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## OPINION <br> EDITORIALS COMMENTARY LETTERS

## A Society That Values Music Must Pay For It

The following is excerpted from a speech delivered June 7 by Fran Nevrkla, chairman/CEO of PPL/VPL, at the British collecting society's annual general meeting.

Music is mankind's only universal language and arguably our greatest art form. Composers, songwriters, musicians, singers and famous artists of many nationalities have made enormous contributions to the quality of our lives over many centuries. It is impossible to imagine a single occasion of any significance without music, to which we turn always in good times and bad.

Music is used in thousands of different ways across the globe on a daily basis. Music is used to entertain, to give people joy and to console! It is used at weddings, parties, religious occasions as well as funerals. Music is used at political gatherings, military parades, meetings of world leaders, state jubilees, sports events and conferences

In the PPL environment we have the relevant statistics, supported by voluntary statements from licensees, illustrating that the use of music on premises enhances business atmosphere, generates more turnover and increases profit.
Music is used on television, radio and elsewhere to advertise, promote and sell almost every type of product and service. We could go on indefinitely.
Each year and in all countries across the world we produce an immensely large range of music of all genres. I am also proud to say that today it is musicians and other artists, rather than politicians, who are making the rest of us focus on poverty, hunger, the environment and other key global issues.

All these highly talented and compassionate individuals, indeed as well as the companies (big and small) who continuously invest in new talent, rely on copyright as the very bedrock of their creativity and their livelihoods.
And yet, copyright seems under attack because it "stands in the way"! "Freedom" has come to mean "freedom to plagiarize," as a loose coalition of academics and aggressive users of creative material try to undervalue creativity by alleging that since "there is nothing new under the sun," nothing needs to be protected anymore. What a nihilistic and insulting view of creativity! Of course the music industry does have to invent new business models in the digital environment, but please let us keep on reminding the outside world that many such models have been established over recent years and countless others are coming on stream as we speak
That said, the words "new business models" must mean just that-ways of developing business and creating employment opportunities for individuals and wealth for the country as a whole. An anarchic free-for-all would have a disastrous impact on the livelihoods of creators, inventors and businesses, with fatal consequences for the economic fabric of a modern society.
Please do not misunderstand me. We very much want our licensees to be happy and successful and to make a substantial profit. Indeed, we are delighted to work with them as much as possible so that both sides can benefit. But music must be paid for, and the rate must be fair and reasonable.
Let me give you an example: a business establishment and a place of entertainment where the customer will spend $£_{20}$ or $£ 30$
on drinks, perhaps some more on food and all this in addition to a possible entrance fee. And, by the way, he or she may also have to pay a pound or two for the cloakroom. Now let us look at the cost of the recorded music, without which the place would be empty and could not function. Under the terms of the PPL license the cost of music is often less than one

penny per head for the entire evening Refuse disposal and cleaning may each cost the average place of entertainmen several times more than the PPL license! Is this right? Can this be right?! Is this really the value that we, as a civilized society, place on music compared with bingo and binge drinking?
I often quote Vaclav Havel, the first pres ident of post-communist Czechoslovakia, who said that a nation that loses respect for its history and culture is in danger of losing its very soul.
I would just add that a country that fails to value music properly is in the same danger. Why? Simply because it is especially music, of all the arts we love and cherish, that makes the world a better and softer place and thus keeps us on the right side of civilization

## FEEDDBACK

## Questioning Creative Commons

Thank you for the insightful article "For The Common Good?" in the May 28 issue. I was on a recent panel that debated the merits of Creative Commons, and one of the panelists was Creative Commons proponent Siva Vaidhyanathan, author of
"Copyrights and Copywrongs: The Rise of Intellectual Property and How It Threatens Creativity."

I pointed out the irony that while he, like professor Lawrence Lessig, proposed a shortened or eliminated copyright protection for
creators, the hardcover version of his book was being offered at booksellers for $\$ 55$.

He quickly pointed out that he also allowed people to download his book for free. That was exactly my point.

Vaidhyanathan and Lessig have the option to sell their books or the freedom to give them away. However, the Creative Com mons licenses are irrevocable. In fact, certain Creative Commons licenses such as the "Public Domain Dedication" cause you to immediately place your songs in the pub-
lic domain. "The Founders' Copyright" license reverts your rights to the first U.S. copyright law in 1790 , which granted protection for only 14 years (with the ability to renew for an additional I4 years)
With these licenses offered, I find it difficult to consider Creative Commons either liberating or for the common good of creators and other copyright holders.

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>>SONY BMG INKS NEW PUB DEAL Sony BMG Music Entertainment and BMG Music Publishing have come to terms on a broad pact for master ringtones, ringback tones, DualDiscs, videos and more. Sony BMG has similar pacts with EMI Music Publishing and Warner/Chappell Music. In a separate agreement, Universal Music Group and EMI Music Publishing have
signed a similar umbrella licensing deal on digital rights-UMG's first such deal and EMI Music publishing's second. These deals are intended to expedite an array of new digital music products in
the United States and Canada.
-Brian Garrity
>> ONLINE 'IDOL' Fremantle Media is launching an online version of the popular "American Idol" talent show. American Idol Underground is set up as an Internet radio station. Interested contestants upload their music; listeners can sample music for free and then rate each track. -Antony Bruno

## >> ${ }^{\text {LIVE }} 8$

UPDATE
Organizers of Live 8 are adding concerts
in Tokyo, Toronto and Johannesburg. Africa Calling, to be July 2 in England, will focus on African musicians, including West African singer/songwriter Angélique Kidjo, Somalian vocalist Maryam Mursal and Senegalese hiphoppers Daara J. Live 8's London show will reunite Pink Floyd's original, post-Syd Barrett lineup-Roger Waters, David Gilmour, Nick Mason and Rick Wright-for the first time in 20 years. continued on >>p8

Seeing RED Bob Morelli is new chief of distribution company flrion

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Michael Jackson is a free man, but his future remains an enigma.
After a I4-week trial, Jackson was acquitted June $t 3$ on all ro charges he faced, ranging from child molestation to serving alcohol to mincrs. The jury trial in Santa Maria, Calif., attracted global media attention and served up a steady stream of sensational testimony
While Jackson, 46, can take comfort in his acquittal, he also must reckon with immense debt and a career outlook that is uncertain at best.
Industry observers speculate Jackson's next move could be a new album project, an international tour or a slot on Bob Geldof's upcoming Live 8 concert in Philadelphia.

Jackson's future as a recording artist is particularly unclear. His Sony Music recording contract dates back to 199 I and, if not already complete, is nearing completion. On July 5, Epic will release the
two-CD collection "The Essential Michael Jackson."
Though Jackson has sold nearly 60 million albums in the United States alone, according to the Recording Industry Assn. of America, his latest releases have fallen short of blockbuster status. His most recent studio album was 200t's "Invincible," which sold more than 2 million copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan. The last substantial release before that was the 1995 two-disc set "HIStory: Past, Present and Future-Book I," which scanned 2.5 million copies.
If Jackson is indeed a free agent, the timing may be right for interested parties to buy low. A key to his desirability will be whether he regains ownership of his masters.
Ultimately, former Sony Music Europe chairman Paul continued on >>p8

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## Court Reverses TVT's \$54M Award In ID.J Suit

NEW YORK-Lyor Cohen and Island Def Jam Music Group will not be writing multi-million-dollar checks to Steve Gottlieb's TVT companies, now that an appeals court reversed a $\$ 54$ million judgment regarding Ja Rule recordings.

What remains after the June 14 U.S. Second Circuit Court of Appeals opinion is a $\$ 126,720$ judgment against IDJ for breach of contract, which the label did not appeal.

The case is an example of the highstakes strategies of litigation lawyers-and the unpredictability of judges and juries.

TVT's counsel, Peter Haviland with Akin Gump Strauss Hauer \& Feld, successfully focused the District Court jury in 2003 on claims that could reap large monetary
awards, painting a picture of fraud and wrongful, intentional conduct. The breach of contract claim, which could not include punitive damages, seemed to play a minor role. Haviland showed that Ja Rule in 1998 rekindled a relationship with producer Irv Gotti after he formed Murder Inc. as a joint venture with IDJ.
TVT in 2001 approached Gotti and Ja Rule, who previously recorded tracks with members of Cash Money Click for TVT, to record a new album with CMC. This required IDJ's consent.

Although reluctant to consent, Cohen as IDJ's chairman did not want to alienate Ja Rule by refusing his request. IDJ was continued on $\gg p 8$

MICHAEL JACKSON faces
the dual challenge of
resuscitating his career
and settling his massive
debts. Photo: Eric Neitzel/ Wirelmage.com posted its secondquarter numbers June 13. The company reported a loss of $\$ 35$ million, on revenue of $\$ 767$ million, or 28 cents per share, compared with a yearearlier loss of $\$ 48$ million, helped by a weaker dollar and growth of online music sales.
-Brian Garrity

## >>>PASTE GRABS

TRACKS READERS
Paste magazine has acquired the subscriber base of recently shuttered music magazine Tracks. The deal increases the 3 -year-old Paste's paid subscriber base from about 15,000
to 50,000 and bumps its advertising rate base to 120,000 . -Jonathan Cohen
>>DDESTINY'S CHILD
SPLITTING
Chart-topping R\&B trio Destiny's Child will split after its North American tour, which ends in the fall, a representative confirms. Group member Kelly Rowland made the announcement onstage June 11 in Barcelona. The trio's tour will hit North
America July 2 in New Orleans and wrap Sept. 10 in Vancouver. -Jonathan Cohen

## >>>NAPSTER,

ERICSSON PARTNER
Napster and communications giant Ericsson announced a deal June 15 in which Ericsson will supply mobile operators with Napster's repertoire of more than 1 million digitized titles. The venture will launch in the next 12 months. - Juliana Koranteng
>> ELTON EXTENDS VEGAS RUN
Elton John inked a deal to continue his hugely successful stint at the Colosseum at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas through 2008. The new agreement provides for an another 150
shows of The Red Piano. Every performance so far has sold out. -Ray Waddell continued on >>p10

# UpIFront JACKSON (cont.) 

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Burger notes, if Jackson delivers a great album, "any record company will want to sign him, including Sony BMG.

In the meantime, a source close to Jackson says the singer is seriously considering a tour with his brothers, and that the rumored Las Vegas "comeback" show is just that-a rumor.

The trial's profile seems to have given Jackson's music a boost, at least short-term. According to Nielsen Broadcast Data Systems, total Jackson spins went from 197 the day before the verdict, to $\mathrm{I}, 17 \mathrm{t}$ the day of, an increase of more than $500 \%$. Jackson's audience reach jumped from 716,000 to a whopping 8.8 million, with "Beat It" and "Billie Jean" getting the most airplay.
Similarly, some retailers report a spike in Jackson catalog sales. "I started to run out immediately," says Skippy White, owner of Boston-based chain Skippy White's, of the post-verdict reaction. "He has a lot of fans, and this news is bringing them into the stores."

In the United Kingdom, sales have picked up slightly, according to HMV Europe product director Steve Gallant. "He doesn't need to do huge things in America," Gallant says. "He has Europe, and emerging markets in the Far East."
Those markets will have to emerge quite a lot to keep Jackson solvent, however. These days, the singer is essentially living off his $50 \%$ share of the Sony/ATV Music publishing catalog.
Jackson purchased ATV in 1985. Ten years later, in a deal orchestrated by his longtime attorney John Branca, Jackson merged ATV with Sony's music publishing division; the entire catalog is valued at around $\$ \mathrm{r}$ billion.
With Jackson's post-trial debt reported to be $\$ 270$ million, many wonder if the singer will need to unload his stake.
Jackson has used his share of the publishing giant, which includes more than 250 copyrights from the Beatles, as collateral in securing loans. Other debts have been secured using Mijac Music, a separate music publishing company that controls the copyrights to his work. One executive values that asset at $\$ 100$ million. Jackson's record royalties and publishing rights are estimated to earn him $\$ 20$ million per year,
primarily in sales outside the United States
The artist's Sony/ATV position hinges on his ability to keep up with debt interest payments. In May, New York-based distressed-debt investor Fortress Investment Group bought Jackson's loan port folio from original lender Bank of America after Jackson had payment problems. Fortress is believed to have reworked Jackson's payment schedule to give him more flexibility. But he still likely needs to slash his spending to avoid defaulting on the loans. That, or embark on a massive tour.

While never a frequent touring artist, Jackson has a history of road success. He last toured in 1997, when his European stadium HIStory trek grossed about $\$ 85$ million, according to Billboard Boxscore, second for the year only to U 2 . Jackson averaged more than $\$ 2$ million per night in Europe.
The artist's most recent show was his 3oth Anniversary Tribute Concert at New York's Madison Square Garden in 2001. The two shows grossed \$io million and moved nearly 35,000 tickets, according to Billboard Boxscore
Jackson would surely still be a strong draw internationally. But U.S. promoters might be less willing to pony up $\$$ I million-plus guarantees for an artist whose earning po-tential-and physical stamina to handle the touring grindis uncertain
Others maintain Jackson could do strong touring busi-

## FOR HEARTFELT <br> INDUSTRY ADVICE TO JACKSON, SEE PAGE 27

ness anywhere. "Michael Jackson is one of the great live performers of our time," says Paul Gongaware, producer of the HIStory tour and now coCEO of Concerts West.
"Would he still be a big draw?" Gongaware asks. "Massive. Multiple arenas in many markets, all around the globe. Anyone who has ever seen him perform knows he's pure genius live."

Additional reporting by Ed Christman and Brian Garrity in New York, Tom Ferguson and Em. manuel Legrand in London, Geoff Mayfield in Los Angeles and Ray Waddell in Nashville.

DSTRIBUTION BY TODD MARTENS

## Morelli To Helm RED

Plans To Keep Key Executives, Beef Up Marketing, New Media

Acording to new RED chief Bob Morelli, it will be more of the same -literally and
figuratively-for RED labels. Morelli, who was named executive VP/GM of RED Distribution June I 3 , says the company's key executive and sales teams

will remain in place, with possible additions to its marketing and new-media departments.

Morelli replaces president Ken Antonelli, who resigned June 2 (Billboard, June I8), sparking concern that other big changes were on the way. But

Morelli says that is not the case.
"The core management team and the core players who have made RED what it is are still there, and I'm lucky to have inherited them," the new exec says. "We have a major commitment to the entire independent community and the retail community."
Morelli will oversee all areas of RED's operations. Reporting to him will be the senior management team, including senior VP of product develop. ment Alan Becker, VP of business and legal affairs Tony Timpano, VP of finance and administration Greg Bell, VP of marketing Laura Marques, VP of field sales Lou Tatulli and Red Ink senior VP/GM Howard Gabriel.
Morelli says RED will con tinue to work with Sony BMG to upstream some artists, moving successful acts into the Sony BMG system. "Where that exists, it's terrific from a strategic approach," he says. "Where it doesn't, then it's my responsi-
bility to maximize selling and marketing records as standalone labels that I distribute.
Executives at RED-distributed labels seem pleased that Sony BMG made a fast hire, with many expressing confidence in Morelli's appointment because of his indie experience.
Morelli was most recently executive VP/GM of Sony BMG Music Entertainment Sales. He joined BMG in 1985 to oversee distribution, sales and marketing for a host of third-party labels. He also supervised two of BMG's efforts to launch an independent distribution division. "I wouldn't describe them as ‘failed,' " Morellli says. "They were half-hearted attempts at trying to start something analogous to RED."
Or Music president Michael Caplan says, "Ken was a great ally, and I only hope that Bob can continue that tradition. I hear really good things from my friends at Sony about him, and $I$ do like the fact that he has a background with indie labels.

## TVT (cont.)

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renegotiating its deals with the artist and Gotti.

So TVT entered a contract with Ja Rule, Gotti and Murder inc. to record the CMC album, subject to IDJ's consent. As the artists began recording, the parties negotiated a "side letter agreement," which IDJ signed but never sent to TVT's lawyer, who received only assurances the deal was done.

Ten months later, with Gotti re-signed to IDJ, the label forbade TVT from releasing Ja Rule's recordings-after TVT had developed promotional materials, including a sampler CD and DVD of CMC tracks that IDJ distributed as part of the deal.

TVT sued Cohen and IDJ, contending that they never intended to cooperate and instead sabotaged the CMC album. TVT claimed it spent more than $\$ 1$ million producing and promoting the album that IDJ persuaded Gotti and Ja Rule not to deliver. The jury found IDJ and Cohen liable for fraud, interference with the TVT/Gotti/Ja Rule contract and copyright infringement of the sampler tracks. IDJ also breached the
oral consent contract
Although the completed CMC album was delivered to Gottlieb before the trial ended the jury awarded TVT $\$ 25$ million to compensate for its losses and $\$ 107$ million in punitive damages. The judge reduced the award to $\$ 54$ million.

The masterstroke for IDJ and Cohen attorneys was not appealing the contract award, freezing it at $\$ 126,720$-far less, even, than TVT's attorney's fees. Then the lawyers attacked the larger claims with what proved to be lethal legalities for TVT.

Andrew Frey with Mayer Brown, Rowe \& Maw convinced the court that IDJ's oral contract was part of the TVT/Gotti/Ja Rule deal, so the label and


Cohen could not be liable for

>> UNIVERSAL DEAL OPENS BBC VAULT Universal Music has forged a landmark licensing deal with BBC Worldwide that will allow it to leverage audio and visual content relating to its stable of artists from the BBC's comprehensive broadcast archive. - Lars Brandle
$\ggg$ PETER GABRIEL BUYS SSL
Peter Gabriel and broadcast entrepreneur David Engelke have purchased Solid State Logic-a manufacturer of pro audio consoles for music, broadcast, post production and filmthrough a joint venture the two have formed. SSL will continue to design and manufacture mixing consoles and related audio
technology at its Begbroke, England, headquarters. Chris M. Walsh

## >>'PILL'

PEEVES CHAIN
Canada's largest specialist music retailer HMV Canada pulled all Alanis Morissette
product from its shelves June 13, protesting a North American deal that gives Starbucks a six-week exclusive window to sell her new Maverick album, an acoustic version of her 1995 smash "Jagged Little Pill." -Larry LeBlanc
>> ${ }^{\text {CELL PHONE }}$ SATCASTING
Sirius and Sprint PCS Vision entered a partnership with plans to integrate limited programming from the satcaster with Sprint cell phone customers for what will be a nationwide service. -Chuck Taylor
$\gg$ OD2, VIRGIN TEAM FOR GREEK DOWNLOADS
OD2, the international subsidiary of Seattlebased digital music service provider Loudeye, has entered the Greek market through a partnership with music retailer Virgin Megastores. The Greek-language Virginmegadownloads service went live June 14. - Juliana Koranteng

## UplFront

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## Luis Miguel Gets Road Ready

Chayanne, Marc Anthony, Alejandro Fernández Form Co-Headliner Event

Mexican crooner Luis Miguel, one of Latin music's top-selling artists and top-grossing performers, is planning the most ambitious tour of his career, Billboard has learned.

The Mexico En la Piel tour, named after the artist's November 2004 Warner Music Latina album, will start Sept. 13 in Fresno, Calif. It includes at least 40 U.S. concerts before playing 10 dates in Argentina, Chile and Uruguay. The tour will close with 17 shows in Mexico.
"It's a very special tour, a very ambitious tour, and it could be the most important in his career," his manager, AA Music Management's Alejandro Asensi, tells Billboard in an exclusive interview.

Luis Miguel's last full-fledged U.S. concert earned him the Latin tour of the year honor at the 2004 Billboard Latin Music Awards.

However, Asensi says, this tour is different in its scope. Performances will include a recap of Luis Miguel's hits but will focus on material from "Mexico En la Piel." While the singer has long included mariachi in his recordings and performances, "Mexico" is his first mariachi-only record.

So it makes sense that Luis Miguel-who typically performs in Mexico City, Guadalajara and Monterrey, Mexico-will play more than a dozen secondary markets, many of which he has not visited in more than a decade.
"We were waiting for this kind of an album," Asensi says. "It's a more Mexican album. And that's why we plan to spend more time in the United States and Mexico."

The Mexican theme has created anticipation for the tour, says Emily Simonitsch, senior VP of talent for House of Blues Concerts. Luis Miguel's tour includes at least four dates at the Gibson Amphitheatre at Universal City Walk, an HOB venue in Universal City, Calif.
"He's the highest-selling Latin artist for [HOB] because of the numerous dates he does for us in the United States," Simonitsch says. AA is booking Luis Miguel's U.S. shows in conjunction with the

William Morris Agency. Different promoters are working different dates. There is no major tour sponsor in the United States. Negotiations are under way with at least two major sponsors in Mexico.

Tickets to some of the California dates were to go on sale at press time. Other dates will go up in the coming weeks.

## THREE FOR THE ROAD

Pop singer Chayanne, pop/tropical singer Marc Anthony and pop/ranchera singer Alejandro Fernández also recently announced a co headlining tour (Billboard, June 18). The three superstars of their respective styles, all signed to Sony BMG, will play a total of 18 arena shows in 16 cities, beginning with an Aug. 17 concert at the Toyota Center in Houston.
"A bill of this magnitude, with this caliber, I don't think has ever toured the U.S. before," says Gerry Barad, executive VP of the Next Adventure, Clear Channel Music Group's global touring division. "It is unique . . . you have three bona fide headliners, at the same time."

The singers will rotate positions in the show from market to market, with each opening and closing an equal number. Tickets will range from \$30$\$ 125$, and concerts will be three to four hours long.

This marks the first time Chayanne and Anthony share the headliner role. "Formulas have changed, and audiences are more demanding," Fernández says. "You have to offer more within the same show."

A nationwide multimedia promotional campaign for the tour has already begun.

## LATIN BY LEILA COBO

## Sony, Ritmo Latino Settle Shakira Dispute

A
dispute that has kept Shakira's top-selling newalbum, "Fijación Oral, Vol. I" (Epic), out of most Ritmo Latino stores has been résolved with a handshake and a smileand the disc back on store shelves.
Ritmo, the United States' largest Latin retail music chain, was upset that the "Fijación Oral" promotion schedule did not include an in-store appearance al any of the company's 42 stores What Sony BMG Norte execs calleda "scheduling conflict" was considered a cultural slap by Ritmo president David Massry.

Instead of selling the album, Ritmo employees handed out fliers that said the Colombian singer and her label did not support the Latin community.
Now Shakira has agreed to a Ritmo appearance in the fall. Sources close to the singer defended her dedication to her

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Latin fan base, noting that the singer released the follow-up to her crossover album, "Laundry Service," in Spanish. Shakira also had an in-store with a Latin account in Puerto Rico, and is promoting heavily throughout Latin America and Spain.
"The scheduling conflict did not involve Shakira, whose label is responsible for scheduling decisions," read part of a joint statement from the two companies, issued June iz. "Sony


BMG Norte and Ritmo Latino look forward to continuing their long-standing relationship.
Even without Ritmo's sup port, "Fijación Oral," the fastest selling Shakira album ever, more than doubled the first-week sales record for a Spanish-language album in the United States, scanning nearly 157,000 copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan. It reached No. I on the Billboard Top Latin Albums chart and No. 4 on The Billboard 200. Ac cording to Epic, the album is No i in Spain, Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Argentina and Chile; it debuted at No. 2 in Germany and No. 3 in Austria and Switzerland.
Massry says he expects to receive a shipment of "Fijación Oral I" by the June i8 weekend.
"It's a shame I lost the first two weeks of sale," Massry says. "But we're happy everything is resolved."

Billboard Confab CDs Now Available

Thanks to a new deal with Disclive, the programming and insight of Billboard conferences will be available on CD-before the conference even ends.

The new agreement will record and produce discs on site for all Billboard conferences and events, including the 2005 Billboard R\&B Hip-Hop Conference \& Awards, to be held Aug. $3-5$ in Atlanta, and the Billboard Latin Music Conference \& Awards, which recently took place in Miami.

DiscLive can produce 1,000 high-quality CDs in less than 20 minutes. The company will record each panel and roundtable, providing complimentary copies for attendees immediately afterwards. In certain cases, compilations of entire conferences will be sold; recordings of the Latin Music Conference are already for sale at disclive.com.
"As we continue to grow
our audience and reach," says Tamara Conniff, co-executive editor of Billboard, "DiscLive will extend the longevity of our conference content. We're responding to a demand, trying to better serve the people who trust us to provide them with the best information about industry trends and developments."
DiscLive has worked with Billy Idol, Devo and the Pixies, among other acts, to produce what The New York Times, in a May headline, called "Rock's Best New Souvenir"--an immediate recording.
"We are very excited to be partnering with Billboard for these events," says Zach Bair, CEO of DiscLive and its parent company, Immediatek. "We look forward to giving attendees the opportunity to listen and engage in these valuable conferences while we take care of taking notes.

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# U.S. Carriers Open Doors To Content 

'Walled Garden' Crumbling As Mobile Subscribers Seek Access To More Ringtones, Graphics

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print and Verizon Wireless may soon lower the walls on their networks, allowing their subscribers greater access to third-party content, including ringtones and graphics.

The mobile phone giants are responding to U.S. cell phone users' growing interest in buying content from sources other than their wireless carrier.
Allowing subscribers to access non-network content is a common practice for mobile operators in Europe, as well as U.S. carriers Cingular, Nextel and T-Mobile.
Sprint and Verizon, however, have taken a "walled garden" approach, restricting content to that offered directly through their own delivery portals

Sprint is testing a system that would let content providers direct sales and mar-
keting campaigns at its sub scribers through premium SMS messaging, otherwise known as "short codes."

A short code is a four- or fivedigit number that works like an e-mail address but across various wireless carriers. Companies can place the short code in their advertising to generate customer responses.

In turn, subscribers can send a text message to a short code to request information or make purchases. The reply is delivered to the subscriber as a text message attachment. The charge is added to the mobile bill

According to John Styers, Sprint director of data communications services, the carrier is conducting short-code delivery trials with various partners, including Sony BMG and Warner Music Group.
"Both of them are in the midst of launching a premium

SMS service," he says. "They want to be able to offer on their artist-specific Web sites the artists' content in ringtone fashion through SMS. So we are working with them to launch some of their artists' Web sites as well."
He says Sprint will slowly open its network following these trials, based on technology performance and customer feedback.
Verizon, which has operated the most tightly controlled network of all U.S. carriers, uses a content delivery system called BREW. Only content written and delivered via the BREW system can operate on Verizon's network and phones.

But Qualcomm, which created the BREW technology, has introduced a new version that would support nonBREW content. Sources say Verizon has told content aggre-
gators that it intends to open its network to off-portal content before the end of the year. The carrier declined to comment for this story.
According to executives at QPass, a wireless transaction management firm, off-portal sales in the United States are beginning to explode. The company manages the off-portal sales activity for Cingular, Nextel, Boost Mobile and other carriers that together represent about half of the U.S. market.
In the last year, these carriers have seen off-portal content sales grow at a compound annual rate of $410 \%$. In the last six months, total off-portal sales activity skyrocketed r,024\%, with a month-overmonth growth of $\mathrm{I} 4 \mathrm{I} \%$ this past quarter alone.
Even with the crumbling of these garden walls, however, less than $10 \%$ of all
wireless content transactions in the United States are non carrier. This pales in com parison with Europe, where about $80 \%$ of all mobile con tent sold is off-portal.
But even some European companies see an off-portal opportunity in the United States. Jamster, which has used short code to become a leading ringtone provider in Europe, launched its U.S. service six months ago. Its multimillion-dollar branding and advertising campaign can be seen on MTV, BET, VHi Comedy Central and in such magazines as Maxim and Cosmopolitan.

Content providers following suit include Dirty Hippo and newcomer ThumbPlay.
"When we first came into the U.S., people told us pre mium SMS would be too difficult because of the carriers
and that people weren't as familiar with SMS in the U.S.," says Dan Mosher, director of content services for Jamster parent company VeriSign, "We found a big market for it right out of the gate. I think cus. tomers want choice and want to get content from multiple avenues. I think it will help the industry overall."
This off-portal sales growth comes at a time when the ring tone market is expected to have its best year ever. Yankee Group research forecasts \$I billion in U.S. ringtone sales for 2005.

There [are] a lot of legs left in the ringtone space," Yankee Group senior analyst Linda Barrabee says. "It is going to be a bit of a volume game, and I think that adding distribution channels is going to be a way to drive additional revenues."

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## P2P Sites Prepare Legit Bows

With a Supreme Court ruling in the Grokster case believed to be imminent, proponents of commercial peer-to-peer networks are busily preparing new legitimate services.
Key to many of the developing services is the readiness of Snocap, the fledgling copy-right-management and P2Pfiltering service from Napster founder Shawn Fanning.

Among Snocap clients on the horizon is Mashboxx, a planned legitimate P2P offering from former Grokster frontman Wayne Rosso. That service looks to enter the market sometime after the High Court's ruling.
Rosso tells Billboard he hopes to begin beta testing of Mashboxx within a matter of weeks. The service is collecting e-mail addresses for its test.

Snocap is intended to help guide users of Mashboxx and other P2P networks to legitimate content registered with the filtering service. It also blocks users from distributing or accessing unlicensed or unrecognized files.

Snocap also aims to build content catalogs by capturing digital "fingerprints" of live, rare and unreleased works that users are attempting to share. The information will be reported to content owners with the goal of helping labels prioritize which music should be cleared for sale, Fanning explains.

Development of Snocap is proceeding at a furious pace, and testing is under way.

In the meantime, the company has quietly inked digi-tal-fingerprinting deals with

more than a dozen indie labels and distributors, including TVT, Ryko Group, Digital Musicworks International, Artemis Records, Nettwerk Records and the Independent Online Distribution Alliance
That is on top of major-label deals with Universal Music Group, Sony BMG Music Entertainment and EMI. Negotiations with Warner Music Group are ongoing.
Snocap wants to expand the universe of content it represents by opening its digital registry to all labels and artists.
The move figures to have the biggest impact on individual artists and small-catalog owners, who can now ensure that their content is legitimately distributed alongside more mass-market offerings in P2P environments that will ultimately use Snocap's technology.
Snocap executives tell Billboard that regardless of what the Supreme Court decides, they see themselves positioned to capitalize from the ruling.

A ruling in favor of the music industry is likely to expedite the process of existing P2P operators attempting to convert to legitimate offerings, many of which would be potential Snocap clients.

A ruling in support of P2P networks is likely to mean even more label spoofing tactics and other anti-piracy strategies that compromise the quality of P2P search results. In that scenario, P2P operators looking to offer their users a better experience may turn to commercial solutions enabled by Snocap.
The digital registry would also become crucial. Fanning, who serves as chief technology officer of Snocap, says the company is focused on creating a nearly infinite selection of digital music. To that end, it is opening its doors to fingerprint as much music as possible, even the most obscure.
Snocap COO Ali Aydar adds, "Consumers are going to demand that in an authorized environment."

## George Joins BIG; Caulfield Upped

Former R\&B/hip-hop WPHI Philadelphia assistant PD/ music director Raphael George has joined the Billboard Information Group as R\&B/hip-hop chart manager. At the same time, veteran chart manager Keith Caulfield

assumes a larger role with Billboard Chart Alert.

George started June 6 at the company's New York headquarters. He will oversee R\&B/hip-hop, rap and rhythmic charts for Billboard and Billboard Radio Monitor.
Prior to his six-year stint at WPHI, George worked onair at former adult R\&B WNHC New Haven, Conn.,
and as a producer at adult R\&B WILD Boston.
George reports to Billboard director of charts/senior analyst Geoff Mayfield and Billboard Radio Monitor director of charts Silvio Pietroluongo. He replaces Minal Patel, who exited BIG for a post at Bad Boy.
In Los Angeles, Caulfield has been named editor of Billboard Chart Alert. He had been associate editor of the weekly e-newsletter. Mayfield, who had been editor, remains involved as editorial director.
"From the very first issue in December 2003, Keith's commitment to Billboard Chart Alert's editorial content and his encyclopedic knowledge of chart details made the newsletter a Wednesdaymorning appointment for those eager to learn what stirred growth for each week's fastest sellers," Mayfield says. "Now that all Billboard subscribers are entitled to Chart Alert access at no extra cost, he is the right person to fill the needs of a growing readership."

