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Digital radio is just a few megahertz away

by Walt Grealis

It's obvious from our report last week that digital radio has created two camps among broadcasters. There would appear to be a consensus however, that digital radio will become a popular method of listening within a couple of years.



Duff Roman

Dookie hits diamond in Canada for Green Day

Warner Music Canada has announced that Dookie, the debut album from Green Day, has been certified diamond in Canada, signifying sales of one million units in this country.

Dookie, which featured the grunge-esque radio hits When I Come Around, Longview and Basket Case, took the Stockton, California based band from industry obscurity to major international stardom. The success of the album led to the band being one of the featured acts at 1994's Woodstock II festival in upstate New York.

Green Day is now riding high on the success of their latest effort, Insomniac, which has already been certified double platinum in Canada, recognizing sales of 200,000 units. The band recently put the wraps on a cross-Canada tour, with their current single, Geek Stink Breath, sitting at #53 (with a bullet) on the RPM 100 Hit Tracks chart.

Duff Roman, vice-president of industry relations for the CHUM Group has been in on the digital radio discussions from the beginning. The CAB membership, which includes the CHUM Group has sanctioned the digital radio project. There has been an ongoing educational process to increase awareness of the project.

Roman became involved in the concept of digital radio when he attended the first strategy meeting in 1989 which was bannered "Taking The Lead."

"At that point it was somewhat abstract and we watched it evolve through our work and our relationship with the Europeans, and even the Americans at one time. We've been operating our digital radio committee for close to five years and in that time there have been numerous information bulletins and sub committee reports. So, we really feel our membership has been in the loop on this."

Roman explains that the digital radio technology is European, developed by a consortium of public and private broadcasters as well as electronic manufacturers. But he credits the public broadcasters and the large private broadcasters as being the real driving force behind the project. "They've spent a lot of money, millions of dollars and effort, in producing a fully digital broadcasting system, not an enhancement like AM Stereo, but a fully digital, basically data-casting, data-bit transmitting answer to analog radio. This is a new system. It's the same technology that results in CD sound when you turn on your CD player. It's not compatible with analog AM or FM. The radios will have AM or FM capability and there will be an extended transmission period. We're certainly not stupid enough to cut off our nose to spite our face, we sell advertising. So, until there's a critical mass of digital receivers out there, we are going to continue to do our regular AM and FM broadcasting." It's not known at this time however, how long the transition period will take.

With regard to the rumoured high cost of moving into the digital field of broadcasting, Roman believes the cost would be minimal.

"It's probably cheaper than the hitherto introduction of both AM and FM. We're really only talking about the transmitter and of the chain. Virtually anybody who is re-investing now and updating their equipment is going digital anyway. We now have hard drives in the music department.

We have digital induced gathering. We have huge digital data bases. We play CD recordings or we play the music right from our hard disc. All of that has gone digital anyway. So, all we're really talking about in terms of the transition is the final link in the process and that's the transmitter."

It should be pointed out that initially the transition will involve transmitters, not satellites.

"We're not looking at satellite broadcasting until much into the next millennium. The key to the Canadian transition is somewhat different to the Americans in that we basically have everybody inside the tent. There is a consensus here, so that unlike taking the satellite people head on as the NAB is doing in the states, because they're poised to drop 40 or 50 signals into the backyard of every small market in the US, we feel that because of our importance to the communities we serve and our cultural requirements with regard to Canadian content, we've asked for a running start. So, we've targeted something like 2007 or 2010, as an ideal

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Wilcock's Popular Records distributed by Warner

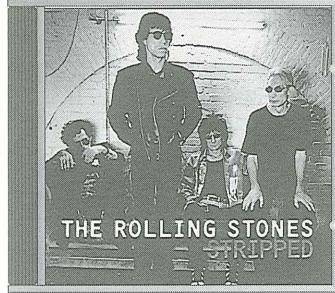
Warner Music Canada has announced that it has entered into an exclusive distribution deal with the newly-formed Popular Records label, headed up by former Quality Music president Bernie Wilcock.

The new label will release compilations of international and domestic dance music, as well as a number of single artist packages. As part of the new agreement, Warner Canada will also distribute the successful SPG Dance Music packages, under SPG's own agreement with Popular Records.

According to Warner Music Canada president Stan Kulin, "I'm delighted that Popular has chosen Warner Music Canada to be their Canadian distributor. We welcome the opportunity to work with Bernie and his team. They have a great history of compiling and marketing TV advertised product and bring to Warner Canada an expertise second to none in dance music."

Wilcock commented, "The association of Popular Records with Warner Music Canada will assist in the development of single artists in the dance field. A strong single artist base will undoubtedly benefit dance compilations, which are the foundation of the dance market. Popular Records will also build artists and concepts in other genres of music as well."

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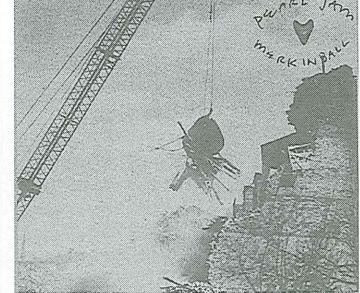
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Apple/Capitol - 34445-F

HIT PICK



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time for satellites if there are entrepreneurs who want to do satellite broadcasting who want to come on stream. Until then, we're going to do everything in our power to effect a rapid transition to digital radio?

The CRTC will still play an important role in digital radio. However, there will obviously have to be some revamping of, or re-looking at regulations.

"I think the digital roll-out is pretty much technology-neutral. The difference is that we are replacing AM and FM with two superior channel assignments. We can do music on both our assignments in the digital realm and they'll be of equal CD quality. Unlike what's happening on AM now where the hit and non-hit for song is artificially keeping music i.e. oldies, on AM radio, the CRTC won't have to impose those arbitrary or artificial distinctions between AM and FM radio. So, from that standpoint, there really isn't any AM or FM to regulate. In my mind, there will be one set of regulations. But, under the Broadcasting Act, and when we want the Broadcasting Act's subjective to continue, we have no problem with that. Whatever the ascribed Cancon level is, whatever the ascribed local service is, and other codes we have to adhere to, we have no problem with that."

Roman points out that with digital radio, broadcasters will have a wider band. CHUM, for instance is between 1452 and 1492 megahertz. Interestingly enough, all of AM runs from 530 to 1700 kilohertz. FM runs from 88 megahertz to about

109 megahertz "With digital radio, we have 40 megahertz of spectrum. Five stations will share 1.0 megahertz of spectrum, which allows us to do some exciting things."

The new receivers will also offer a new adventure in radio listening. The first run receivers will have AM and FM plus digital.

Roman elaborates, revealing that the new receivers will have an LCD screen. "We're now determining what size that would be from an optimum sense. But that would really be up to the manufacturers. That screen can carry alpha numeric and even some graphic information on it. So that when we run a 30-second ad on CHUM on say, a new car dealership, and if the listener was interested in the cars that are for sale, they merely push the "tell me more" button and they could get leasing information, prices, colours, his location, his phone number, discount rebates, all on this LCD screen while the rest of the programming continues. It's sort of like a flyer or the fine print on demand. There will also be data-casting channels that will provide traffic information, weather information. There could even be an electronic yellow pages in the data-casting portion. Our spectrum could be used for paging. These receivers could also be addressable so that a client could demographically reach people with information that only he felt targeted his product, so that he wouldn't be wasting his advertising campaign.

"We see two-way interactivity with this digital radio, all made possible because it's digital. It's a little computer. We could have pay radio,

subscription services where the listener might hear something they liked and interface with the radio either through a cellular phone or maybe ultimately through re-transmitter technology, something that would transmit back to the main transmitter. We could literally do the kind of stuff that you see with 800 numbers on TV and use the radio as the ordering mechanism. And that's all again possible because it's digitalized. The world's gone digital. We can't afford not to be digital."

Initially, American broadcasters were very enthusiastic about digital radio. However, after a "fly-in" meeting of owners and their bankers and financial advisors, the idea was shot down. However, it's expected that when Canada goes to air with digital radio, the Americans will play catch-up.

Roman expects some digital radio broadcasting to begin in 1996. "Someone has to take those first steps. The consumer receivers have already entered the European market and the Japanese receivers will be entering the market for high-end consumers in late '96 or early 1997. All of them are partners in this Eureka consortium. They all have access to the technical data necessary to build these receivers.

"They have clearly said to us, 'we're not building receivers for somebody with no transmitters. In other words, it's not up to us to throw a bunch of receivers out if you broadcasters can't give us a very clear and positive signal that you're serious about this technology'."

It's also interesting to note that during the transition period, digital broadcasters will have 14 hours a week in which to experiment with. "That would be programming totally independent from what we're doing on our AM and FM stations. But for the other part of the broadcast week with the exception of the 14 hours, the CRTC would require us to simulcast. So, basically what you're getting is the Toronto radio stations in digital, but you'll basically hear Canadian radio, but you'll hear it like you've never heard it before in digitalized CD sound."

Quality restructures with exit of Wilcock

With the exiting this past week of Bernie Wilcock from the music division of Quality Music & Video, the organization's president Ed LaBuick has announced a restructuring of the company.

Glenn Moss moves up to executive vice-president; Joe Bimblich has been appointed vice-president of business affairs; Nigel Newton takes on the position of vice-president of A&R and promotion; and Dennis Garces becomes A&R and marketing manager.

In making the above announcement, LaBuick pointed up that Quality's "greatest successes have been our products: Dance Mix, Dance Mix USA, Chris Sheppard Pirate Radio Sessions, Don Cherry Rock-em Sock-em, Sophist-o-Twist and Sweeps. Over the past three years we have tripled the volume of sales in our music, video and special products divisions. The cornerstone of our success are the people who make up the team."

LaBuick also revealed that through its "position

of strength" as part of an international group with interests in Canada, USA, England, Ireland and Australia, and that because the Canadian operation is committed to product development with its international partners, LaBuick, together with the UK operation, would be announcing A&R appointments for the UK and Europe in the future.

LaBuick stressed that Quality would continue its relationship with the labels it represents in Canada and that new signings would be a priority.

"Our music and video division continues to enjoy unprecedented growth via direct marketing and retail sales, and I many have been the butt of many people's jokes with the Sweepa broom and Sophist-o-Twist, but their combined sales of over 1.5 million units has shown how successfully we have diversified. Going into the second half of the decade, you will see Quality concluding deals which will continue to expand its interests. Things have never been better."

Evelyn Gauthier appointed in BMG Quebec branch

Michel Turcot, Quebec branch manager for BMG Music Canada, has announced the appointment of Evelyn Gauthier to the position of sales/marketing representative for the branch, effective immediately.

Gauthier brings more than eight years of sales and management experience to the position. In the five years prior to her appointment at BMG, Gauthier was a sales representative for A&M Records.

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Play hide the CD!!! Whenever there's a monumental record release, music directors rush into the washroom to see if there's a CD taped under the washbasin. It might be a good way to get a jump on the competition. While I'm at it, how many Toronto dealers ignored the embargo on the recent Beatles CD release (EC: *What does embargo mean???*)

Now we know!!! It seems that everything happens just after we go to press. At least we now know that BW won't succeed PA, and for sure, EL, isn't being considered. But there's a dark horse who entered the lineup, and he doesn't even know it yet. Does it make sense that DO, that's right, DO, not BO, but that one's still in the hopper, just might be the chosen pied piper of retail? (EC: *Not from where I stand!!!*)

Bailing out of L.A.??? There's an outside chance that New York may once again become the Tin Pan Alley of yesteryear. One major has already made moves to the Big Apple, and even bounced one of its major players, not that he had any say in the move. Another label VIP, who happens to be Canadian, has left his cushy west coast job to take refuge in Music City USA, where the weather isn't as nice as L.A., but nicer than NYC, and where there isn't any threat of an earthquake. Come to think of it, it just might take an earthquake to budge those tower people, unless the bid by that cash rich European consortium is finally taken seriously. Could the bloom be off Lotus Land. (EC: *Long ago, but it took Edgar Jr. to notice it!!!*) What is that white stuff?

