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Warplane Museum on April 24.

George Steinbrenner, owner of the #1 American League team, the New York Yankees with Jackie Rae (l) and Micky Erbe (r) of Canada's #1 Big Band, The Spitfire Band.

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Obituary

Terry Lynd - first Canadian to helm Columbia Canada

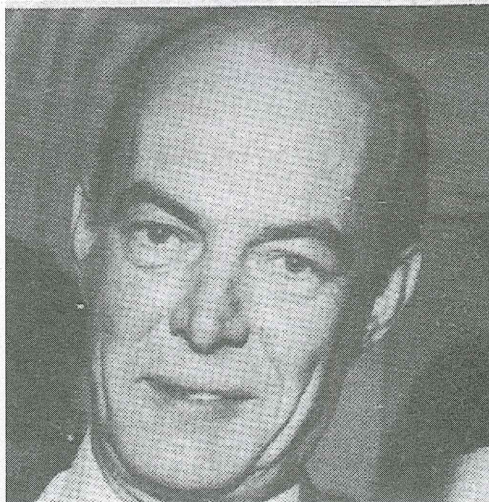
The industry was saddened at the news of the passing of Terence McNally (Terry) Lynd, who died at Toronto's Princess Margaret Hospital on Friday, April 24. Mr. Lynd was in his 72nd year.

A native of Whitby, Ontario, Mr. Lynd joined Columbia Records Canada as a comptroller in 1961, moving up to executive vice-president in 1968. He left this position to take over as vice-president of finance for Famous Players in 1971. He returned to Columbia to take command of the operation as vice-president and general manager on September 4, 1973. He took on the mantle of president in 1975.

Mr. Lynd was the first Canadian to head up the giant multinational record company. He was a quiet corporate gentleman whose primary goal was to maintain the company's financial stability and to encourage his people to sign and promote and market new Canadian acts. He worked very closely with his vice-president Jack Robertson and together, they actioned several changes and the streamlining of the operation. During this period of time, the Canadian roster was strengthened significantly.

On May 4, 1976 Mr. Lynd was elected president of the Canadian Record Industry Association (CRIA), a position he held through

1977. It was also in 1976 (July 20) at the CBS International Records Convention in Century City,



California where it was announced that the Canadian operation would be known as CBS Records Canada with Mr. Lynd continuing in his

role as president. A large Canadian contingent headed by Mr. Lynd and Jack Robertson attended the convention. It was a proud moment for the Canadians with one of their star acts Burton Cummings headlining a major convention dinner concert in company with The Miracles, Rick Derringer and Tower Of Power. It was also an opportunity to proudly parade some of the Cancon acts signed to Columbia to CBS representatives of territories from around the world. Included were Pagliaro, Eclipse, Tom Middleton, Fosterchild, Dwayne Ford, Lick 'N' Stick and Jackson Hawke. It was also during the convention when Mr. Lynd announced the formation of the company's first press and artist relations department which would further add to the company's importance with the media.

CBS Records Canada employees revered Mr. Lynd for his openness and his accessibility. "My employees' concerns are my concerns," he once told a company gathering. "I have an open door and an open mind." He retired from CBS in December of 1981.

Mr. Lynd is survived by his wife Jane, sons Tom and Laurie and grandsons Terry and Bryan and brother Ben.

Funeral services were held in Toronto on April 28 with interment at Greenhill Cemetery in Kingsville, Ontario.

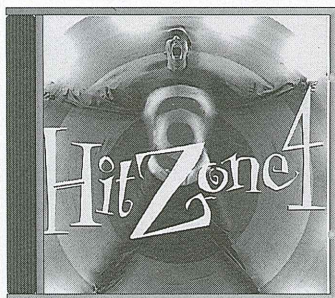


BMG double platinum to Robyn and manager Alex Strehl for Robyn Is Here, at YTV Awards by BMG's Noah Segal, Alison Mercer, Lisa Zbitnew, Ken Bain, Cam Carpenter and RCA's Vince Degiorgio. (photo Barry Roden)



Andrew Scott of Sloan gets intimate with a Much camera at their April 28 Intimate & Interactive date while Jay Ferguson, Chris Murphy and Patrick Pentland play on. (photo Barry Roden)

NO. 1 ALBUM



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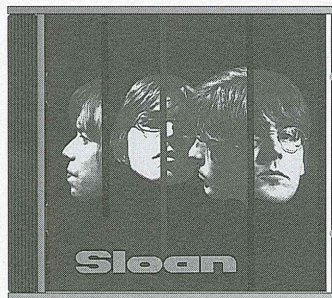


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RCA/BMG-N

ALBUM PICK

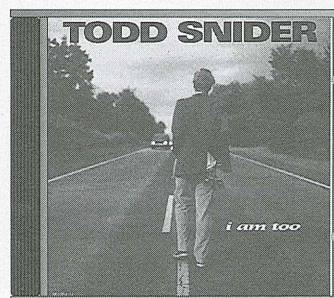


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Navy Blues

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HIT PICK



I AM TOO

Todd Snider

MCA-J

Big plans as NOW! 3 hits stores this week

The second quarter is looking to get its biggest boost with the release this week of NOW! 3, the newest instalment in a growing hit compilation series jointly put together by Warner, EMI and Universal Music Canada. Universal will, this time around, handle the manufacturing, marketing and distribution of the release, and label representatives are expecting to outsell the two previous instalments in the series.

"We have set our goals pretty high," says Stephen Tennant, who represents Strategic Marketing for Universal in Canada. "The way that Big Shiny Tunes has built into this incredible franchise, not to mention the incredible performances of NOW! and NOW! 2, there's no reason to think this can't do a million copies when all is said and done."

The series has, in fact, shown an exponential growth in the market since the initial EMI release in March 1996. NOW! moved some 25,000 units, while NOW! 2, released last May, has doubled that figure by selling slightly over half a million units in the country. According to Tennant, NOW! 2 is still moving a weekly average of 4-500 units, despite its material being six months removed from contemporary hit radio. He maintains, however, that the key to the series' success is in netting the right songs near or at the exact time when they are most visible on radio and video.

"The most important thing is trying to keep the hits as current as possible," he says. "And that means trying to have the most hits that you possibly can that are still either current or recurrent on the radio. That isn't always easy to do because sometimes you have to wait several months to clear tracks to get all the right ingredients and then other tracks start to get old. Timing is everything."

In the past, the labels have taken a lead on certain songs in the hopes that they would break during the release period of the album, but Tennant says it was not a consideration for the series' newest instalment. The release features seventeen hits in total, including the most recent singles from Marcy Playground, KC & JoJo and Rapper's Delight and recurrent hits from Aqua (Barbie Girl), Spice Girls (Spice Up Your Life) and Meredith Brooks (Bitch).

Universal is particularly optimistic following the release of Big Shiny Tunes 2, their Christmas windfall compilation of last year. The compilation, which has sold in excess of one million units

solidified the series as a highly valued commercial franchise. The label is hoping that some of the same chemistry that worked the release through the roof at retail will repeat itself on NOW! 3.

"I think when people see Big Shiny Tunes they pay attention because the first two were so good," says Tennant, "and I'm sure they're going to be looking for the third one just as they are looking for the third one in the NOW! series. It's almost like a big artist, and they just can't wait for that new album from that big artist and they're just going to go out and buy it. This is a little different because we'll always have hits, of course the big artists don't."

Nevertheless, there are differences between the two series, though -- significantly -- those differences indicate that the numbers for NOW! should be dramatically higher. While Big Shiny Tunes was culled from the alternative and pop formats, NOW! 3 is merely concerned with "hits and nothing but the hits," regardless of genre, and as such benefits from a much wider demographic appeal. Tennant says the marketing vehicles for the release will reflect that difference, and will be a little more buried than that of Big Shiny Tunes.

"We've looked at YTV as a major promotional tool in the marketing of NOW! because of the younger demographic," he says. "We're looking for the pre-teen to a young teen on YTV, as well as the young mother in the early 20s and 30s who is

watching YTV with her children -- we expect the release will also appeal to them. Certainly MuchMusic is a central part of our campaign, for obvious reasons, but we also plan to go for conventional television across the board in support of both demographics."

MuchMusic has been the first to herald the release, with an advance two week teaser commercial campaign which will continue up until the album's release on May 5. A five day teaser campaign on YTV has also preceded the release date, so as to hit the ground running and rollerball a huge first week. Regional radio promotions and some time buys will follow, though Tennant says the big emphasis on radio will be left for the summer, when marketing for the album hits phase two. At retail, the label is being as aggressive as can be expected, with window displays going up across the country, pre-promoting the album's estimated 220,000 unit arrival on Tuesday.

Three different in-store posters will encourage impulse buying, as well as bin cards, retail staff shirts and window stickers, all of which draw attention to the release through a colourful and highly visible logo.

"We don't have to get that tricky with this, we just have to let everyone know it's out," says Tennant. "Almost 600,000 people have NOW! 2 and they know the series. We think this line-up is stronger than the first two, and because of that, we expect people to identify it off the top, look at the track listing and jump all over it."

Hip celebrates 10 years with MCA re-signing

The Tragically Hip have signed a new long-term recording contract with Universal Music Canada on its 10th anniversary of signing with the MCA label. The new contract is a multi-album deal for the Hip that will include at least another six albums from the band that has already sold more than five million albums in Canada.

Randy Lennox, executive vice-president and general manager of Universal Music Canada, boasts that in the first ten years "we have seen The Hip explode into Canada's favourite and best-selling band." Lennox also points out that already this year, the band's last album, Up To Here, has sold more than one million units with both Road Apples and Fully Completely now eight times platinum. "We look forward to our renewed relationship as The Hip's legacy continues to evolve with this upcoming

new album."

Phantom Power, the first album under the new deal, was recorded at the band's own studio, The Bath House, which is located just outside their hometown of Kingston, Ontario. Produced by the band and Steve Berlin of Los Lobos fame, the album will be in stores on July 14.

The band's first confirmed live appearance this year will be as headliners for the opening night (July 31) of the only North American date for the three-day WOMAD Festival set for Marymoor Park near Seattle, Washington. Additional touring information will be made public over the next few weeks. For more information contact Debbie Rix at Universal Publicity 416-495-3686, or her email debbie.rix@unistudios.com or check out their website - www.thehip.com



The Canadian contingent at the NSAI Tin Pan South festival included Lennie Gallant, Bruce Guthro, Shirley Myers and Daryl Burgess with SOCAN's Lynne Foster. See story page 11 (photo Kay Williams)



BMG gold to Italian pop/rock star Eros Ramazzotti (middle) for his Eros album from BMG's Julie Houles, MusiMax's Benoit Vanasse, Matt Zimbell and Nancy Laroche and BMG's Norman Miller.

WALT SAYS . . . !



with Elvira Caprese

Magician aside!!! There's a clash of titans rumoured to be inevitable. One is a control freak, but a genius who wouldn't even consider an arbitrator. The other has the bat, ball and glove, and won't give up either. It's his way or else, even if it means losing the game. Unfortunately that gives a window of maybe fourteen months for the former. (EC: You know . . . eh???)