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## RECulation <br> BY BILL HOLLAND and TONY SANDERS

Court Backs FCC Ownership Caps

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Reaction to the Supreme Court's June 13 decision not to review Federal Communications Commission ownership rules has fallen along predictable lines. Critics of media consolidation are expressing delight Meanwhile, executives at radio, TV and newspaper conglomerates say they need new rules to compete with cable, satellite and online entities, and will look to new FCC chairman Kevin Martin to relax ownership limits. At issue is further consolidation of U.S. media companies. As conglomerates have grown during the past few years, studies have shown that local programming, including music options, has diminished. Former FCC chairman Michael C. Powell introduced the proposal to remove market limitations in 2003; within days, public interest group the Prometheus Radio Project filed suit to block the action, and legislators on both sides of the aisle expressed disapproval. The June 13 decision stayed last summer's ruling by the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals that kept limitations in place. Now the same media companies that petitioned the courts to remove ownership limits are expected to press Martin to jettison the cross-ownership rule -which limits the number of radio stations, TV channels and newspapers one company can own in a given market-and the national ownership cap of eight broadcast stations in a single large market.

## 'NAIL IN THE COFFIN'

Such all-out deregulation in the wake of the discredited Powell effort will face close scrutiny on Capitol Hill. Lawmakers from both parties have been skeptical of removing ownership limits. Democrats in particular applauded the court's denial of an appeal.
"The Supreme Court's action is the final nail in the coffin for the misguided FCC rules," Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., says. "Rather than advancing the interests of media conglomerates, the FCC needs to listen to the people across this country who are calling out for more, not less, localism and diversity in television and radio.

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D. who authored a congressional resolution of disapproval of the Powell rules shortly after the FCC adopted them, characterized them as "a complete cavein to special interests. They would have allowed a danger ous concentration of radio, television and newspapers."
Republican senator Trent Lott of Mississippi co-authored that resolution.
Martin, a Republican, issued a statement revealing little about likely policy directions: "I am now looking forward to working with all of my colleagues as we re-evaluate our media ownership rules."

However, Democratic commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein, who had criticized the rules, says the Supreme Court denial shows that the FCC needs "to involve the public and Congress more fully in our deliberations. We need to hold public hearings across the country and call for more studies from experts and academics."
Michael Bracy, who handles government relations for the indie-artist-driven Future of Music Coalition, says the court's decision "symbolizes the end of the traditional way that media policies have been made in this country." He says the commission should move forward "with a transparent and open dialogue with the public."
Though disappointed with the decision, Shaun Sheehan, a Washington, D. C.-based VP for Tribune Co. (owner of the Chicago Tribune and Los Angeles Times, among other media entities), is confident that cross-ownership in major markets will ultimately win government approval. "Somewhere down the line, we get [cross-ownership] relief," Sheehan says, noting that what level of expediency can be expected from the FCC remains in question.
Newspaper Assn. of America president/CEO John Sturm says his organization is "looking forward to the FCC opening a proceeding" to deal with the cross-ownership issue, "because every day that goes by, newspapers face more competition, because every day that goes by, there are more media choices." ...

## Piracy A Federal Case

Attorney General Promises Action, Describes Industry's Role

U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales sees fighting entertainment industry piracy as "one of the highest priorities" for the Department of Justice. He hopes and expects the music community to continue playing its important role in this battle.
"Obviously, the No. 1 priority for the department is national security," Gonzales told Legal Matters May 31 during an exclusive interview at the DOJ. "Part and parcel of that is having eco-
chief of staff/counselor. He also tapped as vice chairman/ counselor Arif Alikhan, a federal prosecutor who worked on the task force report with former deputy chief of staff and task force chairman David Israelite, now president/CEO of the National Music Publishers' Assn.
Working with the industry is an important part of the department's overall plan, Gonzales says.
He reinforced this commitment when he met with about a dozen label and music pub-
member labels fought online piracy by filing 2,215 lawsuits against "John Does" who were allegedly stealing music in California, Connecticut, Illinois and Washington, D.C. The labels filed 554 suits against specific individuals in Arizona, California, Colorado and Illinois. They also reached settlements in 572 cases.

During this period, the RIAA battled physical-goods piracy by assisting federal, state and local law enforcement officials in opening 1,128 investigations, making

nomic security, and part of that is protecting the efforts of artists and inventors."
This is music to the industry's ears after many people wondered if Gonzales, who was sworn into office Feb. 3, would continue working toward implementing recommendations from the 2004 Intellectual Property Task Force Report. It covered the department's piracy efforts and encouraged beefed-up civil and criminal enforcement, legislative changes, educational efforts, international strategies and cooperation with all intellec-tual-property industries (Billboard, Oct. 30, 2004).
Since taking office, Gonzales appointed as task force chairman D. Kyle Sampson, the attorney general's deputy
lisher executives June 2 in New York, discussing DOJ efforts and his belief in the importance of entertainment to the economy.
"Obviously we have limited resources," he tells Billboard. "We have to be smart in the way we spend those resources. That's one of the reasons we need the help of certain industry groups that represent victims."
Gonzales recommended many ways in which the music community can take part.

To protect its works, the in dustry can use technology and other means to make counterfeiting more difficult. Civil suits can be used to enforce rights.
The Recording Industry Assn. of America reports that during first-quarter 2005,

559 arrests and securing 137 convictions. They also seized 577,540 CDs and 352 CD burners. These numbers do not include seizures made without RIAA assistance.
Alikhan says recent legislation gives law enforcement the authority to seize equipment associated with making counterfeit goods, including label makers, replicators stamping machines and silkscreening machines.
The DOJ implemented the task force report's recommendation to create five more Computer Hacking and Intellectual Property Units, called CHIP units, in regions where there is a high concentration of IP cases. The new units in Nashville; Orlando, Fla.; Pittsburgh; Washington, D.C.; and Sacramento, Calif., prosecute
crimes, work with local IP industries to prevent crime and train other prosecutors and investigators in regional issues. This brings the number of CHIP units to 18 .
The DOJ has also provided funding for more prosecutors, Alikhan says. Including CHIP coordinators, the network of specialized federal prosecutors now totals more than 200.
Gonzales suggests that labels, publishers, artists, songwriters and their attorneys can help by sharing information with the department.
For example, details about products illegally arriving from certain countries and activities that are potentially unlawful help the department with investigations and prosecutions.
"It's one thing to say that it's a crime if you do this, but if you don't prosecute anyone, then those words ring hollow," he says.

The attorney general also believes that the industry has an obligation to educate the public.

The department has begun the educational process, working with Court TV and nonprofit groups on programs to reach young audiences. Gonzales also welcomes the industry's ideas to attract this audience, he says.
On the international front, DOJ prosecutors have traveled to Thailand, Colombia, Chile and South Korea for workshops with law enforcement officials. Alikhan says the one he attended in Bangkok drew officials from 10 countries.
"Congress had made a policy decision that such creative efforts should be protected and that there are consequences for not honoring those protections," Gonzales says. "I think it's important to try to educate the American public that we're serious about this."

The complete interview of Attorney General Alberto Gonzales is available for subscribers at entertain mentlawweekly.com.

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# Clear Channel Radio Calls Arbitron Outdated 


#### Abstract

ed up with ratings that have relied on pencil-and-paper listener diaries for nearly 40 years, Arbitron's biggest customer says it is time for a change. On June I3, Clear Channel Radio issued a formal request for proposals to create a new "state-of-the-art radio ratings system that will more accurately and credibly represent radio's true value to advertisers."

Arbitron critics say the methodology is outdated and yields untimely results. "Radio, advertisers and media buyers need more reliable data," CCR president/CEO John Hogan says. Hogan calls Arbitron's current methodology "almost


laughable," adding that measuring radio listenership requires "technology that is commensurate with the technology that we're employing," including new digital and online delivery platforms.

Hogan says he is eager to receive proposals from Arbitron, TV ratings provider Nielsen Media Research and Italian research firm Eurisko, along with other research and technology companies.

Within hours of CCR's bombshell, Arbitron announced that the Portable People Meter ratings system it has been testing for five years could be ready for commercial use by April 2006.
"We urge the rest of the radio
industry to take up Clear Channel's sense of urgency for the adoption of electronic measurement," Arbitron president/ CEO Steve Morris said in a statement. His message was a thinly veiled directive to radio groups including Radio One and Cox that were not supporting Arbitron's current PPM tests in Houston.

Morris encouraged owners to carefully evaluate audience estimates expected this summer from the Houston trials, urged the Media Ratings Council to wrap up its PPM audit and implored the Radio Advertising Bureau to issue the results of the Forrester Research PPM economic impact
study it commissioned.
CCR last year signed a fouryear contract with Arbitron that runs through Dec. 31, 2008, amounting to about $\$ 54$ million annually. Hogan characterizes his call for proposals as "a genuine effort to find out what alternatives are out there," borne out of discussions with other radio group heads who share his concerns.
Indeed, while radio execs seem sold on the idea of digital audience measurement, not all seem sold on Arbitron's vision.
Cox Radio president/CEO Bob Neil applauds CCR's move. "Radio needs to consider operating its own ratings measurement system," he says.
"Fast-tracking a bad idea, as Ar- ease Control and Preventionbitron suggested, isn't the way is another concern. By Arbito go."

A time-starved public that is increasingly unwilling to participate in surveys is a problem for Arbitron and virtually all researchers. Despite a host of initiatives to increase response rates among young male, black and Hispanic households, Arbitron response rates continued their slow, steady decline in the winter 2005 survey, dipping $0.7 \%$ to $31.5 \%$. The company says it will soon issue a strategic plan to shore up response rates.
Reaching the country's growing cell phone-only population -roughly $5.5 \%$ of adults, ac cording to the Centers for Dis-
tron's own estimates, the percentage of Americans ages 18-34 that has "cut the cord" is $17 \%-20 \%$.

Federal laws forbid Arbitron and other researchers from using predictive dialers when calling cell phones, putting that segment of the population out of its reach. The ratings of rock, top 40 and hip-hop stations that target younger listeners could be affected by this trend. The company will field its fourth study on cell phones this summer. ...

Additional reporting by Mediaweek's Katy Bachman in Washington, D.C.

# ‘KIDZ BOP’ IN TOYLAND WITH FISHER-PRICE 

"Kidz Bop," the incredibly popular children's brand from Razor \& Tie, is expanding its reach-with the help of Fisher-Price. Next month, the toy manufacturer will begin shipping a new toy, Star Station, that features songs licensed from the "Kidz Bop" series.

Utilizing plug-and-play technology, Star Station is a singalong toy that, when attached to a TV set, gives kids the opportunity to "perform on TV"-just like their favorite "American Idol" contestants.
"Preschoolers love to perform," says Lisa Mancuso, VP of preschool marketing at Fisher-Price. "And they love to see and hear themselves on TV. This toy makes it all possible."

Star Station is sold in two parts: the base unit, which will retail for $\$ 60$, and ROM cartridges, which will sell for $\$$ so each. The first two ROMs ("Dance Party i" and "Dance Party 2") arrive in August. Six additional "Dance Party" cartridges will be issued by year's end.

Parent-friendly and kid-cool, "Kidz Bop" is tailor-made for a company like Fisher-Price. "We were looking for a relevant and contemporary brand to partner with," Mancuso says.

Razor \& Tie co-founder Cliff Chenfeld says the multiyear/mul-tiple-product Fisher-Price deal marks the first branding partnership for "Kidz Bop," which he created with Razor \& Tie partner Craig Balsam.
To connect the dots between Star Station and "Kidz Bop" releases, Fisher-Price and Razor \& Tie will do reciprocal, in-pack cross-sells of each other's products. Additionally, Razor \& Tie senior VP of marketing Michael Krumper says the two companies will participate in a "retailtainment event" at a national retail chain. "Kidz Bop" music will also be prominently exposed via the Star Station during Fisher-Price's upcoming 75th-anniversary traveling tour.
"Overall, the kids space has great potential for us," Chenfeld says. "The 'Kidz Bop' brand is adaptable and is more than a CD. This deal is the first step in that direction."

According to Razor \& Tie children's entertainment director Kevin O'Connor, the company is pursuing additional "Kidz Bop" branding opportunities, including books, apparel, tours and direct-to-DVD projects. Each partnership "must speak directly to kids," O'Connor explains. "That's the touchstone: It
must be meaningful to kids."
Since launching in 2001, the "Kidz Bop" brand has accumulated CD sales of 4.6 million units, according to Nielsen SoundScan. "Kidz Bop7" debuted at No. 7 on The Billboard 200 earlier this year. "Kidz Bop 8" arrives Aug. 2. It will be followed, in the fall, by "A Very Merry Kidz Bop" and the music video-primed "Kidz Bop: The DVD."
Unrelated to "Kidz Bop," yet aimed at the children's market, is Razor \& Tie's "Worship Jams," due June 28.

TIME OF HIS LIFE: German DJ/producer and Mute recording artist Paul Van Dyk is making his presence known these days on big and small screens alike. His 2 -year-old track "Time of Our Lives" (featuring Vega 4) can be heard in a TV spot for Range Rover and


Children can sing along with Fisher-Price's Star Station, which uses tracks from Razor \& Tie's "Kidz Bop" series.
in the Warner Bros. film as well as the trailer for "The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants." The track was also licensed for use in the pilot of the Fox show "North Shore." In September, the song appears in the MGM film "Into the Blue" (another Van Dyk song, "Never Forget," appears in the trailer).
According to Van Dyk's North American manager, Kurosh Nasseri of Nasseri Music Business Solutions in Washington, D.C., last year's promo spots for HBO and Cinemax that featured "Time of Our Lives" got the "synch-licensing ball rolling for the track." He credits Cynthia Sexton, senior VP of strategic marketing and licensing at EMI Music Marketing, with keeping the momentum going. Sexton worked with ad agency JWT in Irvine, Calif., to secure the track for the Range Rover spot.
By the way, Van Dyk's next DJ-mix CD, "Politics of Dancing 2" (due late summer), includes one new, original Van Dyk track, "The Other Side." Moved by the recent tsunami disaster, the male vocal track may very well find itself similarly licensed. Time will tell.

STILL WANTED: Hollywood Records artist Hilary Duff is the new face of fashion brand Candie's. Duff-who stars in the new movie "The Perfect Man" and whose third album ("Most Wanted") arrives in August-will represent Candie's in print and TV ads. Created in-house, the campaign spotlights the company's new line of juniors clothing and accessories, which will be sold exclusively at Kohl's stores nationwide.

ONE-WOMAN BRAND: Wendy Williams is a one- woman brand marketing entity. With the June 28 arrival of her first CD, "Wendy Williams Brings the Heat, Vol. I" on Virgin (Billboard, June I8), the radio show host-turned author-turned TV personality continues to brand herself.
"I'm not a rapper, singer or actress," Williams tells Billboard. "I only know how to be me. I don't know how to be any other way. I've become the mess that is me. So, I'll brand that."
As for her third book project, Williams says she is giving herself room to breathe. The book will be her first novel. She promises it will be "a salacious tale" based on reality with names slightly altered to protect "the not- so-innocent."

## Source Interlink Gains National Clout

## Distributor Adds Music, Movies To Product Line With AEC Acquisition

NEW YORK-Source Interlink, the magazine distributor that recently merged with Alliance Entertainment Corp. and acquired Chas Levy Circulation, apparently has Handleman and Anderson Merchandisers in its cross hairs.

At its June 6 conference call with Wall Street, Jim Gillis, president/COO for the Bonita Springs, Fla.-based company, told analysts that "we have formed the first truly national product fulfillment and in-store services team that is truly unique to this industry."
The Feb. 28 merger with Coral Springs, Fla.-based AEC (which has about $\$ 1$ billion in annual revenue) and the May 11 acquisition of Chas Levy (which has about $\$ 370$ million combined with Source Interlink's own $\$ 335$ million in revenue and the newly created cross-selling opportunities) give the company a pro forma annual revenue base of about $\$ 2$ billion, according to company management.
While the AEC acquisition brings in music, movies and accessory product lines, it is the acquisition of magazine wholesaler Chas Levy from Levy

Home Entertainment that will give Source Interlink a force of nearly 4,200 people to service stores across the United States. That capability and product offering literally transforms the company into a rackjobber. It also picks up the ability to sell books, as Levy Home Entertainment has agreed to supply Source Interlink so that it can sell that product to accounts that Levy does not reach.
With plans to sell music, movies and even book products to the magazine retail customers of Source Interlink and Chas Levy, and the reciprocal plan of having Levy Home Entertainment pitch Source Interlink product lines to its book accounts, Gillis and his boss, chairman/CEO Leslie Flegal, are projecting major growth during the next few years. Already, they say they have landed a projected $\$ 200$ million in sales from cross-selling deals they have cut or are about to.
Source Interlink sells magazines to specialty store chains like Barnes \& Noble, Borders Books \& Music, Virgin Entertainment Group North America and the Musicland Group. Chas Levy sells magazines to general
merchandise chains like WalMart, Albertsons, CVS, Target, Meijer, Walgreens, Safeway, Kroger and Rite Aid.
But Source Interlink also controls the checkout area in 70,000 supermarket and drug stores, with a total of about


250,000 racks, which up until recently were stocked only with magazines.
Combined, the store accounts of Source Interlink, its new holdings AEC and Chas Levy, and Levy Home Entertainment, the companies reach some 130,000 outlets. So while there is undoubtedly overlap in their respective account bases, and maybe even some product
overlap in cases where all four entities are selling their respective product lines to some stores, major opportunities to cross-sell certainly exist.
"We now have the opportunity to sell these outstanding [retail] companies the full complement of home-entertainment content product, which no other one company has the capability of doing," Gillis said. "This strong product mix, delivered through a streamlined platform, with a national sales force and service organization, will generate greater revenue for the retailer, our vendors and Source Interlink. Until now, the source of magazines, books, DVDs and music and the effective servicing of those products has been inconsistent and fragmented through a variety of regional distributors."
Meanwhile, the rackjobbing sector has consolidated in the last two years to the point where Handleman and Anderson are by far the dominant players in that sector. A rackjobber is much more than a supplier, as it also chooses titles and assortment for a product category, as well as oversees the servicing of the department and
managing its profitability. Amarillo, Texas-based Anderson mainly has dedicated itself to servicing Wal-Mart, and has not moved too far afield in looking for other accounts. Handleman, which only sells music, also racks Wal-Mart, handling about one-third of its stores. It also up until recently had been the sole rackjobber of music for Kmart for more than four decades, and it also services Shopko.
Even prior to its merger with Source Interlink, AEC has been nipping at Handleman's heels, taking away its Meijer account, and recently landing about 400 Kmart stores, when the chain decided to service its own stores.
But those inroads aside, AEC only had limited opportunity to eat into Handleman's business because it can only serve as a quasi-rackjobber, managing inventory and assortment for music. But it could not service stores, since its 200-person field staff is only large enough to handle the supermarket accounts in its Fresh Picks division. In contrast, Handleman has a 1,000-person field sales staff. But the Chas Levy deal brings
in a staff of 2,500 . And the agreement with Levy Home Entertainment allows Source Interlink to tap that company's 1,500-person field staff.
For chain stores that do not require in-store servicing, AEC's ability to help manage inventory selection has allowed it to land a number of large ac counts. It is the sole supplier of music to Barnes \& Noble, and it also supplies Toys " $R$ " Us and the Meijer chain. And, of course, AEC remains the dominant sup plier of music to independent stores, outpacing Baker \& Taylor and Ingram in that product.

While it is a growing player in video, it still trails Baker \& Taylor and Ingram in that business. And of course, those two dominate book sales to the in dependent account base, but the Levy Home Entertainment connection allows Source Interlink to challenge them in general merchandise accounts and even specialty chain accounts, in situations where a limited book selection is all that is warranted. Levy Home Entertainment is said to stock about 8,000 titles, mainly best sellers and steady-selling backlist titles.

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## Indies Pledge To Join New Trade Group

Acting president of the American Assn. of Independent Music Don Rose says that most of the 125 labels that attended the June 6 founders conclave (Billboard, June 18) have committed to joining the newly formed trade group. Rose says a number of them, such as V2, Saddle Creek, Kill Rock Stars, Ninja Tune and Or Music, have pledged two years
AAIM is modeled after U.K. advocacy group the Assn. of Independent Music. Cursive bassist Matt Maginn, who also works at Saddle Creek, says, "AAIM is a necessary step for the future of independent labels, allowing us to have a collective voice within the music industry."

Kill Rock Stars chief Slim Moon says he welcomes AAIM because he usually felt out of step with the positions of the Recording Industry Assn. of America. "I would really like to have independent labels have a voice in Washington, like a lobbyist or something, who can say, 'Our opinions are different than some of the other organizations who have claimed to speak for the industry.'

The labels Billboard contacted are all curious about hearing AAIM's agenda, even if they're skeptical that they will see tangible results. However, Rose at least 16 JUNE 25, 2005
has a vote of confidence from Arthur Mann, one of his founding partners in Rykodisc.
"Don knows what it's like to struggle as a small independent," Mann says. "Some people in our industry get jaded, but I believe Don is still the music fan that got into the business originally."

PUBLICIZING THE BLUES: Publicist Cary Baker is launching an indie reissue label, Conjuroo. Its first slated release is the long out-of-print album by bluesman Blind Arvella Gray. Baker's Sherman Oaks, Calif.-based publicity firm Conqueroo will remain his full-time job, he says. Baker first heard Gray as a teenager when his father took him to Chicago's famed flea market and musical street fair, the Maxwell Street Market. Baker became immediately enamored of the dobro-wielding street musician. "Here's this blind guy with a tin cup and a white cane playing this steel dobro with a slide," Baker says. "I liken him to Junior Kimbrough or Hound Dog Taylor or R.L. Burnside."
The album, due Aug. 2, will be heralded with fullpage ads in Living Blues, Blues Review and No Depression. It was issued on vinyl in 1972 on Wilmette, Ill.-based Birch Records, a defunct label that specialized in "old-timey country," Baker says. He notes that

Birch owner David Wylie assigned him the rights to reissue the album, and Wylie contributed to the reissue's liner notes.

TRUSTKILL PLANNER: On June $\mathrm{I}_{4}$, Tinton Falls, N.J.-based rock label Trustkill Records issued its latest sampler, "Takeover." But aside from introducing the label's artists, owner Josh Grabelle has a hidden agenda: It is a way for him to release his long-desired Trustkill calendar.
"I thought of the idea one day and have wanted to do it since," Grabelle says. "Buthow was I going to convince Hot Topic or Best Buy to pick up a label calendar? I couldn't, so I put it inside one of our CDs."

The 17 -track disc features Throwdown and Open Hand, among others, and comes with a 36 -page booklet. The calendar lists the release dates of every album in the Trustkill catalog. Suggested retail price is $\$ 3.99$. Grabelle estimates the label is losing about $\$ 2$ on every CD.


## UplFront

## Tower Goes Retro At New Arizona Store

Tower Records continues to reassert itself in the retail landscape, reclaiming its position in key markets.

Last year, the chain relocated its Seattle store to a 14,000 -square-foot site just in time for the holiday selling season.

This month, Tower opened a replacement store in Tempe, Ariz. The 12,000-square-foot outlet stocks more than 100,000 albums, movies and magazines. In addition to carrying standard music releases in every genre, the store features interactive "touchscreen" music and video stations, imports, consignments from local bands, vinyl, a Ticketmaster outlet, acces. sories and collectible toys.

Early last year, Tower underwent a prepackaged Chapter II in which the bond holders assumed $85 \%$ ownership of the chain, leaving founder Russ Solomon and his family with $15 \%$.

The new owners tried to sell the West Sacramento, Calif.based chain late last year, but when they could not get their targeted price, they decided to hold onto it and build its value. Their first step was the Seattle
store relocation.
Tower executive VP of retail Kevin Cassidy says the retro feel of the Seattle site reflects where the company's other stores are going. The Tempe location continues the theme of a 1960s-1970s look combined with modern technology via interactive stations.
"It's another one of our kind of lo-fi look [stores], with the physical look and feel of Tower for as long as the [chain] has been around, but with a nice combination of technology," Cassidy says.
The Tempe store, in fact, represents the second phase of Tower's test of the in-store TouchStand kiosk, which allows shoppers to sample music and burn compilation CDs. Cassidy says the kiosks in the Seattle store received positive reviews from staff and customers.
"The opening of the Tempe store is another clear step forward for the Tower business," Tower Records CEO Allen Rodriguez says. "Entertainment retail is evolving, and Tower is at the forefront of that evolution. Touchscreen listening stations and a DVD
selection as large and com. prehensive as our legendary music selection make our new location more than just another music store.
"Tower Records in Tempe is a destination for the entertainment enthusiast," Rodriguez continues, "and confirms

Tower's dedication to our loyal customers in this important market."
Tower initially opened in Tempe in 1976. The new Tempe store has a large stage to host in-store appearancesone of the strengths of the chain. In fact, the June 9
grand-opening party featured live performances from local bands the Vacation, Longshore, Heat, Mink Rebellion and Haffo.
Aside from the relocations in Seattle and Tempe, Cassidy reports that Tower has "em barked on upgrades" of some

Bay Area stores. He reports that those stores have re ceived reracking, new layouts and general spiffing up.
Cassidy says 2006 will see the chain opening new stores, with a couple of locations already on the draw ing board.


RETAIL BY BRIAN GARRITY

## IODA Escorts Indie Distribs To Digital Side

$n$ the race for indie music content among digital middlemen, the Independent Online Distribution Alliance is increasingly partnering with an underexploited source: offline distributors.
San Francisco-based IODA offers a new technology platform that allows traditional music distribution companies to provide integrated digital distribution to their label partners.
"There are hundreds of distributors that fit the profile here that don't have their own digital distribution and delivery channels," IODA founder and CEO Kevin Arnold says.
With IODA's service, the distribution company supplies participating labels with access to a co-branded version of IODA's digital asset management tools. IODA takes care of all licensing, encoding, delivery and accounting functions on behalf of the distributor. IODA also provides promotion and marketing support to the offline distributors.
Companies using the service include Allegro/ Nail Distribution, Synergy Distribution, Outside Music (Canada) and Inertia Distribution (Australia).
"A lot of our [label partners] do not have their digital content online, and that is something we wanted to be able to do for all of them," Allegro director of operations John Shaw says.
Up to now most indie labels have maintained separate relationships with offline and digital distributors.
Some of the labels represented by the offline distributors working with IODA are already online via a
direct relationship with IODA or one of its competitors that specialize in connecting independent labels with download and subscription retailers. This crowded field includes the Orchard, Digital Rights Agency and Digital Musicworks International.

Those direct relationships will continue. The aim of IODA's new deals with physical distributors is in part to transition labels not yet online into the digital realm.
"It's a solution that will be plugged in where it makes sense," Arnold says. "Also you might see a trend of distribution companies looking to include digital as a requirement of labels they do deals with."
A limited number of deals have been made between physical and digital distributors, but these generally have been in-
formal referral programs in which the offline company receives a fee for feeding labels to the online company.

The strategy for IODA's initiative is to empower the offline distributor to pull its labels into digital distribution. In this scenario the offline distributor controls the label relationship and participates in the transaction.
IODA is also pitching offline distributors on the potential cost savings of its approach. Building similar systems from scratch can run into the millions of dollars-a reality that has left many independent distributors sitting on the sidelines of the digital business.
In surrendering part of its transaction revenue to offline distributors, IODA is gaining access to labels with which it has no prior relationships. For a company whose profitability hinges on volume, access to repertoire is a pressing concern.

Founded in 2003, IODA represents a catalog of more than 75,000 tracks from more than 600 independent labels around the globe. It services music to more than 120 online retailers including Apple Computer's iTunes, RealNetworks' Rhapsody, MSN Music, Napster, Yahoo, Sony Connect, MusicNet, eMusic and OD2.
Real-world distributors figure to be a growing source of content for online middlemen as independent labels with limited resources grow weary of dealing with digital rights administration directly.
"After doing this direct for a few years," Arnold notes, "labels may be looking at a more integrated, allin solution. It gets to be a burden after a while."

# UplFront 

## GLOBAL BY HOWELL LLEWELLYN

## Cuba's Online Boost

Spanish Authors' Society Digitizing Repertoire Fcr Web Commerce

MADRID-SDAE, the digital arm of Spanish authors' society SGAE, is building a comprehensive online music store for Latin repertoire from Spain and Latin America.

The first step in SDAE's initiative involves digitizing more than 8,000 songs from leading Cuban labels EGREM ( 3,000 tracks), Bis Music ( 3,000 ), Abdala ( $\mathrm{I}, 800$ ) and Producciones Colibrí (300). The material involves such internationally known names as Compay Segundo, Chucho Valdes \& Irakere and Silvio Rodriguez.
SDAE has struck a deal to make the tracks available as downloads on RealNetwork's Rhapsody by early September, says Mario Rigote, the society's Madrid-based marketing director.
Telecommunications group Telefonica's Terra España division, the leading Spanish-owned download service, will begin selling the repertoire online in July at musicapremium.terra.es; other leading music services are expected to follow by late 2005 . Rights payments will be handled by SDAE.
Rigote says the initiative aims "to generate SGAE members' authors rights and to promote quality Latin music." SGAE has more than 60,000 members, including 3,000 from Cuba
According to Rigote, the Cuban negotiations started four years ago, and talks are under way with leading Brazilian indies to digitize their catalogs. Mexico is next on the list.
"We want to give the world's Latin-produced Latin music catalogs the same online selling conditions as Anglo-Saxon catalog enjoys today," Rigote says. "We will negotiate first [with labels] in countries where SGAE has offices-which it does in Cuba, Brazil and Mexico."
Rigote estimates Latin music represents "some $15 \%$ of worldwide traditional market sales but, let's say, just $0.000001 \%$ of online sales." SDAE wants to help boost the online figure to the physical sales level.
The digitization is administered by SDAE's technology services platform, La Central Digital. According to Rigote, the latest deals cover virtually all Cuban repertoire recorded during the last 40 years that is avail able domestically.
SDAE will concentrate on independent catalogs. "By building up a truly indie catalog," Rigote says, "we are in a much stronger position to negotiate with big download services."
Tracks available through La Central Dig. ital incorporate SDAE's digital rights management system, which includes territorial restrictions.

The Cuban deals also involved SDAE setting up online stores for EGREM and Bis. Egrem.net launched on the label's 40th anniversary in March; a Bis site will be live by year's end.
"It has been hard work to persuade [Cuban labels] to put their catalogs online," Rigote admits. "So we set up their own online download serv ices for them to sell directly before the catalogs become available [elsewhere]."

EGREM business director Reinaldo Hernán dez says the label wanted "a wide-reaching e-commerce platform, so we could represent and administer our catalog directly."

He is convinced that "the international impact of this [deal] will favor the development of Cuban music and its industry."

SDAE funded the creation of the Cuban sites and the transport of masters to Madrid for digitization. Like its parent, SDAE is a nonprofit entity.


SDA $\bar{s} 7$ r illion euro [ $\$ 8.6$ million] budget for 2005 covers all tiz Cuban expenses, Rigote says. SDAE will also pay for the inseellaticn of digitizetion equipment in Cuba so those process can ake place on the island in the future. Rigote says Cuba "has always been a strategic object for SGAE."

La Central Jigital has digitized more than 52,000 musical works, máinly from Spanish indies. Spanish Web site latinerg.com has made all those tracks available; musicapremium.terra.es will follow suit in July.

Rigote says SDAE's current talks with iTunes and Napster hinge on such services guaranteeing authors' rights payments. "We don't let a single song go without legal guarantees," he says

Rigote is confident that iTunes and Napster will be onboard by year's end, saying, "It's in their interests to have non-major catalogs from a musical powerhouse like Cuba.'

# GLOBALNEWSLINE 

## >> U.K. INDIES IN U.S.

A delegation of independent British music companies will make a fact-finding visit to the United States this month in a move aimed at improving their access to the world's biggest music market.

The initiative, led by the Assn. of Independent Music trade group, will bring representatives of 23 companies to New York June 27-July 1 to meet U.S. music industry figures.
U.K. Trade and Investment, the British government body that fosters international trade, will fund roughly $50 \%$ of each company's travel expenses. Research gathered during the trip will be incorporated in a report that AIM will distribute to determine the feasibility of opening a U.K. export office in the United States.