CIRPA celebrates 20!!! Has it really been that long? I can remember when Stan Klees rented a boardroom at the Inn on the Park, back in 1970, and called the first meeting of independent producers. The first president of this organization, which was formed to fight the unfairness of radio broadcasters, was Jack Richardson. All this is good information to know because apparently no records were kept, but it was chronicled in RPM. That first meeting was on Dec. 4, 1970, and it was reported in the Dec. 19/70 issue of RPM on page 4 under the heading "CIRPA . . . producers form action association." Strangely enough, the article was written by Walt Grealis. (EC: *Gosh! That's you!!!*) There'll be a big Christmas bash to mark the 20th anniversary on Dec. 6 at Al Frisco's on John Street in downtown Toronto. Doors open at 7 pm. Tickets are \$25. They'll be giving away awards that evening

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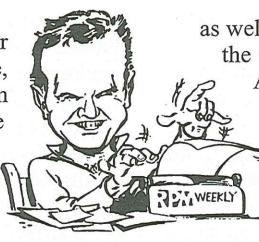
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Regurgitations??? Those compilation CDs with various dance artists, et cetera, et cetera, are moving

in on the album chart. Can you imagine a dance album remaining at #1 for four successive weeks? Maybe now's the time to introduce a Regurgitations Chart, leaving the 100 Album chart to give more presence to new, original product. This could be a beneficial sales tool to dealers and the industry alike. (EC: *You'll get a letter or two on that one!!!*)

A porno star??? Was that the lead singer of MC starring in a porno film? He used a pseudonym of course. They tell me it was a BIG . . . budget film. (EC: *He's just proving a point that there's life, and lots of fun, after MC!!!*)

Trivia!!! Can you name the most important broadcaster in Canada, who isn't a member of a certain Canadian Association of . . . uh . . . uh . . .? (EC: *Broadcasters???*)

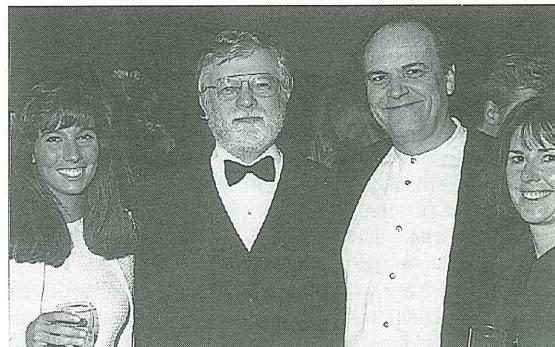
Who pays??? (EC: *Who cares???*) Wasn't that an impressive CD flyer that went out from that place that sells electronic gear? (EC: *I wonder who paid for that???*) And not to be outdone, that famous and ancient retailer came out with a similar multi-page and colourful flyer a couple of days later. (EC: *Should we guess who paid for that???*)

Culture? What culture??? Someone said, not too long ago, that Canada's arts and culture would never be put on the plate to satisfy the Americans over the ongoing US dominated free trade discussions. What goes on, under the table, is a different matter. Little by little, these guys south of the border are chipping away at our "distinct" (EC: *There's that word again!!!*) society, which just happens to want to control its own destiny. The latest is the government relaxing its hold on Canadian cable and broadcasting companies, allowing non-voting shares to foreigners. It used to be that foreign investors in our public-owned airwaves, were limited to a 20 per cent stake of the total equity of these companies. It's been raised to 33 per cent. Remember the old Arab and camel in the tent story? It's just the beginning. By the way, foreigners can only buy a 25 per cent share of Canadian publications, but that's another story. (EC: *Wait for the book . . . don't give away too much!!!*) We don't give ANYTHING away!!!

It's Honest Turkey time!!! If you happen to be around Honest Ed's at 10 am on Dec. 6, don't be shy, get in line and get a free turkey from Mr. Honest himself. The 81-year old patriarch of discounting (EC: *You mean he started before Sam???*) with his son David, Toronto Mayor Hall and Mickey Rooney in tow will be doing his annual giveaway thing. He's going to have five tons of the birds that are usually snapped up in less than an hour. He'll also be giving away fruitcakes to everyone who gets a turkey. And, to show his amorous side, he'll be presenting the mayor and Mickey Rooney with Honest Ed's Coping Awards.

Mickey told me the other day that Mickey Mouse was named after him. Apparently Walt was going to name the mouse Mortimer, but changed his mind when he met the original Mickey Rooney. (EC: *And they all hung out at Schwabs!!!*)

Question!!! Can you tell the difference between a Thomas and a Tyson? (EC: *Oooops!!!*)



Seen at SOCAN Awards dinner Barbara Kymlicka, Wm. Harold Moon Award winner Milan Kymlicka, Ian Thomas and Catherine Thomas.

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by Ron Rogers

MIX 99.9 in Toronto has been conducting a serious Hasselwatch in the past few weeks. Baywatch star David Hasselhoff has been in the city filming a movie (Gridlock), and the MIX morning man, Rob Christie, has been asking listeners to call in whenever Hasselhoff is spotted. Christie offered the listener who finally got Hasselhoff to call or visit the station The Hasselpack, consisting of tickets to Sunset Boulevard, dinner for two, and loads of other prizes. The search finally ended, after scores of calls, with Hasselhoff appearing on the Christie In The Morning show on October 26 (see picture).

Vancouver's CFOX and the Future Shop are happily bringing back the city's 8th annual Santa Fox Food Drive. The goal this year is to raise more than 50,000 food items for the Lower Mainland Food Banks, and the response thus far has been tremendous. Those who wish to donate non-perishable items can drop them off at any Santa Fox drop-off location at all of the Lower Mainland Future Shop locations. The drive will continue through December 15.

The Fan 590, Toronto's all-sports station, finally got some good news at the recent Canadian Association of Broadcasters Annual Convention in Ottawa. The Fan was awarded the Gold Ribbon Award in the radio entertainment category for its unique entry, The Ultimate World Series, which aired last October. The six-game fantasy baseball series was played between all-time All-Stars of the Toronto Blue Jays and Montreal Expos, as voted on by ball fans in the two cities. A computer simulation allowed producers to create every aspect of the play-by-play action, which was broadcast by regular Blue Jays' announcers Tom Cheek and Jerry Howarth, and Expos' announcers Mitch Melnick and Elliot Price. The program series swept the radio entertainment category at the CAB Awards, with no other entry garnering even a single vote, an unprecedented feat in CAB Gold Ribbon Award history. Station operations manager Bob Mackowycz also noted that a CD-ROM version of the Ultimate World Series is on the way.

Dave Cutler, the Hall of Fame place kicker of the CFL's Edmonton Eskimos, has joined Victoria's CFAX 1070 as retail sales manager. Along with his football career, Cutler also taught English, math and history in the greater Victoria school system for seven years in the '70s. He then moved to media in

Edmonton, selling print, radio and TV advertising, eventually setting up his own marketing company.

CJOH-TV sportscaster Brian Smith, slain outside the Ottawa station last August, was honoured, posthumously, by the Canadian Association of Broadcasters at their annual convention with the first-ever Gold Ribbon Award for outstanding community service by an individual broadcaster. According to Ron Bremner, chair of the joint awards committee of the CAB, "No one loved the community more, or served it with greater class, care and dedication than Brian Smith. It's appropriate Brian's name appear first on this prestigious national award." Alana Kainz, Smith's widow, accepted the award in a special presentation at the CAB convention.

The Fox's first annual rock auction for the BC Children's Hospital was a rousing success, with hundreds of rock fans filling the Commodore Ballroom to bid on one-of-a-kind collectibles. A soup can, autographed by recently deceased Blind Melon vocalist Shannon Hoon went for \$400. One of Bryan Adams' Fender Stratocaster guitars was auctioned off for \$1000. The sheet music for Elton John and Bernie Taupin's Candle In The Wind, autographed by the pair, went for \$950, while the charts for Your Song went for \$750. And a Les Paul Sunburst guitar, autographed by Jimmy Page and Robert Plant, brought in \$3100. By auction's end, the station had raised more than \$13,000 for the hospital. The Fox then hosted a concert, following the auction, featuring local bands Deadline, Noise Therapy, David Gogo and Rymes With Orange. Proceeds from this were also donated to the hospital.

Niagara Falls' The Planet has expanded operation manager Chris Jeanneret's duties to also include program director.

Vivianne Schell has been named marketing and promotions director at CJBK and CJBX-FM in London. She moves to London from Sudbury, where she was promotion director for CIGM and Q92 for five years.

Mercury/Polydor's Tony Szambor waged a one-man war against St. Catherines' HTZ-FM last week, attempting to convince the rock station to add Def Leppard's latest single, When Love And Hate Collide, taken from their greatest hits package, Vault. Although Szambor was unsuccessful in his attempts to get HTZ to add the record, he did earn a 90% in-favour vote via a ballot box he posted in front of the station. Szambor also collected more than 100 boxes of food for local food banks, and then drew for a grand prize - a Def Leppard CD library and a chance to see the band on MuchMusic's Intimate and Interactive (Nov. 22). The winner was Keith MacDonald from St. Catherines.

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2	2	10	MY FRIENDS Red Hot Chili Peppers - One Hot Minute Warner 45733 (comp 263)-P
3	5	5	GRIND Alice In Chains - Alice In Chains Columbia 67248 (promo CD)-H
4	10	3	FRIENDS OF P. The Rentals - Return Of The Rentals Maverick/Reprise 46093-P
5	3	7	MISOGYNY Rusty - Fluke Handsome Boy HBCD0003-N
6	4	6	MORNING GLORY Oasis - (What's The Story) Morning Glory? Epic 67351-H
7	7	13	NAME Goo Goo Dolls - A Boy Named Goo Warner 45750-P
8	6	12	I'LL STICK AROUND Foo Fighters - Foo Fighters Roswell C2 7243 8 34027 2 4 (promo CD)-F
9	12	6	CUMBERSOME 7 Mary - American Standard Attic 129-J
10	8	9	GECK STINK BREATH Green Day - Insomniac Reprise 46046 (promo CD)-P
11	18	3	ONE OF US Joan Osborne - Relish Mercury 314 526 699 (promo CD)-Q
12	13	3	HOOK Blues Traveler - Four A&M 540265 (comp 6)-Q
13	15	3	NATURAL ONE Folk Implosion London-Q
14	17	4	EVEN GRABLE Treble Charger - Self Title Sonic Unyon 013
15	16	3	PIRANHA Tripping Daisy - I Am An Elastic Firecracker Island 314 524 112 (comp 7)-Q
16	22	3	PURE MASSACRE Silverchair - Frogstomp Epic 91064-H
17	30	2	GLYCERINE Bush - Sixteen Stone Interscope 93561-P
18	9	13	LUMP The Presidents Of The United States Of America - S/T Columbia 67291 (promo CD)-H
19	21	3	CAR SONG Elastica - Elastica Geffen 24728 (comp 18)-J
20	11	12	QUEER Garbage - Garbage Almo Sounds 80004-J
21	14	12	HAND IN MY POCKET Alanis Morissette - Jagged Little Pill Maverick 45901 (comp 263)-P
22	29	2	MIGHTY K.C. For Squirrels - Example Epic 67150-H
23	20	11	TIME BOMB Rancid - ...And Out Come The Wolves Epitaph 86444-Q
24	19	12	JUST Radiohead - The Bends EMI 29626 (promo CD)-F
25	NEW		SANTA MONICA (Watch The World Die) Everclear - Sparkle And Fade Capitol 30929 (comp 28)-F
26	23	12	POSSUM KINGDOM Toadies - Rubberneck Interscope 92402 (comp 254)-P
27	NEW		PARANOIA Barstool Prophets - Crank Mercury 314 528 263 (comp 429)-Q
28	25	8	A GIRL LIKE YOU Edwin Collins - Gorgeous George A&M BRNCD 058 (comp 6)-Q
29	NEW		AS FAR AS I CAN SPIT Rainbow Buff Monkeys - Letters From Chutney Polygram 314 526 783 (promo CD)-Q
30	27	4	YOU OUGHTA KNOW 1000 Mona Lisas - The EP RCA 07863 66781-N



