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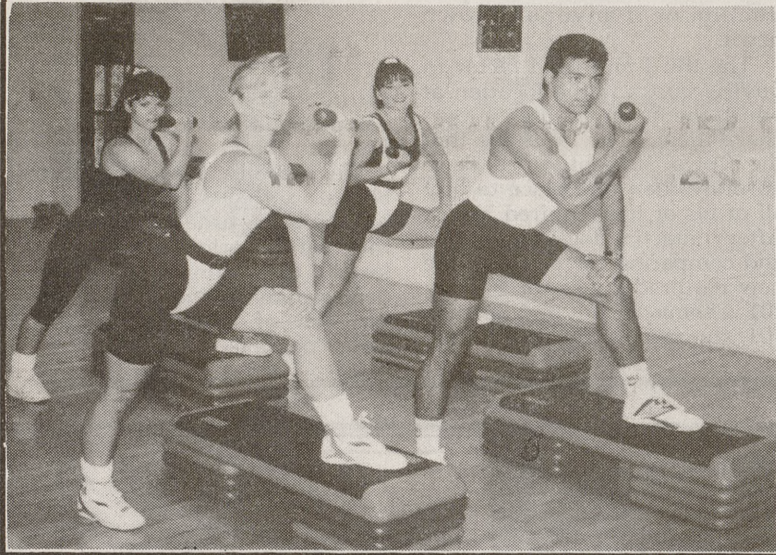
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Summer Country music roundup

By Lesa Ann King
The Battalion

The summer of 1993 will long be remembered for the record hot temperatures, but this summer will also be remembered for the hot country music on the radio and in the record stores. And country music's forecast for the fall looks even hotter.

The pick albums for this summer include Patty Loveless' "Only What I Feel," Clint Black's "No Time to Kill," Mark Chesnutt's "Almost Goodbye" and newcomer Lari White's debut release "Lead Me Not."

"Only What I Feel" marks Patty Loveless' first Epic release and takes its place as one of the best female vocal efforts to come out of Nashville this year. Top cuts from this album include the hit singles, "Blame it on Your Heart" and "Nothin' But the Wheel."



"Only What I Feel" showcases Patti Loveless' deep powerful voice," King says.



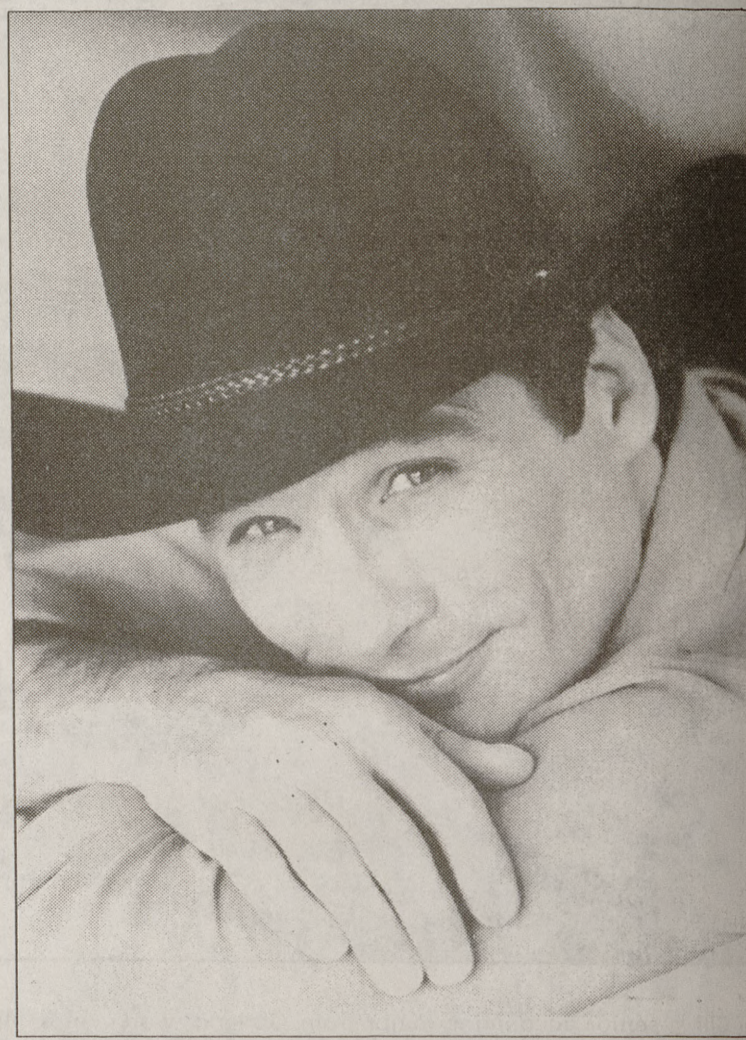
King says "Don't miss Lari White's debut album, 'Lead Me Not.'"

