Music Festival Countdown

CMA Music Festival officially opens with Wednesday’s parade (6/4) and closes with the firing of the last fireworks shell following Sunday night’s LP Field performance. In between, Nashville will do what it does better than any other single spot on earth -- make music.

Premiere’s radio remotes run Wednesday through Friday, bringing hundreds of thousands of listeners a sense of what they’re missing. Advance ticket sales for 2008 are said to be ahead of last year, when official attendance set a new record at 191,000. Country Aircheck has compiled a one-sheet detailing many of the most significant events on page 7. Here’s to a fun, safe and music-filled week.

Handleman Quits Music Biz

The Michigan-based Handleman Company agreed to sell its North American music wholesaling operation, including its Wal-Mart related operations, to Texas-based Anderson Merchandisers. Handleman and Anderson previously split

Handleman Company

Our quarterly print publication returns this week. The “Summer Special” will take you to the ballpark, white water rafting and to the seat of power with radio and music biz pros, in addition to our annual analysis of ratings and revenue for each major radio group. Comprehensive ACM Awards coverage includes profiles of this year’s radio winners, awards week photo pages and an inside look at Lady Antebellum’s first major win.

In The Interview, UMG/Nashville Chairman Luke Lewis is upbeat about the music business, country music, his staff and the young artists rising through the ranks. And, for the first time in print, he speaks to the criticism he and Universal have taken from former Universal/DreamWorks artist Toby Keith over the last several years. An excerpt:

“Toby sold more than a million units of his first record and had a lot of success,” Lewis tells CA’s Lon Helton. “I’m not good at history, but my sense is that at the time, Shania blew past him in terms of the scorecards. And I always thought Toby’s perception was that he wasn’t being prioritized as much as she was, and that was a fair assessment on his part. Any label head who says they don’t prioritize their biggest act is lying. You have to. [But] I’ve always sort of understood Toby’s frustrations.”

Read the rest of The Interview in Country Aircheck’s June issue, out this week.

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Wal-Mart’s music business, with Handleman accounting for roughly one third of the business, mostly north of the Mason Dixon line.

“Our decision to exit the North American music business was difficult but unavoidable,” says Handleman President/CEO Albert A. Koch. “CD music sales have been declining at double-digit rates for several years both industry-wide and at our customers’ stores, resulting in a sharp drop-off in our business. Unfortunately, even the significant steps we’ve taken over the past two years to reduce our costs have not enabled the company to return to profitability. We have reluctantly concluded that there simply were not enough further cost reduction opportunities available to offset the margin erosion in future years from continuing sales declines.” Approximately 260 positions are expected to be eliminated.

Bertelsmann Wants Out, Too

Today’s New York Times reports that Bertelsmann chief Hartmut Ostrowski is looking to extricate the company from underperforming media business including book clubs and its share in Sony BMG. “The good thing is, more people are listening to music than ever before,” Ostrowski told the paper. “The bad thing is, it is not easy to monetize it.” Read the full story here.

ACM Sales: Is There A Bump There?

On top of its 26% ratings increase, the ACM is touting last week’s country album sales bump. A close look at the numbers, however, reveals a negligible industry-wide increase. According to top label executives, the modest sales performance isn’t unique to last month’s show, but that doesn’t ease the disappointment. “We didn’t feel that the increase in sales was on par with the increase in audience,” Sony BMG/Nashville Chairman Joe Galante tells Country Aircheck.

Certainly, many artists performing on the May 18 show enjoyed undeniable sales surges. The Academy cites Rodney Atkins (73% increase), Carrie Underwood (58%), Miranda Lambert (52%) and Garth Brooks (33%). Overall however, country sales can thank 67,000 debut week sales from Julianne Hough’s self-titled debut for a 19.2% increase over the previous week. And it’s not likely her presenting slot on the show can take much credit for that debut. Without new releases (Cory Morrow’s Vagrants & Kings sold 1,600 copies in its first week), the week-over-week increase was only 1.7%.

My Tunes: Music That Shaped My Life

Chevrolet (a major CMA Music Fest sponsor) General Director/Advertising & Sales Promotion Kim Kosak discusses her most meaningful songs, albums or concerts:

1. Bruce Springsteen, Born in the USA Tour, 1985: I was in my first year of college. It was just an amazing concert that lasted more than four hours and I got to enjoy it with my brother, one of my best friends.

2. Sound of Music, Oklahoma, West Side Story and South Pacific soundtracks:

My mother loves show tunes, so as kids we were always going to Broadway shows and listening to the music at home. They made me appreciate great lyrics and now remind me of my childhood.