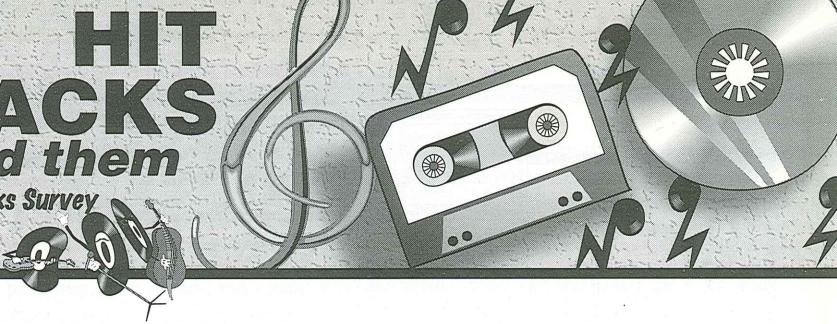
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 BMG - N EMI - F MCA - J
 Polygram - Q Sony - H Warner - P



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1	1	9	FANTASY (2 weeks)	Mariah Carey - Daydream Columbia 66700 (promo CD)-H
2	2	11	RUNAWAY	Janet Jackson - Decade 1986/1996 A&M 31454 0399 (promo CD)-Q
3	3	17	UNTIL I HEAR IT FROM YOU	Gin Blossoms - Empire Records O.S.T. A&M 31454 0384 2 (comp 5)-Q
4	4	13	I WISH YOU WELL	Tom Cochrane - Ragged Ass Road EMI 32951 (promo CD)-F
5	5	8	HAND IN MY POCKET	Alanis Morissette - Jagged Little Pill Maverick 45901 (promo CD)-P
6	6	10	BACK FOR GOOD	Take That - Nobody Else RCA 07822 18800-N
7	9	9	NAME	Goo Goo Dolls - A Boy Named Goo Warner 45750-P
8	16	10	DO YOU SLEEP?	Lisa Loeb & Nine Stories - Tails Geffen 24734 (comp 17)-J
9	7	10	LET IT RAIN	Amanda Marshall - Amanda Marshall Columbia 80229 (promo CD)-H
10	8	10	AS I LAY ME DOWN	Sophie B. Hawkins - Whaler Columbia 53300 (promo CD)-H
11	10	12	FAMILY SECRET	Alannah Myles - Alannah Atlantic 82842 (promo CD)-P
12	11	12	CAN I TOUCH YOU... THERE?	Michael Bolton - Greatest Hits 1985 - 1995 Columbia 67300 (promo CD)-H
13	12	15	THIS	Rod Stewart - A Spanner In The Works Warner 45867 (comp 256)-P
14	23	8	I'D LIE FOR YOU	Meat Loaf - Escape From Hell MCA 11341 (comp 18)-J
15	24	6	YOUR LITTLE SECRET	Melissa Etheridge - Your Little Secret Island (comp 7)-Q
16	46	5	BLESSED	Elton John - Made In England Rocket 314 526 185 (comp 424)-Q
17	26	14	CARNIVAL	Natalie Merchant - Tigerlily Elektra 61745 (comp 249)-P
18	13	14	SIDE OF THE ROAD	Blue Rodeo - Nowhere To Here WEA 10617 (comp 256)-P
19	15	12	SOMETHING FOR THE PAIN	Bon Jovi - These Days Mercury 314 528 181 (promo CD)-Q
20	19	15	I COULD FALL IN LOVE	Selena - Dreaming Of You EMI E2 34123 (comp 19)-F
21	30	8	BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S	Deep Blue Something - Home Interscope 92608 (promo CD)-P
22	17	12	PEACE AND LOVE	Neil Young - Mirror Ball Reprise 45934 (comp 258)-P
23	22	13	SMASHING YOUNG MAN	Collective Soul - Collective Soul Atlantic 82743 (comp 255)-P
24	21	14	I'M SHATTERED	Barney Bentall - Gin Palace Epic ET 080224-H
25	35	7	A GIRL LIKE YOU	Edwina Collins - Gorgeous George A&M BRNCD 058 (comp 6)-Q
26	20	15	YOU ARE NOT ALONE	Michael Jackson - HIStory Epic E2K 59000-H
27	14	23	ONLY WANNA BE WITH YOU	Hootie & The Blowfish - Cracked Rear View Atlantic 82613 (comp 249)-P
28	39	5	ROCK STEADY	Bonnie Raitt w/Bryan Adams - Road Tested Capitol 33705 (promo CD)-F
29	36	7	MY FRIENDS	Red Hot Chili Peppers - One Hot Minute Warner 45733 (comp 263)-P
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31	38	6	GOOD INTENTIONS	Toad The Wet Sprocket - Friends O.S.T. Reprise 46008 (comp 262)-P
32	28	15	I WILL REMEMBER YOU	Sarah McLachlan - The Brothers McMullen OST Nettwerk W2 30094 (promo CD)-H
33	29	12	WATERMARK	Mae Moore - Dragonfly Sony 80222 (promo CD)-H
34	25	14	GUNS AND GOD	Lawrence Gowan - The Good Catches Up Gowan Productions (promo CD)-Select

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36	44	6	GOOD MOTHER	Jann Arden - Living Under June A&M 314540248 (promo CD)-Q
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44	54	5	LOCK AND LOAD	Bob Seger - It's A Mystery Capitol (promo CD)-F
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46	34	16	WHAT DO YOU SEE?	Skydiggers - Road Radio WEA 10618 (promo CD)-P
47	37	15	EVERYBODY KNOWS	Don Henley - Tower Of Song: The Songs Of... A&M 31454 0259-Q
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49	57	7	CRY LOVE	John Hiatt - Walk On Capitol 33416 (promo CD)-F
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62	69	4	BULLET WITH BUTTERFLY WINGS	The Smashing Pumpkins - Mellon Collie And... Virgin 40861 (comp 31)-F
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64	71	5	ONE OF US	Joan Osborne - Relish Mercury 314 526 699 (promo CD)-Q
65	50	15	ROCK AND ROLL IS DEAD	Lenny Kravitz - Circus Virgin 40696-F
66	81	3	RUNAWAY	The Corrs - Forgiven, Not Forgotten Lava 143 (comp 258)-P
67	79	4	DIAMOND DREAMS	Bass It Base - Memories Of The Soulshack... A&M 31454 0398 (promo CD)-Q



Toronto band bringing the house down

Skydiggers still touring to promote Road Radio

by Ron Rogers

There's bringin' the house down, and then there's bringin' the house down. For Warner domestic signees The Skydiggers, the phrase bringin' down the house took on an entirely different meaning during a recent show in Winnipeg. As lead singer Andy Maize points out, "it was the perfect synchronization between band and audience."

"The floor came very close to collapsing, about half a dozen of the main support beams fractured. If we'd played another song or two I think we would have had people falling through the floor."

"One of the guys from Weeping Tile, who were in the dressing room downstairs, came rushing up on stage and said 'the sky is falling, the sky is falling'. So we stopped a song called Just Before The Rain and the crowd just kept going, they kept singing right along. For a show where we only played three and a half songs, it was one of the best shows we ever played."

The Toronto natives will make a return trip to Winnipeg before year's end, along with stops at various other points out west (as well as a quick trip to Halifax), all in the name of promoting their latest album, Road Radio, which also happens to be the band's first with Warner Music Canada.

Maize is hoping that the 'Diggers are three times lucky as far as record companies go. The group was originally signed to the late Enigma Records label, the first Canadian band to be signed to the EMI-distributed label. After Enigma succumbed to financial woes, the group then signed on with the then newly-formed Fre Records label, initially under the auspices of Derrick Ross and Terry Flood. Maize admits that things didn't exactly go too smoothly at Fre.

"After Enigma went belly up, we found ourselves all alone about halfway through the first album. Fre Records came together with a lot of string and glue. I guess in hindsight, we should have done a little more checking behind the scenes, before signing with Fre, but we just wanted to it happen so we ignored some of the warning signs, the main one being that there was never enough money to make it happen."

"After the third album (1993's Just Over This Mountain), we asked Fre to not pickup our option, which they did. It wasn't pretty, we had to convince them that it was over, well and truly. We had always been on an independent-distributed label, and when you're on a distributed label, the sales reps from the distributor were always very nice to us, but could never really do anything for us. They had their own priorities, and they had money to spend promoting and marketing their own priorities. We were always a little like that country cousin who comes to town - 'we'll show you around, but there's really not much we can do for you'."

"So we said we can go two ways here. We've built up a solid foundation of fans who've supported us with our live playing, through three albums' worth of live shows. So we can either go completely independent, and distribute through the chains ourselves. Or we can try and get on with a bigger company and use their resources, both human and financial, to try and reach a larger audience. When we sat down and discussed it, ultimately we decided that there had been a lack of promotion, which had been a major stumbling block in the band becoming

better known. And that wasn't going to be addressed if we were to continue as an independent band."

After deciding to go the major label route, the band did the usual shopping around, talking to various executives, trying to find the company that would provide the best fit. Maize says the biggest part of the task was convincing the majors that they weren't babes in the woods in the business.

"A lot of the recording contracts that you enter into are pretty one-sided. We wanted to make sure that we were entering into a new relationship with somebody who understood that we'd been around long enough, and we weren't naive about things. We felt we fit right in with the Warner roster - Blue Rodeo, Waltons, Barenaked Ladies, Moxy Fruvous, Spirit Of The West, Odds - that's a roster we're proud to be a part of."

Of course, being part of such a large domestic roster might make for some worries about fighting for the company's time, and money.

"Yes, that's part of the chance you take. That definitely was a concern for us. They are a big company, they'll deal with a lot of material. But who knows, sometimes it's easier to do things when you're busy than not. But it is definitely a concern."

The album that resulted, Road Radio, is a picture of a band clearly reaching its artistic peak.

It's an album dotted with songs that are reflective of a chorus of songwriters as good as any in this country, or any other country for that matter. While the title refers in many ways to the infectious, get-behind-the-wheel-of-the-car-and-drive feel of the album, it also refers to the mobile recording studio the group used in recording the album at a Port Dover, Ontario theatre.

"The two fellows we recorded the album with, John Olivera and Chris Marks, have got a mobile recording setup called Road Radio. John (who had recorded the band's Restless album) had discovered this room in Port Dover (about 50 minutes southwest of Hamilton), which is actually an old theatre, and used to be the town hall. It does mainly summer stock, it's pretty well dark for the winter, so we got it for \$50 a day."