AIM represents about 900 British independent labels and distributors.
-Lars Brandle

## >>>EMI ASIA FOCUS

EMI Music South East Asia president/COO Paul Robinson is taking responsibility for the company's operations in India, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong and the Philippines. The heads of the EMI affiliates in those countries will now report to Robinson, who is based in Hong Kong and reports to EMI Music Asia chairman Norman Cheng. The affiliate chiefs previously reported to Cheng. Robinson also assumes responsibility for EMI Music South East Asia's regional office functions.
"Paul's proven commercial experience will be invaluable to EMI," Cheng says, "as we look to develop market share in the region and take advantage of the digital growth opportunities ahead."
-Steve McClure

## $\ggg$ FIT FOR A QUEEN

British musicians from the past five decades were recognized in the Queen's Birthday Honours list, published June 11.
Vocalist/guitarist Midge Ure has been made an Officer (of the Order) of the British Empire for services to music and charity. Ure had a string of U.K. hits through the 1970s and 1980s fronting Slik, Rich Kids and Ultravox. He launched the 1985 Live Aid event and the upcoming Live 8 initiative with Bob Geldof, with whom he co-wrote the Band Aid track
"Do They Know It's
Christmas?" in 1984.
There were OBEs for Led Zeppelin guitarist Jimmy Page and bluesrock bandleader John Mayall, whose 1960s alumni include Eric Clapton, Peter Green (Fleetwood Mac) and Mick
Taylor (the Rolling Stones). Queen guitarist Brian May was made a Commander (of the Order) of the British Empire for services to music, as was Chrysalis Group chairman Chris Wright.
Queen Elizabeth II names the award recipients on the advice of the prime minister and government ministers.
-Lars Brandle

## $\gg$ ITALIAN BUSTS

Italian law enforcement officials have uncovered an illegal file-sharing network involving some 100,000 individuals, including school teachers and college students. Officers from the country's postal police carried out 55 raids June 6 in the Pescara region on Italy's Adriatic coast. Officials say the raids were the culmination of a 12 -month investigation. Seized were 36 illegal CD burners, 74 computers, seven servers and 9,000 CDs and DVDs.
The individuals involved face prosecution and, if convicted, could pay fines of $€ 5,000-€ 25,000$ (\$9,000-\$45,000).
"This is an important result which strikes at the heart of the country's illegal file-sharing network," says Enzo Mazza, president of Italy's anti-piracy organization FPM.
-Mark Worden

## UplFront

# Greek Government Vows Action On Rampant Piracy 

The International Federation of the Phonographic Industry has called for decisive action by the Greek government to tackle the country's piracy problem-and has drawn an encouraging response

IFPI CEO John Kennedy used his May 26 keynote address in Athens to launch a stinging attack on Greece's piracy record. "With a piracy rate of around $50 \%$, Greece is one of the very few Western European countries where illegal music copies almost outnumber legal sales," Kennedy told delegates at the inaugural Greek Music Forum. "For a country which, in its own right and as a member of the [European Union], has an important example to set to the rest of the world, it is unacceptable for piracy to be tolerated to this degree."

The Greek music market had a retail value of $\$ 89.3$ million in 2004, according to the IFPI. Kennedy said he expected the Greek government to implement a nationwide antipiracy strategy involving the
culture, public order, trade and justice ministries as well as rights holders.
"The laws must be executed effectively and pirates brought to book," he added, demanding "seriously deterrent sentences and heavy financial penalties."

Kennedy and IFPI Greece managing director Panos Theofanellis met with government officials during Kennedy's visit for the conference.

The discussions with Minister of Public Order Georgios Voulgarakis and Minister of State Theodoros Roussopoulos, who oversees media issues, were "positive," Theofanellis says.
Piracy was the main topic. The Greek government is drafting new, tougher antipiracy legislation, Theofanellis explains. He informed the IFPI delegation that he expects the proprosed legislation will be debated in the Greek parliament by the fourth quarter. The legislation would bring Greek intellectual-property law into line with the European Union Enforcement Directive.

In addition, Roussopoulos promised action against broadcasters that are not paying neighboring rights fees, according to Theofanellis.
"We asked him simply to enforce the law," Theofanellis says. Under existing legislation, he adds, "if a radio station does not have a [valid] contract with a neighboring rights society, he can revoke the license."
Theofanellis plans followup meetings on piracy and other key issues with the country's Deputy Development Minister Ioannis Papathanasiou and Minister of Justice Anastasios Papaligouras.
The May $26-27$ conference opened with a speech by Development Minister Dimitris Sioufas, who pledged that the government will institute laws to contain piracy.
"Art is not culture alone," he told delegates, "it is development. Development of humanity, of society-and of the economy."
Government action is already under way, says Con-

stantinos Polyzogopoulos, director of the Culture Ministry's intellectual-property organization, OPI, which coordinates the anti-piracy efforts of various Greek associations and trade groups.
Polyzogopoulos says OPI is organizing seminars on in-tellectual-property rights in police academies. "We've also called on the education ministry to introduce the subject of [intellectual-property] rights into school curriculums nationwide," he says.

Theofanellis says he is cautiously optimistic about the
increased dialogue with government. "It's positive in terms of words," he says. However, he adds that if no concrete steps are taken by year's end, the IFPI might consider approaching the office of the United States Trade Representative to have Greece named a Priority Foreign Country, facing possible trade sanctions.
"At present, Greece is on the [lower-level USTR] Priority Watch list," he says. "We don't have to ask right now; as soon as we can see the gov ernment really wants to have intellectual property organized in Greece, then I will have no problem."
The forum took place at a central Athens hotel. Attending were some 800 delegates from all sectors of the music industry plus government officials and broadcasters.

Athens-based music channel MAD TV organized the event with assistance from Theofanellis, who also owns indie label Archangel. It was endorsed by the IFPI and the

Greek Culture Ministry. The schedule included discussions on piracy, intellectual rights, new technologies, marketing and broadcasting.
Theofanellis was impressed with the turnout and the results. "[It] opened the door to dialogue with government authorities," he says
But MAD TV chairman/ CEO Andreas Kouris was dis. appointed at the lack of state support for the forum, which he had hoped would feature more government speakers He plans to restage the event in 2006, however, with a focus on how music-related businesses can work to fight piracy regardless of government support. Next year's event may also include live performances.
This year, Kouris says, "for the first time, all the sectors involved in [Greek] music realized there are common gains and there should be common goals. It is vital that we work together on solving problems, rather than dis cussing issues behind closed doors individually.

# Quebec Publisher Builds On Strength 

Éditions Bloc-Notes Adds To Catalog Of French Repertoire

TORONTO-The stature of French-speaking Quebec as an international musical crossroad is underscored by recent activity at Montreal-based Éditions Bloc-Notes Publishing

Last month, the 20-year-old independent publisher acquired the Canadian subpublishing rights for the French-language catalog of Warner/Chappell Music France. It continues to be the Canadian subpublisher for top French singer/songwriters Patrick Bruel and Francis Cabrel as well as handling the French-language catalog of BMG Music Publishing Worldwide in Canada.
"Quebec is such a separate market, and for people who don't know or understand French repertoire it is a difficult market to work," Éditions Bloc-Notes founder and president Diane Pinet says. "We are going to have a lot of fun working the Warner/Chappell Music catalog. It is so huge and includes songs by Johnny Hallyday, Serge Gainsbourg and Vanessa Paradis." Éditions Bloc-Notes is a towering presence in the province's music publishing. Its roster of 30 Quebec-based composers includes such high-fliers as Yves Laferrière, Fred St. Gelais, Stéphane Dufour, Diane Cadieux, Frédérick Baron, Vincenzo Thoma, Amélie Veille, Patrick Lafleur, Tino Izzo and Ramasutra.
The publisher's songs have been recorded by country superstar Faith Hill; veteran Quebec acts Celine Dion, Roch Voisine, Garou, Lara Fabian, Éric Lapointe, Luce Dufault, Diane Dufresne and Mario Pelchat; plus emerging Quebec-based artists Wilfred Le Bouthillier, Marie-Élaine Thibert, Annie Villeneuve and Marie-Mai.
Pinet, unlike many French-speaking industry figures in Quebec, also has a significant presence in Canada's English-language music industry. She serves on the boards of the Canadian Music Publishers Assn., the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame and the SOCAN Foundation.
"I feel very comfortable in the two markets," says Ontarioborn Pinet, who grew up in London, Paris and Montreal.
Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame president Sylvia Tyson says Pinet is "very much responsible for the bilingual nature" of the hall. "She has worked very hard for us," Tyson adds.

Éditions Bloc-Notes was a co-venture between Pinet and BMG Music Publishing Worldwide from 1994 to 2004, when she bought back BMG's share.


Éditions Bloc-Notes is an unusual presence in a market with only a handful of strong independent publishers. It operates with a staff of four and handles songwriter development as well as sales and promotion of musical works domestically and internationally. It also oversees administrative and legal activities.
The majority of Quebec music publishing, in fact, is handled by firms associated with an independent label or audiovisual production company.
"These makers have their publishing, but they are different from Diane, who actively develops publishing around songs," says Solange Drouin, VP of public affairs/executive director of Quebec music industry association ADISQ in Montreal.

Historically, Quebec's French-language music has been rooted in adult contemporary pop. As a result, its acts have only occasionally made an impact in Europe. However, as Quebec labels, publishers and managers have built closer ties in France and other French-language markets and those markets have pulled closer together musically, there appears to be more sustained acceptance of Quebec-based music abroad.

This is underscored by the current European successes of Dion, Voisine, Lynda Lemay, Corneille, Garou, Natasha St-Pier, Daniel Powter and Isabelle Boulay.
"For 10 years," Pinet explains, "what was happening in France was rap and hip-hop, which didn't work in Quebec. When people got tired of hip-hop and rap, the Quebec singers came back very strong.'

Pinet says that with the small size of the Quebec market, it is imperative to find partners who will work her catalog internationally, particularly in France, Belgium and Switzerland. "Without European success," Pinet says with a laugh, "you'd have to have a lot of No. Is in Quebec in order to survive." ...

## BITS \& BRIIEFS

BACK THAT TONE UP Subscribers of Midwest Wire less and four other carriers can now back up their ringtones online using Lumitrend's Ring vault service. Once downloaded, Ringvault scans the phone for ringtones and wire lessly sends backup copies to an online database, with no storage limits. Users can then download the ringtones if their phone is lost, damaged or upgraded, even if users switch carriers. The service is currently limited to BREW-enabled handsets, and costs about $\$ 1.50$ per month, depending on the carrier.

## DANCE WHILE YOU

 'DESTROY'Videogame publisher THQ has created a promotional CD of classic 1950s songs remixed by modern electronica artists in support of its title "Destroy All Humans!" Produced by radio DJ Jason Bentley, the
album includes remixes of "ShBoom" by the Crew Cuts, "Little Star" by the Elegants and "Lollipop" by the Chordettes from such DJs as Junkie XL, Timo Maas and Meat Beat Manifesto. The disc contains 16 tracks, none of which are actually in the videogame. Select retailers will bundle the CD with the game, which streets June 21.

PLAYLISTS OF THE FAMOUS
Online music service eMusic has added the personal playlists of influential musicians, rock critics and authors. Each eMusic Dozen playlist features 12 of the author's must-have songs in various genres. Participants include former New York Times pop music critic Ann Powers, rock critic John Morthland, No Depression co-editor Peter Blackstock and musician Lenny Kaye.

## Mercora Offers Unique P2P Option

Ever since peer-to-peer filesharing networks rose to prominence as a leading source of music piracy, a host of start-up ventures have sprouted, attempting to legitimize the format as a music distribution tool

The founders of one such company, Mercora, have managed to set their business apart from the others in this space by using P2P networks to share music, but not actu ally trade files.

Billing itself as a $\mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{P}$ radio network, Mercora instead allows its subscribers to create either custom or random playlists from their music libraries, which other Mercora users can then listen to as a music stream, rather than download. It differs from other Internet radio stations like Live365 or Yahoo's Launchcast in that the music comes directly from other user's hard drives
"Effectively, what we do is live podcasting, but we make sure
going to do it for you."
Mercora subscribers must install the company's free software to their computer, which identifies any digital music stored on the hard drive and organizes it by genre. As long as the program is running, it randomly chooses 10 songs to "broadcast," which other users are free to stream. It then refreshes this list on a regular basis.
Other users can search by artist or genre to find a list of all applicable tracks broadcasting at that time. Mercora organizes these various streams via a central server into more than 20,000 chan nels. It also provides links to amazon.com and MSN Music to facilitate purchasing music.
The service is free for those content to randomly broad cast and stream music. Users who want to create custom playlists can pay $\$ 5$ per month. The premium service includes the ability to save up to I o hours of music from cer-
who have shifted from passive consumers of content to being more active."
Mercora has extended the service to mobile phones as well, but currently is limited to phones running Windows software from Microsoft.
The company has also introduced an Internet search tool dedicated to finding
searches. However, the tool is limited to the streams on Mercora's own P2Pradio network.
Mercora aggregates its users' playlists at a central server, allowing the company to index the tracks and make them available for search. Chatterje says he hopes to strike deals with other Inter-

it's done under copyright compliance," says Atri Chatterje, Mercora VP of marketing.
Unlike other $\mathrm{P}_{2} \mathrm{P}$ services that let users navigate each other's entire music libraries, Mercora limits the number of tracks accessible at any given time from any given user. This is because of Internet radio broadcast rules that restrict the number of songs by the same artist that can be played in a certain time frame.
"If all you have is Pink Floyd in your collection, you won't be able to broadcast any more than three songs in a four-hour period," Chatterje says. "We don't want to have to teach users the copyright laws. The software is just
music streams and licensing it to other interested search engines. Imagine a search tool that could tell you when your favorite song was playing on the radio and on what station. That is what Mercora wants to do for music streams.
"There was no such utility that can find and track what's being played online at any given time," Chatterje says.
To do so, Mercora is at tempting to catalog the many music streams available and index them for real-time
net music providers soon to add their streaming music to this index. Mercora also is working on a Web crawling application to find streaming music from sources not included in the index, and eventually may include access to streaming video as well.
"I think that's an extraordi narily useful tool," McGuire says. "Search is very impor tant. It's at the center of the universe and an incredibly important part for any of these emerging models."
tain sources that users can listen to when disconnected from the Internet
These time-shifted streams are self-liquidating, meaning they can be played only once.
By positioning these limi tations as a radio service and giving control of music programming to the user, Mercora says it has built a subscriber base of more than I. 5 million people, more than half of whom live outside the United States.
"It's a great way to discover new music on one hand, and a way to be a megaphone and be a tastemaker as well," says Mike McGuire, an analyst with Gartner G2. "What's driving all of this are consumers

## "We don't have to teach users the copyright laws. The software is going to do it."

-ATRI CHATTERJE OF MERCORA

## ROXIO TURNS UP BOOM BOX

Roxio has introduced the Boom Box, a software suite that lets Mac users do more with their iPod. Boom Box comprises five programs that enhance iPod owners' music management capabilities, as well as other audio capture and transfer services. The CD Spin Doctor program allows users to convert analog music on vinyl and tape into digital form. It automatically detects tracks, removes unwanted noise and enhances sound quality.
MusicMagic Mixer analyzes users' music libraries to generate playlists of tracks that sound similar to ne another, allowing users to bundle tracks to fit a certain mood.
Audio Hijack captures radio streams and saves them for later listening. The program can also capture audio from DVDs, and employs a timer to either schedule a stream capture or turn iTunes into an alarm clock to play a selected track at a scheduled time.
Boom Box also supports podcasting. iPodderX seeks out and subscribes to podcasts. And iSpeak converts text-based documents like e-mail or Web pages into spoken-word files.
The Boom Box suite is currently available only for the Mac platform, and retails for $\$ 49.95$.
-Antony Bruno

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# Jam Band Scene: A Sticky Situation 

Bonnaroo Does Big Biz, But Questions Arise For The Genre As Attendance Slips

MANCHESTER, Tenn.-Bon naroo has placed another suc cessful chapter in the books But some negative trends in the jam band touring scene have players in this normally bank able genre looking for ways to inject it with new energy.
The Bonnaroo Music \& Arts Festival, in many ways the epicenter for the jam band genre, may be feeling the shift in the dynamics of this scene, with attendance for the three-day concert down about io,000 people from the 2004 event.

But Bonnaroo, named top festival at the Billboard touring conference last year, remains one of the elite music festivals in the world, and will still exceed $\$_{14}$ million in gross ticket sales from paid attendance of about 80,000 . This year's expansive lineup included the Black Crowes, Widespread
petition from other eventsmight have hurt sales.
"It's still a very strong year, and I think Bonnaroo is as strong as ever," Mayers says

## SHIFTING SCENE?

But softness in jam band tour ing transcends Bonnaroo. Another A.C./Superfly project, the Zooma tour featuring Trey Anastasio, Ben Harper and special guests, was derailed because of poor ticket sales (billboard.biz, May 27).
Sources say another jam band touring event, the String Cheese Incident's Big Summer Classic (which will launch with shows July 2-3 at Red Rocks Amphitheatre in Morrison, Colo.) is also struggling in many markets. Even genre titans like Widespread Panicwhich headlined two nights at Bonnaroo to ecstatic response -are doing less-than-sellout
town in Atlanta. Additionally, smaller festivals catering to the jam band audience have become ubiquitous
Capps points out that Bonnaroo's first three years-all sellouts at $70,000,80,000$ and 90,000 , respectively, as capacity increased-were "extraordinary." It was inevitable that there would be some fluctuation, he says.
And Mayers says he and his partners are still bullish on producing new events, including an as-yet-unannounced Halloween event, likely to be staged in a casino market in Nevada or elsewhere.

## GROWTH \& DIVERSITY

The key to the growth of the so-called jam band scene, which has always been broad, may be increased diversity, a fact not lost on Bonnaroo producers. "When we started the

## "We're doing 80,000 people; that's a lot of people in the middle of nowhere." <br> -JONATHAN MAYERS of SUPERFLY PRODUCTIONS

Panic and Dave Matthews Band.
"Overall, I feel better about the event," says Jonathan Mayers, president of Superfly Productions, co-producer of Bonnaroo with A.C. Entertainment. "Logistically, this has been the best festival that we've done."

That is despite the fact that rain deluged the June IO-I2 festival for the third consecutive year, having a negative impact on profits and the fan experience.

Mayers says Bonnaroo, held on 700 rural acres about 60 miles south of Nashville, is subject to the same ebb and flow as the touring business in general. "With the maturity of the event, I think some years we'll sell out, some years we won't," he says. "We're doing 80,000 people; that's a lot of people in the middle of nowhere."

Mayers cannot put his finger on why attendance declined this year, although he says a host of factors-including the economy and com-
business in many cases
"We're seeing a slow season for this scene right now, and we don't exactly know what to attribute it to," says Buck Williams, agent/comanager for Panic. "We're finding tough business in the amphitheaters, and I'm retooling my fall tour. I'm going to pull back and try to figure out what these kids are thinking."
Despite these negative trends, Mayers and A.C. president Ashley Capps believe the scene remains strong.
"Sometimes things click, and sometimes things don't," Mayers says. "Unfortunately, Zooma didn't click when everyone thought it would."
Capps adds, "I think the scene is more vital than ever. The plethora of events out there this summer speak to the vitality of this scene."

Competition may be part of the problem. For the first time, Bonnaroo ran up against the established Music Mid-
leg of the latter's Vertigo tour. Kings of Leon agent Scott Clayton at Creative Artists Agency agrees that diversity of the scene is critical. "Bonnaroo is becoming much more of an eclectic festival," Clayton says. "That's going to become really important to their future growth, that they keep diversifying and not making it just about jam bands.

With Phish now defunct and bands like Dave Matthews Band, Widespread Panic, Gov't Mule, String Cheese Incident and others in many ways having reached career plateaus, the genre is in search of a new blockbuster headliner, if not new blood in general
Mayers says this takes time "The jam band community is built on the grass-roots level.

Year after year it builds up," he says. "It's still strong, but you still have to be price-conscious, you have to do the right plays and always be thinking about it. We're in the promoting business. There is no sure thing. But is there going to be another act that can do business like Dave Matthews Band? Yes, at some point, but there's not that many right now."


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## Street Smart

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Toby Keith A Hands-On Artist When Planning A Tour
$\square$ oby Keith is laking his fans to school this summer with the Honky Tonk U shed run. The tour began June io at the Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre in Charlotte, N.C.
Since becoming a headliner in spring 2002, Keith has turned into one of country music's top live draws, and will surely rank among the top-tier acts of any genre again this year.
According to Billboard Boxscore, Keith grossed $\$_{2 I}$ million from 80 shows in 2002, $\$ 43.4$ million from IoI shows in 2003 and $\$ 42.4$ million from 72 shows last year. That's an average of $\$ 423,75$ I per night at the box office and an average of 11,125 per night in paid attendance.
Last year, Keith finished roth among all touring artists in gross dollars and fourth in attendance, outselling such acts as Madonna, Metallica, Sting and Dave Matthews Band.
Keith says of touring: "That's basically why I got in this business in the first place, to be able to perform. I always dreamed of being that guy that people
would come to see.
Curt Motley, Keith's agent at Monterey Peninsula Artists/Paradigm, says, "Toby gives us a lot to work with. It's just up to me not to screw it up."
Promoters regard Keith as one of country's most bankable artists. "Toby Keith is as consistent as it gets," says Brian O'Connell, president of country touring for Clear Channel Entertainment. He produces the bulk of Keith's dates.
Much planning is required to put a Keith touring year together, and the artist himself is very involved in the process. "We talk all the time," Motley says. "I will put together the first draft, then we talk three or four times a week after work, not counting at work. There are places Toby wants to go, and we do everything we can to accommodate that."
$\mathrm{O}^{\prime}$ Connell agrees Keith is hands-on with his touring business. "We talk about every date[manager] T. K. [Kimbrell], Curt, Toby and me," O'Connell says. "We talk about where we're going to play, when, which venue. And
when Toby tells you it's gonna happen, it's gonna happen. Keith typically plays a run of indoor dates in the early spring, followed by a summer shed run "With our summer tour, which runs 29-30 dates, we play [markets] about every 12 months. People plan their schedules around it. It's a summer event," Motley says.
For the first time, Keith will not tour in the fall this year, his current trek wraps Aug. 29 in Syracuse, N.Y. "Toby is going to be able to take off in the fall and work with his son's football team, which he has never gotten an opportunity to do," Motley says.


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## BY DAN OUELLETTE

During a two-night appearance at last montn's Umbria Jazz Melbourne '05 festival in Australia, Wayne Shorter, jazz's pre-eminent saxophonist, was an intrepid astronaut navigating the musical cosmos with improvisational brio. With his band-bassist John Patitucci, drummer Brian Blade and pianist Jason Moran (subbing for regular Danilo Perez)Shorter provided the climax of the 11-day international festival. The group performed music from its live CD, "Beyond the Sound Barrier" (released June 14 on Verve).

A film aficionado and longtime fan of superheroes, Shorter came up in the late '50s with drummer Art Blakey's seminal band the Jazz Messengers, became a key member of Miles Davis' classic '60s quartet, co-founded jazz-fusion supergroup Weather Re port and then launched a solo career, crowning critics' polls in recent years. He also recorded with Steely Dan and regularly contributes to albums by Joni Mitchell.

Backstage after the second evening in Melbourne, Shorter landed on Earth long enough to talk about the current state of the recording industry and his mission in music.

Q: You've been recording for nearly 50 years now. How has the industry changed?
A: Today it seems like there's a different template to surmount for an individual. It has become totally about points and percentages. It can be intimidating to a musician because you've always got to make a quota or go beyond the quota. Then there are the executives who are afraid to make decisions so they won't lose their positions.

Q: As a jazz artist, do you feel your music is a hard sell for record companies because sales are lower for jazz than for pop? A: It's just like Art Blakey used to say: "You can make a billion dollars on Wrigley's spearmint gum, but you can't make any money on jazz?"-and I would
add, "on any kind of music that's truly creative."

## Q: When you started recording

 solo in the early '6os, was it like a playground, a place to be free with your music?A: It was, in a way. I recorded a lot with Blue Note. The two guys who ran it then were Alfred Lion and Francis Wolfe. They didn't play like the majors. They were recording mavericks. They went against the grain and stuck with it.

Q: How can you go against the grain?
A: By sticking to your guns. It wasn't about hooking up with another magnate recording company. When Thelonious Monk started recording for Columbia, someone at a gig asked him if he was selling out, going commercial. Monk just kept walking, saying through his teeth, as if they were clenched, "Stick to your guns."

Q: Even back then, though, jazz records didn't make lots of money. A: If something makes a lot of money, it doesn't make it cool. People worry about missing out on that pot of gold. But what they're really missing out on is their creative process. It's about evolving. It's like that movie "Resident Evil" with Milla Jovovich. Everybody was getting injected with something that made the people feed off each other like "Night of the Living Dead," but it didn't have the same effect with Milla. Her injection didn't
work. So these guys were trying to destroy her, because she wasn't mutating to be some kind of war machine. But one guy said not to destroy her because she wasn't mutating, she was evolving.

Q: That's what happens in your live shows-the music evolves. A: That's right. We're all evolving. And there's a faith in eternal existence. I try to do that onstage, intimating that there's no such thing as a beginning or end. That's why I don't want to play songs anymore. They're cute and nice. I've learned things that have a beginning and end, but they're artificial. A lot of people give their lives for artificial reasons. It's like, are your thoughts your own or someone else's? It's as if every generation is being hijacked from the cradle, like those [newborn] sea turtles that get hijacked when they try to make their way to the sea. So for us it's a matter of waking up and not being devoured.

## Q: So, do you see that happen

 ing in the recording industry?A: Yes. I don't know a lot of those people in the industry, but I ask the executives I know if they speak out in meetings. And they say, yes but they play with caution.

You know that label Nonesuch? They're doing something. I heard Pat Metheny's new record, "The Way Up," and I called him up and said, "Pat, now we're talking." Instead of songs that were three-minute
tracks for a single, he had "Part I," "Part 2" and so on.

Q: Joni Mitchell is also on Nonesuch. What is it about her music that attracted you to play on so many of her albums?
A: She's talking about things in her lyrics, and she's a fighter. She told me that around the time when she recorded "Don Juan's Reckless Daughter" and "Mingus" that someone sent her a letter accusing her of playing a minor second within a chord and how that was destroying the [pop] feeling she was known for. It was like saying she was going over to some other side.
It's like her song "Both Sides Now" that she wrote when she was 20 or 21 . It was about an encounter she had with a man and the daughter she had. She recorded it and a record executive said to her, "You know, don't you?" The words struck him on a business side. She said she had to think fast, on her feet, so she said yes. And the executive detailed it out: We get young artists, squeeze the blood out of the stone, then throw them away and get another young artist. That's what the industry is like.

## Q: And you agree?

A: Yes, it's like this record executive who came on "American Idol" one night who said he could see working in the studio with one of the contestants. It was if he was saying, "I'm going to show you how to judge." The inference was that he could make this singer a star, that he could see and guarantee who could be a moneymaker. That's what "American Idol" is about: giving someone all the responsibility to do the thinking, the

marketing, the moneymaking, the making of the idol.

Q: What do you see as the role of the artist?
A: Being the lone voice in the wind. To be on a mission and not be afraid. It's like Bela Lugosi saying, "Do not be afraid." But you're on your own these days. Even the rap guys start off doing their own stuff but then the trap door opens. You don't have many knights or superheroes anymore.

Q: Herbie Hancock is banding
together the Headhuntersfor a few shows. Will you do the same with Weather Report?
A: No. This coming-backtogether stuff doesn't do what the mission is. I need to stick to exactly what I'm doing and [co-founder Joe Zawinul] needs to stick with what he's doing To get back together is an ambush. It's a nice trap based on financing. There's an underwriting. Like getting the Beatles back together used to be the big deal. But that's looking backwards, and I believe we should move forward.


NEW YORK-On the cover of an "in case of emergency" handbook in the reception area of Wind-up Records' New York headquarters, someone has affixed a yellow Post-it that reads: "1. Save Diana, 2. Save Diana, 3. Save Diana."

The woman in question is Diana Meltzer, the label's eccentric A\&R guru, and the note is no joke: In the world of Wind-up, she is indispensable. Meltzer brought Creed and Evanescence to the label, and signs all its other acts

She landed in A\&R by accident. She wanted to adopt children, but when she saw Creed for the first time, she decided her talents might be better-served adopting bands
The job of making stars of her discoveries goes to her husband, Wind-up founder and chairman/CEO Alan Meltzer, and

Indie develops its artist roster for long-term success

BY BRIAN GARRITY
his longtime associate, label president Steve Lerner. It's a family business for this indie-Alan is the godfather, and Lerner is the consigliere.
The two execs are currently planning a summer soundtrack splash with new acts including Diana's latest find, Megan McCauley. Wind-up is making a habit of using Hollywood's summer slate of superhero films to showcase its own cast of seemingly ordinary characters capable of extraordinary things.
Two years ago, the company released the soundtrack to the movie "Daredevil" with the aim of launching a then-unknown Evanescence with the tracks "Bring Me to Life" and "My Immortal." Last year, the label used the soundtrack to the film "The Punisher" to break Seether, parlaying its song "Broken," a ccllaboration with Evanescence singer Amy Lee, into a bona fide hit.
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Wind-up looks to strike yet again with the July 5 release of the soundtrack to 20th Century Fox and Marvel Enterprises' "Fantastic Four." The label will use the project to set up albums on the way from three new acts: former Evanescence co-songwriter/guitarist Ben Moody, who is aiming to transition from success as a songwriter for the likes of Avril Lavigne and Kelly Clarkson into a solo career; Omnisoul, an AC act that falls somewhere between Maroon5 and John Mayer; and McCauley, a 16-year-old singer/songwriter in the Lee vein, who will have three songs on the soundtrack.

At Wind-up, evolution through new talent is the name of the game. While the label has been synonymous with the sound of modern and active rock since its inception in the late 1990sselling more than 37 million albums along the way, according to Nielsen SoundScan-it is looking to diversify its roster by moving into new sounds and genres.

The next year will see Wind-up get involved with everything from British alt-rock, with recent signing People in Planes-a
pany's maturation. "We're just trying to make sure we have our bases covered. Obviously we want to be as diversified as possible," he says. "We were kind of the catalyst that created the active modern environment that was kicked off by Creed. But every generation is three years now, rather than 10 years or five years. So we have to stay ahead of the curve." Wind-up is coming off its biggest year yet. In 2004 the label crossed the $\$ 100$ million sales mark in the United States for the first time, and it sold another $\$ 50$ million internationally.

The diversified company is starting to generate revenue in all aspects of its business, including catalog sales, which were fueled by Creed; music publishing, which is bolstered by the success of Moody's songwriting; and an 18-month-old in-house merchandising company, which rode the popularity of Evanescence to revenue exceeding $\$ 2$ million in its first year.
To hear Lerner and Meltzer tell it, Wind-up is just getting started. The company has 17 acts on its roster, and half of them


Clockwise from top left: Diana Meltzer Breaking Point 12 Stones
Megan McCauley Submersed Evanescence Finger Eleven
buzz band that generated headlines at South by Southwest this year-to country, with the T-Bone Burnett-produced soundtrack to upcoming Johnny Cash biopic "Walk the Line," another 20th Century Fox venture.
"It's a big range," Lerner says of the variety of projects the label is pursuing. "But there are many different colors in the rainbow, and we're good at identifying not only what's good for the moment, but also what's great talent."

The moves come amid a shifting landscape at radio, and as Evanescence and former Creed frontman Scott Stapp, the label's most bankable stars, find themselves at a crossroads. Both acts are tentatively set to release albums in November that will mark new creative directions in the wake of Stapp's split with Creed and Moody's exit from Evanescence.

Wind-up executives are bullish on the commercial prospects for both acts. But they are anything but content to rest on the momentum of their franchises.

Meltzer sees these changes as a natural step in the com-
will release new albums by year's end. It is on pace to grow worldwide revenue by $25 \%$ this year, including more than $\$ 125$ million in the United States.
At a time when most music companies are cutting costs and salaries, Wind-up has been adding an average of five staffers per year and now has a workforce of more than 70 . It expanded into Canada last year, inking a distribution deal for the territory with Warner Music Canada. (Wind-up is distributed in the United States and in the rest of the world via Sony BMG, with which it re-upped late last year.)
"The guys in some ways have been flying below the radar," says Geoff Bywater, executive VP at Fox Music, a regular part ner of Wind-up in the soundtrack business. "But if I was out there and looking for a model of company that works well, these guys are it. They are kind of like a major indie."
Meltzer, a one-time musician and veteran retail and distribution executive, founded Wind-up with Lerner in 1996 after acquiring the assets of small indie label Grass for roughly
> "Breaking through is so tough, it's like trying

$\$ 950,000$. Meltzer's entrepreneurial roots lay in a Brooklyn, N.Y.-based music retailer called Titus Oaks Records, which he established in the 1970s. He then founded music wholesaler CD One Stop, where he first hired Lerner. That business was rolled up into the company that became Alliance Entertainment Corp.