"What's a Broken Heart" and "How Can I help You Say Goodbye" also showcase Loveless' powerful voice and deep emotional interpretation.

Clint Black came back in full force this summer with the RCA release "No Time to Kill." An album that finally stands up to the lyrical and vocal strength of his 1988 debut, "Killin' Time." A writer or co-writer of every song on the album, Black once again proves he is a master of the musical word. Pick hits like "Thinkin' Again," "Half the Man," "I'll Take Texas" and "Happiness Alone" are guaranteed to leave Black's fans coming back for more.

Down-home traditional country music is what Mark Chesnutt does best and MCA's July release of "Almost Goodbye," proves it. Chesnutt does not receive as much hype or publicity as Clint Black, Garth Brooks, Alan Hackson or some other well known male vocalists; however, Chesnutt has such a clear, easy listening and honest voice, it's hard to ignore such pure country talent. Songs to listen for from this Beaumont performer include "It sure is Monday," "Almost Goodbye," "Till a Better Memory Comes Along" and "The Will."

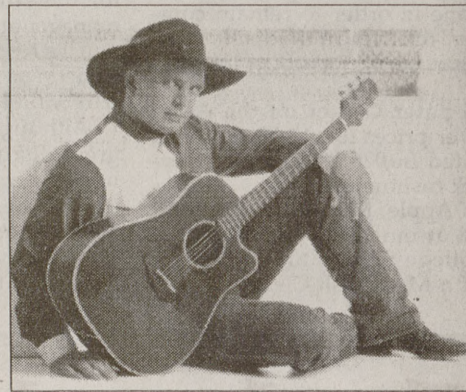
An album not to be missed is "Lead Me Not," the debut release from Florida newcomer Lari White. Her vocal, musical and lyrical talent flows throughout the entire album. White wrote or co-wrote eight of the ten cuts on "Lead Me Not." White's sweet and sexy, "I Was Just Thinking of



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You," powerful and sassy, "What a Woman Wants," and playfully est, "It Won't Be the Last." Shenandoah's new releases for September include George Strait's "Easy Come, Easy Go," and "Reva McEntire's Greatest Hits Volume 2," which includes her new hit single with Linda Davis, "Does He Love You." Ricky Van Shelton, Marty Stuart, Martina McBride and Aaron Tippin also have new releases on the way.

September 29 heats up with the annual Country Music Award (CMA) show hosted this year by 1992 CMA male vocalist of the year, Vince Gill and former male vocalist of the year, Clint Black.



Garth Brooks will release his new album tomorrow. His Dallas concerts will be Sept. 23-25 at Texas stadium.

Other releases you may have noticed in the record store include Shenandoah's "Under the Kudzu," John Anderson's "Solid Ground" and Billy Ray Cyrus' lat-



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Country music tidbits

Staff and Wire Reports

Reba McEntire is the top concert draw from Nashville.

In the first six months of 1993, Pollstar magazine reported McEntire grossed \$8.1 million. In addition, Pollstar says seven of the top 25 concert draws are country tours. The top country concert draws for the first six months of 1993 are:

1. Reba McEntire - \$8.1 million
2. Alan Jackson - \$6.4 million
3. Sawyer Brown - \$4.6 million
4. Travis Tritt/Trisha Yearwood - \$4 million
5. Alabama - \$3.9 million
6. Clint Black/Wynonna - \$3.6 million
7. Billy Ray Cyrus - \$3.3 million

In other news, Garth Brooks officially became the biggest selling recording artist of the decade. The Recording Industry Association of America reports Brooks' "No Fences," sold 10 million copies, "Ropin' the Wind" sold nine million copies and his last album, "The Chase" sold five million albums.

Brooks has beaten such notable artists as Hammer, Bruce Springsteen, Fleetwood Mac and the King of Pop, Michael Jackson.

And lastly, former head of NBC Television Brandon Tartikoff is beginning to develop a new show for CBS-TV based on the ex-wives of country music stars to be filmed in Nashville.

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