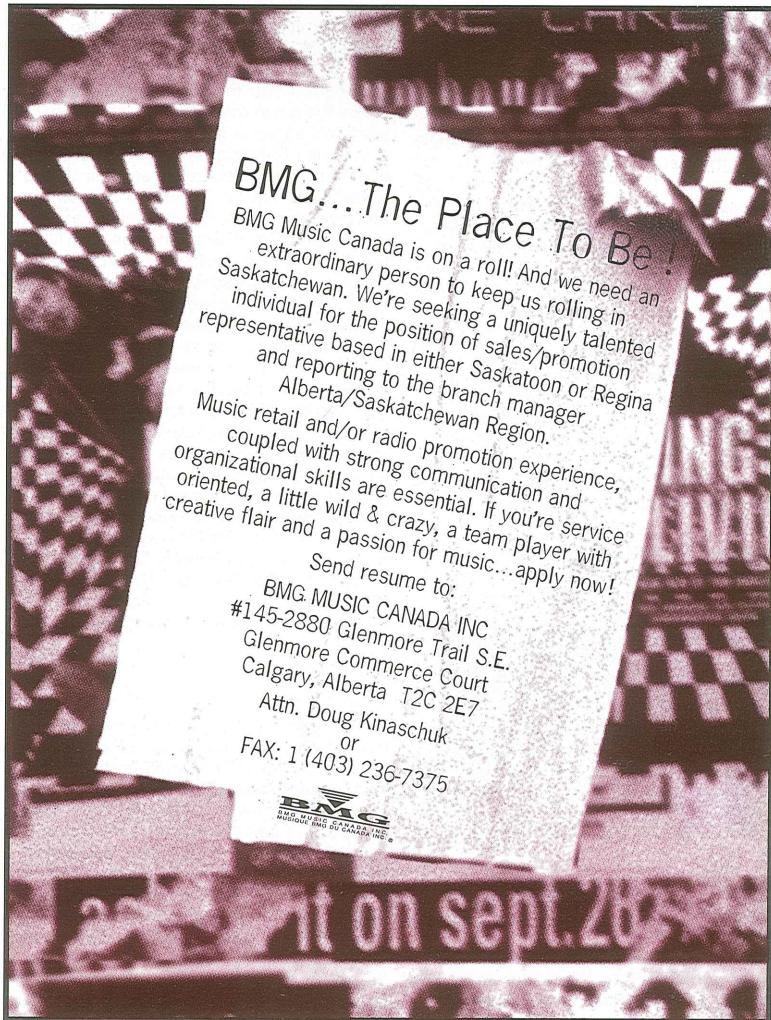
What the group went for in traveling to the theatre was to

try and capture that elusive 'live feel', something that every band hopes to regenerate in the studio. Maize notes that the group also saw it as a chance to revitalize the Skydiggers' sound, and, with the new record label, to really begin again.

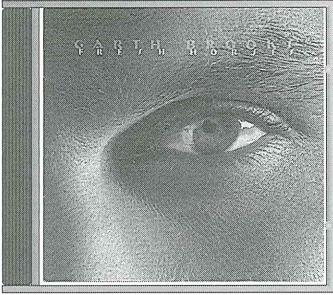
"We really wanted to try and break some patterns with this album. And we also wanted to say 'this is how the band sounds live at this point'. So we brought in monitors during the recording, which we'd never done before, and we set up to play the way we rehearse and play live. It's strange because we do 90% of our playing through monitors at live shows, and then when you go to record, everybody puts on headphones and they're suddenly isolated. So we really wanted to play the way we're used to hearing ourselves and each other."

"The problem when you go for that live feel is that you're missing the key ingredient, which is the audience. But six or eight of the songs on this album we recorded in one day. We went back and did a little bit of overdubbing, but that one day, everything just fell together."

Maize says the toughest thing for any band to deal with when it comes time to do a new album is repetition. Bands, by their nature, tend to form a certain inherent sound, and it's easy for people who were fans of one album to become bored with a second. Which is why the Skydiggers approached the writing and recording of the Road Radio album with a different slant.



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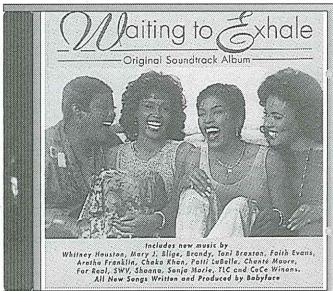


GARTH BROOKS - Country

Fresh Horses

Capitol/Nashville-32080-F

Released to retail on Nov. 21, this latest gem from the king of country music is the biggest selling country album across Canada, entering the RPM Country Albums chart at #1. Of course, it helped to have a #1 single with the first focus track, She's Every Woman, (RPM - Nov. 20/95). The Fever, released as the follow-up, penned by Aerosmith's Steven Tyler, doesn't look too shabby either (#37). This is Brooks' first studio CD in more than two years. Considering all the press he has received in the past, what more is left to be said? Is "vintage" new? Because that's what this is. Brooks has an amazing vocal appeal that captures the imagination immediately. He runs the gamut here with a bit of rockin' country, a touch of swing and that ballady touch that gets to the heart, like on That Ol' Wind and The Change. He might even have a crossover track here with Ireland, written by Brooks, Stephanie Davis and Jenny Yates. It has the makings of an anthem. But don't overlook Rollin', which Brooks wrote with Hurley Allen and Leigh Reynolds. Lots of appeal, musically and lyrically, with this one as well. The overall marketing strategy with this release hasn't left too much to the imagination. Radio, retail and the trade press are all patched into the potential of this CD, which was produced by Allen Reynolds. His Hits package made Canadian music industry history by achieving the fastest ever Diamond Award. That's one million units sold. Watch this one do even better. -WG



WAITING TO EXHALE SOUNDTRACK - Pop

Various Artists

Arista-18796-N

No, it's not a new Whitney Houston album (although they say that's coming). But looking at the packaging and reading the liner notes, you'd swear it was. But if you

look real close, what you'll discover is a fine collection of some of the finest female voices in R&B today, all performing some fine new tunes by the current king of song-styling, Babyface. La Femme Houston was granted the lead single, Exhale (Shoop Shoop), a pleasant A/C-oriented song that's already made monstrous gains on the charts. She also carries the lead on the album's second track, Why Does It Hurt So Bad, and joins up with Cece Winans on the closing piece, Count On Me. But aside from Houston, we're also graced with rookie-of-the-year award winner Toni Braxton (Let It Flow), the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin (It Hurts Like Hell), Brandy (Sittin' Up In My Room), and the album's finest bump-and-grind action, Mary J. Blige on Not Gon' Cry. Arista is hoping this will turn out to be another Bodyguard, although there doesn't appear to be another I Will Always Love You in the midst. But it should still sell a ton, and Babyface will continue to reap some hefty rewards for his impressive talents. -RR



GOLDENEYE

Various Artists

Virgin-41048-F

Bond is back, and according to those who have seen the movie, he's better than ever. If the movie turns out to be as big as it appears it will, it should provide a strong push for this soundtrack. The one thing that has made Bond movie soundtracks a cut above the norm over the 30-year history of the film's series is the inevitable presence of a fairly prominent artist performing the title track. Paul McCartney and his Wings turned Live And Let Die into a top ten hit, and it's still probably the most famous Bond theme song. But other top names have filled the Bond quota, including Carly Simon (Nobody Does It Better, from The Spy Who Loved Me), Rita Coolidge (All Time High, from Octopussy), Sheena Easton (For Your Eyes Only), Duran Duran (A View To A Kill), Chrissie Hynde (the theme from The Living Daylights), and Gladys Knight (License To Kill). The latest big name to try the Bond trick is Tina Turner, who slaps her well-worn vocals onto the Goldeneye theme, written by U2's Bono and The Edge. The song is obviously the focal point of this soundtrack, although one shouldn't ignore the powerful score, written and performed by Eric Serra. If Tina can do as well as McCartney, Simon or even Easton did (both McCartney and Simon hit #2 on the charts, Easton #5), the soundtrack could be a strong seller. -RR

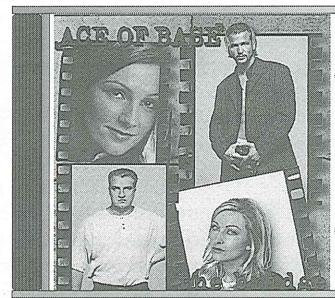
ACE OF BASE

The Bridge

Arista 18806-N

BMG ought to be justifiably proud of this release which should do just as well as the group's million selling debut of yesteryear. Like its predecessor, The Bridge relies on the sure recipe of great rhythms, strong singing and positive lyrical content - not much of a secret for the most sophisticated release that dance/pop has seen in a long while. A great range of influences from across the globe including the Mediterranean (Strange Ways), south Pacific (My Deja Vu), American beaches (Wet Wet Sand) and, of course, Swedish summernights (Whispers In Blindness) ensure that the album will have global appeal. Beautiful Life, the first in a long

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line of singles, promises a good run on radio. A strong release that will satisfy older audiences with its sophistication and lyrical beauty and keep the dance floor hopping with its musical energy. -RG

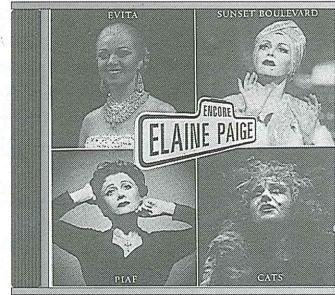
ELAINE PAIGE

Encore

WEA-10476-P

Elaine Paige is a British singer well liked and respected for her starring roles in musical theatre. To our chagrin, we hadn't heard her until now. She is the quintessential stage singer; which is to say that her impact is greater in person than on record. Here, she offers selections from Sunset Boulevard, Cats, Chess, Evita, Jesus Christ Superstar,

Show Tunes



Les Miserables and Piaf. Her interpretation in them all is spot on and she is the possessor of a fine voice. That said, let it be noted that occasionally she goes sharp in the manner of another stage singer of some

considerable renown, the later Gertrude Lawrence. Miss Paige is at her best on this CD with selections sung originally by Edith Piaf. She sings with the emotion of the Parisian Sparrow and if her accent isn't always accurate as in Non, Je Regrette Rien, well, she is British you know, all is forgiven with her meltingly beautiful singing of Hymne A L'Amour (If You Love Me) which is surely one of the world's loveliest love songs and, Miss Paige is surely of today's premier singers. Now, if only we could see and hear her in person. -BW

QUINCY JONES

Q's Jook Joint

Qwest/Warner Bros.-45875-P

If you want to know the real power of The Q, you need only look at the massive, impressive list of names who contributed to the album's lead-in piece, Jook Joint Intro. Names like Stevie Wonder, Brandy, Billy Eckstine, Dizzy Gillespie, Marlon Brando (?), Barry White, Chaka Khan, Tone Loc, Queen Latifah, Ray Charles, Patti Austin, Sarah Vaughan, Miles Davis, Gloria Estefan and Bono. But hey, that's just a partial list of some of the major, major talent that is offered up on this latest production from the reigning Don of pop producers. Unlike his Back On The Block comp, Q's Jook Joint offers up not only his own material, but also gems from the sterling Rod Temperton file, and some other classics from the past. Canadian fans should take note of track #4, You Put A Move On My Heart (another Temperton original), featuring 19 year-old Windsor native Tamia. Other notable takes include a '90s version of Rock With You (Michael Jackson's old hit) featuring Brandy and rapper Heavy D; Let The Good Times Roll (a Louis Jordan fave) led by the daunting trio of Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles and Bono; Phil Collins, of all people, handling lead vocals on Duke Ellington's Do Nothin' Till You Hear From Me; a seductive Heaven's Girl, written and sung by R. Kelly, with help from model Naomi Campbell and others. As with Back On The Block, you can't just skip from one track to another. Just slap it on and hit play - it'll eat you up.

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ALBUM PICK

THE BEATLES

Anthology 1

Apple/Capitol-34445-F

Looking back now, some 25 years after the band's demise, there almost seems to have been two, clear, distinct Beatles' phases. The first is the rock and roll phase, the one optimized on She Loves You, I Wanna Hold Your Hand, I Saw Her Standing There and so on. The second was the drug-tinged, Maharishi-coloured late '60s phase, the one that sort of started with Rubber Soul and peaked with Sgt. Pepper's. But it's that first phase that gets the microscopic examination here, well, at least part of that first phase. Beginning with the recently recorded John Lennon song Free As A Bird (featuring a posthumous contribution from Lennon on vocal and piano, pasted on to a new recording by the surviving three Beatles), the album then takes a dip back in time to the earliest surviving recordings of The Beatles, or at least, what would eventually become The Beatles. The earliest of those is a 1958 recording of Lennon, McCartney and Harrison (along with fellow former Quarry Men Colin Hanton and John Lowe) on Buddy Holly's That'll Be The Day and In Spite Of All The Danger, written by McCartney and Harrison. This album features loads of little rarities that Beatlemaniacs will just love to get their hands on, including various interviews with the band members and former manager Brian Epstein; five outtakes from the group's failed audition for Decca (New Year's Day, 1962); takes from their initial EMI sessions for George Martin; the group's set at the 1963 Royal Command Performance before the Queen Mother; several of the takes from the Hard Day's Night sessions; and a recording of All My Loving culled from the band's first, historic appearance on the Ed Sullivan Show in February, 1964. By the time the other two parts of this anthology are released (the remainder is due next year), Beatlemaniacs may have finally had their fill. But can you think of any other pop band that has garnered this type of historical treatment? Can you think of any other pop band that deserves it?