Meltzer also was an early supporter of online music retail, funneling a reported $\$ 2$ million into e-commerce site CDNow in the 1990s. His stakes in CD One Stop and CDNow eventually earned him more than $\$ 60$ million.
With Wind-up, Meltzer and Lerner have never been afraid to think big. The label invests heavily in its acts with the goal of doing gold- and platinum-level business. Part of its strategy is to dedicate itself to fewer acts but drive hits from the majority of its roster.
Wind-up isn't afraid to be contrarian, either. The company went 15 months without signing a new act before inking deals this year with the Omnisoul, People in Planes and rock act the Exit, all in a matter of months.
and its latest, "Karma \& Effect," has sold more than 121,000 copies since its May 24 release. Finger Eleven's self-titled third release sold more than 500,000 units, thanks to single "One Thing." And Alter Bridge, which features the remaining members of Creed and frontman Myles Kennedy, sold a half-million copies of its 2004 debut, "One Day Remains."
For a company that has copyrighted the motto "Building career artists," patience-on the financial as well as the creative side-is certainly a virtue.
"Breaking through is so tough, it's like trying to get through a lead door," Meltzer says. "So we're always looking over the course of two albums. We never say, 'We have to make our money back on one record.' "

Wind-up similarly has learned to resist the temptation to rush baby acts to market too quickly. Despite knowing it had a hot commodity with Evanescence, the label spent the better part of two years developing the band, and Lee in particular, before releasing "Fallen." It has taken a similar approach with

"The costs of playing this game are so severe, you have to feel that you have something special," Lerner explains. "We didn't feel that the artists were there until the three artists we just signed."

In addition, the company-long hailed as an innovator in online marketing-has largely sat out the digital distribution game so far. It passed on selling its catalog through download and subscription services on the grounds that the terms do not make sense financially for smaller labels. Instead, it has focused on physical-goods sales and invested aggressively in spoofing solutions that keep content off peer-to-peer networks. It is just starting to experiment with mobile phone opportunities.
Wind-up's moves tend to pay off. Creed's U.S. sales exceed 24 million copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan, and Evanescence's debut, "Fallen," has scanned more than 6 million units since its March 2003 release. At the same time, the company is methodically building audiences for developing acts. Seether's last two albums each passed the 500,000 -unit mark,

McCauley, who was signed in 2003 at age 14, and other young acts. The company hired Greg Wattenberg to prep bands and hone material for the eventual recording process.

Artists on the label say the process can be frustrating, but it is a strategy that has worked.

Along the way, Wind-up has learned to trust its instincts and to believe in the golden ears of Diana, who has made a career of seeing the potential in acts that other labels turn down.
"What I feel like l'm really good at," she says, "is going inbetween the lines with the bands and [seeing their potential]. I have a vision for them."
Stapp recalls being drawn to the Meltzers because of their passion for music.

Diana "means what she says. She's honest about everything. She's just Diana," Stapp says. "Alan and Diana are fans of all the bands they have. They are fans of the music first. I think that's why they've had so much success. It's heart and soul."

Clockwise from top left: Edgewater
Big Dismal
Ben Moody with Anastacia Omnisoul
The Exit
Scott Stapp


Michael Jackson was acquitted in a court of law, but he is guilty as charged of career neglect. The iconic singer has not enjoyed a true blockbuster studio album since "Dangerous," nearly 15 years ago, and now finds himself heavily in debt, possibly without a recording contract (see story, page 7) and lugging enough baggage to ground a 747 . Fortunately, some of the industry's best at cvercoming drama are happy to help. "It's the ultimate reclamation project," says Drew Murray, senior VP of promction at Sanctuary Records. In that spirit, Billboard is pleased to offer the following advice. Buck up, Michael: Salvation may be just a read away.
"I would put him in the studio with Quincy Jones or Desmond Child or even Jimmy Jam \& Terry Lewis. I would start overseas and then, if I were him, I would hold my head up and do what I do best-sing! I would also deal with people I trust to tell my story." -JOE SMPSON, JT Entertainment, father and manager of Jessica Simpson and Ashlee Simpson
"Publicity-wise, l'd lay very low. Forget about charity and helping mankind and cancer patients. Go away, get the creative juices flowing and make a great Michael Jackson record. People have seen and heard enough of Michael Jackson-not just the trial, but the TV ssecial that led up to it. Until the innocent verdict, all you've heard for two years is 'child molester' and dangling babies from windows," -DREW MURRAY, senior VP cf promotion at Sanctuary Records
"He should go into rehab, get healthy, put on weight, then go on TV and do a mea culpa. If he does that and he's really ready to work, he stould do a multinight arena tour in North America at a high ticket price, with a spare production. With that talent and that material, he doesn't need overblown production if he really wants to make money. Healthy, small production, incredible shows and stadiums in Europe. I think he could charge anywhere from $\$ 75$ to $\$ 250$." -RANDV PHILLIPS, CEO, AEG Live
"Michael Jackson, as a brand, needs a complete overhaul. He needs to sell Neverland, change his wardrobe, pay off $h$ s debts-by selling whatever he has to selland show humility. He needs te show a recognition that his life and his habits have gone way off-course and that he's ready to take a radically new path."
-LAURIE SORIANO, attorney. Davis Shapiro Lewit Montone \& Hayes LLP
"He needs to reassess his busimess and personal life. He needs to determine if he wants to be a performer or a personality. What's most important is that he take a break from all the craziness. He should feel no rush-he's an icon."

## -LIZZIE GRUBMAN, publicist

"He shculd invite onto his :eam strong, independent advisors who are willing to speak in an extraordinarily direct style. This is the only kind of counsil that will well serve him at this critical time. "Carefully reviewing where you were, where you are and where you want to be seems vital right now." -MICHAEL LEVINE, author and former Jackson publicist (7993-94)
"He should think about making an album that takes off where the Dre \& Vidal track 'Butterflies' left off. Combine that with some 'Off the Wall' strategy and go from there. The overall sound would be classic Michael, yet very fresh and new."
-MARK BATSON, producer
"People are forgiving and forgetful and ignore personal problems when the artist turns out hit material. The fublic's perception of musicians is that they are odd to begin with. Undoubtedly, some fans will be turned off, but most will still listen to his music and see him live if he delivers the goods."
-OWEN SLOANE, attorney, Berger, Kahn
"This is his best time to make an album right now, and it needs to be called 'KMA-Kiss My A.ss.' I'm telling you, this is Michael Jackson's best time. Really, he needs to make a song like, 'I didn't touch those little boys// might buy them a lot of toys/but I don't mess with little boys.' We'd reinvent Mike if we did a song with him. If Ying-Yang do a song with Mike, it's going to be a strip-club song. We'd have Mike over here messing with the strippers. Mike has not had his toes curled. He needs a real black woman, that's what Mike needs."
-D-FOC of Ying-Yang Twins, whose X-rated "Wait (The Whisper Song)" is No. 21 on The Billboard Hot 100 tnis issue
"He doesn't need to do huge things in America because he has got Europe and emerging markets in the Far East. This trial, which could have destroyed him, could end up being his making. He and the people around him can look at this as an opportunity to draw a line underneath what had been happening and to relaunch his career."
-STEVE GALL ANT, product director, HMV Europe
"Micrael Jackson can't explain himself to the press, so he shouldn't even try. It is time for him to reflectto sort out his personal life and his finances. He should retreat with those people he's most comfortable with-close friends and family members. But he might do the exact opposite. He'll bounce back saying, ' I am the greatest entertainer in the world.'" -ROB GOLDSTONE, president of Ouill Publicity, and publicist for the Australian segment of the Bac' tour
"t'd be challenging to see if we could give Mike that big racord. If R. Kelly can stay at the tcp, why not Mike?"
-ANDRE HARRIS of Dre \& Vidal, who produced Jackson's "Butterflies"

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# Regional Mexican Acts Hit The Road 

BY LEILA COBO

It's a fact: The biggest-selling Lațin music genre in the United States is regional Mexican.

Comprising styles as varied as ranchera, grupero and norteño, regional Mexican accounted for $60 \%$ of all Latin music shipments in the United States in 2004, according to the Recording Industry Assn. of America.
Although those numbers make people take notice, the promotion and touring of these artists provokes barely a ripple of acknowledgement.

The national circuit for regional Mexican artists is "well under the radar of the established media," says Yocel Alonso, an entertainment attorney with Alonso, Cersonsky \& García in Houston. "It is a veritable parallel universe that has not only existed for many years but has also grown to become an economic powerhouse in the entertainment business right under everyone's noses."
The finalists at this year's Billboard Latin Music Awards highlighted the strength of regional Mexican touring. In the tour of the year category, three of the finalists-Joan Sebastian, Juan Gabriel and Vicente Fernández-are considered regional Mexican artists. In fact, Fernández won the award.

How did they make it to this lofty list of the highest-grossing performers? Last year, all three played arenas booked by promoters who report their numbers to Billboard Boxscore.

But unbeknownst to those same scorekeepers is a totally different touring circuit, one that takes any given act to close to roo fairgrounds, convention centers and clubs each year. At these unconventional venues, these acts attract between $\mathrm{r}, \circ 00$ and io,000 people, who pony up an average of $\$ 30$ per ticket.

Although battered by a lousy economy, this circuit has expanded geometrically in recent years, reflecting the growing Mexican population in the United States.
"For example, many areas in New York once populated by other ethnic groups are now populated by Mexican immigrants, which explains why regional Mexican music is making inroads there," Alonso says

But it doesn't stop there. "Before, the circle of work was lim-

ited to California, Texas and some central and western states," says Alfonso de Alba, president of Monterrey Artists, which has long booked Los Tigres del Norte and other acts. "Now, we have Florida, Georgia, Nashville, Alabama and North Carolina, places that didn't exist for us five years ago."
According to de Alba, Mexican immigration to the se places has fueled the circuit's growth. That, in turn, sparks o-her types of expansion, including new radio stations. Today, at least some kind of Mexican music plays on the airwaves in even the most unlikely places. De Alba notes that markets like Birmingham and Lexington, Ala., have had Spanish-language stations pop up in the past few years.

And growth in the number of venues goes beyond the small towns, with major promoters and venue owners like Clear Channel Entertainment now opening their doors to regional Mexican music. Such acts as Los Tigres del Norte, Intocable and Lupillo Rivera can now be heard in such pop-driven locales as Los Angeles' Gibson Amphitheatre and various House of Blues clubs. Artists like Fernández only play major arenas-ever in places like Portland, Ore., which is not a typical bastion for he genre.
"There are cities--like Washington, D.C., and cities in Al-abama-that we never imagined would work," says Jesús Guillén, president of Promotores Unidos. (Guillén also heads his own event promotion company, GMP Music, which includes a label, management and production company.)
Promotores Unidos was created six years ago with only 25 members, but has grown to 125 companies, all dedicated to booking, promoting, managing and recording regional Mexican acts.

## STEADY STREAM OF GIGS

Established and new acts have a steady stream of gigs that are extremely lucrative. On average, Conjunto Primavera plays 60 concerts per year in the United States alone, usually charging \$30 per ticket. Guillén, who works with the group, calculates that last year some 200,000 people saw the act play live in the States. Meanwhile, the relatively new Los Cuates play 40-50
shows per year, charging an average of \$1o per ticket and averaging 1,000 people per show.
The overhead for these concerts is nowhere near as high as what the more elaborate stagings of pop requires, and because these concerts take place in alternative venues, they go unnoticed by mainstream promoters.
"My artists work an average of 75 -100 dates per year [in the United States]," says Abel de Luna, CEO of Luna Management, who also owns several radio stations and record label Moon Music. Moon's roster mostly comprises new and up-and-coming acts, including Alta Rosa Villa and Banda Los Lagos. These acts, de Luna says, work smaller venues and clubs.
These rising talents are partly responsible for regional Mexican's continued popularity. In comparison, Latin pop doesn't have as many outlets to present or promote new or even established acts.

For example, in Yakima, Wash., where de Luna owns a radio station, he says, "In that area, there are at least five nightclubs that have [regional Mexican] events every week. We're talking about $500-600$ people per night, with an average of five to eight different acts per week."
Another advantage is cost. Save for the major acts, regional Mexican groups typically travel with their own equipment and in their own cars.
Pop acts, de Luna says, "need to set up all this equipment, and, on top of that, they like the good life. There's no budgeting."
Another of regional Mexican's advantages is fan loyalty. Such established acts as Los Tigres del Norte, Banda el Recodo and Fernández play the same venues annually to full houses.

Fernández, whose U.S. tours are now confined to key arena dates, consistently sells out his shows year after year, despite ticket prices that waver between $\$ 40$ and $\$ 100$, a lot of money for the average regional Mexican fan.
"Vicente tours every year, and he sells out every year," says Rebecca Viramontes, VP of operations for Hauser Entertainment, which books Fernández's tours in the United States. "Not even a general-market artist could do that."


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# Urban Regional Gains Exposure 

BY RAMIRO BURR

After years of struggling underground, the urban regional sound is moving into the mainstream with some impressive record sales and radio airplay.

Artist managers and record label executives have resorted to nontraditional methods of getting the word out-from street teams to record pool DJs working the club circuit.
"What we have done with the urban regional movement is employ a different approach to how we communicate with young people," says Lupe de la Cruz, Univision Records senior VP of marketing. "We're using any and all means of reaching the young people, particularly those on the Internet-we're using blogs and chats."
Like Univision, Disa, EMI Latin and Warner Musica Latina are all searching for ways to get their urban regional artists more exposure on radio and TV and in mainstream and Latino press.
"We're doing it the same way the reggaetón industry did it," says Chris Martinez, hip-hop promotion manager for Warner Musica Latina. "What the reggaetón market did for itself is spectacular. They worked the streets and did everything they could to make radio DJs aware of their projects. They pushed and pushed and pushed until the programmers had no choice but to play it.
"I see an acceptance due to the Latin rhythmic feel of the music," says Alfredo Alonso, Clear Channel senior VP of Hispanic radio. "The lyrics are in Spanish, but the overall feel of the music is closer to what [audiences have] been listening to on general-market sta-
tions. Spanish music has become stale, but this new genre is open ing doors to Latinos that were not listening to Spanish radio."

Houston radio station KLOL (Mega roi FM) is the flagship of the new hurban (Hispanic urban) format that Clear Channel is beginning to implement in key markets
Reggaetón is one of the most popular genres of the new hurban movement. But many other new styles are popping up, too, including such Latin rap and hip-hop artists as Blaxican and


Chingo Bling, rap/crunk artists like Pitbull and R\&B/pop acts Frankie J, Natalie and Baby Bash

KLOL's Megaton Latin hip-hop/reggaetón festival, which was held April io at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion in the Woodlands, just north of Houston, drew a sellout crowd of $\mathbf{~ 7}, 000$. Acts included Daddy Yankee, Don Dinero, Don Omar, N.O.R.E., Vico C, Oro Solido, Gem Star, Big Boy, Aventura, Nina Sky, Cuban Link, Luny Tunes, Zion \& Lennox, Magic Juan, Magneto and Valentino.
"The radio station is playing a music mix that was not available before," Alonso says of La Mega. "The bilingual presentation is also very important to the overall appeal of Mega Ior. We are running Mega roi as a hip station for Latinos that didn't connect with Spanish primary formats."

Veteran producer Abel de Luna is president of Moon Holdings. Such companies as Luna Management and Moon Music are under Moon Holdings' umbrella; Mexiclan is one of its acts. De Luna says there are several lessons to be learned from the reggaetón movement.
"Reggaetón has exploded because, besides being very commercial, it is being supported on many mainstream urban, Spanish pop and tropical radio stations across the country," he says. "Mexican hip-hop artists are still two steps behind in the radio game. Many artists have commercial product, but we still haven't been able to get many continued on >>p32

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Spanish-format stations to spin our music."
That frustration is shared by Sergio Perez, East Coast director of promotions for Disa. "It has not been easy," says Perez, whose urban regional artists include Kinto Sol and Banda Hood. "For the moment we have not been able to break through on radio. The groups are selling good, but radio DJs have been hesitant to take a chance with urban artists. They are afraid to explore the possibility."

But he notes that there has been interest by various national TV programs, including "Don Francisco," "Despierta America" and "Sabado Gigante."

Reflecting the genre's newfound impact, Billboard recently introduced the Top Latin Rhythm Albums chart that will include reggaetón, Latin hip-hop, banda, regional rap and Latin dance.
Universal Music \& Video Distribution senior director of Latin sales Nydia Laner notes that reggaetón, Latin rap and hip-hop sales have been increasing.
"The new hurban radio format and the top 40 airplay received by reggaetón artists has accelerated penetration of the product in the U.S., particularly on the West Coast," Laner says. "Before there was a slow westward-bound buzz coming from the East. Now we are seeing immediate sales on reggaetón acts out of West Coast outlets. So far this year we have seen a dominance of the No. I spot on the sales chart by either a reggaetón or [música] duranguense act."

Despite the cool reception at radio, 24/7 promotion is still the rule.

For urban hip-hoppers Crooked Stilo, whose latest CD, "Retrasalo," was released on Fonovisa, a recent promotional tour took them to New York, New Mexico and Dallas.
"There's a couple of Clear Channel stations [in those cities] that are supporting us, so we're out there to do what we can," Crooked Stilo's Victor Lopez says, adding that they also do non-
traditional promotion. "We play a lot of the high schools. That's the market we want to hit, because the majority of the e-mails we get are from that age group."

In the meantime, Crooked Stilo is one of many urban regional acts that are looking to hip-hop for collaborations.
"Right now, we're trying to hook up with Daddy Yankee," Lopez notes. "I produced a track for him on his album 'Barrio Fino.' He's endorsed me in a couple of markets where we didn't have fans. Just by him saying our name, people get used to it and they want to find out who the hell these guys are. It's been good."
De Luna agrees that collaborations are key, noting Mexiclan worked with established producer Jason Roberts on its latest CD, "Mexiclanos Unidos." Roberts has worked with Cypress Hill, Ice Cube, House of Pain, Control Machete, Kinky and others.
"It was vital that our music be on the same competitive scale as that of mainstream hip-hop artists," de Luna says. "Another importantstep we have taken is to collaborate with as many successful artists as possible. On our latest album we included songs with Asdru Sierra and Wil-Dog Abers of the Grammy Award-winning group Ozomatli, Pato from Control Machete and regional Mexican favorite Raza Obrera. Credibility is very important for building a fan base." Additional report ing by Derek Del gado in San Antonio.

Crooked Stilo, urban hip-hop duo

## Collaborations, Cross-Promotion

Many urban regional artists have been collaborating with other acts, while at the same time getting more involved in the videogame industry

Yolanda Perez teamed with Don Cheto on "Estoy Enamorada" and "La Reina del Mall," and with the late Adan Chalino Sanchez on "Bueno Bye."
Urban rapper David Rolas partnered with Ernesto Solano, lead singer of Banda Maguey, on "Malagradecida," the first single from Rolas' debut album, "Nuestra Vida."

Los Tigres del Norte made a cameo appearance in Crooked Stilo's video for the single "Ya Lo Saben." The song is also featured on the videogame "FIFA Soccer" by EA Sports. Locura Terminal's song "Infierno a la Gloria" is featured on the videogame " 25 to Life," and La Pura Neta's collaboration with Jae-P on the latter's 2003 track "Ni de Aqui Ni de Alla," landed on the top-selling videogame "Fight Night: Round 2."
Meanwhile, Akwid recorded duets with regional Mexican legends Joan Sebastian and the late Rigo Tovar on its sophomore album, "KOMPI04.9 Radio Compa."
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## SPECIAL. FEATURE: LATIN MUSIC

# Traditional Acts Still Strong 

BY RAMIRO BURR

Original music, a strong work ethic and neverending passion for learning are the key ingredients to longevity for venerable regional Mexican acts.
Being sharply attuned to your fan base also goes a long way, says veteran tropical cumbiero Fito Olivares of Fito Olivares y la Pura Sabrosura.
"It's always important to stay in the audience's good graces, to play the songs they request," Olivares says. "The music should be perfect."
Established acts like Olivares and Los Tigres have survived for decades because "they have consistently recorded and released great music," says veteran producer Abel de Luna, president of Moon Holdings (which includes Luna Management and Moon Music).
"They were the groundbreakers of popular regional Mexican music in the United States," he adds. "Their styles have remained the same throughout their careers. This consistency made their music very identifiable on radio and in concerts."
Los Tigres singer Jorge Hernandez says his biggest challenge is breaking into new mar kets and expanding the fan base.
"Every year, we try to visit a new country," he says. "Last year we went to Spain and Honduras. The idea is to keep finding new alternatives, but we tour the United States and Mexico every year."
Entertainment attorney Yocel Alonso, with Alonso, Cersonsky \& García in Houston, adds that having a deep passion can help maintain the drive
"Artists that have stood the test of time all combine unique and terrific music with an extraor dinary work ethic that can only be sustained by a true love of their craft," he says. "There's no way to fool the public on this. The ones that try are usually exposed soon after the initial hype has gone up in smoke."

It's not easy maintaining an inventive edge to music; established acts look everywhere for inspiration. Some keep a steady collection of new music to listen to, while others rejuvenate by collaborating with young blood.
On his 2000 release, "Abrazame Muy Fuerte," legendary Mexican singer/songwriter Juan Gabriel worked with upcoming pro ducers Luigi Gonzalez and Ricardo Cortez, who fused techno dance

worked with Argentine producer Jorge Alvarez and Mexican arranger Alex Soler on "Por Los Siglos," and contributed several songs and produced Nydia Rojas' 2001 self-titled release.
Ranchera pioneer Pepe Aguilar says collaborating with young artists keeps him fresh. Through the years he has produced Jose Julian, Edith Marquez and Guadalupe Pineda, as well as rock artists Ely Guerra and Julieta Venegas.
"Helping other artists is very enlightening and makes you find different ways of thinking and different approaches to music," he says. "When you produce somebody, you bring everything you know, technically and artistically, to that production. But you also have to learn a lot from the artist you're producing, and that's what I do It's a two-way street. They appreciate your work, they learn from it, and you do the same.

Colombian vallenato accordion master Aniceto Molina, also known as El Tigre Sabanero, advises young artists to maintain a hunger and focus.
"Be faithful to your sound, it's your identity. Don't change what the public likes about you, because that's what made you popular," he says. "Be demanding of yourself-discipline, dedication, organization are all key elements in striving for a long career.
Another vallenato king, Celso Pina of Celso Piña y su Ronda Bogotá, has featured such guest rock and rap acts as Bamboo, Blaņ̧uito Man, Bacilos and Elefante on his albums.

Ultimately, though, it's the fans that keep an artist going, de Luna says.
"The most important thing new artists can learn from the legendary ones, besides releasing good music, is finding a way to identify with your audience," he says. "Humility and appreciation go a long way in the Mexican community."

Pepe Aguilar stays fresh by working with younger artists.



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## On The Charts

The chart recaps in this Latin Music special are year-to-date starting with the Dec. 4,2004 , issue-the beginning of the chart year-through the May 28 , 2005, issue.
The recap for the Top Regional Mexican Albums chart is based on sales information compiled by Nielsen SoundScan. The recap for the Hot Regional Mexican Airplay chart is based on gross audience impressions from airplay monitored by Nielsen Broadcast Data Systems. Titles receive credit for sales or audience impressions accumulated during each week they appear on the pertinent chart.

The recaps were compiled by rock charts manager Anthony Colombo with assistance from Latin charts manager Ricardo Companioni.

## Hot Regional

 Mexican Airplay ArtistsPos. ARTIST (Charted Titles) Imprint/Label

1 GRUPO MONTEZ DE DURANGO (4) Disa

2 CONJUNTO PRIMAVERA (3) Fonovisa
(1) Univision

3 BETO Y SUS CANARIOS (2) Disa
4 INTOCABLE (3) EMI Latin
5 K-PAZ DE LA SIERRA (1) Univision (1) Procan/Disa
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Hot Regional Mexican Airplay

Pos. TITLE-Artist-Imprint/Label
1 ESTA LLORANDO MI CORAZONBeto Y Sus Canarios-Disa
2 VOLVERE-K-Paz De La SierraUnivision
3 HOY COMO AYER-Conjunto Primavera-Fonovisa
4 EL VIRUS DEL AMOR-Los Tucanes De Tijuana-Universal Latino
5 AIRE-Intocable-EMI Latin
6 QUIERO SABER DE TI-Grupo Montez De Durango-Disa
7 LA SORPRESA-Los Tigres Del Norte-Fonovisa
8 ADIOS AMOR TE VAS-Grupo Montez De Durango-Disa
9 LA ULTIMA CANCION-Grupo Bryndis-Disa
10 CONTIGO YO APRENDI A OLVI-DAR-Patrulla 81-Disa

## Hot Regional Mexican Airplay Imprints

Pos. IMPRINT (Charted Titles)
1 DISA (24)
2 FONOVISA (26)
3 UNIVISION (19)
4 EMI LATIN (11)
5 UNIVERSAL LATINO (5)

Hot Regional
Mexican Airplay Labels
Pos. LABEL (Charted Titles)
1 DISA (28)
2 FONOVISA (31)
3 UNIVISION (19)
4 EMI LATIN (11)
5 UNIVERSAL LATINO (7)

## Top Regional Mexican Album Artists

Pos. ARTIST (Charted Titles)
Imprint/Label
1 LOS TEMERARIOS (2)
Fonovisa/UG
(1) Disa
(1) Sony Discos

2 LUIS MIGUEL (1) Warner Latina
3 GRUPO MONTEZ DE DURANGO (1) Disa

4 CONJUNTO PRIMAVERA (2) Fonovisa/UG
(1) Univision/UG

5 INTOCABLE (2) EMI Latin

## Top Regional Mexican Albums

Pos. TITLE-Artist-Imprint/Label
MEXICO EN LA PIEL-Luis Miguel-Warner Latina
2 Y SIGUE LA MATA DANDOGrupo Montez De Durango-Disa
3 X-Intocable-EMI Latin
4 ZA ZA ZA-Grupo ClimaxMusart/Balboa
5 HOY COMO AYER-Conjunto Primavera-Fonovisa/UG
6 LA MEJOR...COLECCION-LOS Temerarios-Disa
7 REGALO DE AMOR-LOS Temerarios-Fonovisa/UG
8 Y SEGUIMOS CON DURANGUENSE!!!-LOS Horoscopos De Durango-Disa
9 DIRECTO AL CORAZON-LOS Tigres Del Norte-Fonovisa/UG
10 PENSANDO EN TI-K-Paz De La Sierra-Univision/UG

Top Regional
Mexican Album Imprints
Pos. IMPRINT (Charted Titles)
1 DISA (21)
2 FONOVISA (22)
3 UNIVISION (12)
4 SONY DISCOS (9)
5 WARNER LATINA (1)

Top Regional Mexican Album Labels

Pos. LABEL (Charted Titles)
1 UNIVISION MUSIC GROUP (34)
2 DISA (21)
3 SONY DISCOS (10)
4 WARNER LATINA (1)
5 EMI LATIN (6)

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## A JOYFUL RETURN FOR YOAKAM

NASHVILLE-Dwight Yoakam uses the words "joy" or "joyful" eight times in a 30 -minute span when talking about the process of creating his new album, "Blame the Vain."
The recording, he says, took him to "a place of joyful, reck less abandon. I felt like I was 16 years old again stomping around in a garage or a basement with guys that were playing so freely that we were drawing complaints from neighbors."
The project-Yoakam's 20th and the first without his longtime producer, music director and guitarist, Pete Andersonwas a rediscovery of sorts of his love of music. Yoakam lets loose, not only in song but through some playfully bizarre spoken-word moments.
In one, he channels a British fop for the intro to "She'll Remember," and at the end of first single "Intentional Heartache" he rants through a relationship kiss-off involving some treasured items falling victím to a can of green spray paint.

Yoakam, a two-time Grammy Award winner, produced the album, played acoustic guitar throughout and wrote all the songs. He also directed the video for "Intentional

Heartache,"
The album, which came out June 14, is Yoakam's first on indie label New West Records. Like his last couple of albums, it also carries the imprint of Yoakam's own Via Records

Yoakam says New West president Cameron Strang was the main draw for him in signing with that label. "He really understood what I wanted to do and allowed me the time to do it and believed that there was an album in my head that needed to record."
But Yoakam says even he did not know what kind of album it would be until he started rehearsals. "[1] allowed the music to kind of take me on the journey, and [Strang] was willing to be an accomplice in that."

## PRODUCER'S CHAIR

At first, Yoakam was not at all sure about producing the album. He approached several potential collaborators, including bandmate Keith Gattis, who convinced Yoakam to try it himself.

While pleased with the result, he might not repeat the process.
"I don't know that I'll continue to self-produce," he says. continued on >>p40


## LATIESTBUZZ

## >> OLP RETURNS

Our Lady Peace will release its first studio album since 2002's "Gravity" Aug. 30. The new DualDisc, "Healthy in Paranoid Times," was produced by Bob Rock, and is the Canadian group's sixth studio album for Columbia. First single "Where Are You" goes to radio in midJuly. Also out Aug. 30, but packaged separately, will be "Live," a DVD recorded during a 2003 tour. "Gravity" has sold 615,000 copies in the United States, according to Nielsen SoundScan.
-Melinda Newman
$\ggg$ SUNDAY SIGNS WITH WB
Indie rock act Taking Back Sunday has
signed with Warner Bros., with its majorlabel debut expected sometime in 2006. Taking Back Sunday has released two albums through Chicago-based Victory including 2004's "Where You Want to Be," which has sold more than 634,000 copies in the United States, according to Nielsen SoundScan. Next up, the band will open two dates for Green Day in London, June 18-19.

- Jonathan Cohen
>>>MORE CHAPMAN CAROLS
Steven Curtis Chapman is working on a new Christmas album for a fall release on Sparrow Records. Tentatively titled "AllI Really Want," the project is produced by Ed Cash, and will include originals as well as Christmas standards. Chapman has released two Christmas albums previously.
-Deborah Evans Price
$\ggg$ B\&D TO HOST CMAs
Brooks \& Dunn will host the 39th annual CMA Awards, set to air live Nov. 15 on CBS from Madison Square Garden in New York Last year, the duo replaced longtime CMA Awards host Vince Gill, who had stepped down from that role. The duo has won 14 CMA Awards, including 12 CMA vocal duo of the year honors, a record for the category.
-Phyllis Stark
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# At ‘Last Call,’ Music Comes First 

Carson Daly's Late-Night Show A Launching Pad For New Music And Debut Acts


#### Abstract

As "Last Call With Carson Daly"


 moves west for its fifth season starting in September, the location may change, but the program's commitment to music remains steadfast.In its four years on the air, "Last Call" has become a musical haven for acts of many genres and is often the first national exposure for an artist or a new song.

Gavin DeGraw, Modest Mouse, Jack Johnson, Switchfoot, Joss Stone, the Killers and Robbers on High Street are among the acts that have made "Last Call" their first stop.

And even though the show now has its pick of such superstars as Green Day, James Taylor and David Bowie, host Carson Daly says it is still dedicated to exposing new music.

Unlike other late-night hosts who come from a comedy instead of a musical background, Daly's music heritage-at modern rock KROQ Los Angeles and as host of MTV's "TRL"-helps make music an integral character on his show. "There's this sense of a music tie-in with almost everything that comes out of my mouth," he says. Booking suggestions come from the entire staff: "Our head writer
was a Modest Mouse fan before I had even heard of them," Daly says, "and they were booked on the show."
Daly jokes that ratings do not really come into play when a show airs at I:35 a.m., which gives the staff fur ther latitude to book acts they like, and not just focus on those guaranteed to draw an audience. "We don' even say the word 'rating' around here at $\mathrm{I}: 30$ in the morning," he says Instead, he says, decisions are based on what makes sense for the show and its strong passion for discovery.
"Maybe a baby band can use our

show as a launching pad," Daly says. "We feel confident in our taste and we're like, 'We'll go to bat for you.' "
Daly's dream guest would be Nine Inch Nails-despite the fact that NIN's Trent Reznor publicly insulted Daly while he was hosting "TRL." "I was actually honored by the fact that he even name-dropped me," Daly says. "l'm still just a gigantic fan."
Daly is managed by Guy Oseary Daly and his partners continue to run 456 , which is now distributed through Fontana. Among the up. coming releases is a compilation from Bam Margera called "Viva La

Bands," a play on the title of Margera's MTV show "Viva La Bam." Daly also manages Warped tour vets the Sounds, who record for New Line Records

NEW GRAMMY NIGHT: After three years of running on a Sunday night, the Grammy Awards ceremony will move back to a weeknight. The 2006 Grammys will take place Wednesday, Feb. 8.