Recommended reading??? Since shopping for books has become too big a chore in those too big stores, I haven't had the desire to check out the new arrivals or the remainders, and there's lots of them in the giant stores. Anyway, a book simply titled *Ovitz*, comes highly recommended, and it's pretty up-to-date, revealing the real character and his business acumen and methodology. (EC: Doesn't that mean the same thing . . . partners beware???)

Entertainment Please!!! Those really neat television entertainment shows are getting me down. Firstly they are a little loose when it comes to facts. Any information will do as long as you get it on the air. How about some research? Secondly, these shows seem to really be nothing more than a promotion for what will be on later that day. Between advertising and promotional hype . . . TV is creating an overkill that makes me sit with remote in hand! (EC: Like your voice in the wasteland will make any difference!!!)

Ratings are everything!!! Just look at the ratings for the CBC-TV special around Bruce Guthro. Early indications gave it "a reach of 1,266,000 and a 4 share." Now, how does that compare with the Juno Show which got 1,670,000? Both shows aired on a

Sunday. Not bad for Bruce who is just a newcomer. (EC: Up against all those superstars and that super special!!! Congratulations Bruce!!!) By the way, it was a great show. I loved every minute! CBC should repeat it, like they did so successfully with Anne Murray's specials. (EC: You and I and 1.8 million viewers know it!!!)

Thirty-four years later!!! Touring the SkyDome on the Saturday before the Stones' concert, brought back memories of the first time the "the bad boys of rock" played Toronto. I was then the Ontario promo guy for London Records. The late Max Zimmerman asked me to find out how we could get them to play Toronto, which I did. Standing in the SkyDome and looking at the eight-story structure that would be the stage for the show next night made me think of the staging back in 1964. The Stones performed on risers that I think may have been supplied by Maple Leaf Gardens. Sound and lighting were important back then. What a difference!!! (EC: And pricewise???) I think the best seats might have been about ten bucks!!!

Coincidence??? May 1st was a big day for Céline Dion. A press release from Government House reported that Céline would be receiving her Order of Canada from Governor General Roméo LeBlanc. The Quebec government kind of upstaged the federal government by presenting the Columbia superstar with the National Order of Quebec. But there wasn't any press release from the Quebec capitol. (EC: It only went to those who recognize the province's official language!!!)

Humble & Fred humbled!!! Take a careful look at the photo of Humble & Fred's certification of "Canadian Tin". Very clever, these guys. The inscription reads "Presented to Humble & Fred to commemorate the sale of more than 1 copy of 'Humble & Fred #1 in '97'. In fact, it (unbelievably) sold in excess of 2000 copies! Congratulations on a job well done." The album, released on the CRAP label distributed by Universal, was certified by "the Canadian Radio Association for Payola". Now, talk about a hook! They just might sell a couple more. (EC: The jury's already in on that one!!!)



The Humble & Fred Canadian Tin award (photo by Brandon Klayman)

Hold your ears!!! Just a few hours ago (April 30) the CRTC saddled Canadian broadcasters with a five per cent hike to their Cancon requirements. They now have to play 35 per cent. CAB president Michael McCabe hit the fax machine within hours of the CRTC release. "It's excessive, unfounded and most importantly, not what listeners want," he says of the increase. "As a result, Canada's private radio broadcasters will pay a price for today's decision." Well, he got the first volley off. But, isn't it what was predicted here a couple of weeks ago. Also predicted was the CRTC relaxing ownership restrictions. Any one broadcaster will be able to own more than one AM and one FM station in any market. The private broadcasters are waiting for the broadside they'll get from CIRPA's Brian Chater. Is it all smoke and mirrors? Will radio programmers be instructed to back off on breaking new artists and play, play, play only the established artists? Just asking (EC: Get off the fence!!!)

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13	11	15	AQUA	Aquarium (MCA) 85020-J		47	46	15	BRYAN ADAMS	Unplugged (A&M) 831197-Q	MA PL	80	68	10	LINDA LEMAY	Linda Lemay (WEA) 21608-P
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24	30	15	MATCHBOX 20	Yourself Or Someone Like You (Lava) 92721-P		58	33	15	CHUMBAWUMBA	Tubthumper (MCA) 53099-J		91	94	4	SKA TRAX: THE NEW GENERATION	Various Artists (Universal) 81073-J
25	21	14	MARCY PLAYGROUND	Marcy Playground (EMI) 53569-F		59	56	15	GREAT BIG SEA	Play (Warner Bros.) 18592-P	MA PL	92	74	3	COCOA BROVAZ	Rude Awakening (Priority) 45644-F
26	22	4	FRANK SINATRA	My Way (WEA) 46710-P		60	39	2	JERRY CANTRELL	Boggy Depot (Columbia) 68147-H		93	81	2	GOODIE MOB	Still Standing (LaFace) 26047-N
27	25	4	MC MARIO MIXDOWN 1998	Various Artists (Sony TV) 24041-H		61	50	4	EMMA SHAPPLIN	Carmine (Coeur De Lion)-GAM		94	88	11	BEN FOLDS FIVE	Whatever And Ever Amen (Epic) 67762-H
28	20	3	CAPPADONNA	Pillage (Epic) 67947-H		62	NEW		TAMIA	Tamia (Qwest) 46213-P		95	58	15	HANSON	Middle Of Nowhere (Mercury) 34615Q
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33	26	15	SPICE GIRLS	Spice (Virgin) 42174-F		67	66	3	PULP	This Is Hardcore (Island) 524492-Q		100	64	4	PLAYERS CLUB O.S.T	Various Artists (A&M) 540886-Q
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Canada's Only National 100 Hit Tracks Survey

Indie artist mines Canadian country roots

Katie Croy is the Real McCoy in country

by Rod Gudino

Despite a general emphasis on appearance, there's no telling who is who and what is what in this day and age. Which just goes to compound that old problem: despite what anyone might be saying about the glories of our artificial culture, people still have a desire to have the real thing. Take country music for instance. Like anything else, it has become a kind of institution with its own set of customs and clichés -- it has been, is now, and probably always will be about cowboy hats and leather boots. But how many country artists have actually *really* done time getting their boots dusty tending animals at the farm and keeping the noonday sun off their brow with that great big cowboy hat of theirs?

Katie Croy for one. One of the reasons, we think, why this Stonewall, Manitoba native is quickly gaining momentum as one of the most promising artists to come out of the Canadian heartland in a while. She is, as they say, the real thing. Kroy's interests in country, which you will hear on her fully developed debut album titled *Got On This Train to Ride*, originated out of life on the farm where country music was not so much encouraged as simply the way of the world.

"I grew up singing country music just because I grew up with it all around me," she explains

Mike James appointed to Dexter executive post

Industry veteran Mike James has been appointed vice-president and general manager of the Vancouver-based Dexter Entertainment Group.

Prior to joining the Dexter label, James gained a wide and varied knowledge of both the radio and record industries. He ran his own radio promotion company, MJ Creative Entertainment and managed a number of independent labels, including Johnny Jet Records/A&M and Plum Records/A&M where he directed projects from the West End Girls and others.

In his new position, James will be responsible for radio /street promotion, distribution and daily operations. His impact for DEG has already been realized with the recent success of pop acts m-Appeal, Golden Child and MoneyPenny.

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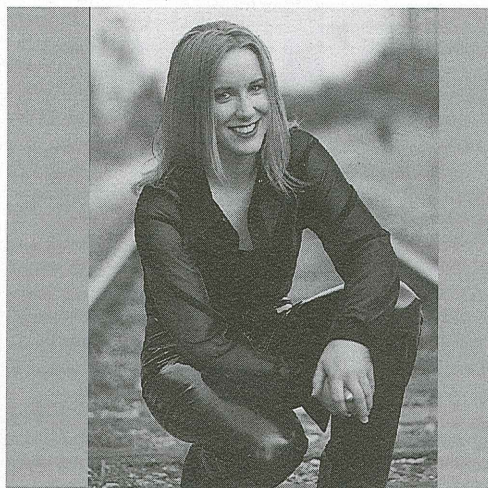
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matter-of-factly. "My dad always had a country band going with my uncle and it was just a natural thing for me to want to go into it as well."

Nevertheless, Kroy did take a few detours along the way, starting off as a pre-med student at the University of Manitoba and completing a degree in psychology at the University of Toronto before finally deciding that a career in music was the way to go. Soon thereafter she took the tactical route by making a brief stopover to Nashville as she set about to put together some experienced names and some outstanding songs.

"I was fortunate enough to meet a lot of great songwriters down in Nashville," says Kroy, "in particular Cyril Ross. He just kept sending me up songs and I just kept going 'ok, I like this one don't like that one', and finally we got it nailed down to a short list. My only regret is not having more material by myself on this album."

Regrets aside, *Got On This Train to Ride* packs a mighty wallop. Upbeat in spirit and in word, the



album treads a fine line of traditional backwoods country and rockabilly flavoured tunes that manage a contemporary feel strongly rooted material. But despite the loyalties of her sound, Kroy is not a traditional country singer in one important respect. She explains it this way:

"I like positive songs," she says, "I like upbeat lyrics and real go girl tunes. There isn't a lot of negativity in the music, like 'my dog died and my truck stalled' and that kind of stuff. I don't tend to look for that traditional lyric, I have to be able to

relate to it.

In other words, according to Katie Croy, country life -- and consequently country music -- is about having the best of times. Just take a listen to songs like the Cyril Rawson and Byron Hill-penned *What Am I Supposed To Do*, *Read My Lips* by Susie Conn and Rawson and Scott Phelps' *She Wants Him To Be In Love*, all of which convey a genuineness and authenticity about love, loss and hope. Not surprisingly, Kroy says the words were one of the chief considerations in the decision making process that went into choosing the songs.

"The lyrics have to mean more to me than the music," she says, "the music is something we can go into the studio and kind of interpret from a demo, but as far as the lyrics, we can't change them. They're very important to me."

Got On This Train to Ride was released last week and has been serviced to radio on the strength of a single titled *Read My Lips*. In the meantime, Kroy is bringing her talents to bear on a tight live circuit in and around Toronto, where word of a startling young singer is starting to bustle.

"I love playing bars, I love playing live," she reveals. "It's easier on stage; you've got other people there and there is so much energy and you can see people's responses in their faces, which is great. In the studio, you're just trying to pull it out of yourself, there's nobody else around you to try and do that except for a producer."

Sarah McLachlan sets dates for new Lilith Fair

Sarah McLachlan, winner of four Juno awards this year, has released details on her 57-date Lilith Fair tour.

The tour will begin in Portland, Oregon on June 19 and end up in Vancouver on Aug. 31. Included will be two dates in Toronto at the Molson Amphitheatre (Aug. 15 & 16).

It was also revealed that 48 female acts will take part this year the second year for the popular extravaganza, including Bonnie Raitt, Liz Phair, Natalie Merchant, Me'Shell Ndegeocello, Lauren Hill, Cowboy Junkies, Luscious Jackson, Neneh Cherry and Queen Latifah.