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Rogers is ready to transmit digitally in 1996

by Walt Greolis

Off the top, it should be pointed out that the CRTC has called for applications for transitional digital radio licences from existing broadcasters who wish to broadcast digitally.

Tony Viner, president and CEO of Rogers Broadcasting, has indicated that Rogers will be applying for digital radio licences for several of their properties. He explains that if the licence is approved

for their Toronto operation, initially, 680 News and CHFI-FM would be able to broadcast the same programming, in effect, simulcast it digitally. The CRTC will also allow some of that programming to be broadcast digitally, strictly for digital. "There won't be much of an audience yet, but the Commission, in my view, has taken the logical approach to this and indicated to broadcasters that they can

Tony Viner begin experimenting now, and as time goes on, there will be permanent licences that we will have to apply for. But I think the Commission wants to encourage all kinds of experimentation."

On the hardware side, it's interesting to note that once the manufacturers come on line, and there are indications that even American based firms are lining up, the receivers will accommodate AM, FM and digital. The receiver will require a chip that will decode the digital transmission. Future receivers, of course, will be solely digital.

"The negative is that the US hasn't embraced the technology, for political reasons, but technology waits for no one. Digital technology is available to listeners and viewers today and on CDs and in other forms of audio entertainment. It will be impossible, in my view, for radio to maintain an analog platform in the face of convergence, number one, where computers, telephony and television are all converging and where radio will converge if they are a digital property. So, yes, we think it will happen. We think it will be a great opportunity. We don't want to be left behind. I think audiences are going to continue to demand better quality. There's a significant additional benefit to radio broadcasters with respect to ancillary data-casting facilities that they might provide."

"But first and foremost, I think we are going to have to give our audiences the highest audio quality that we can. And those who say 'well, it's not really discernably different from FM, or whatever, I can only tell you that the same was said about LPs and 8-tracks, cassettes and now CDs. But people will gravitate towards the most superior technology."

The consumer, of course, is very astute, and as Viner points out, they will want digital receivers and they will discern that the sound is better. "Digital will allow for enhanced services and ultimately greater diversity. So, there's no way that we can hold back."

"I wish the Americans were in this with us. But, I think their real concern is that you will automatically create twice as many viable licences

in every market, because you will have both AM and FM. I think their other concern is that in the US, unlike in Canada, this has not necessarily been designated as the replacement technology. So, it's conceivable, but I'm in no way certain, that the FCC could decide that this is just another band and they could make it available for licensing. But they may or may not necessarily give any sort of preference to existing radio licensees"

The cost factor of transferring to digital radio has been of some concern, but Viner suggests, "like anything else, the cost will eventually come down. We're talking about \$50,000 or \$60,000 per broadcaster. It depends on the size of the area you want to serve, the number of gap fillers you've got to provide. Our view is that the cost will not be prohibitive."

Rogers has already installed digital equipment in their operations in Ottawa and Vancouver, and they already exist in Toronto and Montreal. "In Toronto, we have plans to purchase our own digital transmitter that we hope by the end of 1996 will be available to transmit digitally."

Now, who will be available to receive this signal? As Viner explains, "It's the old chicken and the egg situation. Do you wait until the receivers are out there to begin transmitting? Our view is that we want to be ready. So, we'll be applying for a transitional licence, getting set to broadcast digitally and there probably won't be any receivers out there to receive it, by the end of this year."

Obviously, the future of digital radio hinges on public acceptance and willingness to pay for the new hardware.

"There's no question that the big issue is the hardware availability. I believe the manufacturers are eager to get rolling. It's not going to happen overnight, but it will happen geometrically more quickly than the conversion from AM to FM, because I think people accept and understand new technology. How long did it take cassettes to replace vinyl albums, as opposed to how long did it take CDs to replace both? The order of magnitude to the degree that we accept technological change increases. I think it will happen. It won't take 30 years for it to happen as it did between AM and FM, I think it will take 10."

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CRIA stats indicate down turn in retail sales

The Canadian Recording Industry Association (CRIA) has released its industry statistics for the month of October 1995, with the results indicating what many in the industry have recently suspected, that retail music sales are down from last year.

According to the CRIA stats, the total number of cassettes being shipped is down 21% from this point last year. As well, CD shipments in the month of October are down 2% from October 1994.

The overall numbers indicate that the total units shipped in October 1995 is down 13% from October 1994.

On the dollar side of the numbers, cassette sales are down 33% in the month of October '95, compared to that month last year. In the same one month period, CD sales are virtually the same as they were in October '94. And again, total retail music sales are down 8% in the month of October '95 as compared to that month in '94.

Overall however, looking at the year-to-date numbers, CD sales are up 19%, compared to the numbers at this point last year. Total albums sales are up 10% in 1995 thus far as compared to the previous year.

As previously predicted by many, cassette sales continue to decline, down 19% thus far this year, obviously indicating that more and more people are turning to CD technology.



COUNTRY

Garth Brooks is the big news this week at both radio and retail. He's had a #1 hit with She's Every Woman (RPM - Nov. 20/95) and the follow-up, The Fever, is doing just that (#31). His new album, Fresh Horses, had almost as much security surrounding its release as did the Beatles Anthology 1, arriving at the stores the same day by the way. There were enough stores reporting the CD as being their #1 seller to push it into the #1 slot on the Albums chart the first week of release, the first time this has happened. Alan Jackson came close last week with his Arista CD, The Greatest Hits Connection, topping the chart the second week on release.

New from Charlie Major is his latest Arista release, Tell Me Something I Don't Know, which he wrote with Barry Brown. The single is the follow-up to Major's most recent #1 single, (I Do It) (For The Money (RPM - Oct. 9/95), which is now descending the chart (#36). Both tracks are included on his new album, Lucky Man.

George Strait hits #1 with his latest MCA release, Check Yes Or No, a song written by Danny Wells and Dana Hunt Oglesby. The track was taken from his box set, appropriately titled Strait Out Of The Box, which is doing well at retail.

TNN has a heavy load of Christmas specials on the way. The Nashville Network has to be the most media-friendly bunch in television. Media releases come complete with all the information anyone would want to know about upcoming shows, plus black and white photos of all the country stars and up-and-coming hopefuls. The information we get is three, maybe four times more than what we get from NCN, MuchMusic or even the CBC or CTV. Christmas With Vince Gill (Dec. 4), a 90-minute special, sees him performing with the 70-piece Tulsa Philharmonic Orchestra. He's joined on stage by Chet Atkins, Amy Grant and Michael McDonald. On Dec. 6, it's A Sam's Place Christmas Steven Curtis Chapman (RPM Albums - Nov. 20/95), Amy Grant, Hal Ketchum and Alison Krauss. On Dec. 12, it's Alabama in concert with Tracy Byrd and Lari White. On Dec. 16, Barbara Mandrell and John Berry have a special with The Statler Brothers, Crystal Gayle and Ronna Reeves. Wait, there's more as we get closer to Christmas. On Dec. 20, Co-hosts Charlie Daniels and Chris LeDoux share the stage with Diamond Rio and Linda Davis and rodeo

cowboys Ted Nuce and Ty Murray, along with rodeo legend Jim Shoulders and cowboy poet Baxter Black.

Ricky Skaggs is back and Solid Ground, his debut single for Atlantic, is the most added, entering the chart at #77. This is the title track of his album, which is now at retail.

Prescott/Brown enter the chart at #86. Their latest release was written by Mark Sanders and Ed Hill, and taken from their Columbia album, Already Restless, which was produced by Randall Prescott and recorded at his Ottawa Valley studio. This is the follow-up to Thirty-Nine Days, which enjoyed good chart action over this past summer.

Collin Raye looks good with his latest Epic release, Not That Different. Written by Karen Taylor-Good and Jodie Scott, the single enters the chart at #87. This is the follow-up to One Boy, One Girl. Both tracks are included on his Not That Different album, which was produced by Paul Worley, John Hobbs and Ed Seay.

John Michael Montgomery can't stay away from the charts. His latest Atlantic release, Cowboy Love, moves onto the chart at #89. He is only now coming down from a good run up the chart with No Man's Land (#6). Both tracks were taken from his self-titled album, which has enjoyed 34 weeks on the Albums chart.

Sawyer Brown maintain their popularity with Canadian programmers. Their latest Curb release, 'Round Here, gets a leg up the chart with a #91 listing. This latest offering was written by Mark Miller, Scott Emerick and Gregg Hubbard and is included on their album, This Thing Called Wantin' And Havin' It All. The album was produced

by Miller and Mac McAnally.

Joe Diffie's release, Bigger Than The Beatles, couldn't have been more timely, entering the chart at #92. This is the first single from his brand new album, Life's So Funny, which should be in the stores the first week in December. The song was written by Jeb Stuart Anderson and Steve Dukes. The album was produced by Diffie and Johnny Slate. Also timely for release is Diffie's Christmas single, Leroy The Redneck Reindeer, which he wrote with Steve Pippin and Stacey Slate. You can get more of his Christmas cheer on the album, Mr. Christmas, which he produced with Slate.

Trisha Yearwood charts this week with On A Bus To St. Cloud (#93). This is a song written by Gretchen Peters. The track was taken from her album, Thinkin' About You, which was produced by Garth Fundis. The track is also included on MCA compilation 8.

Terry Hill has another go at chart action. His new focus track, The Fall, written by Nashville writers Ronnie Samoset and Chuck Cannon signs in at #94. The track was taken from his four-song EP, which was produced by Mike Francis and recorded at Toronto's Inception Sound. He's got some pretty good pickers on the session, including bassist Tom Szczesniak, drummer Brian Leonard, keyboardist Lou Pomanti, steelman Steve Smith, mouth harpist Roly Platt, Mike Holder on dobro and Ray Parker

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- #1. On My Own - Reba McEntire
- #2. I Let Her Lie - Daryle Singletary
- #3. You Feel The Same Way - Rankin Family
- #4. No Man's Land - John Michael Montgomery
- #5. Go Rest High On That Mountain - Vince Gill

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Artist/Album Title/Where to find it
(Songwriter) Producer (Label)