Asked about the change, Recording Academy chairman Neil Portnow says, "Every year, we view the Grammy Awards as a blank canvas on which to paint from both a creative and commercial perspective. In surveying the broadcast landscape for February 2006, we selected a time when we believe that music fans will have the best opportunity to watch and enjoy music's biggest night."
With the Sunday move, the academy had attemped to create "event viewing," similar to the Academy Awards or the Super Bowl. The ratings had been mixed. In 2004, the Grammys scored their highest rating in three years. The ratings for the 2005 Grammys were among the lowest in the show's history

## YOAKAM (cont.)

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"There is an enormous amount of tasks involved," duties previously handled by Anderson.
"Pete Anderson and I made a lot of records together . . . and l'm pretty proud of every one of them," Yoakam says. "This album is unique unto itself, but in no way does it diminish anything I did with Pete."

Last August, Anderson sued Yoakam and his company Dwight Yoakam Tours, alleging that Yoakam breached an oral contract by failing to perform some 2002 tour dates (Billboard, Sept. 2, 2004). As a result, Anderson claimed he lost more than $\$ 45,000$ in salary and expenses and the $25 \%$ of the net proceeds he was promised from the tour.

While their legal issues have yet to be resolved, Yoakam does not rule out working with Anderson again. Yoakam calls the lawsuit "unfortunate . . . I don't agree, necessarily, with how it was portrayed on his end. But hopefully it resolves itself in a way that allows us to focus on the positives that we
achieved together
"The music should be clearly more important, ultimately, than the clumsiness of how two people arrive at doing other things independent of each other," he adds.

RETURN TO THE AIRWAVES Yoakam most recently recorded two albums for Audium (now Koch Records), in 2003 and 2004, but spent most of his 20-year recording career on Warner Bros., where he amassed six platinum and three gold albums. He also notched 14 top 10 singles, the most recent in 1994.

To help get Yoakam back on the radio, New West enlisted the help of Columbia Records Nashville, which is promoting the single to mainstream country stations. Columbia is also providing some marketing help, all in exchange for points on the album. New West is distributed by Sony BMG-owned RED Distribution.

Yoakam calls the New WestColumbia partnership "the best of
both worlds, where I'm with an independent, entrepreneurial-driven label" with the muscle of a major. Mark Grantin, PD of country WWQM Madison, Wis., says the first single "explodes out of your speakers and demands attention. Early reaction is very encouraging." Grantin is pleased to have Yoakam back on the radio. "His voice is instantly recognizable," he says. "He's considered traditional and, at the same time, hip by our [core listeners]. Maybe more importantly, he's hip to those that are not necessarily our listeners. They know who he is . . . and having non-[core listeners] interested in our artists is a good thing."

Yoakam launched the album with what he jokingly calls his "Sunset Strip tour," two dates on Los Angeles' famed boulevard: June 11 at the House of Blues and June 14 in the parking lot of Tower Records. The tour will kick off in earnest June 30 and will take Yoakam to Europe and back to the States through late September.

Strang says the label is "really taking advantage of [Yoakam's] star status' to get word out about the album. Yoakam has made recent appearances on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno" and CNN's "Showbiz Tonight," and has spots booked on "The View," "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart," "Late Night With Conan O'Brien" and A\&E's "Breakfast With the Arts."

Yoakam has also been busy with his acting career. He appears in three films coming out this year: "Bandidas," with Penelope Cruz and Salma Hayak; "The Three Brides of Melquiades Estrada," directed by and starring Tommy Lee Jones; and "Wedding Crashers," starring Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn.

As for his wishes for this album, Yoakam says, "Hopefully the audience that bought the previous 20-some million records will like this and derive as much pleasure from listening to it as I received in creating it."

## LATIESTIBUZZ

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$\ggg$ ODD MEN OUT ON TOUR
Ben Folds, Rufus Wainwright and Ben Lee will launch the Odd Man Out tour Aug. 3 at Wolf Trap Filene Center in Vienna, Va. The tour, which will hit a number of amphitheaters and mid-sized venues, wraps Aug. 24 at the Mountain Winery in Saratoga, Calif.

- Melinda Newman
$\ggg$ AMERICANA NOMS NAMED
Steve Earle, Mary Gauthier and Tift Merritt each received three nominations for the fourth annual Americana Honors \& Awards, to be held Sept. 9 at Nashville's Ryman Auditorium. Earle, Merritt and Buddy Miller are nominated for artist of the year, along with John Prine. The new/emerging artist nominees are Gauthier, Hayes Carll, the Duhks, Tom Gilliam and Martha Wainwright Nominations were announced June 16. Winners are selected by the voting members of the Americana Music Assn. The show will be broadcast live on XM and Sirius Satellite Radio. A cable TV deal is also in the works.
-Phyllis Stark
$\ggg$ NEW BLACK SOLO SET
Frank Black will release his first solo album of new material in nine years July 19. The Back Porch/Narada release, "Honeycomb"featuring Steve Cropper, Spooner Oldham and Chester Thompson-was recorded in Nashville. Black continues to play dates with the Pixies, which will participate in Lollapalooza July 30 . -Melinda Newman


## >>>EDDY READY FOR MORE

Country music legend Eddy Arnold, who spent most of his 50-year career on RCA Records, is recording a new album for that label. The 87-year-old Country Music Hall of Famer will release "After All These Years," produced by "Cowboy" Jack Clement, Aug. 16. Arnold has 27 No. 1 country singles.
-Phyllis Stark
$\ggg$ SEVEN-YEAR ITCH
Bob Mould will tour for the first time in seven years in support of his July 26 release, "Body of
Song," on Yep Rock Records.
The six-week tour begins Sept. 4 in Dublin and reaches the United States Sept. 22 with a Chapel Hill N.C., gig. The shows will include solo material, as well as music from his tenures with Hüsker Dü and Sugar, marking the first time Mould has drawn upon his full career for a live performance.

- Jonathan Cohen
>>>FEDERICI'S NEW 'DREAM'
E Street Band keyboardist Danny Federici will release a new solo album, "Out of a Dream," July 26 on V2 Records. Produced by Federici and Mike Cates, the album
contains a number of covers, including first single "Miss You" and "Knocking on Heaven's Door." -Melinda Newman
$\ggg$ MATA MOST NOMINATED
Billy Mata scored nominations for
entertainer of the year, as well as for Western swing male vocalist, band, album and song for the Academy of Western Artists' 10th annual Will Rogers Awards, set for July 12 at the Eisemann Center in Richardson, Texas. Wylie Gustafson received four noms, while Kip Calahan and Brenn Hill each have three. -Deborah Evans Price


## ‘Reggaetony’ Rolls Up To EMI For Second Set

Tony Touch is not your typical reggaetón act. gaetón producer Manolo Guatauba. But Touch is Instead of coming from Puerto Rico like most reggaetón artists, he comes over the airwaves from the streets of New York.
Touch is a DJ at WWPR (Power 105. I) New York, where he hosts "The Reggaetony Show." He is also a recording artist whose 2000 album, "The Piece Maker" (Tommy Boy), sold 250,000 Copies, according to Nielsen SoundScan.

Now, Touch is set to release his first reggaetón project on EMI Latin. "The Reggaetony Album," due June 28, features Nina Sky, Pitbull, Cypress Hill's B Real, Ivy Queen, Eddie D and Don Omar.
"Although I've had deals with American labels before, I wanted this album on a label that was specialized and deeply embedded in the Latin community," Touch says.

Conversely, for EMI, the Touch project is the perfect bridge to reach the reggaetón marketplace, which includes English speakers and nonEnglish speakers.
"I wanted to join the two worlds," EMI Latin USA president/CEO Jorge Pino says, referring to the urban genre of artists like Pitbull and the Spanish-language tracks of artis's like Ivy Queen. EMI's roster includes such West Coast urban acts as DJ Kane and the pop-tinged A.B. Quintanilla. lyrically. I used to rap $40 \%-50 \%$ of the time.


Label: EMI Latin
Management/Booking: Touch Entertainment Publishing: Melaza Music (BMI)
Top-selling album: "The Piece Maker" (2000), 250,000
Last album: "The Piece Maker 2" (2004), 31,000 the first purely reggaetón artist on the label. "The Reggaetony Album" was initially promoted via street teams working in Miami, New York, California, Puerto Rico, Chicago and Texas. Among other efforts, EMI emblazoned 20 vans with Touch's album cover and release date.
Plans call for an initial shipment of 100,000 copies, a huge number for a Spanish-language album. A TV campaign is slated for such major outlets as Fox Sports and MTV.
First single "Hey DJ," a bilingual track featuring Nina Sky and B Real, will be promoted to R\&B/hip-hop stations.
Having collaborated with the likes of Sean "P. Diddy" Combs and Sean Paul, Touch is no stranger to big names or big sales. For the new album, rather than simply sending beats to collaborators, he worked jointly on every track, thanks to longstanding relationships with the featured acts. "I was involved more artistically in writing and rapping and singing in Spanish," Touch says. His approach to performance has also changed. "I'm doing more shows where it's not so much DI showcases but live performing," he says. "I'm trying to step my game up Now, I rap or sing $90 \%$. That's where I've grown

EMI Latin is in the process of signing additional reggaetón artists. It hopes to ink several distribution deals by year's end, involving two established reggaetón producers.
For now, however, all eyes
are on Touch.
"He has a complete album," Pino says. "He will be able to appeal to all markets.



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# Peterson, Tommy Boy <br> Immersed In African Sounds 

ribal house is one thing, music from and inspired by tribal lands is another. Two new dance releases pay homage to pigeonholed "world beats" and update them for mainstream dancefloors.
"I think the actual term 'world music' was a turnoff for most people," says DJ Gilles Peterson, whose "Gilles Peterson in Africa" (Ether) is the follow-up to 2004 's successful Brazil installment. "So hopefully this series is an entrance to that world for people who wouldn't otherwise go there."

Peterson's compilation features traditional African and Africa-inspired music, thus drawing a line between disparate acts like Afrobeat pioneer Fela Kuti, techno innovator Carl Craig and Konono No. I, a I2-piece from Congo that uses thumb pianos and old car parts as microphones.
"Africanism III," the first of four releases Tommy Boy has licensed from popular French label Yellow, presents its theme
in a less cerebral way. (The album is the third in the se ries-the first two were re leased only in Europe.)
"When people go to clubs, they want to have fun, joy, a good party, and at the moment we are locked into just beats," says Yellow co-founder Christophe Le Friant-the artist usually known as Bob Sinclar. "There's nothing special about vocals, and we're tired of disco, of gospel, so let's go with something new and dif. ferent. This soca beat is really, really nice to hear in a club."
All the tracks on "African-ism"-save for the KC Flightt classic "Voices"-were produced specifically for the compilation by the Africanism Allstars (a group of producers and performers including Tim Deluxe and David Guetta) and mixed by Sinclar.
Tommy Boy president Tom Silverman calls the high-energy collection "a party record for everybody. Because it's got a Caribbean feel, a Brazilian feel, as well as an African feel, and it sounds very mainstream, it works everywhere."

Sinclar and Silverman note that this dance development mirrors the latest trends in hip-hop.
"When hip-hop's at its best it absorbs cultural things, and dance music needs to do that too," Silverman says

## WINNING COMBOS: "It's

 a no-brainer, as far as I'm concerned, [ for a nightclub] to put out a compilation," Cielo coowner/resident DJ Nicolas Matar says. "But nobody does it" in the States, he adds.Until now. Three intimate, music-focused New York ven-ues-Matar's award-winning Cielo, local fave Le Souk and live/DJ combo Nublu-are packaging their vibes and taking them to market
The two-disc "Le Souk Sunday Sessions," compiled and mixed by Swamy and Astro\&Glyde, showcases the alternately sunny and dark house that has made the restaurant-by-day into a natural post-gig drop-in for marquee DJs like Sasha and Roger Sanchez.
Nublu is launching Nublu Records in September, with
four 12 -inch releases from headlining ethno-groove bands Kudu, Forro in the Dark, Love Trio in Dub and Our Theory.
Matar-an accomplished DJ with a "Journeys by DJ" compilation and an eight-year residency at Pacha Ibiza to his credit-and Cielo resident Willie Graff each mixed a disc of "Cloud 9 ," the first release on the club's self-titled new record label (distributed globally by Studio Distribution). The album contains atmospheric instrumental house, mature vocals and exclusively commissioned tracks, like a Blaze remix of the Raw Silk classic "Do It to the Music."

BRITNEY WHO? The new princess of dance was crowned June I8 when Kelly Osbourne's "One Word" (Sanctuary) hit the top of all three Billboard dance singles charts-Club Play, Dance Singles Sales and Dance Airplay. While Britney Spears, Madonna and Beyoncé have topped two at once, Osbourne is the first artist to pull off the hat trick.

## HIPE:OP BYIVORYM.JONES

## Cassidy Hustles Philly Street Sound <br> \author{ J Records Artist Returns To His Battle-Rap Roots For Second Album 

}In spring 2004, the industry was watching closely as "Hotel," the debut single from Cassidy featuring R. Kelly, zoomed to No. 4 on The Billboard Hot ioo.
While the single helped the Philadelphia-born rapper's album "Split Personality" sell almost 413,000 units, he was not completely pleased with the project.
"My first album was a little tarnished because there were a lot of people that didn't know about real hip-hop that were influencing my project," Cassidy recalls. "But it helped me prove to the label that 1 could sell records and that if they gave me the tools that I needed, I could be even bigger."
I Records agreed, giving him the green light to create an album that would expose fans to the real Cassidy.
"I'm a real hip-hop head that started off in the ciphers on the street corners, battling cats face to face. I didn't start off doing commercial songs. I wanted to go hard again like I did before I got into the industry," he says.
Judging by the success of "I'm a Hustla," the first single and title track from his sophomore effort (due June 28), Cassidy's approach is paying off. The Swiss Beatz-produced tune peaked at No. 5 on the Billboard Rap chart, and the ringtone is generating its own buzz. It is No. 29 on the Hot Ringtones chart this issue, selling about $8 \mathbf{I}, 000$ copies during its seven weeks on the chart.
I Records senior VP of urban marketing Jeff Burroughs says the
ringtone's early sales strength foretold the single's success.
"What was fascinating to watch was how the ringtone ac tually blew up faster than the song itself-which indicated to us that we had a major hit on our hands," Burroughs says.

"It has been a great way for us to chart our success in how the record's growing."
Cassidy judges the song's success by a different gaugethe streets.
"I didn't really realize how successful it was until I went back to Philly, to one of the most popular clubs, and the DI was playing it. I could tell that he must've been playing it a lot by how the crowd responded to it, like it was a hit already.

He is confident that the rest of the album will be received as positively. As plans are finalized for second single "B-Boy Stance," Cassidy is crisscrossing the
Label: Full Surface/J Records/RMG

Management/Booking:
Terrence Dean, TD Entertainment Management Publishing: Larsiny Music (ASCAP)
Top-selling album: "Split Personality" (2004), 413,000 States on a promo tour.
J Records VP of urban marketing Carolyn Williams says the label is leaving no stone unturned for the album's promotion.
"We're pretty much going full-blast," she says, citing frequent appearances on BET and MTV2 and recently taped episodes of MTV's "Room Raiders" and "Wilding Out" (a new show featuring Nick Cannon). In addition, Cassidy is weighing several offers for a summer tour.

## Rhythm \& IBlues

# Kwamé Flips MC Dots To Studio Stripes 

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| Onc |rom polka-dots to producer stripes. That's one way to describe the career of artist/producer Kwamé.

Once a polka-dot-clad MC-best-known for his 1990 Atlantic sophomore set, "A Day in the Life-a Polkadelic Adventure"-Kwamé is also the producer of Lloyd Banks' "On Fire," Will Smith's "Switch" and Tweet's "Turn Da Lights Off."
The transformation to producer didn't happen overnight. Kwamé (last name Holland) says it took a good five years, despite having earned writer/producer credits on his own recordings, including the single "Ownlee Eue."
"This industry likes to put labels on you," Kwamé says from his New York production house, Beat Factory. "People were seeing
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-KWAMÉ
me as an artist and not as a producer. It took a long time."

And the transition didn't come without travails. When Kwamé came on the scene at 16 , his contract was reviewed by his separated parents' divorce attorney. Then he signed with a production company whose principal had an interest in every aspect-writing, producing, management-of his career.

Following his stint with Atlantic, Kwame segued to Ichiban, where he says he did his own marketing and promotion because the label provided no support in those areas.
"Learning that put a sour taste in my mouth about being an artist," Kwamé says. "But it made me evaluate where I was and where I wanted to go in this business. I also learned the value of publishing."
Expediting the transition were gigs with Mary J. Blige ("Love" from her "No More Drama" album) and LL Cool J ("10 Million Stars"). Kwamé's production calendar currently lists Janet Jackson,

Toni Braxton, Missy Elliott, Kelis and newcomers Teairra Mari (Def Jam) and Braṣko (Geffen). A recent collaboration with Chingy appears on the forthcoming "Fantastic 4" soundtrack.

And like most producers, Kwamé is busy developing his own acts: rappers Beyond Belief and Prophet and alternative R\&B girl group Jane Doe, whom he describes as "Missy, Kelis and Gwen Stefani in one group."
To avoid getting boxed in again, Kwamé is also working with Interscope act the Pussycat Dolls. "Now that I'mbeing reinvented, I want to diversify as much as possible," he declares. "I want my energy to be recognized, not a particular sound."

WHO'S IN: Songwriter/producer Shep Crawford, best-known for the Deborah Cox hit "No-

body's Supposed to Be Here," is in the studio juggling projects with Tamia, Kelly Price, Yolanda Adams and Heather Headley as well as Cox. He is also busy grooming his own artist, Hidden Beach gospel singer Onitsha, whose album is due this summer.
"With hip-hop doing what it does, it has been kind of crazy for R\&B musicians/producers," Crawford says. "But lately a lot of seasoned $R \& B$ singers are getting down with some strong R\&B. I'm sometimes referred to as the 'ballad cat,' but l'm definitely trying to show people I can do it all."

Also making some studio noise are the CoStars. The guys behind Fantasia's "Baby Mama" and JoJo's "Not That Kind (Of Girl)" guided Teairra Mari's debut single, "Make Her Feel Good." The pair has also been in the studio with Toni Sunshine, Chauncey Black, Crooked I and reggaetón artist R. Luna in addition to handling reggaetón remixes for Capitol labelmates Javier and Faith Evans.

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## Sweet Success For Sugarland

ight months after the release of debut CD "Twice the Speed of Life," Sugarland's career is living up to its album title.
The record has shown a steady build on the Billboard Top Country Albums chart, where it has spent the last nine weeks in the top io. It has been certified gold by the Recording Industry Assn. of America. The album has also spawned two top to singles, including "Baby Girl," which recently set a Billboard Hot Country Songs chart record in its 46 th week for longest chart run in the Nielsen Broadcast Data Systems-monitored era.
"It's big stuff," lead singer Jennifer Nettles says
Even though the group's career has kicked into high gear lately, Nettles says it feels like something she and bandmates Kristen Hall and Kristian Bush have been working for all along.
"We've all been [separately] doing this for at least io years each," she says. "Don't get me wrong-it's fast and furious, but it feels right."
Asked why she thinks Sugarland is suddenly on the fast track, Nettles says, "Obviously I would love to say the music speaks for itself, but it's also timing. The climate was right for a group like Sugarland to come onto the scene . . . People wanted something new and fresh."
The group has made recent high-profile appearances on the Academy of Country Music Awards, "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno" and "Good Morning America."
Its shot on the ACM Awards proved to be an especially exciting night for the group, which was originally slated to be a presenter. When Merle Haggard canceled a few days before the
show, the band was tapped to do a truncated performance. Then the day before the show, an ACM rep called with the news that Clint Black was sick and asked Sugarland to do a full song.
"No pressure there," Nettles quips about her reaction. "I've done this for so long I rarely get nervous." But on the ACM Awards, she was "petrified." The fact that Nettles pulled it off looking polished and confident, she says, was her "Oscar-winning performance," and one that earned the group a standing ovation that night

With all this momentum coming so swiftly, Nettles says she has to remind herself to take it all in. "We do get to enjoy it, but it's pointedly enjoyed. I have to take a moment and say, 'Slow down, enjoy this.
Nettles previously fronted a band called Soul Miner's Daugh ter, then spent several years working as a solo artist in the Atlanta area before hooking up with Hall and Bush. She says Sugarland is "new and refreshing not just in the country world, but to us too."
While it is still early in the life of this album, Nettles says the group is already starting to kick around ideas for the next one "I'm super proud of this record and the way it captures what we do, but I'm excited about doing the next record," she says. "I still feel our live shows showcase us to a different degree than the recordings.
But the second album is likely to come harder for the group now that it is on the road almost constantly. "The rhythm of what we're doing now is so different from the environment [when] we did the first record," Nettles says. "On the road, there is only so much energy in your cup per day."

# SAM LAY A SONGWRITER: WHO KNEW? 

The Great Chicago Blues Drummer Composes His First Tunes For New Siegel-Schwall Band Album

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lligator Records wanted all previously unrecorded originals by Chicago's celebrated Siegel-Schwall Band for its muchanticipated first album of new studio recordings in 30 years.
Harmonica/piano man Corky Siegel, guitarist Jim Schwall and bassist Rollo Radford could eas ily have written "Flash Forward" entirely themselves, but four of the 13 tracks on the Aug. 16 release were penned by the group's drummer, Sam Lay. The drummer for Chicago blues greats Howlin' Wolf and Muddy Waters, Lay was also a key member of the influential Paul Butterfield Blues Band
But Lay wasn't even with Siegel-Schwall during its '60s/'70s heyday.
He also hadn't ever written a song before.
"He said he'd never written anything in his life, so I told him to just try and that l'd help him," Siegel says. "But I didn't have to, because he wrote 13 songs in three days, it seemed. I had to tell him to stop."
Remarkably, the quality matched the quantity. "Sam's songs are so personal and intimate-and down to earth," Siegel continues. He cites Lay's blues shuffle "Going Back to Alabama," which expresses the writer's disapproval of the citizenry of his adopted hometown, and "Cottonplant Liz," a tribute to his wife that has the memorable rhyme: "She serves me cole slaw/that ain't nothing but a cabbage raw." Siegel marvels: "Where did that 44 । JUNE 25, 2005

## come from?

Lay was with the Butterfield band when it electrified Bob Dylan at the historic 1965 Newport Folk Festival. Lay, who also played behind Dylan on "Highway 61 Revisited," calls his songs "meaningful life stories.'
"Willie Dixon said, 'Don't just put something together and make it rhyme like 'Mary Had a Little Lamb,' " Lay says, quoting the late Chicago blues songwriting legend. "You have to write about where you've been, where you're going, your life experiences. Just tell the truth without stupid-ass nursery rhymes!"

Lay never tried his hand at songwriting before, he notes, because "what could I do that hadn't been done?" and because "I had to live off what other [artists] were doing."

But the drummer recently started playing guitar and put it to good use in Siegel-Schwall's songwriting challenge. He also debuts as a guitarist on "Flash Forward."
"I play Lightnin' Hopkins or John Lee Hookerstyle, and used it to write," Lay continues. "I wrote stuff and showed it to Corky-but I learned a lot from looking at a DVD of Lowell Fulson and Percy Mayfield.

Lay is referring to an episode of "Mark Naftalin's Blue Monday Party," taken from videotapes of the Butterfield band's keyboardist's series of radio shows. He found the method of Mayfield, the pro-
lific composer of such hits as Ray Charles' "Hit the Road Jack," to be particularly inspiring. "He would be writing on the bus," Lay says of Mayfield. "He would look out the window and grab a piece of cigarette paper off the floor, or a match box, and he'd get home and piece it together and got some of the greatest hits ever heard. That gave me the idea of riding along in my car and scratching a song on one of my gas receipts: Watching that tape just told me to do that, and Corky and the other guys were on me about writing my own stuff, so I just did it. I feel could write a song now about anything."
"We all wanted to give him the opportu-nity-even though it's our first album of new material in 30 years," Siegel says. "The world deserves to have Sam featured."

## Global Pulse

# Harvey’s ‘Treasure’ Trove 

Bad Seeds Co-Founder Covers Classics By Johnny Cash, Nina Simone, Others

MIulti-instrumentalist, producer and composer Mick Harvey is best-known as a founding member of Nick Cave \& the Bad Seeds, and of fellow Australian Cave's previous band the Birthday Party. But on his latest solo album, "One Man's Treasure," Harvey emerges as an interpreter of classic songs by the likes of Johnny Cash and Nina Simone.

Since the mid-1980s, Melbourne-based Harvey has concentrated on film scores as his solo outlet, including such Australian projects as "Ghosts... of the Civil Dead" (1988) and "Australian Rules" (2002). He also released two albums of songs by French singer/songwriter Serge Gainsbourg, on Mute in 1995 and 1997.
"One Man's Treasure" mixes covers like Lee Ha zlewood's "First St. Blues" and Tim Buckley's "The River" with Harvey's own songs. It comes out internationally Aug. 29 on Mute/EMI and in the United States Oct. 18 on Mute America/Caroline/EMI.
"This really feels like my first solo album," Harvey says, "because it's so personal. The Gainsbourg albums were more of an intellectual exercise."

Harvey plans European shows in September. He is booked by X-Ray Touring and published in the United Kingdom by Mute Song.
-TOM FERGUSON
TASTY 'PARFAIT': Feelgood dance song "Un Monde Parfait" by 12 -year-old Ilona Mitrecey has topped France's IFOP/Tite Live singles chart since early March, but it's no French confection.

The single on Sony BMGdistributed French label Scorpio is licensed from Universal Music Italy and

Atollo Records, the production company owned by Naples-based songwriter/ producer Ivan Russo.

Four other Italian songwriters composed the song, but "the project is Russo's brainchild," says Claudio Buja, managing director at Universal Music Italy Publishing, the song's publisher.
"Even we have been surprised by the extent of the phenomenon," Buja adds. "It has sold almost 100,000 copies each week in France."

The single has also been a hit in Belgium and Switzerland on Scorpio/Universal. A version with French and German lyrics is being considered for Germany.

The success of "Un Monde Parfait" has delayed the release of follow-up "C'est Les Vacances," which was planned for June but remains "on hold," Buja says.

Scorpio will release Mitrecey's debut album in France, Belgium and Switzerland this fall under license from Universal Music Italy, which has global rights. -MARK WORDEN

## GLOBAL OVERTURES:

 Australian singer/songwriter Sarah Blasko is hitting the road to promote the international release of her debut album."The Overture and the Underscore" was released in October 2004 in Australia by Universal-distributed, Brisbane-based Dew Process. Domestic shipments are approaching gold (35,000 units), according to the label.

The album was issued June 7 in the United States by Low Altitude/Universal and in Canada by Universal. Blasko plays an 18 -date Australian tour through July before visiting U.S. clubs Aug. $7-17$, supporting Ray

> "This really feels like my first solo album, because it's so personal."
> -MICK HARVEY

Lamontagne. High Road Touring booked the outing. In the absence of widespread radio play, word-ofmouth has been "a big factor" in Blasko's Australian success, Dew Process head of A\&R John Mullen says. "It's music that takes time to listen to and investigate. People got excited about her lyrics-there was pas-
sionate discussion on various Web site forums."
The album will be issued Sept. 5 in European territories through Universal. U.K.based Helter Skelter is lining up European live dates.
Blasko remains unsigned for publishing. She is managed by Sydney-based One Louder Entertainment
-CHRISTIE ELIEZER
by LEILA COBO

Sony BMG Music Entertainment is entering its busiest period for new releases in its brief history.
The company recently launched albums by System of a Down, Shakira and Backstreet Boys. The next six months will see projects arrive from acts that include Santana, Martina McBride, Franz Ferdinand, the Strokes, Clay Aiken, Beyoncé, Alicia Keys, Gretchen Wilson, Pink, Eros Ramazzotti, Dixie Chicks, OutKast, Modest Mouse, Whitney Houston, Evanescence, Anastacia and Kenny Chesney.

In his role as executive VP/chief marketing officer for Sony BMG Music Entertainment, Tim Prescott will work with the company's labels on the international marketing efforts behind all of those albums and more. Billboard recently caught up with him to discuss Sony BMG's 2005 pipeline.

Q: How is the second half of the year shaping up?
A: We're looking down the barrel of an incredible release schedule that has just started. We had Bruce Springsteen a few weeks ago; System of a Down has scored I4 No. is, and despite heavy competition out there it's top io all around the world. We have a big global plan for Shakira's Spanish-language album; Oasis has gone No. I in the U.K., Italy and Japan; Foo Fighters [have set up a June 14 release] around the world. And on it goes.

Q: Who are some of the global priorities among Sony BMG's emerging acts?
A: Mario has had a tremendous breakout in Europe; John Legend, Amerie and Ciara. Kelly Clarkson is having some success in Australia, Asia and in Europe. She's a bout to go there for promotion now. Il Divo has been a spectacular success.

Q: How long is the setup on a global release?
A: Ideally three months out from a release we have a pretty good idea what we are doing. Right now we're talking about releases that are coming out in September.

## Q: How do you work in conjunction with the labels?

 A: Once a label has started the ball rolling on an act we get together and start working on a plan for how we are going to take that act internationally. It's very important that the creativity of the original marketing plan by the label be translated onto a global stage. That is the key.Q: What is the philosophy on global marketing at Sony BMG? A: Instead of having marketing teams that report [tol a regional head, we decided we would have one global team to concentrate our efforts and better harness the resources we have.

Q: What do you see as the advantage to a centralized system?
A: When every territory defines its own priorities and has its own way of doing things you diffuse your global effort. So often people are myopic about their own markets. We're bringing people together with the project in mind.

## Jazz Notes <br> DAN OUELLETTE douellette@billboard.com <br> <br> DVD Time For Ritenour

 <br> <br> DVD Time For Ritenour}Two-Disc Release Captures Captain Fingers' Fretwork

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Japa
wenty years ago the Japanese boutique com. pany VideoArts began its association with guitarist Lee Ritenour. On June 23 , that fruitful working relationship will be celebrated with a two-DVD live set. The release serves as a companion to Ritenour's new album, "OverTime" (June 7, i.e. Music/Peak/Concord Records), which was recorded at the same session.
"People are calling the project a retrospective," Ritenour says. "But it's not for me. It's a looking forward. It gave me an opportunity to look at 30 years of my career and choose pieces that represent four styles of music. I took the choice songs, deconstructed them to see if they would hold up and then wrote some new material."

Recorded at Burbank, Calif.'s Enterprise studio in front of a
saxophonists Ernie Watts and Eric Marienthal and vocalist Kenya Hathaway, Lalah Hath. away's sister
Ritenour touches down on straight-ahead material like Miles Davis' "Blue in Green" and Wes Montgomery's "Boss City." He also weighs in with Brazilian music on "She Walks the Earth," featuring vocalist Ivan Lins, who wrote the song. He shows his soul side with a cover of "Papa Was a Rolling Stone," starring Botti, where the trumpeter and guitarist catch the groove and jam.
Some of the highlights, like "Captain Fingers" (the nickname Ritenour was given by his guitar-crazed fans), feature the original fusion band he played with at the Baked Potato azz club in Los Angeles. "That was back in 1975-'77 when Patrice, Ernie, Harvey, An
VideoArts' live DVD
release is a companion to LEE RITENOUR'S recent CD, "OverTime.
the corner, the Monterey (Calif.) Jazz Festival is restoring its archives. The MJF Archive Preservation Project in partnership with Stanford University, where the tapes are stored, got a boost earlier this month when the Grammy Foundation bestowed a $\$ 40,000$ grant to help digitally reformat the $\mathrm{I}, 200$ sound recordings and 370 moving. image materials. The archives date back to 1958 , the fest's first year, when Billie Holiday and Dizzy Gillespie were among the featured performers.
While the festival is celebrating its past, it is also nurturing the future with its Next Generation Jazz Orchestra of high-school students from around the United States. In July the band will perform at New York clubs Sweet Rhythm and Dizzy's Club Coca-Cola and at the Montreal Jazz Festival. Saxophonist Sherman Irby will sit in for the New York shows.

THREE DOT LOUNGE:
XM Satellite Radio recently linked with Jazz at Lincoln Center to be its exclusive satellite radio partner. As part of the agreement, XM will broadcast live daily from the new studios at JALC's Frederick P. Rose Hall. Select live performances will also be recorded and broadcast . . . Pianist Michael Wolff will officially become a Steinway artist in a special showcase June 23 at New York's Steinway Hall. Hosted by Dr. Billy Taylor, the event will feature Wolff performing with tabla master Badal Roy . . . Distributor Allegro has expanded its roster with New York-based jazz indies OmniTone and ToneScience and Vancouver's Songlines Records. . With the spirit of Django Reinhardt in the air, Oakland, Calif, jazz club Yoshi's will hold its inaugural festival July 26 - 3 r, featuring the John Jorgenson Band with special guest mandolinist David Grisman, and several European Django jammers (Dorado Schmitt, Ludovic Beier, Brian Torff) joined by saxophonist David Sanchez

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## Two New Labels Emerge

Anthony Pérez and Jorge Guadalupe, founders and partners in Perfect Image Records, have parted ways and are launching their own labels

Pérez's label will be called the Roof Records. It takes its name from Latin urban TV show "The Roof," which Pérez produces, and which will be leaving its home at mun2 to go to MásMúsica (Billboard, June 18).