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Celine Dion donates time for North Korean charity

Columbia superstar Celine Dion has donated her time to help Canadians raise more than \$1 million for North Korean Famine Relief. Dion's voice will be heard on PSA announcements available for television and radio. April 27 was pegged Action Day.

It has been estimated that since 1995, six million of North Korea's 23 million people have died of starvation and close to half the entire child population under the age of six and three quarters of the elderly over the age of 60 are dead.

Requests for radio or television PSAs should be directed to Joanne Smale Productions at 416-977-8780.

New Releases



MASSIVE ATTACK Mezzanine Virgin 45603-F

-Trip Hop

The original purveyors of the Bristol sound have finally come out of the woodwork on their third album, their first in four years and one of the most highly anticipated albums of the year. The trio, which sometime availed itself of a host of now notable musicians and producers who all originated out of a vibrant musical community, has had an explosive and solid career record after their only two albums each sold in excess of a million worldwide. Not ones to simply repeat the past, Massive Attack return refreshed after some four years of touring and what not to deliver a soulful and sombre melodium of rebounding rhythms and echoing beats. It is, undoubtedly Massive Attack and yet there is something glaringly new on this album, most obviously heard through the addition of electric guitar, a brand new element to the band's music. Three guest vocalists -- led by ex-Cocteau Twin Elizabeth Fraser, and backed by Sara Jay and reggae legend Horace Andy, bring a stirring sense of disassociation on Mezzanine that emphasises more dramatically what the collective achieved on previous albums. Angel, Risingson and Teardrop, the first three songs on the album work a long, refined introduction to a selection of music that has long left behind the trappings of conventional appraisal. Mezzanine is nothing less than the musical, quasi-mystical experience so many fans have been talking about in conjunction to this group. A sluggish, complex and brilliant body of work. -RG

BILL WYMAN & THE RHYTHM KINGS Struttin' Our Stuff Velvet 79708-N

-Blues/R&B/Jazz

The thought of Bill Wyman doing anything other than providing a critical section to the backdrop before which the Glimmer Twins strutted their stuff is hard to fathom. After all, Wyman fulfilled that bub with stonefaced reliability for 31 years before giving up his time honoured role in The Rolling Stones. But that's old news now and the new news is that the silent bassist has now

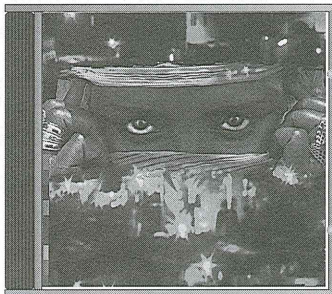


got his own project back on track (called The Rhythm Kings if you have been following more than this man's misdeeds for the past two decades). Wyman, surprisingly enough, is an incredibly talented musician with some very competent songwriting savvy and a selection of studio musicians that should make his album the envy of the recording industry. The main reason why Eric Clapton, Peter Frampton, Paul Carrack, Albert Lee, Georgie Fame, Martin Taylor, Gary Brooker and Bobby Keys joined Wyman in the studio is because of his idea to explore a selection of groove filled nostalgia pieces in their element. An homage to American blues, R&B and jazz, Struttin' Our Stuff is a very cool album hot buttered with great musicianship coming together in the spirit and style and mood or a cross section of material from the past. Probably too crazy on paper to actually get noticed, Struttin' Our Stuff will unfortunately have to remain the cherished possession of Wyman fans and select Stone collectors. -RG

MARYAM MURSAL The Journey RealWorld/Virgin 45236-F

-World

Along with world music come world stories, much like the one from this Somalia native who, along with her five children, fled the war torn country to cross the desert over seven months before reaching safety in Djibouti. That dangerous and necessary journey was spawned after Mursal personally witnessed the situation in her homeland reach a

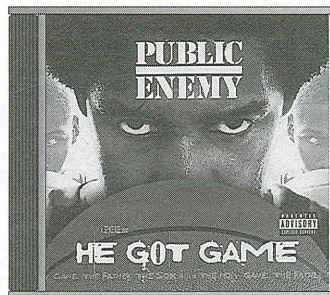


deplorable state, a state where dogs ate the dead on the streets and violence was an omnipresent threat. A professional singer since her teenage years, Mursal had once enjoyed status as the voice of Somalia during more peaceful times, blending a love for the traditional Islamic music of her country with a rich diversity of outside influences. Her repertoire, some of which can be heard on The Journey, includes traditional Somali songs and a remarkable hybrid of African and Arabic influences created out of centuries of cross cultural fertilisation between nomadic tribes. Surprisingly, the album is astonishingly accessible to Western ears, with much of the material having a recourse to progressions that are conservative relative to pop music. Produced by Simon Emmerson (Afro Celt Sound System). -RG

PUBLIC ENEMY He Got Game O.S.T. Def Jam Music 314 558 130-Q

-Rap

Putting a parental advisory sticker on any release by Public Enemy is an exercise in pointlessness, even if it has been a while since these guys graced musical memory with their over the top profanity and wicked urban chants. They have returned however, on the promotional gasoline of a Spike Lee Joint, this titled He Got Game, apparently about religion, basketball and the Afro American way. The soundtrack marks the group's first effort in four years and the second collaboration with Lee, who initially used Fight The Power for his seminal Do The Right Thing. The sixth studio album in the band's career, He Got Game features all original P.E. members including Chick D, Flavor Flav, Terminator X and Professor Griff, as well as reuniting the group with the original production team The Bomb Squad (Hank and Keith Shocklee and Eric

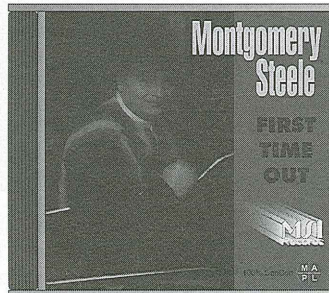


Sadler). Not surprisingly, the music does not stray too far from classic P.E. territory, an item that might have been encouraged by Lee himself, who has developed a cinematic vocabulary of image montage with violent music. The success of the film will spell out the ultimate story for this release, even though core fans (and there are a hell of a lot of those) will scoop this on principle. -RG

MONTEMGERY STEELE First Time Out MSI-9711

-Country

Of the 109 full time, and 46 part-time country stations, plus the four radio syndicators, not to mention the speciality television channels, this Dawson Creek talent must have been in contact with most of them on a regular basis. He has a couple of chart items and is currently working on The River Song single, which has been receiving extensive play on a number of speciality channels as well as radio stations. Needless to say, Steele is a self-promoter, determined not to return to sales clerking at a local hardware store. Steele possesses a frontier-style of projection and an interesting approach to lyrics. He wrote all the material here. Also key is The Rancher, Young Love and Tokyo Liner. The storyline for the video of The River Song is in keeping with that raw, romantic and visually-outdoorsy cum wilderness

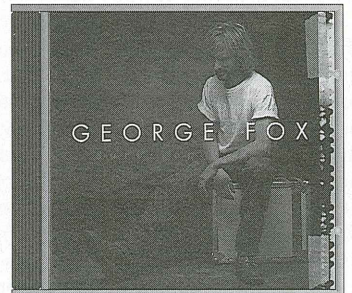


approach that Steele has mastered. Produced by Steele and Gerry Dere at The Master Factory in Edmonton. Great fiddle and mandolin work by Tony Michaels with equally powerful performances by steelman Jeff Bradshaw, keyboardist Gerry Dere who also doubles on bass, and guitarists Real Fagnon, Dave Graham and Bernie Steward. Lori Mohassey and Dianna Clee supplied the background vocals. For information on Steele fax 250-782-5488 or for CD sales call 1-888-872-INDY. -WG

GEORGE FOX Survivor WEA-22718-P

-Country

The title says it all. Fox has built a coast-to-coast fan network that's second to none in this country. He constantly tours Canada playing small and large centres strengthening that fan base. This album has already spawned one hit, I'm Gone, which was written by Nashville writers Marv Green and Rick Orozco. Although there is no MAPL logo on the CD artwork or



Warner promo comp 350, the track was recorded at Toronto's Metalworks by Steve Lowery and qualifies as two parts Cancon (AP). Whether he gets the Cancon nod or not, Fox obviously has a hit machine behind him with producer Kim Tribble co-writing with Fox on Brand New Star (a duet with Beccy Cole), the title track, How Do I Get There From Here and Goodbye, all key tracks. Fox and Tribble also wrote a couple of powerhouses with Canadian Cyril Rawson; Way Out In The Country and Broken Heart String. The Greenest Grass, written by Australian Keith Urban, a member of The Ranch, is a hit in waiting. Great lyric content which fits Fox's vocal signature perfectly. -WG

HAWG WYLDE Wildest Dreams HWR-202

-Country

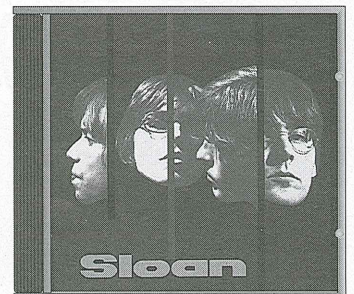
Check the CD artwork. These guys have a hook and once they have your attention, their

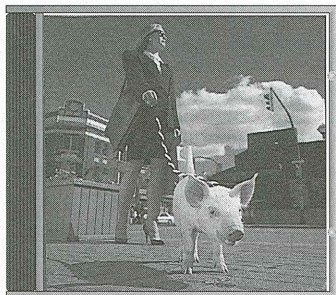
ALBUM PICK

SLOAN Navy Blues Muderecords - 036-J

-Pop Alternative

Besides being the most heavily added single in the past week, Sloan's Money City Maniacs is the early indicator to this album's resplendent glory, both for radio and retail. And the rationale is pretty simple from where we're standing; the secret folks, is in strong, melody-laden hits that benefit from a kind of pop audacity that might have been commonplace fifty years back, around the time rock and roll initially flourished on white man's radio. C'Mon C'mon (We're Gonna Get Started), Iggy & Angus and Keep On Thinkin' roll off the disc in a way that makes us think we were remembering these songs, not necessarily giving ears to them for the very first time. It's that effect which will make Navy Blues a darling of alt pop radio in the coming year and milk a guesstimated 5+ singles from the release. Universal Music, who have been working the act long and hard over the past while, are understanding this to be Sloan's most commercially pregnant album, and will be exploiting their previous efforts with a long haul at radio and high visibility at retail, not to mention strong promotion and aggressive media. Outside of the surefire business of this release, however, we reckon Navy Blues will also enjoy a high repeat value historically; it's music like this that just clicks in all the right places that makes pop music a classic phenomenon. Also includes a belated homage to Hustler magazine's Chester the Molester comic strip. -RG

