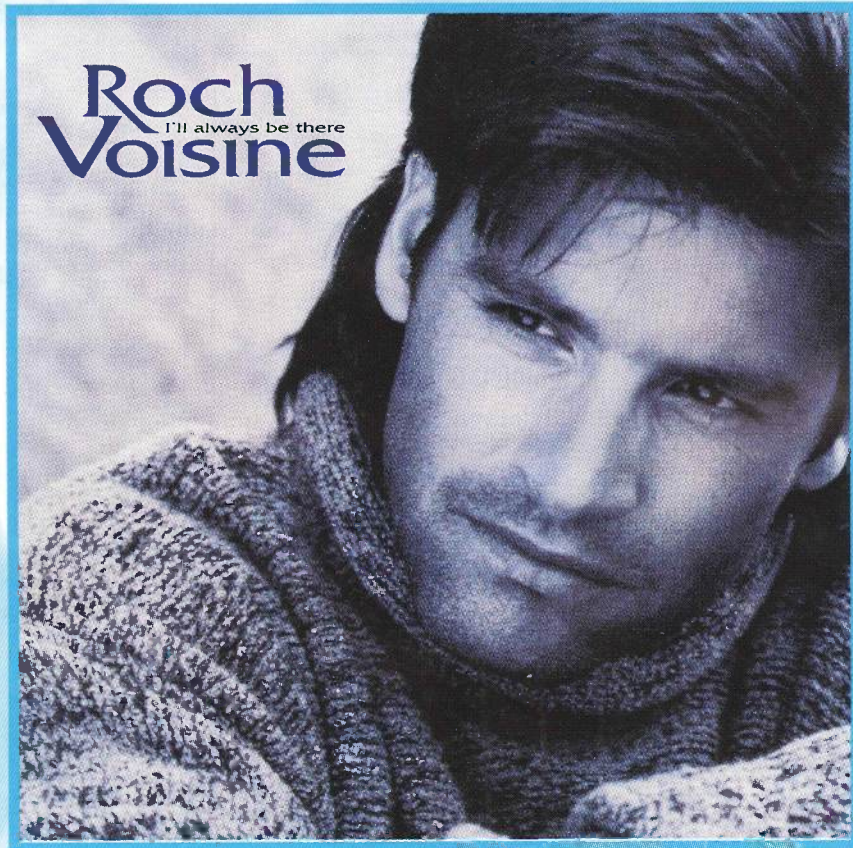


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