The Roof's releases will in clude a self-titled DVD series and the "Jamz" series of reg gaetón compilations. TV show "Jamz" is also moving, from MásMúsica to HTV

On the label end, the Roof's roster will include Big Boy (who was formerly on MP Productions), reggaetón group Tribales and the "Jamz" series However, Pérez says, he is already looking for differen kinds of music
"It's not just reggaetón," he says. "We have all sorts of urban movements coming, from Washington Heights, from Chicago.

The Roof's first release is a compilation due by the end of July

Pérez says he will market his product via different distributors

Guadalupe has partnered with reggaetón star Ivy Queen -formerly on Perfect Imageto launch Filtro Musik

The label's concept stems from its name, Filtro, which means filter
"I've been in this industry for 15 years now, and we have the ability to filter and pick the best," says Guadalupe, who is president of the label. The first
release on Filtro will be reg gaetón compilation "Cosa Nostra," which is expected to street in August

Following "Cosa Nostra," Guadalupe is planning another concept album titled "Drama Queen." It will feature Ivy Queen duetting with female singers in different genres
Universal Music \& Video Distribution will handle Filtro releases.
Guadalupe is looking at other territories, including Panama and Colombia, for talent
Filtro will initially have offices in Miami and Puerto Rico. The company will also have its own TV show and has plans to launch a magazine in DVD format.

EXP E-MAIL EXPIRES: Many in the Latin music in dustry are feeling a little less informed after digital media service Exp Network stopped sending its daily e-mails

Under the heading "Digi Xpress," for the past two years, Exp sent out news bulletins about the industry to more than 6,000 media outlets worldwide.

Record labels and artists were charged a fee per artist that covered inclusion in the
daily bulletins as well as having the artists' informationincluding photographs, MP3s and videos-available for download and streaming on the Exp site.

Exp charged between $\$ 100$ and $\$ 275$ per month per artist, depending on the level of service provided.
No more, for now. According to Exp co-founder and presdent/owner Hugo Barroso, Exp is in the process of "restructuring" its business model. The company, he says, was simply not breaking even with the number of labels and artists willing to pay for the service. On June 9, Barroso let most of his staff go, including veteran reporter Annietere Bonnet, who was well-known as Exp's tireless collector of news.
"No!" says independent publicist Betty del Rio, president of Miami-based Top One Entertainment Group, upon hearing the news. "It was a very mportant tool," she adds. "I felt confident that they were reaching people that maybe I wasn't reaching. They provide a service no one else provides." However, Barroso says, "We are by no means closed. We are just reassessing."


## 4Him's Harris Makes Solo Debut <br> Singer Fulfills Desire To Write Songs 'From A More Individual Perspective'

When a singer/ songwriter who has spent his whole career as part of a successful group records his first solo project, it's always interesting to see what develops. Faced with a clean musical slate, artists can either flounder or focus on a fresh musical direction.
On "The Line Between the Two," 4Him's Mark Harris embarks on an exciting new chapter in his career. Produced by Pete Kipley, the June 7 release marks Harris' first solo project after years with the Dove Award-winning foursome.
"After doing group concept and group-themed al bums for years, I just felt like it was time for me to say some things in an album that were more personal [about] things God is doing in my life and trying to write stuff from a more individual perspective," Harris
says. "I couldn't do that within the structure of 4 Him ."

The result is an album that showcases Harris' warm, engaging vocals and his depth as a songwriter. He thinks other people will relate to the subject matter, particularly men. "It's what most men my age reflect on: 'Have I done the things so far, up until this point, that I should have done? Where are my priorities?' " The title track, he says, is all about that, as is another song, "For the First Time." Those two tracks are the album's first singles, with the former serviced to inspirational stations and the latter going to Christian adult contemporary radio. "The Line Between the Two" is an idea Harris thought of eight years before finally writing it.
"It never felt like a 4 Him song, so I saved it, and it made sense for this album," he says of the song that speaks of the

birth and death dates on a person's grave stone and how we are known by what we do in the line between.

Another standout is "Hello to Goodbye," which he wrote after INO Records president Jeff Moseley challenged him to write a commitment song.
"It's my version of 'I Surrender All,' " he says, referring to the classic hymn that speaks of surrendering all to Jesus. "It's the same message, just a different way of expressing it."
Harris isn't the only 4 Him member to dive into solo waters. Andy Chrisman has already weighed in with a terrific solo project on his own label, and Kirk Sullivan and Marty Magehee are also working on solo efforts. However, it doesn't mean the end of 4Him. After eightalbums on Benson Records and two for the Word label, the group has signed with INO and is readying a fall release.

EMI/CMG DISNEY PACT: Walt Disney Records has signed a deal with EMI Christian Music Group to distribute Disney product to Christian retail. Starting Aug. 30, EMI CMG Distribution will take select Disney releases to the Christian market, including nine titles from the "Baby Einstein" audio series.

During the fourth quarter, EMI CMG Distribution will also release other key Disney titles to the Christian Booksellers Assn., including two "Sunday Morning Series" read-along audio titles"Noah's Ark" and "David \& Goliath"—plus three "Playhouse Disney" titles, CDs from the "Winnie-the-Pooh" audio franchise and a new $C D$ from Jim Brickman. In November, look for two CDs from the Walt Disney Pictures film "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.

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# RIEVIIEWS 



BILLY CORGAN TheFutureEmbrace Producers: Billy
Corgan, Bjorn Thorsrud, Bon Harris Martha's Music/ Reprise Release Date: June 21 Five years after the Smashing Pumpkins' demise, former frontman Billy Corgan finally makes his solo debut with "TheFutureEmbrace." While the lyrics are more introspective and the music more electronic than what we've come to expect from the Pumpkins or his most recent project, Zwan, thankfully Corgan's distinctive vocals and grungy guitar riffs are ubiquitous. The mostly upbeat songs, highlighted by "All Things Change," "Mina Loy (M.O.H.)" and "A100" effortlessly flow together. Guests include ex-Pumpkins drummer Jimmy Chamberlin on "DIA" and the Cure's Robert Smith, who provides backing vocals on an ethereal rendition of the Bee Gees' "To Love Somebody." Lead single "Walking Shade," which most resembles the Pumpkins" late-period sound, should help Corgan receive a warm welcome on the charts.-KK


RY COODER Chávez Ravine Producer: Ry Cooder Perro Verde/Nonesuch Release Date: June 14 After revitalizing interest in Cuban music with the Buena Vista Social Club, Ry Cooder turns his attention closer to home with "Chávez Ravine." This is a 15 -song, 70 -minute history/myth dealing with the burgeoning Chicano barrio in late-'50s Los Angeles
that was razed to make way for Dodgers Stadium-a sweetheart political deal that demolished houses and culture in the name of progress during this red-scare, westward-migration, UFO-obsessed era With memory of that world essentially erased, Cooder reconstructs the map and resuscitates memories. His eclectic mix includes originals (the catchy "Poor Man's Shangri-La"), forgotten tunes (the bouncy "Chinito Chinito," about Mexicans and Chinese co-existing in L.A.), spiced corrido and conjunto and even Leiber \& Stoller's " 3 Cool Cats." Add in support from norteño accordionist Flaco Jimenez and jazz pianist Jacky Terrasson and you have a masterwork of insight and delight. - - O


## FAT JOE

All or Nothing
Producers: Various Terror Squad/At/antic Release Date: June 14 If fans of last summer's anthem, "Lean Back," are looking to Fat Joe's "All or Nothing" for the latest dance craze, they'd better check elsewhere. On his latest solo outing, though he revisits that tune with a Lil Jon-produced remix, he leaves the dance tunes to others. Though Joe's a few pounds lighter, he is out to prove that he is still a lyrical heavyweight, even taunting 50 Cent on "My Fofo." But he sure knows how to party, joining forces with Nelly on "Get It Poppin' " and R. Kelly on "So Hot." Sadly, bad songs do happen to good people, as evidenced by the tepid "Hold You Down" featuring Jennifer Lopez. Luckily, Joe quickly resumes doing what he does best-partying and throwing out snipes-rather than lingering too long with Lopez.-IMJ

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JOSH KELLEY Only You (3:11) Producer: the Matrix Writers: J. Kelley, the Matrix
Publishers: Dudeski/ Graham Eqwards, ASCAP; Scott Spock Lauren Christy, BMI Hollywood (CD promo) Augusta, Ga., native Josh Kelley previews his second CD, "Almost Honest," due Aug 23 , with an adult top 40 soulful strummer that is so immediately inviting that any concern of a sophomore jinx is dust in the wind. "Only You," which the singer of previous hits "Amazing" and "Everybody Wants You" wrote and produced with the Matrix, glides from one melodic hook to the next, while Kelley does his job with a loose groove of a vocal that sounds like his only fixation in the studio was just how good this song was turning out. For the rest of the new project, he worked with Matt Wallace (Maroon5), so let's hope this toe-tapping, feel-good pop/rocker is the
rule and not the exception.-CT


## FISCHERSPOONER

 Never Win (3:38)Producers: Fischerspooner, Mirwais, Kyle Johnson
Writers: W. Fischer, C Spooner, K. Johnson Publisher: not listed

## Capitol (CD promo)

 For the second single from Fischerspooner's album "Odyssey," the group has released "Never Win," a surprisingly catchy, thumpy guitar-funk number. The song was produced with Mirwais (Madonna's "Music"), and its melody and guitar work are vaguely reminiscent of Pink Floyd's "Another Brick in the Wall, Pt 2." While frontman Casey Spooner has never been what you'd call a traditional singer, his simplistic chant-along vocals on the radio-friendly "Never Win" are appropriate for the stomping cut. This could be the one to break Fischerspooner beyond cult status.-KC
## JAZZ

WAYNE SHORTER QUARTET (1)
Beyond the Sound Barrier Producer: Wayne Shorter Verve
Release Date: June 14 You can count on one hand the most compellingly creative groups in jazz today. Foremost is saxophone sage Wayne Shorter's compact quartet of pianist Danilo Perez, bassist John Patitucci and drummer Brian Blade. Best captured in concert, Shorter's band goes orbital on "Beyond the Sound Barrier.'
Improvisationally in sync and gleefully
conversational, Shorter and Co. launch into thrill rides and muse in poignant serenity with pockets of funk (the tempoaccelerating title track) and grace (a classical-tinged reflection on Mendelssohn's "On Wings of Sound"). While Shorter elevates with lickless beauty on tenor and soprano, his rhythm team charges with a tripartite punch: Perez buoying the proceedings with effervescent runs, Patitucci setting the groove and rumination, and Blade crashing and tumbling. Opener "Smilin' Through, with its build-climaxrelease, offers a 12 -minute microcosm of the brilliant surprises to come.-DO

## ROCK

## TRANSPLANTS

## Haunted Cities

Producer: None listed LaSalle/At/antic Release Date: June 21 The Transplants seemed like a one-off project when their first album came out three years ago. A side project featuring Rancid's Tim Armstrong and Blink-182's Travis Barker, the album yielded the top 20 Modern Rock hit "Diamonds \& Guns," a tour and ultimately, this follow-up. "Haunted Cities" continues the scattershot musical approach of its predecessor, and the result features more hits than misses. Punk, reggae and hip-hop are the three most common flavors here, and appearances from the Boo-Ya Tribe and members of Cypress Hill and Dilated Peoples give the
record a more urban feel Elsewhere, Armstrong's Clash obsession continues unabated with the infectious single "Gangsters and Thugs." The Transplants have a shot at crossover success with the breezy "What I Can't Describe," which could do for them what "Fly" did for Sugar Ray.-BT

## R8B

KEYSHIA COLE (2)

## The Way It Is

Producers: Various A\&M/Interscope Release Date: June 21 Unlike the production facsimiles that too often pass for R\&B singers nowadays, Keyshia Cole proves she's the real thing on this attention-commanding debut. The Oakland, Calif. based homegirl's full-bodied, self-assured vocals weave urban life narratives in a potent combination that calls to mind a young Mary J. Blige. Such colorful song titles as "Down and Dirty" and "I Thought You Had My Back" hint at what's in store. Standouts include current single "(I Just Want It) To Be Over" and the Kanye Westproduced "I Changed My Mind." Cole adamantly struts her stuff on the ballad "] Should Have Cheated," her soulful entreaty to a boyfriend's repeated accusations. Cole has definitely come a long way from singing background for MC Hammer at age 12, and this promising debut portends a long career ahead.-GM

## RAHEEM DeVAUGHN (3)

 The Love Experience Producer: none listed
## Jive

Release Date: June 28 With D'Angelo seeming to have dropped off the musical map, the soul music scene continues its search for the next sexy crooner. Enter Raheem DeVaughn, a 20-something Maryland native who tries to step up to the plate on his Jive debut. Armed with a collection of songs steeped in promises of unconditional adoration ("Believe") and detailing steamy lovemaking sessions ("Breathe"), DeVaughn proves himself a worthy contender. Luckily, he doesn't boast about only his
sexual prowess, managing to tackle heavier topics on songs such as "Who" and "Until." Although he stumbles a bit on the awkward rock-influenced "Cadillac," DeVaughn finishes things on a high note with the title track.-IMJ

## ANGELA JOHNSON

Got To Let It Go
Producer: Angela Johnson
Purpose Records
Release Date: June 21 Angela Johnson does it all: singer, songwriter, producer multi-instrumentalist. The frontwoman for 10 -year-old R\&B group Cooly's Hot Box, her music has been featured on UPN's "Kevin Hill," FX's "The Shield" and the WB's "Roswell." Johnson further explores her '70s and ' 80 s R\&B influences on this follow-up to her critically acclaimed solo debut "They Don't Know." Once again, he keen ear for catchy melodies and skillful craftsmanship as a vocalist and writer (she penned all but one tune) play key roles. Johnson lets go on such tracks as "'ll Always," album opener "On My Way," "Early Bird," featuring band member/vocalist Tricia Angus and the ballad "Tell Me." Given her talent, it is time that Johnson becomes a household name-GM

## BLUES

TINSLEY ELLIS (4)
Highwayman
Producers: Tinsley Ellis, Bruce Iglaeur
Alligator
Release Date: June 7 Recorded at Chord on Blues in St. Charles, III., this set marks Ellis' return to Alligator Records. The Atlanta-based guitar slinger has developed into a triple threat during his 20-plusyear career, and a live album is an ideal showcase. Ellis' instrumental chops are a match for anyone in bluesville, but as he demonstrates track after track, Eliis also possesses a voice made to sing the blues Then consider that he wrote or co-authored seven of the 11 songs here (they're seven way solid tunes, too). The many facets of Ellis' artistry come together in this project so forcefully that it's virtually impossible to sit through it without concluding that Ellis is one of today's premier

bues/rock players. He sure picked the right night to cut a live record.-PVV

## WORLD

MAMADOU DIABATE (5)

## Behmanka

Producer: Mamadou
Diabate
World Village
Release Date: June 14 Mali native Mamadou Diabate was born into a family of griots, and he embraced his musical heritage as a child. His father, Djelimory, and uncle Toumani, are celebrated kora (or Mande harp) players, making the 21-string instrument a natural choice for Mamadou. "Behmanka" is a solo kora performance in which Mamadou reprises songs he learned from his father, as well as a pair of original compositions. It is a feat of remarkable
virtuosity. Mamadou says in the liner notes that he wants listeners to hear the value and beauty of the kora. He succeeded.-PVV

## CHRISTIAN

## DISCIPLE

Disciple
Producer: Travis Wyrick S/R/E Recordings/Epic Release Date: June 7 This hard-rocking quartet is making noise in the mainstream rock and Christian rock communities with its intense melodies and thoughtfullyrics. First single "The Wait Is Over" is a thunderous rocker with slamming guitars, while "Only You" is a memorable power ballad with gentler instrumentation and a more vulnerable vocal from lead singer Kevin Young. This talented foursome could follow in the footsteps of P.O.D., attracting an audience that likes its rock music loud and brash, but intelligent and meaningful
as well. An impressive debut for these gifted musicians.-DEP

## NEW \& NOTIEWORTHY

MISSY HIGGINS The Sound of White Producer: John Porter Reprise
Release Date: June 7 After making a big impression Down Under Missy Higgins is ready to make international audiences swoon. The young singer/songwriter bathes the album with narrative lyrics scented with an unfamiliar yet refreshing Melbourne accent. Higgins' ability to charm in diverse genres is apparent from the bluesy melody of "This Is How it Goes" to the folksy touch of "Ten Days." The reflective "Nightminds" gracefully dances to the unadorned whispers of keyboard and cello. For contrast, the playful Australian hit "Scar" and "Unbroken" add touches of zest to an album tailor-made for lazy summer days.-SH

## DVD

VARIOUS ARTISTS Live at Montreux 1994: Al Di Meola, Jean-Luc Ponty, Stanley Clarke Montreux Sounds/Eagle Eye Media
Release Date: May 3 The 1994 Montreux Jazz Festival was the setting when fusion greats JeanLuc Ponty, Al Di Meola and Stanley Clarke performed together for the first time as the Rite of Strings trio. (The material was still so fresh to them, they used sheet music.) The spirited interaction among Ponty's violin, Di Meola's guitar and Clarke's upright bass is invigorating as they trade licks on the lighthearted "Song for John" and skip
through the cheery "Chilean Pipe Song." As for solos, Di Meola and Ponty are impressive during "Summer Country Song" and "Eulogy to Oscar Romero," respectively, but the physical and musical animation Clarke displays in "School Days" wins the most approval from the crowd. For jazz heads and newcomers alike.-CLT

## Mif-igr

GOLDIE LOOKIN' CHAIN Straight Outta Newport Producers: Various Record Collection Release Date: June 14 Goldie Lookin' Chain could be thought of, and, come to think of it, would enjoy being thought of, as the Streets' humiliating drunken cousins. They're a bunch of cheeky Welsh blokes who gleefully poke holes in hip-hop (the cover art is a "Weird Al" version of the N.W.A classic) and throw deceptively clever jokes at the remnants "Newport" has "potentially irritating shtick" written all over it, but the jaunty beats are oddly ingratiating And how can you not like a
 song titled "Guns Don't Kill People, Rappers Do," as well as a ditty about the career benefits of suicide that includes the observation, "Michael Hutchence, he's one of 'em too/made 100 million quid, died wanking on the loo." The wildly self-important world of hip-hop could use the occasional rock-stupid deflation; these guys may as well provide it. $-J V$

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PICK $\boldsymbol{P}$ : A new release predicted to hit the top half of the chart in the corresponding format.

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# Eem <br> KACI I Will Learn To Love Again (3:22) 

SINGILIES

Producers: Antonio Armato Tim James
Writer: D. Warren
Publisher: Rea/songs, ASCAP
Curb (CD promo)
Curb began grooming Kac at the age of 13 during the youth pop explosion. But the label had little success breaking the singer, despite her notable status as the daughter of David Cassidy (which prompted an illconceived remake of his ubiquitous "I Think I Love You"). Curb relaunches a strikingly more mature act with a track from the teenfriendly flick "The Perfect Man," starring Hilary Duff and Heather Locklear. There is little doubt that this song is aimed squarely at Radio Disney, not mainstream top 40. It's sad to consider that a shamelessly singable pop anthem is an automatic lock-out from mainstream radio, but that continues to be the way the decade is decaying. In any case, Kaci is a pure bubble gum guilty pleasure.-CT

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KEYSHIA COLE (I Just
Want It) To Be Over (3:47) Producer: Kerry "Krucial" Brothers
Writers: K. Brothers, Lady L., T. Greenridge, K. Cole

Publisher: not listed A\&M (CD promo) The realization that a relationship has run its course is never easy. Newcomer Keyshia Cole manages to capture the hurt and disappointment that comes with acceptance in "(I Just Want It) To Be Over." Supported by a hard-driving beat courtesy of Kerry Brothers (Alicia Keys), the Cali native sings about knowing that it's time for an exit with a certain convincing rawness. Vocally, Cole does little to impress; however, the unrefined quality of her voice, coupled with the hopelessly frustrated lyric, lends a relatable anguish with which the masses can surely identify.-IMJ

## Conयाग्रा

TRACE ADKINS Arlington (3:55)
Producer: Scott Hendricks Writers: J. Spillman,
D. Turnbull

Publishers: Universal/Songs of the Village/EMI April/Sea Gayle, ASCAP
Capitol Records (CD promo)
Trace Adkins' "Arlington" is one of those singles that surpasses mere entertainment. It says something powerful about an important place in U.S. country's history-Arlington National Cemetery, the resting place of the nation's soldiers. Penned by Jeremy Spillman and Dave Turnbull the poignant lyric comes from the perspective of a soldier buried there. Adkins' deep, resonant baritone is the perfect vehicle for this hauntingly beautiful song about sacrifice, honor and the cost of freedom, and it leaves a lasting impression no matter which way your political views lean.-DEP

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KAISER CHIEFS Oh My God (3:34)
Producer: Stephen Street Writers: various
Publisher: Universal Music Publishing
B-Unique/Universal (CD promo)
Britpop may have found its next band of royals in the Kaiser Chiefs, as the quintet's second single from debut album "Employment" reaches the rock airwaves. Produced by Stephen Street, "Oh My God" is reminiscent of Blur pairing a clever, quirky lyric citing images of a "plate tectonic" and a "poweredup Pacman" with an infectious chorus wellsuited for pub singalongs. The Leeds-based indie rockers garnered some success with first U.S. single "I Predict a Riot," which peaked at No. 34 on the Modern Rock chart. "Oh My God" builds momentum as a solid follow-up, making the Kaiser Chiefs one to watch among the multitude of bands making a splash across the pond. $-K T$

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KIMBERLEY LOCKE I
Could (4:21)
Producer: Shaun Shankel Writers: K. Kimmel, T. Beaty, D. Muckala

Publishers: various Curb (CD promo) "American Idol" alumna Kimberley Locke got an appreciable nudge out of
the gate with stone-solid top 40/AC debut hit "8th World Wonder." That was more than a year ago and Curb has worked several singles since; now, with the pure pop "I Could," the label's tenacity pays off Produced and co-written by Shaun Shankel, who also helmed "8th World Wonder," this sunny midtempo love song offers hooks galore; rich, creamy


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iMUY CALIENTE! >>Shakira notches her fourth No. on Top Latin Albums and her second top ifive on
The Blilboard 200 as "Fljación Oral Vol. "" 157,000 coples, more move 157,000 coples, more than double the prior best Nlelsen Soundscan week for a Spanish-language album. Sllenclo" did 65,000 in 2003.
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artst since Shawn Mulllns' "Lullaby" started an elahtweek run in 1998. Remixes of "Lonely" also lead Hot Dance Club Play.


HOMEGROWN >PA self-made EP by upstate
New York's Teddy Gelger bows at No. 10 on reglonal MldAtlantic Heatseekers (see page 66 ). The 16 -year-old, who has opened for Jesse McCartney and Blg Bad Voodoo Daddy, has been signed by Columbla.


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>> Just in time to mark the 45th anniversary of his debut 45th anniversary of his debut On the Biliboard album chart, Paul Anka returns to the taliy
with "Rock Swings" his first with "Rock Swings," his first titie to appear on this char
22 years. This latest $C D$ is 22 years. This latest CD is Anka's 20th chart album and
his highest-charting set since 1977. "Rock Swings" enters the jazz albums list at No. 2, marking Anka's debut on this survey.
>>Fred Bronson also reports on Carrie Underwood's first No. 1 on a Billboard chart, making her the ninth "American Idol" contestant to reach pole position; and Ryan Cabrera taking the longest trip to the top 10 of the Adult Top 40 chart for any solo male artist.

## Over the Counter

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## Hot Start For Coldplay; Others See New Highs

Rock's flag has stood atop The Billboard 200 in several recent weeks. Thanks to Coldplay's fast start, rock's flag has become the Union Jack
An openin $\boldsymbol{y}$ week of 737,000 copies for "X\&Y" owns the second-largest opener and third-largest sales week of 2005, topped only by the first two weeks for 50 Cent's "The Massacre" (a i.t mil-lion-unit star:, followed by 771,000).

Coldplay is the first U.K. act to lead the U.S. albums list since Rod Stewart's "Stardust . . . The Great Ameri can Songbock Vol. III" bowed in the Nov. 6, 2004, issue. "X\&Y," which also leads a dozen European charts, including that of its homeland, is also The Billboard 200's first No. I by a British band since Ləd Zeppelin's live "How the West Was Won" in 2003 and the first by a U.K. band's studio album since Radiohead's "Kid A" in 2000.
Coldplay's U.S. success is a textbook example of what labels hope a rock band can do, building audience from one album to the next. The band's prior biggest Nielsen SoundScan week was for last studic album "A Rush of Blood to the Head," which sold I4I,000 when it entered at No. 5 in 2002.
Since then, Coldplay has earned acclaim as a live attraction and won

Grammy Awerds in 2 CO .03 and 2004. It is unclear how much -his factors into album sales, lut it's also safe to say that singer Chris Martin's marriage to Gwyneth Paltoow lands ink in the press that eludes rany rock bands-unless you're the White Stripes, whose frontman, Jack Wh ite, got teadlines for his marriage to British mcdel Karen Elson shortly before the Stripes' "Get Behind Me Satan" accomparied Coldplay's album to market.
"X\&Y" sold 60,000 downloads, immediately making it the secondlargest digital album of 2005 . Jack Johnson's "In Between Dreams" has logged 79,000 dowr loads so far.
Coldplay's start is a tribute to a clever marleting campaign that

began several weeks ago when ring. tones introduced lead track "Speed of Sound," leading up to a slate of prerecorded specials on MTV, VHI and AOL that allowed the band to be visible in the States during a release week when it was taking care of business in Europe.

FIREWORKS: Is it cosmic or eerie that acts whose last albums were called "Elephant" and "Elephunk" released follow-ups on the same date? That's one question in a huge week when each of the top four debuts on The Billboard 200 set Nielsen SoundScan records.
Black Eyed Peas ride a busy releaseweek TV schedule to a No. 2 splash of 291,000 copies (see Between The Bullets, page 57). That's a much bigger number than first-day sales had portended and almost five times the grcup's prior biggest sales frame. Third album "Elephunk" rang 59,000 during Christmas week of last year.
Cheered by more critics than those who rooted for Coldplay, the White Stripes bow at No. 3 on I89,000 units, $66 \%$ more than second album "Elephant" did when it began at No. 6 in 2003.
At No. 4, Shakira has seen one week

## IVarket Watch

A Weekdy National Music Sales Report

## WEEKLY UNIT SALES

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| This Week | 11,036,000 | 83,000 | 6,244,000 |
| Last Week | 10,337,000 | 90,000 | 5,999,000 |
| Change | 6.8\% | -7.8\% | 4.1\% |
| This Week Last Year | 11,054,000 | 142,000 | 2,307,000 |
| Change | -0.2\% | -41.5\% | 170.7\% |

WEEKLY ALBUM SALES
35 million units


## YEAR-TO-DATE

 OVERALL UNIT SALESAlbums $\quad 271,103,000 \quad 249,604,000 \quad-7.9 \%$
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| Sales by album format |  |  |  |
| CD | 264,994,000 | 247,674,000 | -6.5\% |
| Cassette | 5,292,000 | 1,383,000 | -73.9\% |
| Other | 817,000 | 547,000 | -33.0\% |



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| 51 | 0 | ¢ | BREATHE（2 A．M．） ANNA NALICK（COLUMBIA） |
| 52 | －7 | 21 | ALMOST <br> BOWLING FOR SOUP（SLLVERTONE／JVE／ZOMBA） |
| 53 |  | 1 | PUMP IT THE BLACK EYED PEAS（A\＆M／INTERSCOPE） |
| 54 | S9 | 1） | FEEL GOOD INC GOAILLAZ（PARLOPHONENIRGIN） |
| Q | E1 | E | FALL TO PIECES avRIL Lavigne（RCN／RMG） |
| 56 | E4 | 27 | SITTING，WAITING，WISHING JaGK JOHNSON（JACK JOHNSON／BRUSHFIRE／UMRG） |
| 5 | ¢ | E | BLUE ORCHID <br> THE white striles（thiro man／2） |
| 58 | 0 | 3 | ENERGY natalie feat．baby gash（Latum／unversalumbg） |
| 59 | （9） | $1:$ | GIRL OESTINYS CHILO（COLUMBIA） |
| 60 | E］ | 7 | AMERICAN BABY dave matthews bano（RCARmg） |
| 51 | － | 1 | FIX YOU coldplay（CAPITOL） |
| 32 | 5 | 11 | SHE＇S NO YOU desse mccariney（hollywood） |
| 33 | 5 | 18 | SLOW DOWN bobby valentwo（dTP／DEF Jam／IDJMG） |
| 66 | \％ | 2 | MISSISSIPPI GIRL faith hil（WARNER Bros．） |
| 65 | 69 | 8 | MAKING MEMORIES OF US keith ubban（CAPITOL（NaShyille）） |
| 56 | 55 | $3 C$ | MOCKINGBIRD <br> EmINEM（SHADV／AFTERMATHIITTERSCOPE） |
| 67 | 5 | 17 | 1 THING amerie（COLUMBIA） |
| 68 | 7 | 4 | AS GOOD AS I ONCE WAS toby kelt（DREAMWORKS（NASHVILLE） |
| 68 | 83 | 4 | LET ME HOLD YOU BOW WOW FEAT．OMARION（COLUMBBIA） |
| 70 | － | 1 | PIMPIN＇ALL OVER THE WORLD Ludacris fear bobby valentino（dTp deef jam southnumg） |
| 71 | $6:$ | 2 | DIAMONDS FROM SIERRA LEONE KanYe west（roc－a－FEL A／AOEF JAMMDJMG） |
| 72 | $9:$ | 2 | BE MY ESCAPE helient k（gotee／capitol） |
| 73 | － | 1 | RIGHT HERE Staind（FLIP／ATLANTIG） |
| 74 | 6 | 11 | BE YOURSELF Audios Lave（EPIG／INTERSCOPE） |
| （1） | 7 | 7 | WAIT（THE WHISPER SONG） YING YANG TWINS（COLLIPARKTTVT） |
| 76 | － | 1 | MY GIVE A DAMN＇S BUSTED JO DEE MESSINA（CURB） |
| 17 | 8： | 3 | LIKE YOU dabdy yanke（EL Cartel／ni／machete） |
| （8） | 98 | 3 | DREAMS the game（aftermath／g－unit／interscope） |
| 59 | ， | 9 | HELENA（SO LONG \＆GOODNIGHT） my Chemical romance（REPRISE） |
| 0 |  | 4 | FAST CARS AND FREEDOM rascal．FLatts（LYMIC STREET） |
| 81 | $7 / 2$ | 29 | LOOK WHAT YOU＇VE DONE jet（elektra／atlantic） |
| 82 | 95 | 3 | ONE WORD kelly osbourne（sanctuary） |
| ＊3 | 96 | 4 | BACK THEN MIKE JONES（SWISHAHOUSE／ASYLUM／WARNER BROS．） |
| $\varepsilon 4$ |  | 1 | SUGAR，WE＇RE GOIN＇DOWN fall out boy（fueled by ramen／ISLAND／IDJMG） |
| 85 |  | 1 | COOL gwen stefan（interscope） |
| 386 | TE | 30 | BRING EM OUT <br> T．I．（GRAND HUSTLE ATLANTIC） |
| 87 | $\therefore$ | 9 | IN THE KITCHEN R．KELLY（JIVE ZOMbA） |
| 88 | 78 | 23 | GET RIGHT JENNIFER LOPEL（EPIC） |
| 80 | is | 20 | SOME CUT <br> TRILLVILLE FEGT．CUTTY（BME／WARNER BROS ） |
| 90 | － | 1 | SO SEDUCTIVE <br> TONY YaYO FEar． 50 CENT（G－UnIT／／NTERSCOPE） |
| 81 | 8 | 21 | BABY GIRL sugarland（mercuay） |
| 98 | 88 | 7 | DO SOMETHIN＊ 8RITNEY SPEafS（JIVE／ZOMBA） |
| 93 | 4. | 9 | I＇M A HUSTLA cassidy（FULL SURFACE／J／RMG） |
| 94 | 9 | 2 | TRAPPED IN THE CLOSET R．KELLY（JNE／ZOMBA） |
| 96 | － | 1 | SOMETHING MORE SUgafland（mercury |
| 93 | 179 | 21 | SIGNS <br> SNOOP DOGG（OOGGYSTYE／ETAAR TRAKGGEFFEN） |
| 97 |  | 2 | THE HAND THAT FEEDS NINE INCH NaLL（NOTHMW／INTERSCOPE） |
| 93 |  | 16 | NUMBER ONE SPOT ludacris（DTP／Def Jam South／idJmg |
| 99 | － | 1 | CATER 2 U destinr＇s Child（COLUMBIA） |
| －${ }^{0}$ | 39 | 15 | STILL TIPPIN＇ MIKE JONES（SWSLHAHOUSEASYLUMWARNER BROS． |