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1	4	9	CHECK YES OR NO	George Strait/Strait Out Of The Box/pro single-J (D.A.Wells/D.H.Oglesby) T.Brown/G.Strait (MCA)
2	6	17	I LET HER LIE	Daryle Singletary/Self-titled/comp 250-P (T.Johnson) J.Stroud/R.Travis/D.Malloy (Giant)
3	1	13	SHE'S EVERY WOMAN	Garth Brooks/Fresh Horses/pro single-F (V.Shaw/G.Brooks) A.Reynolds (Capitol)
4	5	12	LIFE GOES ON	Little Texas/Greatest Hits/comp 257-P (Gray/McHugh/Folse) DiNapoli/Grau (Warner Bros)
5	7	11	WHISKEY UNDER THE BRIDGE	Brooks & Dunn/Watin' On Sundown/comp 34-N (D.Cook/K.Brooks/R.Dunn) S.Hendricks/D.Cook (Arista)
6	3	13	NO MAN'S LAND	John Michael Montgomery/Self-titled/CD track- (J.S.Sherrill/S.Seskin) S.Hendricks (Atlantic)
7	2	13	LEARNING A LOT ABOUT LOVE	Jason McCoy/Self-titled/pro single-J (J.McCoy/T.Barnes) S.Baggett (MCA)
8	8	16	HERE COMES THE RAIN	The Mavericks/Music For All .../pro single-J (R.Malo/Kostas) D.Cook/R.Malo (MCA)
9	17	9	WHO NEEDS YOU BABY	Clay Walker/Hypnotize The Moon/comp 260-P (C.Walker/R.Boudreux/K.Williams) J.Stroud (Giant)
10	10	13	SOMETIMES SHE FORGETS	Travis Tritt/Greatest Hits .../comp 257-P (S.Earle) G.Brown/T.Tritt (Warner Bros)
11	11	12	GO REST HIGH ON THAT ...	Vince Gill/When Love Finds You/comp 6-J (V.Gill) T.Brown (MCA)
12	53	5	TALL, TALL TREES	Alan Jackson/Greatest Hits/comp 35-N (G.Jones/R.Miller) K.Steagall (Arista)
13	15	10	TIME OF MY LIFE	George Fox/Title track/comp 259-P (G.Fox/B.Gaudio) B.Gaudio (WEA)
14	14	15	YOU FEEL THE SAME WAY TOO	Rankin Family/Endless Seasons/promo single-F (J.Rankin) J.Jennings/Rankin Family (EMI)
15	19	11	BACK IN YOUR ARMS AGAIN	Lorrie Morgan/Greatest Hits/comp 34-N (J.F.Knoblauch/P.Davis) J.Stroud (BNA)
16	16	14	IF I WAS A DRINKIN' MAN	Neal McCoy/You Gotta Love .../pro single-P (J.R.Rudd/B.Hill) B.Beckett (Atlantic)
17	20	13	TEQUILA TALKING	Lonestar/Self-titled/comp 34-N (B.Laboutry/C.Waters) D.Cook/W.Wilson (BNA)
18	21	12	LOVE LESSONS	Tracy Byrd/Title tracka/comp 6-J (Kilgore/Hewitt/Powell/Majors) T.Brown (MCA)
19	9	14	I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO ...	Blackhawk/That's Just About Right/CD track-N (R.J.Lange) M.Bright (Arista)
20	25	7	ANCIENT HISTORY	Prairie Oyster/Only :One Moon/CD track-N (B.DiPiero/J.S.Merrill) S.Fishell (Arista)
21	22	8	BORN IN THE DARK	Doug Stone/Faith In Me/pro single-H (C.Hinsley) J.Stroud/D.Stone (Columbia)
22	31	8	IN PICTURES	Alabama/Title track/pro single-N (J.Doyle/B.E.Boyd) E.Gordy Jr. (RCA)
23	24	9	I WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU	Dolly Parton/Vince Gill/Something .../pro single (D.Parton) S.Buckingham (Columbia)-H
24	33	9	MISSING YOU	Calvin Wiggett/Title track/pro single (S.Longacre/S.Giles) R.H.Smith (Royalty)
25	26	13	WHAT GOES AROUND (Comes ...	Jamie Warren/Fallen Angel/pro single (J.Warren/M.Dineen) J.R.Hutt/F.Hill (Too Hip)
26	37	5	LIFE GETS AWAY	Clint Black/One Emotion/CD track-N (C.Black/H.Nicholas/T.Schuyler) J.Stroud/C.Black (RCA)
27	28	11	MUSHKEEGO	Waplistan Lawrence Martin/Message/pro single (L.Martin) L.Martin (First Nations)-F
28	12	17	THE WOMAN IN ME ...	Shania Twain/Title track/pro single-Q (S.Twain/R.J.Lange) R.J.Lange (Mercury)
29	30	12	HILLBILLY BOY WITH ...	Greg Hanna/No album/pro single (R.Scaife/M.Collie) J.Richardson (Psychabilly)
30	36	6	NOTHING	Dwight Yoakam/Gone/comp 264-P (D.Yoakam/Kostas) P.Anderson (Reprise)
31	44	3	THE FEVER	Garth Brooks/Fresh Horses/pro single-F (S.Tyler/J.Perry/B.Kennedy/D.Roberts) A.Reynolds (Capitol)
32	32	13	WHEN A WOMAN LOVES A MAN	Lee Roy Parnell/We All Get .../comp 34-N (M.Luna/R.V.Hoy) S.Hendricks/L.R.Parnell (Career)
33	34	10	THAT'S AS CLOSE AS I'LL GET...	Aaron Tippin/Self-titled/comp 34-N (S.Dworsky/P.Jefferson/J.Leyers) S.Gibson (RCA)
34	35	9	TEN MORE MILES	The Johner Brothers/Title track/comp 259-P (B.Johner) Johner Bros/B.McKay (WEA)

35	13	17	ALL I NEED TO KNOW Kenny Chesney/Title track/pro single-N (S.Seskin/M.A.Springer) D.Beckett (BNA)
36	23	14	(I Do It) FOR THE MONEY Charlie Major/Lucky Man/pro single-N (C.Major) S.Fishell (Arista)
37	18	15	DUST ON THE BOTTLE David Lee Murphy/Out With .../promo single-J (D.L.Murphy) T.Brown (MCA)
38	39	6	REBECCA LYNN Bryan White/Self-titled/comp 263-P (D.Simpson/S.Ewing) B.J.Walker Jr./K.Lehning (Asylum)
39	42	9	TIL THE RIVER RUNS DRY Straight Clean/Simple/Dead .../pro single (L.L.Vannatta) L.Lee/R.Bartleff (Hillcrest)
40	48	6	CAN'T BE REALLY GONE Tim McGraw/All I Want/pro single-F (G.Burt) J.Stroud/B.Gallimore (Curb/EMI)
41	41	10	SHE COULD HAVE IT ALL Rick Tippe/Shoulda' Seen .../CD track (R.Tippe/C.Rolin) D.Pomeroy (Moon Tan)
42	47	7	THE CAR Jeff Carson/Self-titled/CD track-F (C.M.Spriggs/G.Heyde) C.Howard (Curb/EMI)
43	43	8	HEART HALF EMPTY Ty Herndon/Stephanie Bentley/What .../pro sing (G.Burr/D.Child) D.Johnson (Epic)
44	54	6	I'M A STRANGER HERE MYSELF Perfect Stranger/You Have The .../pro single-F (Lindsey/Lindsey/Keith) C.Brooks/T.Tiuhill (Curb/EMI)
45	29	16	LIFE IS JUST A DREAM Joel Feeney/Title track/comp 5-J (J.Feeney/C.Farren) C.Farren/H.Parrott (MCA)
46	27	12	I DON'T WANNA BE THE ONE Patricia Conroy/You Can't ... /comp 257-P (P.Conroy) M.Wanchic/J.Niebank (WEA)
47	55	5	NOT ENOUGH HOURS IN THE NIGHT Doug Supernaw/You Still Got Me/CD track-Q (A.Barker/K.Williams/R.Harbin) R.Landis (Giant)
48	57	8	SHE SAID YES Rehett Atkins/A Thousand Memories/pro single-J (J.Doyle/R.Akins) M.Wright (MCA)
49	38	10	SAFE IN THE ARMS OF LOVE Martina McBride/Wild Angels/comp 34-N Rose/Kennedy/Bunch) McBride/Worley/Seay (RCA)
50	50	8	TRYING TO ROPE THE WIND Cindy Church/Just A Little .../comp 255-P (T.Williams/L.Thain) N.Tinkham/C.Church (Stony Plain)
51	59	6	LISA MARIE Desert Dolphins/No album/pro single (R.Fagan/W.Kimes) R.Prescott (Quality)
52	56	7	I TAKE IT BACK Sharon Anderson/Bringing It Home/pro single (S.Anderson/W.Patton) J.Crutchfield (Royalty)
53	61	5	IF I HAD ANY PRIDE LEFT ... John Berry/Standing On The Edge/pro single-F (Greenbaum/Seals/Seseter) J.Bowen/C.Howard (Capitol)
54	58	7	GREATEST LOVE Susan Graham/Somewhere In .../CD track (M.G.Joyce/I.Kelly) B.Bullock/J.Klee (New West)
55	77	2	(If You're Not In It For Love) I'M ... Shania Twain/The Woman In Me/pro single-Q (S.Twain/R.Lange) R.J.Lange (Mercury)
56	80	3	WHEN BOY MEETS GIRL Terri Clark/Self-titled/comp 429-Q (T.Shapiro/T.Clark/C.Waters) K.Stegall/C.Waters (Mercury)
57	72	4	WHAT I MEANT TO SAY Wade Hayes/Old Enough.../pro single-H (D.Cook/S.Hogin/J.McBride) D.Cook (Columbia)
58	45	16	LET'S GO TO VEGAS Faith Hill/It Matters To Me/comp 254-P (K.Staley) S.Hendricks (Warner Bros)
59	46	15	I LIKE IT, I LOVE IT Tim McGraw/All I Want/CD track-F (Dukes/Anderson/Hall) Stroud/Gallimore (Curb)
60	40	18	BETTER THINGS TO DO Terri Clark/Self-titled/Mercury/comp 487-Q (T.Shapiro/C.Waters) K.Stegall/C.Waters (Mercury)
61	66	8	LITTLE LIES BIG TROUBLE Lawnie Wallace/Self-titled/pro single-J (L.Wallace/W.Wallace/S.Wilkinson) J.Gulley (MCA)
62	63	11	HOLDIN' ON Faster Gun/Take A Chance/CD track (C.Barsi) Taylor/Fries/Faster Gun (Faster Gun)
63	65	9	JUST CAN'T STAND TO BE UNHAPPY Bobby Cryer/Self-titled/pro single-J (H.Prestwood) B.Beckett/T.Brown (MCA)
64	71	4	TAKE THE FALL Shirley Elkhardt/I Had My Way/CD track (S.Elkhard) S.Elkhard/E.Dotl (Denton)
65	49	11	ON MY OWN Reba McEntire/Starting Over/comp 9-J (K.Richey/Angelo) R.Bennett (Mercury)
66	70	8	RUB-A-DUBBIN' Ken Mellons/Self-titled/pro single-H (D.Goodman/S.P.Davis/B.Hobbs) J.Cupit (Epic)
67	51	10	TROUBLE Mark Chesnutt/Wings/pro single-J (T.Sneider) T.Brown (Decca/MCA)