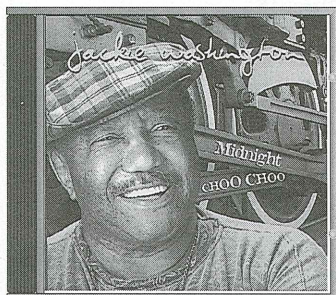




natural talent takes over. The title track has already caught the attention of country programmers giving them a foot in the door. The song was written by the band's bassist Dave Hopwood and guitarist Norm Clevis. The other members of the band are lead vocalist Trevor Clearwater and John Kristalovich on keys. Giving a highly professional assist on the session were Clint Dutiamé and Patti Kusturok on fiddle, steelman James Creasy and drummer Marty Chapman. All the bandmembers supply background vocals, a hand-in-glove fit that further enhances the vocal stability of Clearwater. The album is at least four singles deep. Also key is the Kristalovich penning of Home and the Clemis/Hopwood writing of Up To You and Little Bit Of Lovin'. This team also wrote R&B Choo Choo Train, which could be a left-fielder. The album was produced by Howard Klopak, with Clemis and Hopwood taking co-production credits, the album was recorded, mixed and mastered at Winnipeg's Groove Jungle studio. Check out their e-mail hwr@hawgwylde.com -WG

JACKIE WASHINGTON - Folk 'n Jazz
Midnight Choo Choo
Borealis-112

It's very rare when a living legend of Canadian folk and jazz can continue his imprint with yet another release, and this one during his 79th year. Jackie Washington's repertoire comprises more than 1250 songs, and he parades 19 of the best of them here. Washington and producer Ken Whiteley have also tapped into a veritable who's who of Canadian music, guesting longtime friends and admirers Colleen Allen (tenor sax), Graham Townsend (fiddle), Mose Scarlett (acoustic guitar, bass vocal), Jim Galloway (soprano tenor, baritone sax), George Koller (string bass), Colin Linden (acoustic guitar), J.P. Cormier (fiddle) as well as Chris (trumpet) and Ken (acoustic guitar, mandolin, electric guitar, harmony vocals, piano, ukulele, washtub bass)



Whiteley. Also sitting in on the sessions were Victor Bateman (string bass), Bucky Berger (drums), Stephen Donald (trombone), Sara McElcheran (trumpet), John Sheard (piano), David Wall (harmony vocals), and Sharon Lee Williams and Colina Philips on backup vocals, and of course, Washington on guitar, piano and vocals. Quite a lineup and quite a sound extravaganza for that folk 'n jazz buff looking for the ultimate in audio entertainment to bump up their collection. It's taken six years to put the album together and, out of the 19 tracks, there isn't a clunker. This is Washington at his finest. There are some real treasures here, including Where Did Robinson Crusoe Go?, a cover of the 1916 recording by Al Jolson, Dinner For One, which Nat King Cole recorded during his King Cole Trio days, the Victor Young and Sam Lewis penning of Street Of Dreams,

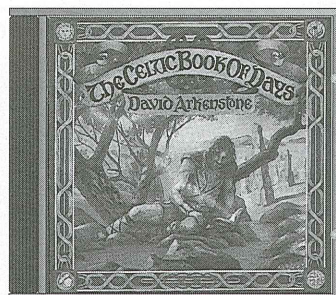
and many more. Recorded at Casa Wroxton in Toronto and mastered at Music Lane in Markham, Ontario. In-store play will sell this one. -WG

THE VALENTINO ORCHESTRA - Swing
Feelin' No Pain
Just A Memory-9137

Swing lives! The Montreal based Valentino Orchestra plays 16 songs, mostly from the Swing Era and plays them using original stock



arrangements burnished where necessary by leader Andrew Momzy. Among the arrangers are Jimmy Dale, Vic Schoen (the man principally responsible for the success of the Andrews Sisters), Larry Wagner and Jack Mason. We make special mention of the last named because for many years he was an arranger with the Boston Pops and the composer of the haunting Odalisque. We've just realized that we're possibly inflicting our own reminiscences but that's the way it is with this joyfully excellent album. Anyone who remembers the Swing Years will find himself with personal memories of them. Your correspondent hopes there will be another album shortly, with maybe a track of Wang Wang Blues? -BW



DAVID ARKENSTONE - Celtic
The Celtic Book of Days
Windham Hill-01943-11246-N

One supposes a Celtic concept album was inevitable. Book Of Days presents 15 tracks illustrative of events of the Celtic calendar or tradition. The compositions are by Mr. A. who also produced. The strength of the album however, is in the arrangements, orchestrations and leadership of Don Markese. The latter's name is unknown to us but he has a powerful gift of orchestration that rather reminds one of John Barry. We can't say in honesty whether or not the music heard here is true to Celtic tradition -- frankly, we think it sounds like the sound track to a fantasy film - but it doesn't really matter. What matters is wonderfully evocative music true to the spirit of the compositions. -BW

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Fastball - Make Your Mama Proud
Hollywood 620452 (promo CD)-Q |
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Semisonic - Feeling Strangely Fine
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| 3 | 2 | 19 | SEX AND CANDY
Marcy Playground - Marcy Playground
Capitol 53569 (CD Pro)-F |
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Garbage - Version 2.0
Almo 80018 (promo CD)-J |
| 5 | 4 | 9 | I WILL BUY YOU A NEW LIFE
Everclear - So Much For The After Glow
EMI 36503 (comp 28)-F |
| 6 | 7 | 12 | BLUE ON BLACK
Kenny Wayne Shepard - Trouble Is
Giant 24689 (CD Track)-P |
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Natalie Imbruglia - Left Of The Middle
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Alanis Morissette - City Of Angels O.S.T
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Our Lady Peace - Clumsy
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Chris Cornell - Great Expectations O.S.T
Warner 83058-P |
| 11 | 10 | 7 | CUT YOU IN
Jerry Cantrell - Boggy Depot
Sony 68147 (February comp)-H |
| 12 | 13 | 8 | STEREO
The Watchmen - Silent Radar
EMI 59031 (comp 4)-F |
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Rolling Stones - Bridges To Babylon
Virgin 44712 (CD Track)-F |
| 14 | 15 | 9 | INDESTRUCTIBLE
Matthew Good Band - Underdogs
A&M 280 994 001 (CD Track)-Q |
| 15 | 25 | 3 | DAMMIT
Blink 182 - Dude Ranch
Cargo 11624 (comp 7)-J |
| 16 | 16 | 5 | HARD TIMES COME EASY
Richie Sambora - Undiscovered Soul
Mercury 314 536 972 (CD Track)-Q |
| 17 | 19 | 16 | BRICK
Ben Folds Five - Naked Baby Photos
Caroline 7554 (CD Track)-F |
| 18 | 14 | 16 | GIVEN TO FLY
Pearl Jam - Yield
Epic 68164 (promo CD)-H |
| 19 | 17 | 9 | SHELF IN THE ROOM
Days Of The New - Days Of The New
Outpost 30004 (comp 1)-J |
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Van Halen - 3
Warner 46662 (comp 350)-P |
| 21 | 21 | 3 | THAT SONG
Big Wreck - In Loving Memory Of...
Atlantic 83032 (comp 350)-P |
| 22 | 26 | 2 | MOST HIGH
Jimmy Page & Robert Plant - Walking Into Clarksdale
Warner 83092 (promo CD)-P |
| 23 | NEW | | LUCKY MAN
The Verve - Urban Hymns
Virgin 44913 (promo CD)-F |
| 24 | 27 | 15 | TIME OF YOUR LIFE
Green Day - Nimrod
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| 25 | 23 | 10 | SHE SAID
Collective Soul - Disciplined Breakdown
Warner Bros. 82984 (CD Track)-P |
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Dave Matthews Band - Before These Crowded...
RCA 67660 (comp 38)-N |
| 27 | 22 | 14 | MY OWN PRISON
Creed - My Own Prison
Attic 1500 (CD Track)-J |
| 28 | NEW | | WISHLIST
Pearl Jam - Yield
Epic 68164 (comp 072)-H |
| 29 | NEW | | MONEY CITY MANAICS
Sloan - Navy Blues
Murder 36 (promo CD)-J |
| 30 | NEW | | FLAG POLE SITTA
Harvey Danger - Where Have All The Merry-makers...
London 314 556 000 (comp 542)-Q |



COVER STORY

Spitfire Band's founders given Steinbrenner welcome

New York Yankee owner George Steinbrenner, a huge fan of The Spitfire Band, flew the band into the Tampa Florida Yacht Club for a private party in December (RPM - Jan. 12/98). He also brought in the Mills Brothers for his by invitation only party.

The band was at its usual best with a beaming Steinbrenner taking the time to introduce the members of the band to the audience. Their energized performance resulted in even more converts to their big band sound and contacts for future U.S. appearances.

Spitfire Band product is released in the U.S. on Alanna with distribution by Allegro, and in Canada on EPD (Ed Preston Enterprises).

The 18-piece band was founded in 1983 by vocalist Jackie Rae, trumpeter/arranger Micky Erbe and chorale leader Laurie Bower. There are five CDs available, the most current being Virtual Reality.

Canadian dates for the band have been virtually sold out, their most recent being for the Canadian Warplane Museum on April 24.

Increased interest in MIDEM's Latin America/Caribbean fest

More than 90 exhibiting companies have already confirmed they will take part in MIDEM's second Latin America & Caribbean Music conference which will take place at Miami Beach, Florida Aug. 25 through 28.

Last year's conference attracted 3,312 delegates from 65 countries. The U.S. was represented by a total of 548 companies, followed by Europe with 423 and South America and the Caribbean registering 368 companies. The Canada Stand, mounted by the Canadian Independent Record Production Association (CIRPA) was also a formidable part of the conference.

With a reported 30 per cent more exhibition space, organizers are expecting the total number of exhibitors to reach 260 with attendance expected to surpass 4,000 this year.

Taking a major role once again will be the U.S. and Latin America where a number of newcomers have signed on, including Dismex, Ego Records, Muze, Supersonic Boom, World Music Distribution, all from the U.S. as well as Delta Music and Musictape Multimedia from Brazil and Mexico's Paramusic.

Europe will also be back with

national pavilions representing Scandinavia, the Netherlands, Austria, Spain, Portugal, France, Belgium and Italy.

Dance music will be a priority this year with the Miami Dance Event, the dance and techno experience that has been so successful at MIDEM in Cannes, France.

The decision to import this event was apparently made "in the wake of the dance music phenomenon sweeping both North and South America, and to answer high demand from the global dance music industry for more dance music, more dance professionals, and, more dance music business." Eurodance, hi energy, rap, R&B, hip hop, electronica, techno, house, jungle hardcore, ambient, trance, garage, trip hop, drum & bass, acid, and world beat will all be represented at the Miami conference, where an entire pavilion has been reserved especially for the dance music industry.

Christopher Blum, Reed Midem Organization's music division director, points out "With audiences all over the world tuning in to dance music more than ever, it's only natural to celebrate this major musical force at MLA&C in Miami in 1998."

Small Mercies wins The FOX's Derby

The annual Demo Listen Derby, mounted by 99.3 The FOX has named Small Mercies as this year's winner.

Tanya Buchanan, promotions for the Vancouver station, reports that more than 300 demos were submitted and that the panel of judges "had a difficult job narrowing the bands down." The final competition took place at Studebaker's on April 16 with the three finalists ThreeSixty, The Loving Dead and Small Mercies

playing off for a chance at first place honours.

ThreeSixty was named first runner up with The Loving Dead taking the second runner up prize.

