new vinyl and tape report



DWIGHT YOAKAM Buenas Noches from a Lonely Room Yoakam is at the forefront of the

hard country movement and it's paid off in both popularity and credibility Knock-out tracks are his duet with Buck Owens, his cover of Lazy Lester's 'I Hear You Knockin' and Dwight's own 'I Sang Dixie.'



MATT BIANCO Indigo

Another fine album from the Mark Reilly and Mark Fisher collaboration, a highly combustible blend of dance sounds including the inimitable single 'Don't blame It On That Girl' recorded in Miami and with the Miami Sound Machine's producer. A breath of fresh air for the pop scene and the



SLAYER South of Heaven

The controversial, explosive
L.A.-based Slayer are back with
another provocative metal LP, with
Def Jam's Rick Rubin at the helm. Their instrumental prowess and lyrical assault allows them to rock out with songs like 'Spill the Blood', 'Live Undead', etc — rock & roll with no



JOHN KILZER

Memory in the Making A former basketball player, Kilzer stands six-foot-six high and is a rocky new voice from the guts of the American heartland. His style is honed in the Memphis Club Scene, and he's joined here by guests Rodney Crowell and Rosanne Cash. (Cash has previously recorded a Kilzer song). Listen for single 'Red Blue Jeans'.



GWEN GUTHRIE

Lifeline
The first Warner Bros LP for
dancefloor diva Gwen Guthrie who rekindles her funk of last year's 'Nothin' Goin On But The Rent' with her aids-aware anthem 'Can't Love You Tonight' and such gems as her remake of the Marvelettes' Motown hit 'Too Many Fish in the Sea'. CD contains extra groove — "The Surgeon General's Funky 4/4 Mix."



BIG DADDY KANE

Long Live The Kane A legendary rapper on the Cold Chillin' label who has written songs for Roxanne Shante and Biz Markie. Mister Cee rips into some hot scratchin' and tough tracks are 'Raw', On The Bugged Tip' and 'Ain't No Half Steppin". Crucial rap!



LYNYRD SKYNYRD

Live Tribute Tour 1987 — Southern by the Grace of God Four live sides of Skynyrd classics performed by remaining members of the band with Johnny Van Zant, brother of the late lead singer, on vocals. Other guests include Charlie Daniels and Donnie Van Zant. Check out the 13 minute 'Freebird'.



BRIAN WILSON

Love And Mercy
The mastermind of the Beach Boys has recorded his first solo album. It's being heralded as a work of genius to rival his 'Pet Sounds' (1966) that Paul McCartney cites as an inspiration for the Beatles' 'Sgt Pepper' LP. Highlights include the title track, 'Melt Away' and 'Baby Let Your Hair Grow Long.'



NICK KAMEN

Once again the man who sold you Levi's 501s is back, working with Madonna producer Patrick Leonard on another winning album of danceable pop. First single is 'Tell



SHIRLEY MURDOCK

A Woman's Point of View The soulful lady who astor black music fans with the power-packed ballad 'As We Lay' is back with a second LP, a tour de force of soul ballads with Roger Troutman at the helm. Funky and soulful — check out 'Husband', '(Everybody Wants) Somethin' for



RANDY TRAVIS Old 8 x 10

The man who has emerged as the brightest young star in country music, who scooped up numerous Grammy Awards, releases his third fine album, with down-home gems such as Written In Stone' and 'Honky Tonk



KIM WILDE

The singer who has been chosen by Michael Jackson to open his European concerts now has new LP with hit singles 'Hey Mr Heartache' and You Came'. Ms Wilde writes most of the songs on the LP and covers Todd Rundgren's 'Lucky Guy'.



DAVID SANBORN Close-Up

Sanbourn's new LP is produced by Marcus Miller, ex-Miles Davis sideman and Luther Vandross' funky collaborator. His supple saxophone prowess is heard at its best on such gems as Randy Newman's 'Same Girl' and 'Lesley Anne' with vocals by Michael Ruff.