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| 1 | 1 | 14 | \＃1 HOLLABACK GiRL GWEN STEFAN（INTERSCOPE） | ＊ | 23 | 18 | 16 | LONELY AKON（SRC／UNIVERSALUUMRG） |  |
| 2 | 2 | 9 | WE BELONG TOGETHER mariah Caney（IILANo／IJJMG） |  | 2 F | 3 | 21 | OBSESSION（NO ES AMOR） frankie j feat．baby bash（COLumbia） |  |
| 3 | 3 | 11 | BEHIND THESE HAZEL EYES kelly clarkson（rcanmag | H | （6） | $\varepsilon 1$ | 6 | YOU AND ME LIFEHOUSE（GEFFEN） | सो） |
| 4 | 4 | 10 | DON＇T PHUNK WITH MY HEART The black eyed peas（A\＆M／NTERSCOPE） |  | 29 | 34 | 5 | HOW TO DEAL frankie j（Columbia） |  |
| 5 | 1 | 17 | SWITCH <br> WILL Smith（OVERBrookinterscope） |  | 5 | 3 | 5 | HOLIDAY GREEN oay（REPRISE） |  |
| 6 | 6 | 8 | OH <br> CAARA FERT．LUOACAIS ISHONUFFFMUSCLINELAFACEROMBA | H | 31 | 2 | 127 | RICH GIRL <br> gwen stefani feat．eve（interscope） |  |
| 7 | 8 | 30 | SINCE U BEEN GONE kELLY CLARKSON（RCAARMG） | H | 0 | 3 | 5 | GIRLFIGHT brooke valentine（SUbliminalvirgin） |  |
| 0 | － | 18 | LET ME GO 3 Doons down（REPUBLIC／UNIVERSAL／UMRG） | स | 33 | 35 | 8 | COLD <br> CROSSFADE（FG／COLUMBIA） | ＋ |
| 0 | 12 | 7 | JUST A LIL BIT 50 CENT（SHAOY／AFTERMATH／INTERSCOPE） | 由 | 34 | 33 | 4 | GRIND WITH ME PRETTY RICKY（ATLANTIC） |  |
| 10 | 9 | 11 | INCOMPLETE backstreet bors（JIVE／ZOMBA） | 出 | 35 | $3 ?$ | 19 | GOIN＇CRAZY <br> natalie（Latummunversal／umrg） |  |
| 11 | 13 | 12 | SCARS <br> PAPA ROACH（EL TONAL／GEFFEN） | 会 | 3 E | 4） | 3 | GET IT POPPIN＇ <br> fat joe feat nely（terror souadatlantic） |  |
| 12 | 14 | 12 | BABY I＇M BACK baby bash feat．akon（Latiumuniversaliumbg |  | 37 | 3 | 3 | THESE WORDS hatasha bedingeleld（eplg） |  |
| 13 | 14 | 18 | LONELY NO MORE ROB THOMAS（MELISMANALLANTC） | H | 38 | 33 | 9 | OKAY <br> nivea feat LIL Jon \＆YOUNGBLOODZ（JIVEZZOMBA） |  |
| 14 | 17 | 9 | DON＇T CHA <br> THE PUSSYCAT DOLLS（A\＆M／iNTERSCOPE） |  | 39 | 3） | 18 | CANDY SHOP <br> 50 CENT FEAT OLVIA（SHAOVY／ATERMATH／NTERSCOPE） |  |
| 15 | 15 | 16 | SUGAR（GIMME SOME） trick dadoy（SLIP－N－SLIOE／ATLANTLC） |  | 4 c | 42 | 3 | FALL TO PIECES avil Lavigne（RCA／RmG） |  |
| 16 | 10 | 17 | MR．BRIGHTSIDE THE KILLERS（ISLANO／IDMG | स |  | 44 | 3 | LOSE CONTROL MISSY ELIOT（THE GOLD MIND／ATLANTC） |  |
| 17 | 16 | 23 | DISCO INFERNO 50 CENT（SHADY／AFTERMATH／INTERSCDPE） |  | 0 | 45 | 2 | ENERGY <br> natalie feat．baby bash（LATUMMUNIVERSAL／UMRG） |  |
| 13 | 20 | 15 | COLLIDE Howil day（EPIC） | ＊ | 43 | 4： | 2 | LIKE YOU <br> dador yanke（EL CARTELNIMAGHETE） |  |
| 15 | 26 | 6 | LISTEN TO YOUR HEART D．R．T．（ROBBINS） | W | 44 | － | 1 | COOL GWEN STEFAN（IMTERSCOPE） |  |
| 20 | 28 | 3 | PON DE REPLAY RiHANNA（SRP／DEF JAM／IDJMG） |  | 45 | 46 | 4 | WAIT（THE WHISPER SONG） ying vang twins（COLLIPARK／tvt） |  |
| 21 | 4 | 13 | hate it or love it the game feat 50 CENT（ATERMMATGGUNTANTERSCOPE | H | 46 | 4. | 20 | IT＇S LIKE THAT MARIAH CAREY（ISLAND／IDJMG） |  |
| $(22)$ | 25 | 14 | CHARIOT GAVIN DEGRAW（J／RMG） | H | 47 | － | 1 | ASS LIKE THAT Eminem（SHADV／AFTEAMATH／INTERSCOPE） |  |
| 23 | ＋ 9 | 20 | KARMA ALICIA KEYS（J／RMG） | 出 | 4 | － | 1 | SPEED OF SOUND collpplay（Gapitol） |  |
| 24 | 27 | 8 | UNTTTLED（HOW CAN THIS HAPPEN TO ME？ SIMPLE PLAN（LAVA） | H | 49 | 41 | 10 | SHE＇S NO YOU JESSE MCCARTNEY（HOLLYWOOD） |  |
| 25 | 21 | 26 | BOULEVARD OF BROKEN DREAMS GREEN DAY（REPRISE） | H | 50 | 4E | 18 | ALMOST <br> bowLing for soup（SILVERTDNE／JIVE／ZOMBA） |  |

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| JAPA ROACH Scars gefren（66．7） | 11 |
| HC WIE DAY Collide EPIC（77．3） | $1 E$ |
| DIC．－Listen To Your Heart robbins（72．9） | 15 |
| BTEVIN DEGRAW Chariot Amg（66．1） | $2{ }^{25}$ |
| SIMPLE PLAN |  |
| Omflled How Can This Happen To Me？）Lava（77．4） | 22 |
| LIFE HOUSE You And Me geffen（70．5） | $2 E$ |
| Gffeen Day Holiday REpalse（73．4） | ॐ |
| CROSSFADE Cold coumsun（74．1） | 3 |
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sit／CI Blinding Lights INTEASCDPE（68．2）
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\hline 1 & 1 & & WE BELONG TOGETHER MARIAH CAREY（ISLANDADJMG） & & 9 & 32 & 5 & \begin{tabular}{l}
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\hline 2 & 2 & ？ & SLOW DOWN bobey valentino（OTP／DEE Jamiojuma） & & 27 & 24 & 16 & ALL BECAUSE OF YOU maraues houston fent．Young rome（tu．g．／Universaluumag） & 曷 \\
\hline 3 & 4 & \(2)\) & WAIT（THE WHISPER SONG） Ying yang twins（COlLIPARKTVT） & & 12 & 34 & 8 & BACK THEN MIIE JONES（SWISHAHDUSE／ASYLUMIWARNER BROS．） & \\
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JUST A LIL BIT \\
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OH \\
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\hline 6 & 3 & i］ & TRAPPED IN THE CLOSET f．кELIY（JIVE／ZOMBA） & ＊ & 3. & 4 & 10 & MAKE HER FEEL GOOD tenirra marl（roc－a－FElLADEE JamidJMG） & \\
\hline 5 & 8 & 13 & FREE YOURSELF fantasia（J／Rmgi & A & 36 & 23 & 31 & \begin{tabular}{l}
ORDINARY PEOPLE \\
JOHN LEGEND（G OOD OD／COLUMBIASUM）
\end{tabular} & 出 \\
\hline 8 & 9 & 13 & GRIND WITH ME PRETTY RICKY（ATLANIIC） & ＊ & 35 & 45 & 7 & \begin{tabular}{l}
SO SEDUCTIVE \\
tony Yayo feat 50 CENT（G－UNIT／INTERSCOPE）
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\hline 9 & 7 & 20 & U ALREADY KNOW 112 feat．Foxy brown（DEF SOULIDJMG） & ＊ & 32 & 26 & 23 & HATE IT OR LOVE IT THE GAME FEAT． 50 CENT（ GAFTERMATH／G－UNIt／／NTERSCOPE） & H \\
\hline 19 & 1 & 2 & \begin{tabular}{l}
GIVE ME THAT \\
Webbie feat．bun e（TRILL／aSYlum）
\end{tabular} & & 35 & ：6 & 17 & CAN＇T SATISFY HER I WAYNE（VP） & \\
\hline 11 & 12 & 17 & CATER 2 U DESTINY＇S CHILO（COLUMBIA／SUM） & & 00 & ：8 & 9 & LOSE CONTROL MISSY ELLIOTT（THE GOLD MIND／ATLAMTIC） & 4 \\
\hline 12 & 16 & － & LET ME HOLD YOU bow wow feat omarion（COLumbia／sum） & W & 0 & 4 & 7 & TOUCH OMaRION（T．U．G．／EPIC／SUM） & \\
\hline 13 & 21 & 17 & MUST BE NICE LYFE JENNINGS（COLUMBIASUM） & \＃ & 33 & 27 & 28 & \begin{tabular}{l}
U DON＇T KNOW ME \\
ti．（GRand hustle／artantic）
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\hline 14 & 13 & ： 0 & TRUTH IS fantasia（J／RMg & 耍 & 39 & 30 & － 0 & \begin{tabular}{l}
DA MVP \\
mary J．Qlige feat．the game \＆ 50 Cent（GEFFeninterscope）
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TRILLVILLE FEAT．CUTTY（BME／WARNER BROS．）
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\hline 16 & 10 & \(=6\) & I＇M A HUSTLA CASSIOY（FULL SURFACEJ／RMG） & t & （9） & 50 & 5 & \begin{tabular}{l}
AND THEN WHAT \\
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\end{tabular} & \\
\hline 12 & 31 & 1 & PIMPIN＇ALL OVER THE WORLD LUDACRIS FEAT BOBBY YALENTINO（DTP／DEF JAM SOUTH／IDJME） & 由 & 43 & 47 & 16 & \begin{tabular}{l}
ICY \\
GuCCI Mane（BIG CAT）
\end{tabular} & \\
\hline 1. & 30 & 4 & HOLLABACK GIRL GWen Stefant（INTERSCOPE） & & 43 & 40 & 9 & （I JUST WANT IT）TO BE OVER KEYSHLA COLE（A\＆M／NTERSCOPE） & \\
\hline 1 & 17 & 1 & \begin{tabular}{l}
ASAP \\
t．i．（GRAND huStLE／ATLANTIC）
\end{tabular} & \＃ & 4 & 41 & 42 & DROP IT LIKE IT＇S HOT SNOOP DOGG FEAT．PHARREL（DOGGYSTYLE／GEFFENINTERSCOPE） & ＊ \\
\hline 2 C & 15 & 18 & AGAIN Faith evans（capitol） & ＊ & 45 & 43 & 22 & EVERYTIME YOU GO AWAY BRIAN MCKNIGHT（MOTOWN／UMRG） & \\
\hline 31 & 25 & 5 & \begin{tabular}{l}
DEM BOYZ \\
BOYZ N DA HOOD（BAD BOY）
\end{tabular} & & （3） & 37 & 9 & GOTTA MAKE IT TREY SOMGZ FEAT．TWISTA（SONG BOOK／atlantic） & \\
\hline 22 & 14 & 17 & HOW COULD YOU mario（3RD STREET／J／RMG） & 出 & 47 & 14 & 8 & I＇M READY MINT CONDITION（CAGED BIRD／IMAGE） & \\
\hline 23 & 18 & 38 & LET ME LOVE YOU mario（3Rd STaEETJJ／amG） & 由 & E & 53 & 8 & WELCOME TO JAMROCK DAMIAN＂JR．GONG＂MARLEY（GHETTO YOUTHS／TUFF GONG） & \\
\hline 24 & 22 & 21 & I CAN＇T STOP LOVING YOU KEm（MOTOWN／UMAG） & & －3 & 56 & 3 & \begin{tabular}{l}
GO！ \\
COMMON FEAT．JOHN MAYER（G．O．O．D．／GEFFENINTERSCOPE）
\end{tabular} & \\
\hline 25 & 28 & ［23 & 1 THING
AMERIE（COLUMBIA／SUM） & & E & 51 & 4 & CHARLIE LAST NAME：WILSON CHARLIE WILSON（JIVEIZOMBA） & \\
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\hline 1 & 1 & 11 & in the kitchen／trapped in the closet（Chapter 1 OF 5） Я．KELLY（JIVEZZOMBA） \\
\hline 2 & 3 & 8 & DON＇T CHA THE PUSSYCAT DOLLS（ARMINTERSCOPE） \\
\hline 3 & 13 & 2 & \begin{tabular}{l}
SO SEDUCTIVE \\
TONY YAYO FEAT． 50 CENT（G－UNIT／TNTEASCOPE）
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 4 & 6 & 6 & BE ME RUIN（BLAQ PSYIRCLE） \\
\hline 6 & 4 & 8 & BIG WHEELS GLASS JOE EEAT．PRETTY RICHY（FELONIOUS） \\
\hline 6 & 2 & 4 & \begin{tabular}{l}
SO FRESH \\
MIRANDA（WORLD AFFLIATED ENTERTAINMENT）
\end{tabular} \\
\hline \％ & 1 & 3 & BROKE \＆TRIFLIN＇ timbuk II（RAW naked／STheet Paide） \\
\hline 8 & 10 & & JUST A LIL BIT 50 CENT（Shady／aftermathintenscope） \\
\hline 9 & & & \begin{tabular}{l}
DREAMS \\
the game（aftermath／g－unt／anterscope）
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\hline 10 & 14 & 9 & HOLLABACK GIRL giwen steran（INTERSCOPE） \\
\hline 11 & 43 & 2 & UPS \＆DOWNS SNOOP DOGG（DOGGYSTYLL／GEFFEN／NTERSCOPE） \\
\hline 12 & 39 & 2 & TELL ME BOBBY VALENTINO（DTP／DEF JAMADJMG） \\
\hline 13 & & & \begin{tabular}{l}
GET IT POPPIN＇ \\
FAT JOE FEAI．NELIY（TERROR SOUADDATLANTIC）
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 14 & & 1 & LOSE CONTROL MISSY ELLIOTT（THE GOLD MIND／ATLANTIC） \\
\hline 15 & 15 & 3 & PON DE REPLAY RIHANNA（SRP／DEF JAM／IDJMG） \\
\hline 16 & 11 & 29 & GOTTA GO SOLO patti Labelle feat ron isley（Def soul Classics／idjma） \\
\hline 17 & & 2 & KAL－I－4－NIA DREAM＇N keElY B（NEGRIL WEST／ORPHEUS） \\
\hline （1） & & & DO THE DAMN THING RUPEE FEAT．LI＇KIM（BOOMTUNES／ATLANTC） \\
\hline 4＊ & 21 & 10 & \begin{tabular}{l}
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\hline （\％） & & 1 & ASS LIKE THAT Eminem（Shady／aftermath／nterscope） \\
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ASCAP／MOTIVATION \\
t．I．（GRAND HUSTLE／ATLANTIC）
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 22 & 7 & 17 & GUESS WHO LOVES YOU MORE raheem devaugh（JivezZomba） \\
\hline 23 & 24 & 14 & SLOW DOWN bobbr valentimo（DTP／DEF Jam／IDJMG） \\
\hline 24 & 9 & 15 & WAIT（THE WHISPER SONG） YIMG Yang twins（COLLIPARKTVVI） \\
\hline 25 & 17 & 3 & \begin{tabular}{l}
GANGSTA PARTY \\
joe budden feat．nate oocg（On top／Def Jamidjumg）
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ARIIST（IMPPINT／PROMOTION IABEL）
\＃1 WE BELONG TOGETHER
AWKS MARIAH CAREY（ISLANDIOJMG）
JUS MARAA CABES（ISLAND／OJMG）
50 CENT（SHADY／AFTERMATH／INTERSCOPE）
OH
ClaRA FEAT．LUDACRIS（SHO＇NUFF－MUSICLINELAFACE／ZOMBA）
HOLLABACK GIRL
GWEE STEFANI（INTERSCOPE
GRIND WITH ME
PRETTY RIGGY（ATLANTC
PRETTY RICGY（ATLLANTC
FRRNKIE J（COLUMBIASUM）
GAT JOE FEAT．MELY（TEAROR SQUAD／ATLANTIC
HATE IT OR LOVE IT
THE GAME FEAT 50 CENT（AATEAMATH／G－UNIT／／ITERSCOPE
LOSE CONTROL
MISY ELLIOTT FEAT．CIARA \＆FAT MAN SCOOP（THE GOLD MIND／ATLANTIC）
BABY I＇M BACK
BABY BASH FEAT．AKON（LATUMM／UNIVERSALUMRG）
ENERGY
ENERGY
MATALLE FEAT，BABY BASH（LLATUM／UNIVERSAL／UMRG）
SLOW DOWN
GIRLFIGHT（DTP／DEF JAM／IDJMG）
brooke valentine feat．LiL Jon a big bol（SUBLIMINALNIRGIN）
SUMMER NIGHTS
LIL ROB（UPSTARS）
LLL ROB（UPSTAARS）
SOME CUT
TRILLVILLE FEAT．Cutty（BMe／WARNER BROS．）
HOW COULD YOU
PON DE REPLAY

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WAIT（THE WHISPER SONG）
YING YANG TWHS（COLLPARKITVT）
YIMG YANG TWINS（COLLIPARKTVYT）
CANDY SHOP
50 CENT FEAT．OLIVIA（SHADY／AFTERMATHINTERSCOPE）
MAKE HER FEEL GOOD
TEARRA MARI（ROC－A．FELLADEF JAMIDIMG）
LET ME HOLD YOU
\begin{tabular}{l} 
LET ME HOLD \\
BOW WOW FERT．OMARION（COLUMBIASUM） \\
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\end{tabular}
OBSESSSION（NO ES AMOR）
FRANKE J FEAT AABY BASH COLUMBIASUM
FRANKKIE J FEAT BABY BASH（COLUMBIASUMM）
PIMPIN＇ALL OVER THE WORL
PIMPIN＇ALL OVER THE WORLD
LUAACIIS FETA．BOBBY VALEETINO（OTP／DEE JAM SOUTHIDJMG
DON＇T PHUNK WITH MY HEART

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fREE YOUASELF
fantasia（Jfmg
AGIITHEVANS（CAPITOL）
FAL
TRUTH IS
fantasia
IURMG
WE BELONG TOGETHER
MARIAH CAREY（ISLANDIIDJMG）
EVERYTIME YOU GO AWAY
FOREVER，FOR ALWAYS，FOR LOVE
ordinary people
JOHN LEGEND（ \(G .0 .0 .0\) ．COLUMBIASUM）
I＇M READY
MINT CONDITION（CAGED BIRO／IMAGE）
GIRL
PURIFY ME
PURIFY ME
INDIA．ARIE（ROWDY／MOTOWN／UMRG）
LET ME LOVE YOU
CHARLIE LAST NAME：WILSON
CHARLIE LAST NAME：WILSON
CHARLIE WILSON（JVEZZDMEA）
SO WHAT THE FUSS
STEVIE WONDER（MOTOWN／UMRG）
TRAPPED IN THE CLOSET
A．XELY（AVEZZOMBA）
SERIOUS
ANITA BAKER（BLUE NOTENIRGIN）
CROSS MY MIND
GOTTA GO GOTTA LEAVE（TIRED）
SO WHAT（IF YOU GOT A BABY）
GUESS WHO LOVES YOU MORE
RAHEEM DEVAUGH（JIVE／ZOMBA）
BETTER AND BETTER
LaLAH HATHAWAY（MESA BLUEMOON／PYRAMID）
SORRY FOR THE STUPID THINGS
IABYFAGE（JJRMG）
GREATEST FROM THE BOTTTOM OF MY HEART
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SLOW DOWN
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Bow wow Let Me hold You sum（90．3）
LYFE JENNINGS Mast Be Nice Sum（73．1）
THE GAME Dreams INTERSCOPE（85．2）
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ACIAH GAREY We Belong Together IDJmg（70．7）
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WEN STEFAN：Hollaback Girt INTERSCOPE（75．5）
ELLIOTHT Lose Conlrol arlantic（77．7）
How Could You RMG（74．5）
Dreams witeasccpe（79．9）
Let Me Hold You sum（80．4）
Trapped In The Closet 20MBA（72．0）

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\section*{FRESH FACES ROCK COUNTRY LIST}
"I'm Ragged, but I'm Right," an old song title from the George Jones songbook, might be an apt descriptive for a new crop of acts inside the top 40 on Top Country Albums. All made their
 debuts during the first half of the year, and each are marked by an edgy rock-influenced sound.
Comprising rapper Cowboy Troy (No. 5), Southern rockers Van Zant (No. 13) and newcomers Keith Anderson (No. 20), Shooter Jennings (No. 29) and Bobby Pinson (No. 37). this group of energetic acts all debuted inside the top 30 , and cumulatively move about 52,000 copies this issue.
Jennings reclaims his previous peak position this week ( \(37-29\), up \(16 \%\) ), while Anderson moves back into the top 20 for the first time in three weeks ( \(23-20\), up \(5 \%\) ).
-Wade jessen
Data for week of JUNE 25, 2005 CHARTS LEGEND on Page 66

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\section*{COUNTRY}

SINGLES SAIES


IF SHE WERE ANY OTHER WOMAN
DREAM BIG
RYFN SHUPE \＆THE RUBBER BAND（CAPTTOL）
RESTLESS
ALISON KRAUSS＋UNION STATION（ROUNDER）
THE BUMPER OF MY S．U．V．
CHELY WRIGHT（PAINTED RED）
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JOINNY CAS
VIVA LAS VEGAS
THI GRASCALSWITH SPECIAL GUEST DOLLY PAATON（ROUNDER）
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YOU DON＇T LIE HERE ANYMORE
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\section*{COUNTRY MUSIC UPDATE}

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\section*{BETWEEN THE BULLE \({ }^{-}\)；wjessen＠billboard．com}

\section*{IN TIGHT RACE，URBAN EDGES FLATTS’＇CARS’}

With a razor－thin marcin of 9，000 au－ dience impressions，Keith Jrban ekes out a fifth week at No．＝wi．h＂Making Memories of Ls．＂That holds Rascal Flatts＇＂Fast Cars and Freecom＂in the runner－up slot for a second week despite the trio＇s increase of 2.5 milion
Urban＇s vic：ory is thenarrowest since Billboard switched to an audience－ based chart in Septemier 199\％，mark－ ing only the third time hat fewer than


50，000 audience impressions deter mined the top contender．

Prior to this week＇s race，the clos－ est margin was 45,000 impressions， which separated Gary Allan＇s＂Norh－ ing on but the Radio＂and Kenny Chesney＇s＂The Woman With Ycu＂ on the chart dated Dec．4，2064． Down 420,000 from the prior wesk， Urban finishes with 34.95 million impressions．
－Wade Jesen

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4 LATIN SONGS

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\hline 28 & 19 & 17 & 22 & \begin{tabular}{l}
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G．SANTAOLALLA．JUANES（JUANES）
\end{tabular} & Juanes SURCO／UNIVERSAL LATINO & \\
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LUNA LLENA \\
m．ountere lara（M．OUINTERO Lara）
\end{tabular} & Los Tucanes De Tijuana unvensal Latioo & 21 \\
\hline 29 & 32 & 40 & \(\square\) & \begin{tabular}{l}
MI CREDO \\
K－paz de la sieara（fato）
\end{tabular} & K－Paz De La Sierra & 29 \\
\hline 30 & 28 & 31 & 7 & HASTA EL FIN M．O＇LEON（B．MORILLO） & Monchy \＆Alexandra ds N & 25 \\
\hline 31 & 26 & 19 & 12 & \begin{tabular}{l}
COMO PUDISTE \\
S．KRYS，J．SOMELLLAN（0．BERMUDEZ．J．C．PEREZ SOTO）
\end{tabular} & Obie Bermudez emilatin & \\
\hline 32 & 39 & 34 & 17 & \begin{tabular}{l}
SI LA QUIERES \\
LOS hOROSCOPOS DE DURANGO（A．B．OUINTANILLA III，R．VELA）
\end{tabular} & Los Horoscopos De Durango PROCAN／DISA & 11 \\
\hline \((33)\) & 35 & 28 & 16 & QUE LASTIMA A．BaOUERO（JFLORES） & Alejandro Fernandez SONY OISCOS & 15 \\
\hline 34 & 41 & 46 & 3 & DUENO DETI S．VEGA（L．E．LOPEZ） & Sergio Vega SONY OISCOS & 34 \\
\hline 35 & & & 19 & \begin{tabular}{l}
OYE MI CANTO N．O．R．E．Featuring Daddy \\

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Yankee，Nina Sky，Gem Star \＆Big Mato \\