Small Mercies will receive \$3,000 worth of equipment from Tom Lee Music, a mastering package from Coastal Mastering, recording time and three songs on the upcoming Vancouver Seeds 13 CD, to be recorded over the next few months.

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2	3	6	DEJA-VU Lord Tariq w/ Peter Gunz Cordine-H
3	8	11	NO NO NO (PART II) Destiny's Child Columbia-H
4	1	7	BOUT YOUR LOVE Glen Lewis Illvibe Records
5	4	11	WHAT YOU WANT Mase/w Total Bad Boy-N
6	12	3	GONE 'TILL NOVEMBER Wyclef Jean Ruff House-H
7	10	8	24/7 24/7 Loud/RCA-N
8	2	11	4,3,2,1 LL Cool J Def Jam-N
9	6	4	SAY 'AH Master P EMI-F
10	17	3	VICTORY Puff Daddy Bad Boy-N
11	7	10	NICE & SLOW Usher LaFace-N
12	9	11	DJ KEEP PLAYIN' Yvette Michelle Loud-N
13	11	9	ROYALTY Gangstarr Noo Trybe-F
14	18	6	IF YOU THINK I'M JIGGY The Lox Bad Boy-N
15	28	2	ANYTIME Brian McKnight AGM-Q
16	19	10	MY MELODY Queen Pen Interscope-J
17	13	10	WE BE CLUBBIN' Ice Cube AGM-Q
18	15	10	TOO CLOSE Next Arista-N
19	16	10	DON'T STOP THE MUSIC Playa Def Jam-Q
20	20	10	10 CRACK COMMANDMENTS Notorious B.I.G. Bad Boy-N
21	14	11	GETTIN JIGGY WIT IT Will Smith Sony-H
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23	21	9	SPANISH HARLEM Coca Brovaz Priority
24	23	11	GUESS WHO'S BACK Rakim Universal-J
25	22	10	PHONE TAP The Firm Sony-H
26	25	8	RAIN S.W.V RCA/Loud-N
27	26	11	RAPPERS DELIGHT Def Squad Priority
28	27	11	ALL MY LIFE K-Ci & JoJo MCA-J
29	30	11	YOU KNOW MY STEEZ... Gangstarr EMI-F
30	24	11	YOU MAKE ME WANNA Usher LaFace-N

COUNTRY

CCMA changes address, moving its head office to 5 Director Road, Unit 102, Woodbridge, Ontario L4L 4S4. The phone and fax numbers remain the same, 905-850-1144 and 905-850-1330 respectively. The move, which was forced by the owners of the building so that it could be sold, was welcome news to the CCMA staff. "We really needed some additional space," said executive director Sheila Hamilton. "We're really only a block away from where we were, and we'll have more space to welcome our members and our friends in the industry."

Jo Dee Messina hits #1 with *Bye, Bye*, which was taken from her Curb album *I'm Alright*.

George Strait is burning up the chart with his latest MCA Nashville release, *I Just Want To Dance With You*, the biggest mover this week, up to #49 from #78 after only two weeks. John Prine and Roger Cook co-wrote the song which is included on Strait's upcoming album *One Step At A Time*.

SOCAN front and centre at Tin Pan South Festival

When SOCAN was asked by the Nashville Songwriters Association International (NSAI) to present Canadian Songwriter's Night during the Tin Pan South festival in Nashville, they were ready with some of this country's high-powered performing and writing talent.

The setting was the Gibson Guitar Cafe and Gallery for the April 15 showcase and the club was

Wynonna has a new chart single with *Always Will*, the latest single from her Curb album *The Other Side*. This could be the one to get Wynonna into the top end of the chart and back into prominence once again. The single enters the chart modestly this week at #92.

Hawg Wylde, a country quartet from Winnipeg, has put a fire under their solo promotion which is beginning to pay off. *Wildest Dreams*, the title track of their album released on the HWR label, has picked up significant adds and spins and enters the RPM Country 100 this week at #95. The song was written by the band's bassist Dave Hopwood and guitarist Norm Clemis. The album, produced by Howard Klopak, was recorded at The Groove Jungle in Winnipeg. (see New Releases).

Congratulations to Sue Tyler, on-air personality at Country 105 and 1420 CKPT Peterborough,

packed to capacity. Taking centre stage were Lennie Gallant, Bruce Guthro, Shirley Myers and Daryl Burgess.

This was NSAI's 6th annual Tin Pan South festival which puts the spotlight on the songwriter during the week long festival. Through the 50 shows there were 300 songwriters featured from around the world who showcased more than 2000 songs.

Ontario. Sue and Kevin are the proud parents of Tia, a sister for Simon, who arrived early Wednesday April 13.

Maxine MacLeod has a new single, *Straight Shootin' Love*, the follow-up to *The Millionth Time*. Both tracks are included on her album *Love This Deep*. The new song was written by Wayne Hunt of Halifax and was co-produced by Michael Haas and Terry Kelly at Toronto's Inception Sound. Fiddlemeister Don Reid is heard on the track with Joel Feeney and Neil Donell supplying background vocals. MacLeod makes her home in Charlottetown and is managed by Berni Wood of Vocal Image Productions. Debbie Wood is tracking the single.

Paul Brandt bullets up to #22 with *Yeah*, his latest Reprise single taken from his *Outside The Frame* album. Brandt co-wrote the single with a Nashville writer but does get enough of a piece of the lyric and music to qualify for two-parts Canon (M/A/L). Brandt has been firmed for a May 20 date at the Northern Lights Arena in Melfort and the next night at the Yorkton Agriplex, both in Saskatchewan.

Clay Walker holds at #4 with *Then What*, a track taken from his Giant album *Rumor Has It*. There's nothing official from Warner, but U.S. sources say *Holding Her And Loving You* will be the next single. Walker has been firmed for an August 1st date at the Big Valley Jamboree in Camrose, Alberta.

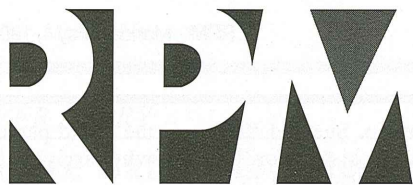
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"Whoever Said That"

*The first single
from the upcoming album by
Stephanie Beaumont*

*"Whoever Said That"
written by
Jeffery Steele,
Chris Farren & Chuck Jones*



COUNTRY 100

Canada's Only National 100 Country Survey

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

Record Distributor Codes:

BMG - N EMI - F Universal - J M - Quality Polygram - Q Sony - H Warner - P Koch - K