LITTLE FEAT Let It Roll

Their first LP in too many years reunites Bill Payne, Paul Barrere, Richie Hayward, Kenny Gradney and Sam Clayton. The band's funky mix of bluesy rock 'n' roll and R&B has grown even stronger. New blood includes vocalist Craig Fuller and guitarist Fred Tackett, both accomplished musicians who've played with the best. An excellent LP
— they're back on their feet again!



Live At the Whiskey 'A Go-Go on the Fabulous

Sunset Strip
Four sides of X, from their 1980
debut LP to 1987, here are hot live versions of tracks spanning their six-album history. This is the lean and mean sound of X, but there are soften moments, like the country-tinged 'Skin Deep Town' and the acoustic 'So Long'. A live X-ample, 24 X-cellent tracks.



SPY V SPY Xenophobia (Why?)

Tough and tight, this is Sydney's hardest working band, back with another LP of energetic, modern songs. The band shares the same management as Midnight Oil, the same social conscience and commitment to tough uncompromising rock!



WEDDINGS, PARTIES, EVERYTHING

Roaring Days Back with another fine LP, this band has chosen to avoid the glitz of videos and do a mini-film, shot at a suburban Sydney pub with seven songs live and loopy cameos by actor Tim McKenzie. Hot tracks include Paul Kelly's 'Laughing Boy', Tex Morton's 'Sergeant Small' and the band's tribute to Tex.



JIMMY BUFFETT Hot Water Mr Buffett is back with his Coral Reefer band (Steve Cropper, Russ Kunkel, Mike Utley, Duck Dunn) and guests such as Steve Winwood, James Taylor, Marcus Miller, Ralph McDonald and the Memphis Horns. Fab songs include 'Homemade Music', 'King of Somewhere Hot' and 'Smart Woman (in a Real Short Dress)'. Buffett is hotter than ever!



STEVE FORBET Streets of this Town

This acclaimed vocalist and songwriter weighs in with his first LP for Geffen. Key tracks include 'Running on Love', 'On the Streets of this Town' and 'Wait a Little Longer', the latter track featuring E-Street guitarist Nils Lofgren.



HANK WILLIAMS JR **Wild Streak**

The lad's out on the town again with such luminaries as Barry Beckett (keyboards, producer), Gary Rossington (guitar) and fiddler Mark O'Conner. Such hot tracks as 'If The South Woulda Won' sit beside songs by Tony Joe White, Ronnie Van Zant and Troy Seals. Digitally recorded and certified rowdy modern country.



BEETLEJUICE **Movie Soundtrack**

directed by Tim (Pee Wee's Big Adventure) Burton and featuring Oingo Boingo's Danny Elfman and Harry Belafonte's revived hit



THE SUN AND THE MOON

A new British band that brings together former members of the acclaimed groups Music for Aborigines and Chameleon UK. The band's sound is supple and strong, powered by strings and memorable melodies. First single is tough-talking political observation 'Peace in Our



NANCI GRIFFITH **Little Love Affairs**

A new country artist from Austin, Texas, who made a big splash last year with her 'Lone Star State of Mind' LP. A prolific songwriter, Griffith excells with a clarity and simplicity of style, each of these 11 new songs is a sparkling gem.



DEVONSQUARE Walking on Ice

A trio who've made two indie LPs in the acoustic music scene, record their first LP for a major label. Ten outstanding tracks (eight are originals) but it's their extraordinary vocal talent that steals the show. Devonsquare are harmony giants!



WEA records are now releasing his entire back catalogue, on the Magnet label.



PRINCE, Glam Slam VAN HALEN, When It's Love



ROBERT PLANT 'Mumbo Jumbo' Video

The former lead singer of Led Zeppelin releases his first solo video, 28 minutes of videos including

'Heaven Knows', 'Tall Cool One', 'Big Log', etc.