68	52	16	I WANNA GO TOO FAR Trisha Yearwood/Thinkin' About You/comp 5-J (L.Martine Jr./K.Robbins) G.Fundis (MCA)
69	75	5	WORLD TO ME Don Neilson/Based On A .../CD tra;ck-H (S.Neilson) D.Neilson/T.Thorne/E.Ehm (Epic)
70	78	4	SMOKE IN HER EYES Ty England/Self-titled/CD track-N (N.Prestwood) G.Fundis (RCA)
71	74	4	LOVE & DREAMS Stephanie Beaumont/No album/pro single (S.Harris) R.Prescott (Rescue)
72	76	4	THOSE WORDS WE SAID Kim Richey/Self-titled/CD track-Q (K.Richey/Angelo) R.Bennett (Mercury)
73	81	3	IT MATTERS TO ME Faith Hill/Title track/comp 264-P (M.D.Sanders/E.Hill) S.Hendricks (Warner Bros)
74	82	3	RING ON HER FINGER, TIME ... Reba McEntire/Starting Over .../pro single-J (Goodman/Rose/Kennedy) Brown/McEntire (MCA)
75	83	3	LIKE THERE AIN'T NO YESTERDAY Blackhawk/Strong Enough/CD track-N (W.Aldridge/M.Narone) M.Bright (Arista)
76	84	3	DEEP DOWN Pam Tillis/All Of This Love/CD track-N (W.Aldridge/J.Jarrard) P.Tillis/M.Pool (Arista)
77	NEW		SOLID GROUND Ricky Skaggs/Title track/comp 267-P (G.Owens) R.Skaggs (Atlantic)
78	64	11	ANYTHING FOR LOVE James House/Days Gone By/pro single-H (J.House/P.Barnhardt/S.Hogin) D.Cook (Epic)
79	85	2	TRULY, MADLY South Mountain/Where There's .../comp 260-P (D.McConnell/L.L.Piticco/S.Piticco (Stony Mountain)
80	88	2	MYOPIC The Barra MacNeills/The Question/comp 429-Q (S.MacNeil) N.Griffiths (Polydor)
81	69	18	(This Thing Called) WANTIN' AND ... Sawyer Brown/Greatest Hits /CD track-F (Samoset/Loggins) Miller/McAnally (Curb)
82	86	3	HIS MEMORY Western Flyer/Cherokee Highway/pro single (R.Ross/D.Kees) R.Pennington/Western Flyer (Step One)
83	93	2	HOME ALONE 4 Runner/Self-titled/pro single-Q (D.N.Wilson/C.Morris (B.Cannon/L.Shell (Polydor)
84	94	2	LISTENIN' TO THE RADIO Chefy Wright/Right In The Middle/pro single-Q (S.Russ/S.Smith) E.Seay/H.Shedd (Polydor)
85	95	2	SHE CAN'T SAVE HIM Lisa Brokop/From The Heart/pro single-F (L.Hengber/B.Aspen) J.Crutchfield (Capitol)
86	NEW		TALKIN' LOVE Prescott/Brown/Already Restless/comp 333-H (M.D.Sanders/E.Hill) R.Prescott (Columbia)
87	NEW		NOT THAT DIFFERENT Collin Raye/I Think About You/comp 334-H (K.Good/J.Scott) P.Worley/E.Seay/J.Hobbs (Epic)
88	73	17	IF THE WORLD HAD A FRONT PORCH Tracy Lawrence/No album/pro single-P (T.Lawrence/P.Nelson/K.Beard) J.Stroud (Atlantic)
89	NEW		COWBOY LOVE John Michael Montgomery/Self-titled/CD track- (B.Douglas/J.Wood) S.Hendricks (Atlantic)
90	79	18	ONE BOY, ONE GIRL Collin Raye/I Think About You/pro single-H (M.A.Springer/S.Smith) P.Worley/E.Seay/J.Hobbs (Epic)
91	NEW		ROUND HERE Sawyer Brown/This Thing Called .../pro single-F (Miller/Emerick/Hubbard) Miller/McAnally (Curb/EMI)
92	NEW		BIGGER THAN THE BEATLES Joe Diffie/Life's So Funny/pro single-H (J.S.Anderson/S.Dukes) J.Scott/J.Diffie (Epic)
93	NEW		ON A BUS TO ST. CLOUD Trisha Yearwood/Thinkin' About You/comp 8-J (G.Peters) G.Fundis (MCA)
94	NEW		THE FALL Terry Hill/Self-titled/CD track (R.Samsoet/C.Cannon) Mike Francis (RDR)
95	89	10	BILL'S LAUNDROMAT, BAR ... Confederate Railroad/When .../comp 259-P (M.Germino/J.A.Stewart) B.Beckett (Atlantic)
96	87	15	OVER YOU NOW Rachel Matkin/Beyond Our .../Spinner CD (G.Barnhill/V.Bird) T.Rucher (Cross Country)
97	90	25	I WANT MY GOODBYE BACK Ty Herndon/What Mattered Most/pro single-H (P.Bunch/D.Johnson/D.Berg) D.Johnson (Epic)
98	92	23	SHOULD'VE ASKED HER FASTER Ty England/Self-titled/comp 33-N (B.DI Piero/A.Anderson/J.Klemik) G.Fundis (RCA)
99	91	19	DON'T STOP Wade Hayes/Old Enough To Know .../pro single (C.Rains/T.Shapiro) D.Cook (Columbia)
100	96	7	(A Day In The Life Of) SINGLE ... Victoria Shaw/In Full View/comp 260-P (V.Shaw/D.Child) J.E.Norman/A.Byrd (Reprise)

on synthesizer. Francis also doubles on guitars and mandolin. That's Neil (Don Neilson) Donnell and Colina Phillips on background vocals.

BMG's Dale Peters is pushing Clint Black's Christmas album, *Looking For Christmas*, an unusual album containing all new Christmas songs. Black wrote or co-wrote most of the material. Peters says you can get a pretty good handle on Black's writing talent from the two songs released as a radio promo single, *Christmas For Every Boy And Girl* and *Under The Mistletoe*. The album also contains *The Kid*, which he wrote with Merle Haggard and Hayden Nichols, *Slow As Christmas*, which he wrote with Nichols and *Til Santa's Gone (Mile And Cookies)*, a song he wrote with Nichols and Shake Russell. The album, released on the RCA label, was produced by Black and James Stroud.

Jay Hitchen program/music director at New Country 1270 CHAT in Medicine Hat, is one of the few country programmers who supplies additional information on singles that he's listing. He lists the title of the album the track was taken from, which is a big help.

South Mountain have an instant add on NCN with the recent release of their first ever music video, *Truly, Madly*. The single, released on the Stony Plain label, entered the RPM Country 100 at #85 last week and moves up to #79 this week. This is the third single taken from their album, *Where There's A Will*. Stony Plain is distributed by Warner Music Canada.

Wayne Pronger's dream to be at The Opry (RPM - Nov. 6/95), became reality at 9:30 pm on Nov. 17. George Hamilton IV walked on stage and introduced Pronger as the co-writer of the song, *Circle Of Wood*, that Hamilton had recorded for his new album. Canadian singer/songwriter and friend, Tom Kelly, wheeled Pronger on stage in his wheelchair and left him in the spotlight on the actual circle of wood from the old Ryman Theatre as Hamilton sang the song for a national TV audience. As the song finished the Opry audience gave a prolonged ovation for Hamilton and Pronger. TNN taped a special segment on Pronger that will include his arrival in Nashville in his special bus and his time backstage at the Opry. The special will air on TNN on Dec. 5. While in Nashville, Pronger and Kelly met with Nashville publishers Mark Meckell of Sunset Productions and Bart Barton of BeKool Music, both of whom showed an interest in four of their songs. Hamilton's album, containing *Circle Of Wood*, is included on his soon-to-be-released album *Canadian Country Gold And Unmined Treasures*, which was produced by Gary Buck.

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1	NEW	GARTH BROOKS Fresh Horses Capitol-32080-F	21	17	12	THE MAVERICKS Music For All Occasions MCA-11257-J	
2	1	3	UNTAMED AND TRUE 2 Various Artists MCA-11218-J	22	26	5	MARTINA McBRIDE Wild Angels RCA-7863-66509-N
3	2	28	ALISON KRAUSS Now That I've Found You: A Collection Rounder/Denon-0325	23	32	2	MARK CHESNUTT Wings Decca/MCA-11261-J
4	4	8	CHARLIE MAJOR Lucky Man Arista-74321-30728-N	24	19	15	TRACY BYRD Love Lessons MCA-11242-J
5	3	42	SHANIA TWAIN The Woman In Me Mercury-314-522-886-Q	25	21	13	TRAVIS TRITT Greatest Hits From The Beginning Warner Bros-46001-P
6	8	25	JASON McCOY Self-titled MCA-11290-J	26	23	34	JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY John Michael Montgomery Atlantic-82728-P
7	9	6	GEORGE STRAIT Strait Out Of The Box MCA-11263-J	27	27	39	GEORGE FOX Time Of My Life WEA-19881-Q
8	6	12	TIM McGRAW All I Want Curb-EMI-77800-F	28	22	16	JEFF CARSON Self-titled Curb-77744-F
9	5	6	REBA McENTIRE Starting Over MCA-11264-J	29	25	14	COLLIN RAYE I Think About You Epic-67033-H
10	10	7	TRACY LAWRENCE Live Atlantic-82847-P	30	24	16	PERFECT STRANGER You Have The Right To Remain Silent Curb-77799-F
11	14	15	TERRI CLARK Terri Clark Mercury Nashville-26991-Q	31	NEW		QUARTETTE Self-titled Denon-9016
12	7	7	BLACKHAWK Strong Enough Arista-07822-18792-N	32	28	17	ALABAMA In Pictures RCA-07863-66525-N
13	16	4	VARIOUS ARTISTS Kickin' Country 3 Sony Music-24019-H	33	36	22	LORRIE MORGAN Greatest Hits BNA-BMG-07863-66508-N
14	20	3	DWIGHT YOAKAM Gone Reprise-46051-P	34	31	14	JEFF FOXWORTHY Gone Rednecks Play Warner Bros-45314-P
15	13	17	COUNTRY HEAT 5 Various Artists BMG-74321-29803-N	35	35	57	ANNE MURRAY The Best ... So Far EMI-31158-F
16	11	41	SUSAN AGLUKARK This Child EMI-32075-F	36	33	38	JOHN BERRY Standing On The Edge Patriot/EMI-32284-F
17	12	13	DOLLY PARTON Something Special Columbia/Blue Eye-67140-H	37	38	14	FAITH HILL It Matters To Me Warner Bros-45872-P
18	30	2	STOMPIN' TOM CONNORS Long Gone To The Yukon EMI-7243-83529-F	38	37	84	PRAIRIE OYSTER Only One Moon Arista-19427-N
19	15	50	GARTH BROOKS The Hits Liberty-29689-F	39	39	31	TY HERNDON What Mattered Most Epic-66397-H
20	18	14	THE RANKIN FAMILY Endless Seasons EMI-7243-832348-F	40	34	26	DWIGHT YOAKAM Dwight Live Reprise-45907-P

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1	1	3	EXHALE (Shoop Shoop) Whitney Houston - Waiting To Exhale OST Arista-07822 18796 (pro single)-N
2	2	14	RUNAWAY Janet Jackson - Decade 1986/1996 A&M-31454-0399 (pro single)-Q
3	3	10	SENTIMENTAL Deborah Cox - Deborah Cox Arista-Number (pro single)-N
4	4	7	IF I WERE YOU k.d.lng - All You Can Eat Warner Bros-46034 (pro single)-P
5	6	8	GOOD MOTHER Jann Arden - Living Under June A&M-31454-0248 (pro single)-Q
6	8	10	LET IT RAIN Amanda Marshall - Amanda Marshall Columbia-80229 (pro single)-H
7	5	14	CAN I TOUCH YOU ... THERE? Michael Bolton - Greatest Hits 1985-1995 Columbia-67300 (pro single)-H
8	18	7	BLESSED Elton John - Made In England Rocket/Mercury-314-526-185 (comp 425)-Q
9	9	15	YOU ARE NOT ALONE Michael Jackson - History Epic-59000 (pro single)-H
10	15	9	DO YOU SLEEP? Lisa Loeb & Nine Stories - Tails Geffen-24734 (comp 17)-J
11	7	8	FANTASY Mariah Carey - Daydream Columbia-7321 (pro single)-H
12	11	15	BACK FOR GOOD Take That - Nobody Else Arista 07822-18800 (comp 87)-N
13	17	9	TAKE IT ON FAITH Joshua Kadison - Delilah Blue SBK/EMI-35100 (CD track)-F
14	13	12	AS I LAY ME DOWN TO SLEEP Sophie B. Hawkins - Whaler Columbia-53300 (pro single)-H
15	22	7	CRY LOVE John Hiatt - Walk On Capitol-334162 (pro single)-F
16	10	11	BREAKIN' DOWN Susan Aglukark - This Child EMI-32075 (pro single)-F
17	24	6	WATCH OVER YOU Hemingway Corner - Under The Big Sky Epic-80218 (pro single)-H
18	34	4	ROCK STEADY Bonnie Rait/Bryan Adams - Road Tested EMI 33705 (promo CD)-F
19	12	19	I COULD FALL IN LOVE Selena - Dreaming Of You EMI-34123 (comp 19)-F
20	27	6	GOOD INTENTIONS Toad The Wet Sprocket - Friends Soundtrack Reprise-46008 (comp 262)-P