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1	2	17	BYE, BYE Jo Dee Messina/It's Alright/pro single-F (P. Vassar/R.M. Bourke) B. Gallimore/T. McGraw (Curb)	35	25	16	IF I COULD JUST GET TO YOU Duane Steele/This Is The Life/comp 532-Q (D. Steele/J. Robbin) S. Bogard/M.D. Clute (Mercury)	68	59	17	ROUND ABOUT WAY George Strait/Carrying Your Love/comp 8-J (S. Dean/W. Nance) T. Brown/G. Strait (MCA)
2	8	8	TWO PINA COLADAS Garth Brooks/Sevens/pro single-F (S. Camp/B. Hill/S. Mason) A. Reynolds (Capitol)	36	39	8	PAPA BEAR Keith Harling/Write It In Stone/pro single-J (K. Harling) W. Wilson (MCA)	69	54	28	IN THIS HEART OF MINE Montgomery Steele/EPCD/CD track (M. Steele) G. Dere (MSI)
3	9	10	OUT OF MY BONES Randy Travis/You And You Alone/comp 2-J (Burr/Vaughn/Lerner) Stroud/Gallimore/Travis (Dreamworks)	37	32	12	VALENTINE Martina McBride/Wim Brickman/Evolution/comp 53-I (Jim Brickman/J. Kugell) D. Shea (RCA)	70	86	3	HOW DO I LET GO Lisa Brokop/When You Get To Be.../pro single-H (K. Taylor-Good/L. Brokop) P. Worley/D. Huff (Columbia)
4	5	17	THEN WHAT Clay Walker/Rumor Has It/comp 340-P (R. Sharp/J. Vezner) J. Stroud/C. Walker (Giant)	38	44	5	ALMOST OVER YOU Lila McCann/Self-titled/comp 252-P (C.R. Walker) J. Kimball (Elektra)	71	82	4	BUCKAROO Lee Ann Womack/Self-titled/pro single-J (M.D. Sanders) M. Wright (Decca)
5	7	12	DREAM WALKING Toby Keith/Title track/comp 532-Q (T. Keith/C. Cannon) J. Stroud/T. Keith (Mercury)	39	45	7	SOME TRAINS NEVER COME 12 Gauge/Until You Walk The Tracks/CD track (G. Barnhill/V. Melamed) T. Rudner (12 Gauge)	72	80	4	I'M NOT THAT EASY TO FORGET Lorrie Morgan/Shakin' Things Up/pro single-N (C. Waters/G. Tereen/S. Bentley) J. Stroud/L. Morgan (BNA)
6	1	11	THIS KISS Faith Hill/Faith/pro single-P (Lerner/Roboff/Chapman) Gallimore/Hill (Warner Bros)	40	36	11	PUT YOUR HEART INTO IT Sherrie Austin/Words/comp 53-N (S. Austin/W. Rambeaux) E. Seay/W. Rambeaux (Arista)	73	73	10	IT WOULD BE YOU Gary Allan/Self-titled/pro single-J (K. Robbins/D. Oligesby) M. Wright/B. Hill (Decca)
7	4	14	YOU'RE STILL THE ONE Shania Twain/Come On Over/Pro Single-Q (S. Twain/R. J. Lange) R. J. Lange (Mercury)	41	49	6	BACK ON THE FARM The Thompson Brothers Band/comp 54-N (D. Henry) B. Lloyd/Thompson Brothers Band (RCA)	74	60	15	A HOUSE WITH NO CURTAINS Alan Jackson/Everything I Love/comp 53-N (A. Jackson/J. McBride) K. Stegall (Arista)
8	3	13	A LITTLE BIT OF YOU Jason McCoy/Playing For Keeps/pro single-J (C. Wiseman/J. McCoy/S. Burgess) S. Baggett (Universal)	42	31	16	I CAN LOVE YOU BETTER Dixie Chicks/Title track/comp 348-H (Kostas/P. B. Hayes) P. Worley/B. Chancey (Monument)	75	81	5	I ALREADY DO Chely Wright/Let Me In/pro single-J (G. Burr/C. Wright) T. Brown (MCA)
9	15	13	TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE Michael Peterson/Self-titled/CD track-P (M. Peterson/G. Pistilli) R. E. Orrall/J. Lee (Reprise)	43	55	5	MATCHES Sammy Kershaw/Labour Of Love/CD track-Q (R. Springer/S. Ewing) K. Stegall (Mercury)	76	89	2	IF YOU SEE HIM/IF YOU SEE HER Reba W. Brooks & Dunn/Title track/pro single-J (James/Kimball/McBride) Brown/DuBois (MCA)
10	11	14	LOVELY WON'T LEAVE ME ALONE Trace Adkins/Big Time/pro single-F (M. Danna/J. A. Sweet) S. Hendricks (Capitol)	44	56	7	THAT'S WHY I'M HERE Kenny Chesney/Will Stand/pro single-N (S. Smith/M. A. Springer) B. Cannon/N. Wilson (BNA)	77	77	31	LOVE GETS ME EVERY TIME Shania Twain/Come On Over/pro single-Q (S. Twain/R. J. Lange) R. J. Lange (Mercury)
11	12	12	I'M FROM THE COUNTRY Tracy Byrd/Self-titled/pro single-J (M. Brown/R. Young/S. Webb) T. Brown (MCA)	45	47	9	WOMAN TO WOMAN The Lynns/Self-titled/pro single-P (P. Lynn/P. Lynn/P. Russell) D. Cook (Reprise)	78	87	3	THERE'S YOUR TROUBLE Dixie Chicks/I Can Love You.../pro single-H (T. Sillers/M. Selby) P. Worley/B. Chancey (Monument)
12	13	15	YOU'LL NEVER KNOW Mindy McCready/Self-titled/CD track-N (K. Ritchey/Angelo) D. Malloy (BNA)	46	34	16	SHE'S GONNA MAKE IT Garth Brooks/Sevens/pro single-F (K. Blazy/K. Williams/G. Brooks) A. Reynolds (Capitol)	79	65	20	WHAT IF I SAID Anita Cochran w/Steve Wariner/Back To You/pro single (J. E. Norman/A. Cochran) A. Cochran (Warner Bros)
13	18	11	SHE'S GOT THAT LOOK IN HER EYES Alabama/Dance On The Boulevard/pro single-N (R. Owen/T. Gentry) D. Cook/Alabama (RCA)	47	41	18	THE DAY THAT SHE LEFT TULSA Wade Hayes/Tore Up From The Floor/pro single-H (M.D. Sanders/S. Diamond) D. Cook (Columbia)	80	68	8	BANG BANG BANG Nitty Gritty Dirt Band/Title track/pro single-F (A. Anderson/C. Wiseman) J. Lee (Rising Tide)
14	6	15	SOME DAYS ARE BETTER Charlie Major/Everything's Alright/comp 53-H (C. Major) M. Poole (Vik/BMG)	48	38	24	UNDERNEATH THE MOON Montana Sky/Self-titled EP/CD track (Montana Sky) R. Prescott/J.P. Wheeler (Wolfe Lake)	81	66	21	WALK THIS ROAD Bruce Guthro/Of Your Son/pro single-F (B. Guthro) C. Irshick (EMI)
15	16	7	I'M GONE George Fox/Survivor/comp 350-P (M. Green/R. Orozco) K. Tribble (WEA)	49	78	2	I JUST WANT TO DANCE WITH YOU George Strait/One Step At A Time/pro single-J (R. Cook/J. Pine) T. Brown/G. Strait (MCA)	82	83	5	A MAN HOLDIN' ON Ty Herndon/Self-titled/pro single-H (J. Ramsey/B. Taylor/G. Dobbins) B. Gallimore (Epic)
16	19	7	ONE LAST STEP Shirley Myers/Let It Rain/comp 350-P (Myers/Nicholson/Barnes) Myers (Stony Plain)	50	57	4	NEVER GIVIN' UP Rick Tippe/Get Hot Or Go Home/CD track (J. Robinson/R. Tippe) D. Pomeroy (Moon Tan)	83	84	4	WHEN THE NIGHT TIME COMES Ray Bonneville/Solid Ground/pro single (R. Bonneville) R. Haworth/R. Bonneville (Audiogram)
17	22	7	MOVING ON The Rankins/Untitled/pro single-F (J. Rankin) G. Massenburg (EMI)	51	58	12	ALREADY RESTLESS KC Jones/Hearts Were Bound/CD track (J. Daddano/G. Barnhill) Prescott/V. Wheeler (Pairadice)	84	94	3	WHEN THE WRONG ONE LOVES YOU... Wade Hayes/Title track/CD track-H (L. Satcher) D. Cook (Columbia)
18	28	6	LOVE WORKING ON YOU John Michael Montgomery/Greatest Hits/CD Track-P (C. Wiseman/J. Collins) C. Petocz (Atlantic)	52	62	4	I DO (CHERISH YOU) Mark Wills/Wish You Were Here/pro single-Q (K. Stegall/D. Hill) C. Chamberlain (Mercury)	85	74	21	THE KIND OF HEART THAT BREAKS Chris Cummings/Self-titled/pro single-P (Cummings/Douglas/Tribble) Scott/Norman (Warner Bros)
19	23	12	TO HAVE YOU BACK AGAIN Patty Loveless/Long Stretch.../comp 349-H (A. Robott/S. Roman) E. Gordy Jr. (Epic)	53	42	14	TO BE WITH YOU The Mavericks/Trampolene/pro single-J (R. Malo/J. Bouke) R. Malo/D. Cook (MCA)	86	95	2	SOMEBODY TO LOVE Suzy Bogguss/Nobody Loves Nobody.../pro single-F (S. Bogguss/D. Cridder/M. Berg) D. Cridder/S. Bogguss (Capitol)
20	24	9	HOLES IN THE FLOOR OF HEAVEN Steve Wariner/Self-titled/pro single-F (S. Wariner/B. Kirsch) S. Wariner (Capitol)	54	75	3	BAD DAY TO LET YOU GO Bryan White/The Right Place/CD track-P (B. White/D. George/B. DiPiero) B. J. Walker Jr./K. Lehning (Asylum)	87	88	6	A WOMAN'S TEARS Matt King/Five O'Clock Hero/comp 351-P (M. King/J. Hargrove/M. Christian) G. Morris (Atlantic)
21	26	6	COMMITMENT LeAnn Rimes/Sittin' On Top Of The World/pro single-F (T. Colton/T. Marty/B. Wood) W.C. Rimes (Curb)	55	48	25	YOUR LOVE Jim Brickman w/Michelle Wright/The Gift/comp 25-N (Brickman/Hosier/DeViller) J. Brickman (Windham Hill)	88	96	2	THE RIVER SONG Montgomery Steele/First Time Out/CD track (M. Steele) G. Dere/M. Steele (MSI)
22	30	5	YEAH Paul Brandt/Outside The Frame/comp 353-P (P. Brandt/S. Rosen) J. Leo (Reprise)	56	51	21	DON'T BE STUPID (You Know ...) Shania Twain/Come On Over/CD track-Q (S. Twain/R. J. Lange) R. J. Lange (Mercury)	89	92	4	WHAT IF I'M RIGHT Shane Stockton/Stories I Could Tell/pro single-J (S. Stockton) M. Wright (Decca)
23	27	13	SAY WHEN Lonestar/Crazy Nights/CD track-N (P. Nelson/L. Boone/J. Rich) D. Cook/N. Wilson (BNA)	57	46	13	LEAVING OCTOBER Sons Of The Desert/Whatever Comes First/CD track-H (D. Womack/T. Douglas) J. Slate/D. Johnson (Epic)	90	98	2	DRIVIN' MY LIFE AWAY Rhett Akins/Black Dog OST/pro single-J (R. Akins/D. Malley/E. Stevens) F. Liddell/G. Droman (Decca)
24	17	16	PERFECT LOVE Trisha Yearwood/Songbook/comp 8-J (Smith/Russ) T. Yearwood (MCA)	58	61	3	WHAT MY HEART ALREADY KNOWS Julian Austin/Title Track/pro single-N (J. Austin/S. Robichaud) D. LeBlanc (Vik/BMG)	91	90	20	LONGNECK BOTTLE Garth Brooks/Sevens/pro single-F (S. Wariner/R. Carnes) A. Reynolds (Capitol)
25	10	19	IF I NEVER STOP LOVING YOU David Kersh/Goodnight Sweetheart/pro single-F (D. Kersh/S. Ewing) P. McMakin (Curb)	59	50	17	COME SOME RAINY DAY Wynonna/The Other Side/comp 8-J (M. McGrath/B. Kirsch) B. Maher (Curb)	92	NEW		ALWAYS WILL Wynonna/The Other Side/pro single-J (H. Stinson/J. Hadley) B. Maher (Curb)
26	21	17	NOTHIN' BUT THE TAILLIGHTS Clint Black/Title track/comp 53-N (C. Black/S. Warner) J. Stroud/C. Black (RCA)	60	71	6	HOW COULD I BE OVER YOU Curtis Grambo/You Ought To Know Love/CD track (C. Grambo/D. Singleton) B. Randall (TAC)	93	NEW		I CAN STILL FEEL YOU Collin Raye/Self-titled/pro single-H (K. Tribble/T. Hyler) Raye/Worley/Walker (Epic)
27	33	7	I READ LIPS Thomas Wade/Wayward/Self-titled/CD track (T. Wade/C. Rawson) J. May/T. Wade (Peg)	61	70	10	THE MORE YOU LEARN Wendy Hudson/Title track/CD track (J. Oldenburg/J. K. Guley) J. Oldenburg/J. K. Guley (Moberly)	94	NEW		HAPPY GIRL Martina McBride/Evolution/pro single-H (A. Robott/B. N. Chapman) M. McBride/P. Worley (RCA)
28	29	11	INCLEMENTY Farmer's Daughter/Makin' Hay/comp 1-J (Barnhill/Leiske/Kelman/Samograd) M. Jones (MCA)	62	72	9	I SAW THE LIGHT Hal Ketchum/No Album/pro single-F (T. Rundgren) C. Howard (Curb)	95	NEW		WILDEST DREAMS Hawg Wyld/Title Track/CD track (D. Hopewood/N. Clemis) H. Klopak (HWR)
29	35	6	FALLING Bruce Guthro/Of Your Son/pro single-F (B. Guthro) C. Irshick (EMI)	63	64	6	LOVE IS ALL THAT REALLY MATTERS Kevin Sharp/Love Is/comp 353-P (A. Robott/A. Roman) G. Farren (Elektra)	96	85	20	JUST TO SEE YOU SMILE Tim McGraw/Everywhere/pro single-F (M. Nesler/T. Martin) Gallimore/Stroud/McGraw (Curb)
30	37	4	NOW THAT I FOUND YOU Terri Clark/How I Feel/pro single-Q (J. D. Martin/P. Begaud/V. Corish) K. Stegall (Mercury)	64	79	3	THE SHOES YOU'RE WEARING Clint Black/Nothin' But.../CD track-N (C. Black/H. Nicholas) C. Black/J. Stroud (RCA)	97	NEW		OVER MY SHOULDER John Berry/Self-titled/pro single-F (M. Hummon/R. Murrah) C. Howard (Capitol)
31	14	17	JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME The Kinleys/Title track/CD track (H. J. Kinley/R. D. Zavitsos) Zavitsos/Maselden/Greene (Epic)	65	69	7	PROMISE YOU FOREVER Dan Nash/Self-titled/CD track (D. Nash) B. Buckingham/D. Nash/D. Harrison (Boa)	98	97	13	BROKEN ROAD Melodie Crittenden/Self-titled/comp 348-P (Hummon/Boyd/Hanna) Gallimore/Smith (Asylum)
32	40	7	I MIGHT EVEN QUIT LOVIN' YOU Mark Chesnut/Thank God For Believers/comp 2-J (Chesnut/Springer/Morrisette) M. Wright (Decca)	66	53	15	PHYLIS & DON Stephanie Thomson/Almost Blue/CD track (L. A. Reid/J. McLaughlin) T. McLaughlin (TIS)	99	93	28	I WANNA FALL IN LOVE Lila McCann/Lila/CD track-P (M. Spiro/B. Brock) M. Spiro (Asylum)
33	20	18	LITTLE RED RODEO Collin Raye/The Best Of/pro single-H (Black/Vassar/Bourke) Raye/Worley/Walker Jr. (Epic)	67	52	18	LET'S KISS AND MAKE UP Beverly Mahood w/Ken Munshaw/Girl.../pro single (S. Hogg/M. Dineen/B. Mahood) R. J. Hutt (Spin)	100	91	22	YOU'VE GOT TO TALK TO ME Lee Ann Womack/Self-titled/pro single-J (J. O'Hara) M. Wright (Decca)
34	43	7	ONE OF THESE DAYS Tim McGraw/Everywhere/comp 5-F (Raines/Powell/Hummon) Gallimore/Stroud/McGraw (Curb)								