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\hline 36 & 31 & 3 & 7 & PORQUE TU NO ESTAS not listed（J．CARLO，E．REYES） & Janina UNIVISION & 26 \\
\hline 37 & 40 & 33 & 21 & EL AUTOBUS PaGGILAR，M，CAZARES（FATO） & Pepe Aguilar SONY OISCOS & 17 \\
\hline \((38)\) & 36 & 32 & 5 & TIEMPO r．munoz．b．martinez（A．martinez） & Intocable EMI LATIN & 27 \\
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YO QUISIERA \\
a．vazauez（J．amava，a vazouez）
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\hline 40 & 25 & 27 & 19 & ADIOS AMOR TE VAS A．Aamirez corral（J．Gabriel） & Grupo Montez De Durango DiSA & 9 \\
\hline 41 & & & 1 & LA LOCURA AUTOMATICA la secta allstar（g．LaUREANO） & La Secta Allstar UNIVERSAL LATINO & 41 \\
\hline 42 & 42 & 11 & 5 & ASI COMO HOY A．Garcia lbarra（0．alfanno） & Alegres De La Sierra VIVA & 39 \\
\hline 43 & 44 & － & 8 & \begin{tabular}{l}
MIRA ME \\
LUNYTUNES（R．AYALA，DI．SALDANA）
\end{tabular} & Daddy Yankee VI／MACHETE & 43 \\
\hline 44 & 33 & 21 & 28 & TOCANDO FONDO М．ООММ（М．ООММ，Е．GUECHA） & Kalimba
sony discos & 15 \\
\hline 45 & & w & 1 & EL UNIVERSO SOBRE MI C．JENKINS（E．AMABAL，J．AGUIRRE） & Amaral EMI LATIN & 45 \\
\hline 46 & & \％ & 1 & \begin{tabular}{l}
YA ME HABIAN DICHO \\
PRIVERA，L．RIVERA（S．MAGIAS SALGADO，R．RONQULLLO VON HOR
\end{tabular} & Lupillo Rivera UNIVISION & 46 \\
\hline （47） & & Hiny & 3 & YA NO LLORES R．AYALA（R．AYALA） & Ramon Ayala Y Sus Bravos Del Norte FREDDIE & 47 \\
\hline 48 & 48 & 35 & 9 & \begin{tabular}{l}
PERDONA MIS ERRORES \\
G．ALCARAZ，N．A．LEEEZMA（0．ORTIZ，V．O．DIAZ RODRIGUEZ）
\end{tabular} & El Coyote Y Su Banda Tierra Santa UNVVISION & 28 \\
\hline 48 & & & 5 & ES MI SOLEDAD X．PEREZ．T．LATORRE（A．OROZCO） & Antonio Orozco universal Latino & 37 \\
\hline 50 & 47 & & 9 & VEN TU GEO（W．BRAZOBAN） & Domenic M J\＆N & 28 \\
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\hline \(z\) & 1 & & 48 & DADDY YANKEE
EL CARTELN1 450639MACHETE（15．98）Barrio Fino & \(\square\) & 1 & 27 & 4741 & 7 & RAGE LA SA ESTACION Flores Dé Alquiler STITEB SONY OISCOS 62127 （12．98） & & 27 \\
\hline 3 & 2 & 2 & 3 & MARCO ANTONIO SOLIS
FONOVISA \(351643 / L / L G\)
（13．98）\(\oplus\)（ La Historia Continua．．．Parte II & & 1 & 28 & 1512 & 3 & DUELO & & 12 \\
\hline ＊ & 5 & 4 & 21 & VARIOUS ARTISTS Chosen Few：EI Documental
CHOSEN FEW EMERALD 12061 UUBAN BOX OFFICE \((13.88\) Co／OVO）\(\oplus \rightarrow\) & & 1 & 29 & \(25 \quad 26\) & 11 & VARIOUS ARTISTS The Hitmakers Of Reggaeton
VI 450713／WACH \(\operatorname{TIE}(18.98\) co／／VV）\(\Theta\) & & 10 \\
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\hline PATRULLA 81 \\
DISA 720526（12．98）\(\oplus\)（
\end{tabular} & & 2 & 30 & \(20 \quad 19\) & 5 &  & & 9 \\
\hline 3 & 6 & 6 & 81 & JUANES & － & 1 & 31 & 2420 & 3 & \begin{tabular}{ll}
\hline BANDÄ EL RECODO \\
FONOVISA 35163\() / U G(13.98) \oplus\) & Hay Amor
\end{tabular} & & 20 \\
\hline \(\bigcirc\) & 8 & 10 & 13 & LUNYTUNES \＆BABY RANKS
MAS FLOW 230007／UNIVEASAL LATINO（14．98）Mas Flow 2 & \(\square\) & 2 & ㄹ & \(28 \quad 23\) & 11 & VICENTE FERNANDEZ Nis Corridcs Consentidos
SONY OISCOS 95324（12．98） & & 5 \\
\hline a & 4 & 8 & 3 & \(\underset{\text { VARA } 720537 \text {（12．98）} \oplus}{\text { VASTS }}\) Explosion Duranguense & & 4 & 33 & \(26 \quad 24\) & 17 & \begin{tabular}{l}
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EMI LATIN 93613 （16．98）
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\hline 9 & 9 & 7 & 3 & LUPILLO RIVERA El Rey De Las Cantinas & & 7 & 34 & 33 31 & 15 & LOS HOROSCOPOS DE DURANGO Y Seguimos Son Duranglensel！！
DISA 720503 （14 98）\(\oplus\) & & 2 \\
\hline & & & 1 & ZION \＆LENNOX Motivando A La Yal：Special Edition WHITE LION 95748／SONY OISCOS（16．98） & & 10 & 35 & 3933 & 11 & \begin{tabular}{l} 
CHAYANNE \\
SONY OISCOS 95378 （17．98） \\
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\end{tabular} & & 8 \\
\hline & 21 & 16 & 13 & GREAIESTI RBD Rebelde
GAINER
EML LATIN 75552 （14．28）R & & 11 & 36 & 3027 & 11 & VARIOUS ARTISTS Reggaeton Club Anthems FLOW／MACHETE 290004／UNIVERSAL LATINO（17．98 ：0\％／OVO）（9） & & 16 \\
\hline E & 12 & 11 & 5 & vARIOUS ARTISTS LOs Bandoleros：The First Don Omal Production ALLSTARMI 450673／MACHETE（15．98） & & ＋ & 37 & 3737 & 46 & MANA
WARNER LATINA 61046（18．98）Eclipse & & 2 \\
\hline \％ & 10 & 5 & 3 & ALACRANES MUSICAL
UNVISION \(310384 / U G\)（13．98）\(\oplus\) & & \(\bullet\) & 38 & \(35 \quad 36\) & 17 & LOS CANINANTES Tesoros De Colecciun：Lo Fomantio De Los Caminantes SONY OISCOS 95337（9．98） & & 22 \\
\hline \(\cdots\) & 11 & 52 & 3 & JAGUARES
SONY OISCOS \(94044\{15.98) \quad\) Cronicas De Un Laberinto & & & 39 & 4139 & 58 & RAMON AYALA Y SUS BRAVOS DEL NJRTE anto
FREDODIE 1890 （15．98）Un & & 16 \\
\hline 15 & 16 & 17 & 19 & GRUPO MONTEZ DE DURANGO Y Sigue La Mata Dando
OISA \(720464(12.98) \oplus\) & \(\theta\) & \＄ & 40 & 3435 & 5 & DON OMAR
VI 450618／NACHETE（17．98）The Last Don：Live & \(\square\) & 2 \\
\hline ＊ & 13 & － & 2 & RAMON AYYLA Y SUS BRAVOS DEL NORTE Ya No Uores：EID Disco Ovue Se Ve
FREDOIE \(1915(16.98) \oplus\) & & 4 & 41 & 3629 & 38 & LOS TEMERARIOS La Mejor．．．Coleccion & & 2 \\
\hline \(\pi\) & 17 & 13 & 11 & LOS TIGRES DEL NORTE Directo Al Corazon FONOVISA 351601／UG（14．98）© & & 1 & 42 & 2934 & 5 & RIGO TOVAR
FONOVISA 351939 UG（14．98） La Historic De Un Idolo & & 17 \\
\hline 18 & 32 & 30 & 14 & \begin{tabular}{ll}
\hline REYLI \\
SONY OISCOS 93414 （15．98） & En La Luna \\
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\end{tabular} & & ＋ & 43 & 4038 & 11 & A．B．QUINTANILLA III PRESENTS KUMBIA KNGS Duetos EMI LATIN 73410 （16．98）© + & 0 & 11 \\
\hline \％ & 23 & 18 & 5 & VARIOUS ARTISTS
EM LATIN 77340 （16．98） & & 10 & 44 & \(42 \quad 32\) & 48 & LOS TEMERARIOS
FONOVISA 351342 UUG（15．98） Veintisiete & & 1 \\
\hline （2） & 31 & 25 & 8 & CAFE TACUBA Un Viaje & & 11 & 45 & \(46 \quad 45\) & 50 & VICENTE FERNANDEZ Tesoros De Coleccion SONY DISCOS 95 241（9．98） & & 8 \\
\hline 21 & 14 & 14 & 3 & VARIOUS ARTISTS
Reggaeton All Stars & & 14 & 46 & new & 1 & JUAN GOTTI
WARNER LATINA 52228 （17．98）John Ghetto & & 46 \\
\hline \(=\) & 19 & 22 & 12 & ANA BARBARA／JENNIFER PENA Confesiones
FONOVISA \(351791 / U G\)（ 14.98 ） 9 （9） & & 6 & 47 & 4444 & 1 & LUIS MIGUEL
WARNER LATINA う1977（17．98） Mexizo En La Piel & \(\square\) & 1 \\
\hline （20） & 27 & 28 & 8 & \begin{tabular}{ll}
\hline OLGA TANON \\
SONY DISCOS 95679 （t6．98） & Una Nueva Mujer
\end{tabular} & & 5 & 48 & 4948 & 6 & VARIOUS ARTISTS Reggaeton Con Gasolina madacy Latino \(51065 / \mathrm{MADACY}\)（7．98： & & 48 \\
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AVENTURA \\
PREMIUM LATIN 94082／SONY DISCOS（13．98）God＇s Project \\
\hline
\end{tabular} & & 5 & 49 & \(43 \quad 42\) & 7 & DJ TEPEHUANES
DISA 720527（12 98） & & 19 \\
\hline 56 & 45 & 43 & 6 & LA SECTA ALLSTAR
UNivERSAL Latino 457702
（114．98） \(\quad\) Consejo & & 8 & 50 & 5447 & 52 & \begin{tabular}{l}
JULIETA VENEGAS \\
ARIOLA 57447／BIMG LATIN（ 14.98 ）
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\hline 51 & \multicolumn{2}{|r|}{12\％} & & GRUPO BRYNDIS／SAMURAY Lo Mas Ranchero De DISA 720540 （10．98） & & \\
\hline 52 & 48 & 46 & 14 & GRUPO HANYAK Duranguence A Todo Lo Que Da MADACY LATINO 51037／MADACY（12．98） & & \\
\hline 53 & 55 & 53 & 22 & \begin{tabular}{l} 
GRUPO EXTERMINADOR 30 Recuerdos \\
\hline FONDVISA \(351612 / U G\)（11．98）
\end{tabular} & & \\
\hline 54 & 38 & 40 & \(\checkmark\) & \begin{tabular}{l} 
MARIANA \\
UNIVISION \(310396 / U G(13.98) \oplus\) \\
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\end{tabular} & & \\
\hline 55 & 51 & 57 & 3 & VARIOUS ARTISTS Arcoiris Musical Mexicano De Coleccion UNVIIION 310445／UG（13．98）© & & \\
\hline 56 & 53 & 51 & 9 & \begin{tabular}{l} 
LA MAFIA \\
SONY DISCOS 94090 （9．98）Tesoros De Coleccion \\
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\end{tabular} & & \\
\hline 57 & 59 & 56 & Y & LUNYTUNES
MAS FLOW／GOLO STAR 180008／UNIVERSAL LATINO（18．98） & & \\
\hline 58 & 50 & 55 & 5 & LOS ACOSTA
FONOVISA 351638／UG（14．98）© & & \\
\hline 58 & 57 & 50 & 13 & DADDY YANKEE Ahora Le Toca Al Cangri！Live V1 450710 MMACHETE（15．98） & & \\
\hline 60 & 56 & 54 & 12 & \begin{tabular}{ll} 
LOS TEMERARIOS \\
SONY OISCOS 95694 （12．98） & Tesoros De Colecclon
\end{tabular} & & \\
\hline 61 & 62 & 49 & 3 & CONJUNTO PRIMAVERA／BANDA EL RECODO 20 Llegadoras UNVIIION 310398／UG（14．98）（） & & \\
\hline 62 & 65 & 66 & 41 & \begin{tabular}{ll} 
JAVIER SOLIS & Tesoros De Coleccion \\
SONY OISCOS 95328 （9．98） & \\
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\end{tabular} & & \\
\hline 63 & 61 & 62 & 12 & GRUPO MOJADD：ANDUSTRIA DEL AMORLLOS ACOSTA 30 Reclerdos
UNIVISION \(310377 / U G\)（ 11.98 ） & & \\
\hline 64 & & & 1 & DAVID BISBAL & & \\
\hline 65 & 58 & 68 & 35 & A．B．QUINTANILLA III PRESENTS KUMBIA KINGS Fuego
EMI LATIN \(90595(15.98)\) & － & \\
\hline 66 & & & 43 & LOS BUKIS
FONOVISA \(350895 / 4 G\)（13．98）
25 Joyas Musicales & & \\
\hline \(\infty\) & 67 & 70 & 23 & CHALINO SANCHEZ Coleccion De Oro & & \\
\hline 68 & 64 & － & 3 & \begin{tabular}{l} 
LAURA PAUSINI \\
WARNE LATMA 61896（17．98） \\
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\end{tabular} & & \\
\hline 69 & 62 & 61 & 4 & MONCHY \＆ALEXANDRA
J\＆N 95422／SONY DISC0S（15．98） \(\quad\) Hasta El Fin & & \\
\hline 70 & 73 & － & 2 & \begin{tabular}{ll} 
REIK & Reik \\
SONY DISCOS 95680 （14．98）
\end{tabular} & & \\
\hline 71 & 63 & 64 & 37 & JUAN LUIS GUERRA \(\quad\) Para Ti & & \\
\hline 72 & 60 & 60 & 26 & CARDENALES DE NUEVO LEON La Mejor．．．Coleccion DISA 720416 （ 9.98 ） & & \\
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OISA 720496 （ 11.98\() \oplus\) \\
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\hline 74 & 72 & 63 & 21 & \begin{tabular}{l}
\hline RIGO TOVAR \\
FONOVISA \(351603 / \mathrm{UG}\)（ 1.98 ）
\end{tabular} & & \\
\hline 75 & 66 & 69 & 43 & LOS CAMINANTES Tesoros De Coleccion：Puras Rancheras SONY DISCOS 95300 （9．98） & & \\
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\section*{POP}

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ARTIST（MPPRI
LA TORTURA
Shakilia featuring alejanoro sanz（EPIC／SONy discos）
LA CAMISA NEGRA
ALGO MAS
OBSESION（NO ES AMOR）
OBSESION（NO ES AMOR）
FRANKIE JFEATURING BABY BASH（COLUMBIA／SONY＇DISCOS）
\begin{tabular}{l} 
MIA \\
paulima mubio（Universal latino） \\
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\end{tabular}
VIVEME
LauRa pausini（Warner latina）
LO QUE PASO，PASO
DADDY YANKEE（EL CARTELMIMACHETE）
AMOR DEL BUENO
REYL（SONY DISCOS）
BANDOLERO
DLGA TANDN（SONY DISCO
PORQUE ES TAN CRUEL EL AMOR
CONTRA VIENTOS Y MAREAS
Chayanne（SDNY discos）
VENGADA
MAYOR QUE YO

ECHAME A MI LA CULPA
VOLVERTE A VER
JUanes（SURCO／UNVERSAL Latino）

\section*{TROPICAL}

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\hline 1 & 1 & \begin{tabular}{l}
MAYOR QUE YO \\

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\hline （2） & 2 & LO QUE PASO，PASO da00Y Yanke（EL catiel M／Machete） \\
\hline 3 & 4 & REGGAETON LATINO don omar（Chosen few emeral．durban box office） \\
\hline （4） & 15 & LA TORTURA shakira featuring alejandid sanz（epic／Sony discos） \\
\hline 3 & 6 & MIRA ME DADDY YANKEE（VIMACHETE） \\
\hline 6 & 9 & I LOVE SALSA NKLABE（NU／SONY DISCOS） \\
\hline 7 & 3 & \begin{tabular}{l}
DONQUEO \\
OON OMAR（ALLSTAR／V／MACHETE）
\end{tabular} \\
\hline B & 10 & HASTA EL FIN MONCHY \＆ALEXANDRA（J\＆N） \\
\hline 9 & 17 & \begin{tabular}{l}
ESTA NOCHE TRAVESURA \\
DJ NELSON（FLOW／UNIVERSAL LATINO）
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 10 & 7 & TU QUIERES DURO hector＂el bambino＂（New erauniversal latind） \\
\hline 11 & 5 & LA CAMISA NEGRA juanes（SURCO／UNIVERSAL Latino） \\
\hline 12 & 12 & QUE IRONIA anoY andY（WEPA／URBAN bOX OFFICE） \\
\hline （13） & 23 & SCANDALOUS cuban link（M．0．B．） \\
\hline 34 & 13 & \begin{tabular}{l}
SE FUE Y ME DEJO \\
Is mael miranoa featuring cheka \＆andy montanez（SGz）
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 15 & 11 & MACHETE \\
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REGIONAL．MEXICAN

\section*{ERES DIVINA}

HOY COMO AYER
CONJUNTO PRIMAVERA（FONOVISA）
LA SORPRESA
LOS TIGRES OEL NORTE
LOS TGGRES OEL NORTE（FONDVISA）
NI EN DEFENSA PROPIA
LOS TEMERARIOS（FONOVISA）
QUE MAS QUISIERA
AIRE
intocable（em latin）
Y LAS MARIPOSAS
pancho bablaza（musart／bal
YO ME QUEDE SIN NADIE
LUNA LLENA
los tucanes de thuana（universal latina
MI CREDO
NO ME QUEDA MAS
SI LA QUIER
LOS HOROSCOPOS DE DURANGO（PRDCAN／DISA
DUENO DE TI
SERGIO VEGA（SONY DISCOS）
TIEMPO
INEOCABLE（EMIL
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ADIOS AMOR TE VAS
GRUPO MONTEZ DE DUBANGO

\section*{O Latin albums}

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\hline 1 & & \begin{tabular}{l}
SHAKIRA \\
FIJACION ORAL VOL． 1 （EPIC／SONY MUSIC）
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 2 & 1 & MARCO ANTONIO SOLIS LA HISTORIA CONINUR．．．PARTE I I（FONOVISAUG） \\
\hline 3 & 2 & \begin{tabular}{l}
JUANES \\
MI SANGAE（SURCO／UHIVERSAL LATINO）
\end{tabular} \\
\hline (4) & 4 & RBD AEBELDE（EMI LatiN） \\
\hline 5 & 3 & \begin{tabular}{l}
JAGUARES \\
CRONICAS DE UN LABERRITO（SONY OISCOS）
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 6 & 8 & \begin{tabular}{l}
REYLI \\
EN LA LUNA（SONY DISCOS）
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 27 & 5 & VARIOUS ARTISTS SELENA VIVE（EMI LATIN） \\
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8
\] & 7 & CAFE TACUBA UN VIAEE（UNIVERSAL LATINO） \\
\hline 9 & 6 & OLGA TANON una nueva mujer（SCNY discos） \\
\hline 10 & 13 & LA SECTA ALLSTAR CONSEJO（UNIVERSAL LATINO） \\
\hline 11 & 14 & LA 5A ESTACION FLORES DE ALQUILER（SONY DISCOS） \\
\hline 12 & 11 & CHAYANNE DESDE SIEMPRE（SONY DISCOS） \\
\hline 13 & 9 & MANA ECLIPSE（WARNER LATINA） \\
\hline 14 & 12 & A．B．QUINTANILLA III PRESENTS KUMBIA KINGS duetos（Emal latin） \\
\hline 15 & 15 & JULIETA VENEGAS 81 （ARIOLABMG LATIN） \\
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\section*{AVENTURA}

GOD＇S PROJJECT（PREM UM LATINSONY DISCOS）
MONCHY \＆ALEXANDRA
HASTA EL FIN（JanN／SOUY DISCOS）
JUAN LUIS GUERRA
JUAN LUIS GUERRA
PARA TI（VENE／UNVERSAL LATINO
PaRA TI（VENE／UNYERṠAL LATNO
VICTOR MANUELLE
EN VIVO DESOE CARNEGIE HALL（SONY DISCOS）
MARC ANTHONY
VARIOUS ARTISTS
PUTUMAYO PRESENTS：AFRO－LATIN PARTY（PUTUMAYO）
OLGA TANON
COMO OLVIDAR：LO MEJOR OE OLGA TANON（WARNER LATINA） ISMAEL MIRANDDA
iSMAEL MIAANA：EOICION ESP
ISMAEL MIAANDA：EOICON ESPECIAL（SGZ／SONY DISCOS）
9 10 CARLOS VIVES
VARIOUS ARTISTS
GILEERTO SANTA ROSA
VARIOUS ARTIST
VARIOUS ARTISTS
PUIERTO RICAN DAY PARADE 2005 All STARS（SONY DISCOS） TITO NIEVES
fabricando fantasias（SGz／sony oiscos）
CELIA CRUZ
N＇KLABE
RECIONAL MEXICAN

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PATRULLA 81
VARIOUS ARTISTS
EXPLOSION DURANGUENSE（DISA）
LUPILLO RIVERA
Q．REY OE LAS CANTIIAS（UNIVIIION／UG） ALACRANES MUSICAL
100\％ORIGINALES（UNIVISION／UG）
RAMON AYALA Y SUS BRAVOS DEL NORTE YA NO LLORES：EL DISCO QUE SE VE（FREDDIE）
LOS TIGRES DEL NORTE
DIRECTO AL CORAZON（FONOVISA／UG）
ANA BARBARA／JENNIFER PENA
LOS HURACANES DEL NORTE
Dejate duerer（UNIVIION／UG）
DUELO
entl anta de suenos（univision／ug）
BANDA EL RECODO
HAY AMOR（fONOVISAUG）
VICENTE FERNANDEZ
INTOCABLE
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LOS HOROSCOPOS DE DURANGO
Y SEGUIMOS CON OURAVGUENS
LOS CAMINANTES

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DANCE CLUB PI．AY
\end{tabular}} \\
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\hline & & &  \\
\hline 4 & 2 & & What APPESS TOMORROW（ RAUHOOFER \\
\hline 5 & 8 & & HoLrwood Swingin \\
\hline & 10 & & LIVE YOU ALL OVER \\
\hline & & & 隹 \\
\hline 7 & 1.10 & & ONE Word（ChHIIS COXM，R Reiz \\
\hline B & 11 & 8 & －THE OML ONE（A，MORAESSIS YOUNAN MIES \\
\hline － & 15 & & OOESNT RALIY MATTER \\
\hline 10 & 14 & 6 &  \\
\hline 11 & 5 & 10 & 1 FEEL YOU \\
\hline 12 & 6 & & LIFT IT UP \\
\hline 13 & 7 & 19 & MOST PRECIOUS \(L\) L \\
\hline 14 & 17 & 8 & SOUND OF THE DRUM \\
\hline 15 & 9 & 8 & MOTHEE ANV FATHER（P R RUUOFER R REIMX \\
\hline 16 & 23 & 4 & SUMMER MOON \\
\hline 17 & 22 & 5 &  \\
\hline 18 & 20 & 8 & voodoo \\
\hline 19 & 29 & 4 & GIRL（J．VASSUEZIM．Joshua mixes） \\
\hline 20 & 28 & 6 & KILLIN ME（WHERE DID（GO WROH3） \\
\hline 21 & 32 & 3 & GOTTA GO GOTTA LEAVE（TIRED \\
\hline 22 & 24 & 6 & 50 WAYS TO LEAVE YOUR LOVER \\
\hline & 31 & & dance with a stranger \\
\hline 24 & 21 & 12 & You ABE Everithlig \\
\hline & 34 & & Aborigenes Jam \\
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        PuTEM ACCETP ME

            HOLLABAACK GIRL
                GWEN STEFAN INTERSCOPE 004435
                YOU'RE ALL
            MIKE RIZZO PRESENTS ALLIE KOCH 991
            HERE I AM
            david morales
                and ales with tampa keenan dmi 02б/ultba
                RUNAWAY
LOVESKY FEatuRing michael smmone curvve ood
                    YOU TURN IT ON
JIM VERAAOS KOCH PROMO
                FASTLANE
                ESTHERO FEAUURING JEMENI AND JELLEESTONE REPRISE 4281
                WORKOUT
                THE HAND THAT FEEDS (PHOTEK/DFA MIXES
                LE FREAK (CHRIS COX REMIXES)
                    GTS FEGUVAMGG MORMA JEN \& LUCL 4 . AVEX +207/KING STh
                    ROADHOUSE BLUES
                    THE CRYSTAL METHOD Vs. THE DODRS 3AM 1268/ULTRA
                    THAT'S THE WAY I LIKE IT
                IT'S LIKE THAT (D. MORALES REMIXES)
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                    SISTER, SISTER
SCAEAMN RACHAEL TRAX 50
                                NOTHIN MORE TO SAY
                                ALYSON PM MEDIA PROMO
                SUNSHINE
                    GEDRGIE PORGIE LIM
                    DON'T STOP
                BRazLLLAN GIRLS VERVE FORECAST OO4399/VERVE
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                ACTION ANTHEM
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                ROBOT ROCK
                bAFt PUNK VIGGIN 68769
                MORE THAN THIS
                MADISDN PARK vS. LENNY B. BASICLUX 1618
FEVER (A. FREELAND REMIXES)
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FEVER (A. FREELAND REMIXES) \\
SARAH VAUGHAN VERVE DO4331 \\
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                MR. BRIGHTSIDE (J. LU CONTLLNDEERGH PALACE MIXES)
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HOT \\
DANCE AIRPI＿AY
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TITLE IMPRINT \＆NUMBER／DISTRIBUTING LABEL
\end{tabular} &  & & & TITLE ARTIST（IMPRINT／PROMOTION LABEL） \\
\hline 1 & & 3 & \begin{tabular}{l}
GORILLAZ \\
OEMON OAYS PARLOPHONE． \(73 B 38\)＂／MIRGIN
\end{tabular} & 1 & 1 & 12 & ONE WORD kELIY OSBOURNE SANCTUAGY \\
\hline 2 & M & & KELLY OSBOURNE SLEEPING IN THE NOTHING SANCTUARY 84737 & 2 & 4 & 18 & LISTEN TO YOUR HEART D．h．T．Robвins \\
\hline 3 & 2 & 3 & VARIOUS ARTISTS MOTOWN：REMXED MOTOWN 003900／UME & 5 & 3 & 18 & SINCE U BEEN GONE kely clarkson bcabmg \\
\hline 4 & \(\pm\) & & KRAFTWERK MINIMUM－MAXIMUM ASTRALWERKS 60611 & 4 & 2 & 1 & COME RAIN COME SHINE jenn cunetta ultra \\
\hline 5 & 3 & 12 & MOBY hotel v2 27243 & 5 & 6 & 4 & HOLLABACK GIRL GwEN STEFANI INTERSCOPE \\
\hline 6 & 4 & 7 & NEW ORDER WATING FOR THE SIRENS＇CALL WARNER BROS．49307＂ & 6 & 5 & 14 & WHEN THE DAWN BREAKS narcotic thrust yoshitoshi／oeep oish \\
\hline 7 & 5 & 12 & M．I．A． arular XL 004844＊／INTERSCOPE & 7 & 8 & 8 & MR．BRIGHTSIDE THE KILLERS ISLANO／IDJMG \\
\hline 8 & 6 & 5 & \begin{tabular}{l}
VARIOUS ARTISTS \\

\end{tabular} & 8 & 7 & 1. & SO MANY TIMES gadjo subliminal \\
\hline 9 & 7 & 18 & VARIOUS ARTISTS FIRED UPI 2 RA2OR \＆TIE 89091 & 9 & 9 & 13 & INSPIRATION IAN VAN OAHL ROBBINS \\
\hline 10 & 8 & 16 & THIEVERY CORPORATION cosmic game elghten th staeet lounge oob & 10 & 10 & 6 & \begin{tabular}{l}
STAY \\
mYnt featuring kim sozzi ultrá
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 11 & 9 & 10 & VARIOUS ARTISTS VERVE／REMIXEO3 VERVE 004166＂／VG & 11 & 12 & 8 & AVALON Jullet Astralwerks／virgin \\
\hline 12 & 10 & 46 & SCISSOR SISTERS SCIS SOR SISTERS UNIVERSAL 002772＊／UMRG & 12 & 16 & 3 & DON＇T PHUNK WITH MY HEART the black eyeo peas asminterscope \\
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BACK TO BASICS \\
SHAPE：UK NOCTURNAL GROOVE／POSITIVA
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\hline 14 & 11 & 19 & BRAZILIAN GIRLS brazilian gitls verve forecast 003229＊／vg & 14 & 23 & 3 & FORGIVE REINA ROBBINS \\
\hline 15 & 13 & 20 & THE RIDDLER \＆VIC LATINO ULTRA．DANCE 06 ULTTA 1249 & 16 & 13 & 5 & KILLIN＇ME（WHERE DID I GO WRONG） JENNA OREY AUDIO ONE \\
\hline 16 & 14 & 13 & DAFT PUNK human after all virgin 63562＊ & 16 & 15 & 22 & \begin{tabular}{l}
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& \text { J.A.C. IK7 } 180
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\] & 17 & 25 & 2 & LONELY NO MORE ROB THOMAS MELISMA／ATLANTIC \\
\hline 18 & 15 & 6 & \begin{tabular}{l}
NOUVELLE VAGUE \\
nouvelle vacue peacefrog／Luaka bop 90061／V2
\end{tabular} & 18 & 18 & 2 & EVERYTHING \\
\hline 19 & 20 & 7 & \begin{tabular}{l}
CHRIS COX／ABEL \\

\end{tabular} & 19 & 24 & 2 & JERK IT OUT caESARS ASTRaLWERKS／EMC \\
\hline 20 & 22 & 17 & LCD SOUNDSYSTEM LCD SOLNDSYSTEM DFA 63944＊／CAPTTOL & 20 & 11 & 18 & CALL ME ANHA VISSI VANILLAMODA \\
\hline 21 & 17 & 76 & VARIOUS ARTISTS FIRED UPI RAZOR \＆TIE 89077 & 21 & 19 & 10 & \begin{tabular}{l}
OBSESSION（NO ES AMOR） \\
FRANKIE J FEATURING BABY BASH COLUMBIA
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 22 & 18 & 10 & THE CRYSTAL METHOD COMMUNITY SEAVICE 2 ULTTAA \(1268^{\circ}\) & 22 & 21 & 22 & \begin{tabular}{l}
1， 2 STEP \\

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\hline 23 & 16 & 30 & THE CHEMICAL BROTHERS PUSH THE BUTTON FFEESTYLE OUST 633B2\％／ASTTALLWERKS & 23 & & & 50 WAYS TO LEAVE YOUR LOVER PLUMMET BIG3 \\
\hline 24 & 21 & 11 & RAVIN \＆DAVID VISAN buddha－BAR VII GEORGE V 71052 & 24 & 22 & 12 & GET IT ON intenso project featuring lisa scott－lee robbins \\
\hline 25 & 19 & 9 & VNV NATION MATTER＋FORM METROPDLIS 370 & 25 & 20 & 22 & SOMEBODY TOLD ME THE KILLERS ISLAND／IDJMG \\
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\hline 笘藩 & 戓苓 & （SOUNDSCAR JAPAN）JUNE 14． 2005 \\
\hline 1 & N & \begin{tabular}{l}
YuZU \\
HOME 1997 － 2000 TOY＇S FACTORY
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\hline 2 & \(N\) & \begin{tabular}{l}
YUZU \\
GOING 2001－2005 TOY＇S FACTORY
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 3 & N & BACKSTREET BOYS never gone jive \\
\hline 4 & 1 & \begin{tabular}{l}
DEF TECH \\
DEF TECH（LTD EDITION）DAIKI SOUND
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 5 & \(N\) & FIRE BALL 999 MUSICAL EXPRESS TOSHIBA／EMI \\
\hline 6 & 5 & VARIOUS ARTISTS BEST CLASSICS 100 TOSHIBAEMI \\
\hline 7 & N & VARIOUS ARTISTS nano－mugen complation kioon \\
\hline 8 & 4 & BLACK EYED PEAS MOHKEY BUSINESS INTERSCOPE \\
\hline 9 & \(N\) & MARION RAVEN here I am warner music \\
\hline 10 & N & \begin{tabular}{l}
DREAM THEATER \\
OCTAVARIUM ATLANTIC
\end{tabular} \\
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\hline \multicolumn{3}{|r|}{ALBUMS} \\
\hline  & 嫘 & （SOUNDSCAN）JUME 25， 2005 \\
\hline 1 & N & COLDPLAY X\＆Y PARLOPHONE／EMI \\
\hline 2 & N & THE BLACK EYED PEAS monkey business abm／inters Cope／universal \\
\hline 3 & N & THE WHITE STRIPES get behind me satan thro mannzasony bmg \\
\hline 4 & 1 & \begin{tabular}{l}
IL DIVO \\
II DIVO SYCO／COLUMBIA／SONY MUSIC
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 5 & 2 & SYSTEM OF A DOWN mezmerize american／COLUMBIA／SONY music \\
\hline 6 & 4 & audioslave OUT OF ExLLE EPIC／INTERSCOPEIUNVERSAL \\
\hline & 5 & MICHAEL BUBLE ITS TIME 143／REPRISE／WARNER \\
\hline 8 & 6 & GWEN STEFANI Love angel．music．baby．Interscope／universal \\
\hline 9 & 3 & \begin{tabular}{l}
OASIS \\
DONT BELIEVE THE TRUTH EPIC／SONY MUSIC
\end{tabular} \\
\hline 10 & 8 & GREEN DAY american ioiot reprise／warner \\
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\section*{SWEDEN}

SINCLES

MY NUMBER ONE
helena paparizou sony gmg
DAS KLEINE KROKODIL SCHNAPPI
WHHAT＇S IN IT FOR ME
amy diamono bonnier
EN UNDERBAR REFRANG
SAYONARA
N ELIAS PAMA
ALBUMS
ULF LUNDELL
HOGTRYCK CA
ROBYN
ROBYN KONICHIW
OASIS
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OASIS \\
DONT BELIEVE The truth big brother \\
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KENT
DU a JAG DDDEN RCA
AUDIOSLAVE
OUT OF EXILE EPIC／INTERSCOPE


\section*{UNTIED KINGDOM \＃12 \\ Albums \\ （the official ux chabts co． \\ COLDPLAY \\ OASIS \\ dowt beleve the truth big brother \\ THE WHITE STRIPES \\ JAMES BLUNT \\ BACK TO BEDLAM AT \\ FAITHLESS
FOREVEA FAITHLES \\ GORILLAZ
DEMON DAYS PARLOPHONE \\ THE BLACK EYED PEAS \\ GWEN STEFAN \\ LOVE．ANGEL．MUSIC．BABY INTERSCOPE \\ KAISER CHIEFS \\ 10 KT TUNSTALL}

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\hline \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{ANSTRIA} \\
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|c|}{SINGLES} \\
\hline  & 5年 & （AUSTRIAN IfPyIAUSTRIA TOP 40） & JUNE 13， 2005 \\
\hline 1 & 1 & \begin{tabular}{l}
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akon Sac／universal
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\section*{FECURFENT RULES}

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ue top selling singles compiled frem a national sample of retall store, mass erchant, and internet sales report collected, compiled, and provided by Neisen ScundScan. For R\&B/Hip-tof Singles Sales, sales data is compiled
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\section*{CONFIGURATIONS}

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Cmpiled form a national sample of reports from club DJs

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Carlo Maria Giulini, known for leading some of the world's top orchestras died June I4 of unspecified causes in the northern Italian town of Brescia.
 He was 9 I
A native of Italy, Giulini made his conducting debut in Rome in 1944. He became principal conductor at Milan's La Scala opera house in I953 and was principal guest conductor of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra from I969 to 1978
Giulini, who drew comparisons to fellow Italian conductor Arturo Toscanini, also made a name for himself conducting for opera legend Maria Callas in the i950s. He is survived by three sons

BIRTHS BOY: Daniel Polk, to Rachel and Marc Schiffman, June I in Livingston, N.J. Father is features editor for Billboard.

GIRL: Camille Grace, to Jill and Kristian Bush, June 7 in Atlanta. Father is member of country trio. Sugarland.

GIRL: Nyla Rae, to Vanessa and Aaron Lewis, June 9 in North Hampton, N.H. Father is lead singer of rock act Staind.

\section*{DEATHS Kirby Standley, 30 , of a} sudden illness, May 25 in Dallas. The Texas native spent the last three years was tour manager for the Roger Creager Band. He is survived by his wife, parents and a sister. Memorial donations can be made to his wife, Shannon Huntington Standley, 2018 Broken Oak Road, San Antonio, Texas 78232.

Ben Peters, 7I, of pneumonia, May 25 in Nashville. The Grammy Award winning songwriter got his start on the New Orleans club circuit as a saxophonist before moving to Nashville in Ig 66 to concentrate on writing. Soon after, he penned "Kiss an Angel Good Morning," which Charley Pride took to No. I on the Billboard Top Country Songs in 1971 and won Peters a Grammy.

A member of the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, Peters' country No. is also included Freddy

Fender's "Before the Next Teardrop Falls"-co-written with Vivian Keithin 1975 and Kenny Rogers' "Daytime Friends" in 1977. Jerry Lee Lewis, Ray Charles, Alan Jackson, Loretta Lynn and Willie Nelson also recorded his songs. Peters is survived by his wife, three children and five grandchildren

Smokey Stover, 76, of cancer, June 3 in Texas. The DJ's career included stints at KLVL Pasadena, Texas; KRCT Baytown, Texas; KBRZ Freeport, Texas; KLOS Albuquerque, N.M KCIJ Shreveport, La.; KMOP Tucson, Ariz.; KRZE Farmington, N.M.; and WYXE Gallatin, Tenn. He was inducted into the Country Music DJ Hall of Fame in 2000

Shoichi Kusano, 74, of pancreatic cancer, June 6 in Tokyo. The chairman of Tokyo-based music publisher Shinko Music was a pioneer of the Japanese music-publishing business. He was perhaps best-known under the pseudonym Kenji Sazanami, which he used when writing Japanese lyrics for many Western pop songs in the early 1960 s Kusano was Shinko president for \(2 I\) years before becoming chairman in 1999. That year he received a Blue Ribbon Medal from the Japanese government in recognition of his lengthy service to the music industry
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