21	21	7	I'D LIE FOR YOU Meat Loaf - Escape MCA-11341 (comp 18)-J
22	23	15	STRAWBERRY GIRL Jay Semko - Mouse Iron Music-77876-51004 (pro single)-N
23	16	10	ROLLING THUNDER Rita MacNeil - Porch Songs EMI-35469 (pro single)-F
24	25	8	GO WALKING DOWN THERE Chris Isaak - Forever Blue Reprise-45845 (comp 259)-P
25	19	10	FAMILY SECRET Alannah Myles - Alannah Atlantic-82842 (comp 259)-P
26	14	13	YOU FEEL THE SAME WAY TOO The Rankin Family - Endless Seasons EMI-852348 (pro single)-F
27	33	6	NAME Goo Goo Dolls - A Boy Named Goo Warner Bros-45750 (comp 260)-P
28	53	3	YOU'LL SEE Madonna - Something To Remember Maverick/Warner Bros-46100 (pro single)-P
29	26	16	SHE'S NOT IN LOVE Kim Stockwood - Bonavista EMI-32479 (pro single)-F
30	38	4	YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ME Roxette - Don't Bore Us Get To The Chorus EMI-36133 (CD track)-F
31	37	5	BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S Deep Blue Something - Home Interscope/Warner-92608 (comp 254)-P
32	32	5	IN THIS LIFE Bette Midler - Bette Of Roses Atlantic-82823 (comp 265)-P
33	39	4	NAKED AND SACRED Chynna Phillips - Title track SBK/EMI-35705 (comp 28)-F
34	36	7	GIVE ME ONE REASON Tracy Chapman - New Beginning Elektra-61850 (pro single)-P
35	20	13	GUNS AND GOD Lawrence Gowin - The Good Catches Up Select-no number (pro single)
36	28	13	THIS Rod Stewart - A Spanner In The Works Warner Bros-45867 (comp 256)-P
37	40	4	SI NO TE CONOCIERA (If I Never ...) Jon Secada - Amor EMI-35468 (comp 28)-F
38	42	4	I'M YOUR MAN All-4-One - And The Music Speaks Atlantic-82746 (pro single)-P
39	54	2	RUNAWAY The Corrs - Forgiven, Not Forgotten Lava-143 (comp 258)-P
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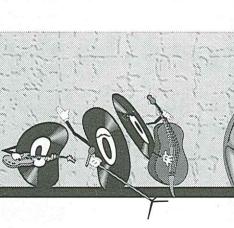
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47	49	4	DIGGIN' ON YOU TLC - Crazy Sexy Cool LaFace/BMG-73008-26009 (pro single)-N
48	35	5	NEVER ALONE (Eeyore's Lullaby) Tyler Collins - Take My Hand Disney-60863 (CD track)
49	58	2	OPEN UP YOUR EYES YOU CAN ... Vanessa Williams - Ain't Nuttin' But A She Thing London-822 828 674 (comp 429)-Q
50	56	2	LIE TO ME Bon Jovi - These Days Mercury-314 528 181 (comp 429)-Q
51	57	2	YOUR LITTLE SECRET Melissa Etheridge - Title track Island-314 524 154 (comp 7)-Q
52	44	8	CRAZY COOL Paula Abdul - Head Over Heels Virgin-40525 (pro single)-F
53	NEW		I DO Fleetwood Mac - Time Warner Bros-45920 (CD track)-P
54	45	9	THIS HOUSE IS NOT A HOME The Rembrandts - LP EastWest-61752 (comp 257)-P
55	47	9	CARNIVAL Natalie Merchant - Tigerlilly Elektra-61745 (comp 249)-P
56	NEW		BEAUTIFUL LIFE Ace Of Base - The Bridge Arista-07822-18806 (CD track)-N
57	NEW		WAITING IN VAIN Annie Lennox - Medusa RCA-74321-25717 (CD track)-N
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59	48	19	WALK IN THE SUN Bruce Hornsby - Hot House RCA/BMG-07863-66584 (comp 86)-N
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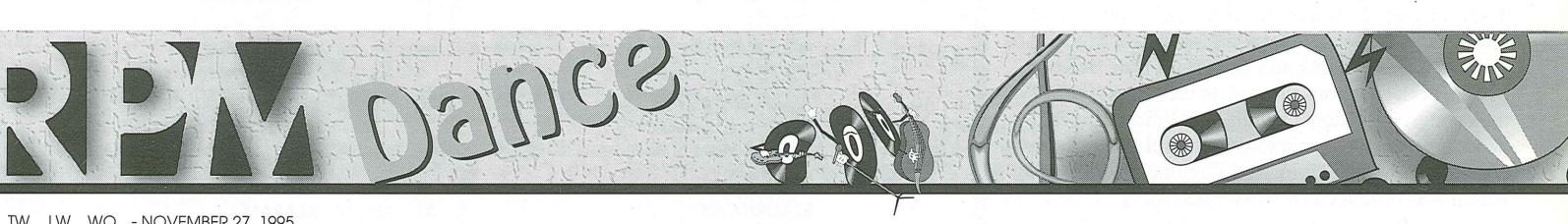
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"When you're in any relationship for a period of time, you tend to establish certain patterns or habits, that aren't necessarily bad things, but they are what they are. And you can predict the way people are going to respond to certain things. So we really wanted to try and break some of these patterns, just to force ourselves into new situations. So Josh played bass on a couple of songs, Ron plays guitar, Peter plays electric guitar for the first time, I tried to write lyrics differently, we just wanted to mix it up a bit."

But as Maize admits, when you're daring to try something new, it's difficult to overcome that initial insecurity. He says it's a matter of striving past those insecurities, learning to be a little bit humble.

"When you're trying to create something, it's amazing how insecure you can get. We are in this business to try and get people to like what we're doing, to own our records, to come to our shows. We're not going to pretend to be a band that says 'we don't give a flying fuck what people think of us'. So you are insecure about trying new things, but unless you do it, and unless you're prepared to laugh at yourself, then you'll never change. That's

very much what this recording is all about."

The unfortunate fact for The Skydiggers is that, like many of their domestic brethren, simply being labelled as Canadian can often be a kiss of death in terms of fighting for radio airplay. Maize, like other Canadian artists, wishes that radio programmers would listen to all artists on an equal footing, regardless of their country of origin.

"The whole radio situation has changed so dramatically since our first album came out almost six years ago. I think Cancon is a mixed blessing at this point. On the one hand, it certainly helped us, but I think at other times it has hurt us. Once stations have their 30%, they say 'well we've filled our quota', and they stop listening to all the other Canadian stuff, instead of judging each album on its own merits."

The genesis of The Skydiggers can be traced to Toronto's upscale Eglinton/Avenue Road area, where Maize and guitarist Josh Finlayson grew up. After their respective bands ended in 1985, the pair got together to write and perform acoustic, guitar-oriented material. The pair began playing the local club circuit, with Maize also doubling as vocalist in a similar trio with Andrew Cash. Maize then met Cash's brother Peter, who offered up a tape of his

own material.

"I had no idea he played guitar, no idea he wrote songs, and I thought well what is this going to sound like? And it sounded like Pete, and the harmonies sound like me, so it was a natural fit."

"So the three of us started playing together. We found Ron (bass player Von Jonnie) through an ad in Now Magazine, and when we saw him, with those sideburns, we thought 'if he can play a note, he's in'. And then we hooked up with Wayne Stokes, and that was it. Josh and I had enjoyed the duo-acoustic thing, but we wanted more, we wanted more texture, wanted more sound. And the whole thing came together very naturally."

Now that the group is in its seventh year of existence, with thousands of miles of touring under their belts, the inevitable question that comes to mind is - are you guys getting sick of the road yet, or each other?

"I worked a couple of summers in the bush doing geology sampling work and it's amazing. You work with the same people, seven days a week, once you hit that wall, somebody could look at you sideways and you'd want to kill them. Touring is tough, but there's that hour and a half, two hours a night, where you get to go on stage, that's the easiest part of the whole thing."

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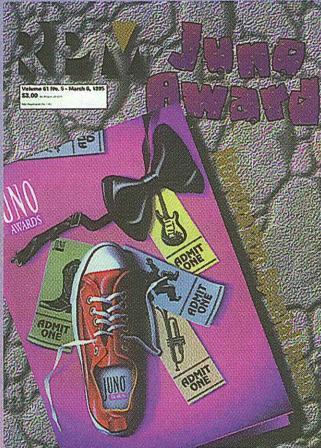
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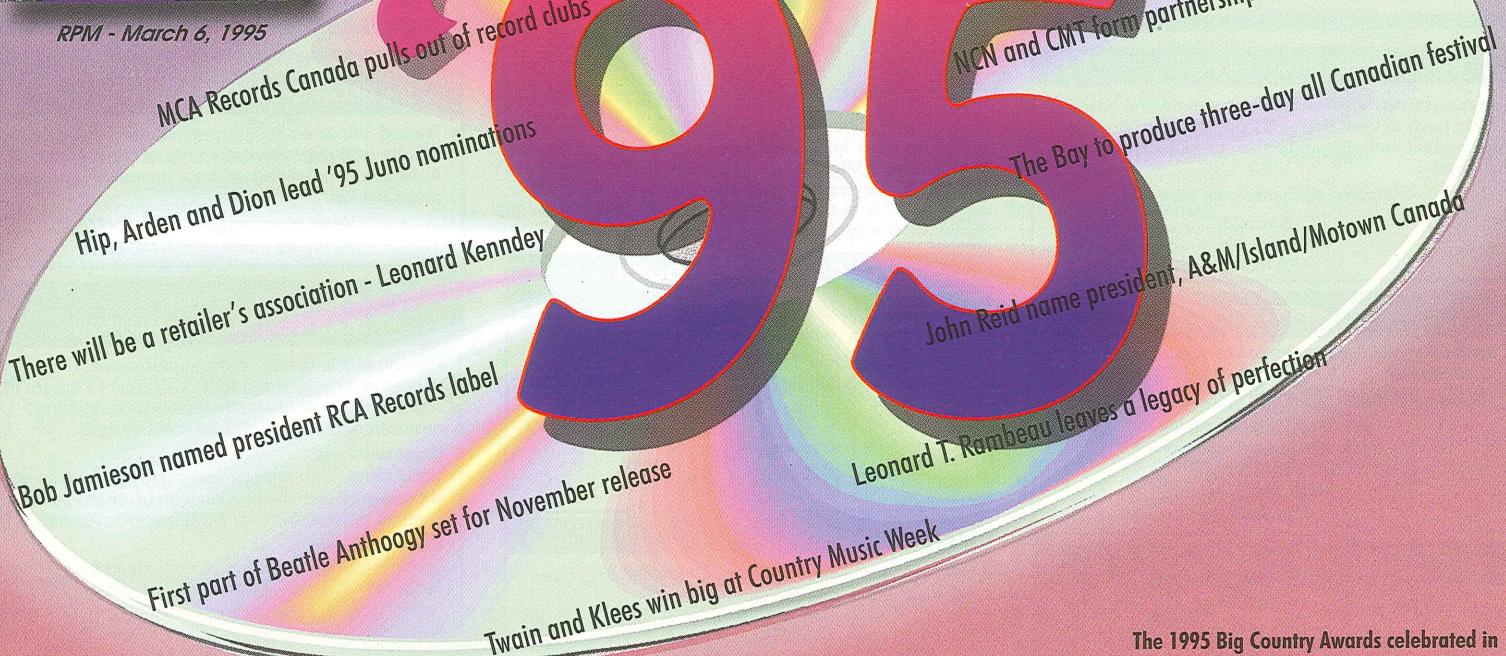
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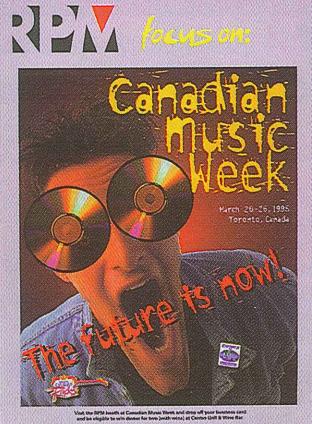
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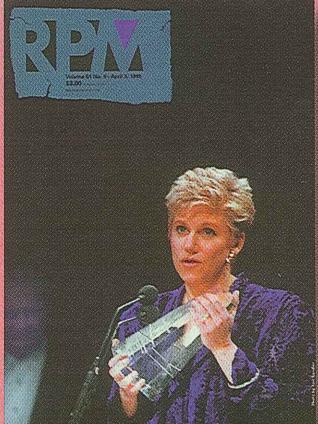
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