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Terri Clark and manager Woody Bowles were presented with a triple platinum award for her Mercury self-titled debut album and a double platinum for her follow-up album *Just The Same*. The awards were presented by Mercury's Alberta/Saskatchewan promotion representative Ron Harwood during Clark's press conference two days before the taping of her CBC-TV show. Harwood also reveals that the album will go to stores on May 19. The first single from the album, *Now That I Found You*, bullets up to #30 this week. We'll have a photo next week.

Bill MacNeil, who heads up the MacNeil Music

Group in Marion Bridge, Nova Scotia, has been encouraged by the support from country programmers for *My Love Will Always Be Like That*, the new single by Scott Phillips. The writers of the song are Nashville-based Rory Michael Bourke and Lewis Storey. However, the album, which was produced by MacNeil, was digitally recorded by Dan Doiron at In Session Recording in Truro, Nova Scotia giving the single two-parts Canon (AP).

TNN's Music City News awards will be telecast by The Nashville Network on Monday, June 15 beginning at 8 pm (ET). Jeff Foxworthy will host the live telecast. This is the 32nd year for the popular awards show. This year's awards presentation will break a twenty-year tradition with the awards presentation being held at the new Nashville Arena which can accommodate an audience of 11,000, almost three times that of the previous site, the Grand Ole Opry House. Among the multi-nominees in the 13-categories, Alan

Jackson, George Strait and Billy Ray Cyrus tied with six nominations each.

Steve Bell, 1977 Juno Award winner for best gospel album, is off with his new Peg single, *All For A Loveless Night*. This is a steel guitar mix and the first single from his *Romantics & Mystics* album (RPM New Releases - March 2/98) which is now approaching platinum sales. Bell wrote the song with Larry Campbell. The album, which was recorded at Winnipeg's Signpost Studios, was produced by Bell and Dave Zeglinski. Peg Music is mounting a large-scale promotion to bring the single home.

Chris Cummings has a new single with the impending release of *Minute And A Half*. Nothing official from Warner at press time, but Cummings' manager, Nashville-based Peter Leggett, is already promoting the release. Cummings is a co-writer of the song with Nashville writer Rick Scott giving him half the lyrics and music which works out to

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COUNTRY PICKERS

DERRICK BARR

Country 94 - Saint John

Big Time - Trace Adkins

DAVE McLAUGHLIN

750 CKGB - Timmins

From This Moment On - Shania Twain

STEVE BOHAN

500 CJBQ - Belleville

A Soft Place - Allison Moorer

JOHN WILES

1000 AM CKBW - Bridgewater

A Soft Place - Allison Moorer

DANIEL SAVOIE

CHET 94.5FM - Chetwynd

Shoes - Clint Black

DAVID BOWER

Country 920 CKNX - Wingham

Shoes - Clint Black

BOB PRESTON

Nornet Broadcasting - Edmonton

Minute And A Half - Chris Cummings

MIKE GALLANT

1240 CJRW - Summerside

Cried All The Way - Jamie Warren

JAMES RICHARDS

CHAT - Medicine Hat

There Goes My Baby - Trisha Yearwood

CHUCK REYNOLDS

CHYR - Leamington

There Goes My Baby - Trisha Yearwood

DOUG ANDERSON

Y105 - Ottawa

Whoever Said That - Stephanie Beaumont

RICK FLEMING

CKQM-FM - Peterborough

I Can Still Feel You - Collin Raye

RAY BERGSTROM

Country 96 - Kingston

Famous First Words - Gil Grand

COLIN McAULAY

630 CFCY - Charlottetown

How Do I Let Go - Lisa Brokop

PETER WALKER

KX96FM - Durham

Not That Easy - Lorrie Morgan

KIM LACROIX

K1XX 105 - Thunder Bay

Happy Girl - Martina McBride

FRASER TUFF

1150 KIX - Brandon

Happy Girl - Martina McBride

JANET TRECARTEN

CISS-FM - Toronto

Things Change - Dwight Yoakam

STEVE JONES

CFQM-FM - Moncton

Papa Bear - Keith Harling

DAWN GALLANT

CKHJ-FM - Fredericton

Love Working - J.M.Montgomery

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1	1	23	SHANIA TWAIN Come On Over Mercury-314-536-003-Q	MA PL	21	23	11	DIXIE CHICKS Wide Open Spaces Monument-68195-H	
2	2	4	COUNTRY HEAT 1998 Various Artists Ariola-55770-N	MA PL	22	16	89	PAUL BRANDT Calm Before The Storm Reprise-46180-P	MA PL
3	4	3	REBA McENTIRE Moments & Memories-The Best Of Reba MCA-81075-J		23	28	33	COLLIN RAYE The Best Of: Direct Hits Epic-67893-H	
4	3	20	GARTH BROOKS Sevens Capitol-7243-86599-F		24	25	15	MICHAEL PETERSON Michael Peterson Reprise-46618-P	
5	9	5	JODEE MESSINA I'm Alright Curb-77904-F		25	20	15	SAMMY KERSHAW Labour Of Love Mercury-536318-Q	
6	6	33	TRISHA YEARWOOD Songbook: A Collection Of Hits Universal-7001-J		26	24	31	PAUL BRANDT Outside The Frame Reprise-46635-P	MA PL
7	5	6	MAVERICKS Trampoline MCA-70018		27	26	89	LEANN RIMES Blue Curb/EMI 77821-F	
8	8	43	LEAHY Self-titled Virgin-42955-F	MA PL	28	38	32	CMT CANADA '97 Various Artists BMG/EMI-1253-F/N	MA PL
9	10	12	BRUCE GUTHRO Of Your Son EMI-57175-F	MA PL	29	22	17	THE MAVERICKS It's Now It's Live Universal-70026-J	
10	7	31	LEANN RIMES You Light Up My Life - Inspirational Songs Curb-77885-F		30	32	17	JULIAN AUSTIN What My Heart Already Knows Vik/BMG-74321-473-472-N	MA PL
11	11	29	BROOKS & DUNN Greatest Hits RCA-18852-N		31	27	17	CHELY WRIGHT Let Me In MCA-70003-J	
12	13	17	IF I DON'T STAY THE NIGHT Mindy McCready BNA/BMG-N		32	31	8	MATRACA BERG Sunday Morning To Saturday Night Rising Tide-53047-J	
13	12	45	TIM MCGRAW Everywhere Curb-77886-F		33	29	13	CHARLIE MAJOR Everything's Alright BMG-74321-523-732-N	MA PL
14	RE	12	PATSY CLINE Patsy Cline Story MCA-4038-J		34	34	17	GREATEST COUNTRY LOVE SONGS Various Artists MCA-81059-J	
15	18	2	GEORGE JONES It Don't Get Any Better Than This MCA Nashville-70005-J		35	36	50	GEORGE STRAIT Carrying Your Love With Me MCA Nashville-15842-J	
16	14	74	DEANA CARTER Did I Shave My Legs For This Capitol-37514-F		36	30	22	WYNNONNA The Other Side Curb-30612-J	
17	17	21	JOHN MICHAEL MONTGOMERY Greatest Hits Atlantic-83060-P		37	35	17	MARK CHESNUTT Too Cold At Home MCA-10032-J	
18	15	33	MARTINA McBRIDE Evolution RCA-07863-67516-N		38	33	17	CLINT BLACK Nothin' But The Taillights RCA-67515-N	
19	21	15	LILA McCANN Lila Asylum-62042-P		39	40	15	PATTY LOVELESS Long Stretch Of Lonsome Epic-67997-H	
20	19	10	JASON McCOY Playin For Keeps Universal-81017-J	MA PL	40	37	11	WADE HAYES When The Wrong One Loves You Right Columbia-68037-H	

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BMG - N

EMI - F

Universal - J M - Quality

Polygram - Q

Sony - H

Warner - P

Koch - K

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1	1	11	MY FATHERS EYES Eric Clapton - Pilgram Reprise-46577 (pro single)-P
2	2	18	TRULY MADLY DEEPLY Savage Garden - Self-titled Columbia-67954 (pro single)-H
3	4	11	FROZEN Madonna - Ray Of Light Maverick-46847 (pro single)-P
4	3	20	MY HEART WILL GO ON Celine Dion - Let's Talk About Love 550 Music/Sony-68861 (pro single)-H
5	6	8	TORN Natalie Imbruglia - Left Of The Middle RCA-07863-57634 (comp 34)-N
6	5	7	ADIA Sarah McLachlan - Surfacing Nettwerk 39708 (CD track)-F
7	9	4	LOVE PAIN AND THE WHOLE... Amy Sky - Burnt By The Sun Iron 51027 (pro single)-N
8	8	10	RECOVER YOUR SOUL Elton John - The Big Picture Rocket/Mercury-314-568-109-Q
9	10	13	GIVE ME FOREVER John Tesh/w/ James Ingram - Grand Passion GTP-1670 (comp 532)-Q
10	12	16	YOU'RE STILL THE ONE Shania Twain - Come On Over Mercury-314-536-003 (pro single)-Q
11	14	10	IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD Great Big Sea - Play WEA-18592 (comp 347)-P
12	7	17	WISHING THAT Jann Arden - Happy? A&M-314-540-789 (pro single)-Q
13	16	14	TOO MUCH Spice Girls - Spice World Virgin 2174 (CD track)-F
14	22	5	SAFE PLACE FROM THE STORM Michael Bolton - All That Matters Columbia-68510 (pro single)-N
15	15	20	THE MUMMERS' DANCE Loreena McKennitt - The Book Of Secrets Quinlan Road/Warner Bros-46719 (comp 335)-P
16	20	12	OH HOW THE YEARS GO BY Vanessa Williams - Next Mercury-314-536-060 (comp 527)-Q
17	17	19	AS LONG AS YOU LOVE ME Backstreet Boys - Backstreet's Back Jive/BMG-01241-41617 (CD track)-N
18	42	3	I'M READY Bryan Adams - Bryan Adams Unplugged A&M-314-454-0831 (pro single)-Q
19	21	6	ME Paula Cole - This Fire Warner Bros. 46424 (Comp 349)-P
20	19	21	SWEET SURRENDER Sarah McLachlan - Surfacing Nettwerk 39708 (comp 23)-F

21	25	5	FALLING Bruce Guthro - Of Your Son EMI-57175 (pro single)-F
22	11	12	KISS THE RAIN Billie Myers - Growing Pains Universal-53100 (comp 17)-J
23	13	22	AT THE BEGINNING Donna Lewis w/ Richard Marx - Anastasia OST Atlantic-83053 (comp 339)-P
24	18	13	HURTS TO LOVE YOU Philosopher Kings - Famous Rich And Beautiful Columbia-80291 (comp 069)-H
25	23	6	LIKE I LOVE YOU Amy Grant - Behind The Eyes A&M 314 540 760 (comp March 2)-Q
26	26	6	OOH IT'S KINDA CRAZY Indecision - Massive Dance Hits Vol. 3 Popular 3334 (pro single)-P
27	29	9	A PROMISE I MAKE Dakota Moon - Self-titled Elektra-62163 (comp 349)-P
28	30	9	ONE BELIEF AWAY Bonnie Raitt - Fundamental Capitol-56397 (pro single)-F
29	37	5	DO YOU REALLY WANT ME Robyn - Robyn Is Here RCA-67477 (comp 37)-N
30	33	33	SOMETHING ABOUT THE WAY YOU LOOK Elton John - Title track Rocket-314-574-8912 (pro single)-Q
31	27	8	LANDSLIDE Fleetwood Mac - The Dance Reprise-46702 (comp 350)-P
32	39	8	SEX AND CANDY Marcy Playground - Self-titled Capitol-53569 (comp 28)-F
33	24	20	BACK TO YOU Bryan Adams - Unplugged A&M-31454-0831 (comp 9)-Q
34	31	13	TIME OF YOUR LIFE Green Day - Nimrod Reprise/Warner Bros-46794 (comp 344)-P
35	36	3	UNINVITED Alanis Morissette - City Of Angels O.S.T Warner Bros.-829840-(CD track)-P
36	28	7	LOVE NEVER DIES Roch Voisine - Kissing Rain RV International-43978 (promo CD)-N
37	46	4	IT'S UP TO YOU The Tuesdays - self-titled Arista 19001 (pro single)-N
38	32	8	SUPERHERO Gary Barlow - Open Road Arista-07822-18949 (comp 33)-N
39	40	22	YOUR LOVE Jim Brickman w/Michelle Wright - The Gift Windham Hill-01934-11302 (comp 28)-N
40	38	19	3:00 AM Matchbox 20 - Yourself Or Someone Like You Lava/Atlantic-92721 (CD track)-P

41	45	6	THE WAY Fastball - Make Your Mama Proud Hollywood 620452 (pro CD)-Q
42	34	11	UNBOUND Robbie Robertson - Contact From The Underworld... Capitol-54243 (comp 28)-F
43	44	3	DREAMS Corrs - Talk On Corners Lava/Atlantic-83106-(comp 353)-P
44	35	11	ARE YOU JIMMY RAY? Jimmy Ray - Self-titled Epic-69014 (promo single)-H
45	52	2	LOOKING THROUGH YOUR EYES LeAnn Rimes - Quest For Camelot O.S.T Curb 1448 (pro single)-P
46	48	5	THE SKY IS FALLING Hall & Oates - Marigold Sky Push/Universal-90200 (comp 2)-J
47	51	3	FRIEND OF MINE Barstool Prophets - Last Of The Big Game... Mercury-314 518 970-(CD track)-Q
48	43	25	SURROUNDED Chantal Kreviazuk - Under These Rocks And Stones Columbia-80246 (comp 066)-H
49	50	4	NOTHIN' ON ME Shawn Colvin - A Few Small Repairs Columbia 67119 (pro single)-H
50	41	10	BRICK Ben Folds Five - Whatever & Ever Amen Sony-7554 (pro single)-H
51	54	2	THIS IS WHAT IT IS Lorraine Segato - Luminous City True North 164 (comp 2)-J
52	53	4	ALL MY LIFE K-Ci & JoJo - Love Always MCA 11613 (pro single)-J
53	47	11	TRAMPOLINE Wild Strawberries - Quiver Nettwerk-30119 (comp 29)-P
54	55	2	HEAVEN Jai - Heaven RCA 67514 (comp 36)-N
55	60	6	WEIRD Hanson - Middle Of Nowhere Mercury 314 534 615 (comp 538)-Q
56	NEW		ST. ANNE OF THE WILD BLUE EYES Roch Voisine - Kissing Rain RV International-43978 (pro single)-N
57	59	2	I'LL BE THERE FOR YOU The Moffatts - N/A EMI N/A (pro single)-F
58	56	8	AMNESIA Chumbawamba - Tubthumper Universal-53098 (comp 1)-J
59	NEW		LET'S FORGET ABOUT IT Lisa Loeb - Firecracker Geffen 25141 (pro single)-J
60	57	8	TURN BACK TIME Aqua - Aquarium Universal-85020 (comp 2)-J

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5	4	13	BEACH BALL Nalin & Kane Ultra-Q
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7	7	7	LA DE DA DE DA DE Out There Brothers Attic-J
8	10	9	REVOLUTION 909 Daft Punk Virgin-F
9	8	5	WHAT YOU WANT Mase Arista-N
10	11	5	I KNOW WHERE IT'S AT All Saints London-Q

11	12	6	THE TRAIN DJ Dero Logic-N
12	14	4	YOU SHOULD BE MINE Brian McKnight A&M-Q
13	13	8	NO NO NO (Part II) Destiny's Child Columbia-H
14	9	5	HIGH TIMES Jamiroquai Work-H
15	15	10	SUNCHYME Dario G Warner-P
16	20	3	MIRACLE Olive BMG-N
17	16	17	TOGETHER AGAIN Janet Jackson Virgin-F
18	19	9	DR. JONES Aqua Universal-J
19	17	16	GETTIN' JIGGY WITH IT Will Smith Columbia-H
20	29	2	ON THE RUN De Boss Ariola-N

21	NEW		FROZEN (REMIX) Madonna Maverick-F
22	21	9	CHOOSE LIFE P.F. Project Virgin-F
23	NEW		GONE 'TILL NOVEMBER Wyclef Jean Ruff House-H
24	NEW		I GET LONLEY Janet Jackson Virgin-F
25	22	17	ANGEL Joee Popular-P
26	NEW		I'M THINKING OF YOU 2 Brothers On The 4th Floor Hi-Bias
27	18	14	TOO MUCH Spice Girls Virgin-F
28	NEW		THE REAL BASS Brooklyn Bounce Attic-J
29	25	13	OPEN YOUR EYES Koko Warner-P
30	27	15	L-L-LIES Diana King Work-H

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two-parts Cancon. The single is included on his self-titled album. Bob Preston, music director for Nornet Broadcasting in Edmonton, gives the single his "pick" this week. Leggett expects to have a US release for Cummings in June, but it won't be the same single.

Stephanie Beaumont is expected to hit the playlists and charts shortly with her new single, *Whoever Said That*. The single, the first from her upcoming album, was written by Jeffery Steele, Chris Farren and Chuck Jones. The single gets the "pick" nod this week from Doug Anderson, music director at Ottawa's Y105 Young Country. Beaumont can be contacted at 705-327-7764.

BIG COUNTRY AWARDS

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VIDEO & INSTANT TOP TWENTY

1. Never Know - Mindy McCready
2. I Can Love - Dixie Chicks
3. Saddle - Matraca Berg
4. This Kiss - Faith Hill
5. Found You - Terri Clark
6. Still The One - Shania Twain
7. Bones - Randy Travis
8. Heart - Sherrie Austin
9. Then What - Clay Walker
10. Inclemency - Farmer's Daughter
11. Bye, Bye - Jo Dee Messina
12. Too Good - Michael Peterson
13. Almost - Lila McCann
14. Framed - Chris Knight
15. Country - Tracy Byrd
16. To Be - Mavericks
17. You & Me - Kinleys
18. A Little Bit - Jason McCoy
19. Perfect Love - Trisha Yearwood
20. Some Days - Charlie Major

BREAKOUT VIDEO

Put Your Heart Into It - Sherrie Austin

PICK HIT

Commitment - LeAnn Rimes

On Stage Entertainment brings Legends to Toronto

John Stuart, producer, director and CEO of On Stage Entertainment Inc., is bringing his Original Legends in Concert to open permanently at Toronto's Sheraton Centre Hotel. The production is coming to Toronto direct from its 15-year run at the Imperial Palace Hotel Casino in Las Vegas.

"We have researched the Canadian market for five years," says Stuart, "and have found Toronto to be potentially the strongest location for our award-winning show."

Stuart goes on to point out that the Toronto venture is the launch pad for his company's major expansion into Canada. One of the largest fully integrated entertainment organizations in North America, Stuart plans to market its Canadian headquarters in Toronto under its Canadian subsidiary, On Stage Theatres Canada Inc.

"The production of Legends in Concert is a fresh, exciting show," continues Stuart, "which will change on a continuous basis. Time and time again, audiences will enjoy a different theatrical experience as the cast rotates every three months."

The production features what it bills as "world-class performers" paying tribute to such stars as Neil Diamond, Elvis Presley, Tom Jones, The Blues Brothers, Liberace, Elton John, Madonna, Roy Orbison, Marilyn Monroe and others. Also a highlight of the production are the choreography and production numbers of the Legends' singers and dancers and orchestra.

Opening date has been set as May 21 in the all-new Legends Theatre, which has been renovated and re-designed into an intimate, state-of-the-art Broadway-style facility.

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Jazz Report Awards

Jazz Report Awards set for Toronto May 7

Montreal jazz artist Ranee Lee will host this year's Jazz Report Awards which will be held May 7 in the King Ballroom of the Holiday Inn on King Street in downtown Toronto.

The annual awards show is organized by Greg Sutherland and Bill King, co-founders of The Jazz Report magazine.

This year, 39 Canadian musicians and one international performer "who have made outstanding contributions to the artform over the past year," will be honoured. The winners are selected by a committee of more than 50 journalists, radio hosts, record company personnel, educators and musicians from across Canada who vote by open ballot.

Presenters will include Carol Welsman (Welcar Music), Joe Sealy (Sea Jam Records), Katie Malloch (CBC Radio Two - Jazz Beat), Ross Porter (CBC Radio Two - After Hours) and John Northcott (CBC-TV - Entertainment).

The awards show also serves as a fundraiser for Safehaven, a registered charitable organization dedicated to providing alternative residential housing for multi-handicapped children. A donation of \$1500 was donated in the name of the awards and its sponsors last year. A portion of this year's proceeds will also be donated to Safehaven.

**Tickets for the dinner and awards show
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