3. Willie Nelson, Pine Knob Music Theatre, Detroit, 1982: I went with my high school boyfriend, who is still a dear friend. It was probably my first real concert.

4. Jim Croce, Photographs and Memories: This played constantly on our record player at home. The album cover with his son in his cowboy hat after his death was so sad.

5. Johnny Cash/Ring of Fire: My dad would listen to classic country music at home, which was unusual growing up in Detroit. I think it was this imprinting that made me fall in love with the genre.

• A highly regarded song or album you’ve never heard: Madonna’s new album Hard Candy.

• An “important” piece of music you just don’t get: Anything techno.

• An album you played or listened to incessantly: All Bruce Springsteen albums.

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Finding new love in these big markets:

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“Unfortunately, sales bumps from award shows have been diminishing across the board over the past few years,” UMG/Nashville Chairman Luke Lewis tells CA. “Trends probably show that performances have a bigger impact than award wins, however we did see a nice bump on Sugarland (72%) after ‘Stay’ won two awards.”

Radio News

Kudos: WIVK/Knoxville and Joe Nichols raised more than $6,000 to renovate Gibbs High School’s auditorium. Nichols performed on a local newscast and at the school, where he dedicated “Tequila Makes Her Clothes Fall Off” to the principal.

Stationality: Darryl Worley, Mark Chesnutt, Rodney Atkins, Jamey Johnson and Josh Turner will perform at WKDF/Nashville’s Country Beach Party at the Stage June 3. The event benefits the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation presented by Bridgestone.

WSIX/Nashville staffers are participating in the Cops vs. Jocks Celebrity Softball Game along with Vince Gill, Andy Griggs, Carolina Rain, Linda Davis, Laura Bryna, Jeremy McComb, and the Mount Juliet Police Department tomorrow (6/3). The event benefits MADD of Middle TN.


Gig Alerts

• WWQM/Madison PD Brad Austin is looking for a morning co-host to join Jason Stephens. Send airchecks, resumes and ratings to brad.austin@q106.com.
• KVET/Austin OM Mac Daniels is accepting airchecks and resumes for a new midday host. Send them to him at 3601 S. Congress, Bldg. F, Austin, TX 78704 or macdaniels@clearchannel.com.
• WPKR/Appleton-Oshkosh, WI OM Guy Dark is accepting resumes for the open PD position at the station. Send them to guy.dark@cumulus.com.
• WDXB/Birmingham OM Tom Hanrahan is seeking a PD. Resumes to tomhanrahan@clearchannel.com.
• KUSJ/Killeen, TX VP/Market Manager Bourdon Wooten is looking for a PD/morning show host. Airchecks and resumes to job@cumulus.com.
Country Life Launches

New York-based Zenbu Media, publisher of Relix and Metal Edge, is launching a new country-focused consumer magazine titled Country Life with distribution at CMA Music Festival and on Tim McGraw tour dates. McGraw, in fact, is featured on the premiere issue’s cover. Former Country Weekly editor Rick Taylor is Editor, industry vet Peter Cronin is Senior Editor and Beverly Keel is Editor-At-Large. Karen Cronin is Art Director.

Industry News

Songwriter Whitey Shafer (“That’s The Way Love Goes,” “All My Ex’s Live In Texas”) will perform and participate in an interview June 21 at Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum as he is honored as their next Poet and Prophet.

Wind-up Nashville’s Eric Durrance has signed with Buddy Lee Attractions for exclusive booking representation. Kevin Neal will be his responsible agent.

DigitalRodeo.com will offer episodes of Inside Music Row, the latest in country music and celebrity news, every Friday at www.digitalrodeo.com/insidemusicrow.

George Jones has secured Webster & Associates Public Relations for representation.

Darryl Worley has tapped (Craig) Campbell Entertainment for publicity.

Artist News

In addition to signing autographs all day Saturday during CMA Music Festival, Taylor Swift will donate all profits from her merchandise sales at the Big Machine booth that day to the Nashville Area Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund in Middle Tennessee and the National American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

Eric Church performed and was deemed an “honorary plant member” at the re-opening of Chevy’s Spring Hill, TN plant yesterday. The plant closed briefly to retool to produce Chevrolet Traverses.

Mica Roberts will perform in Verizon stores in Charlotte and Raleigh, NC on June 20 & 21 and then present a check from the company to a local women’s shelter. Verizon will also accept donations of used cell phones at each show for its HopeLine program, which donates the proceeds from the sale of these phones to assist victims of domestic violence.

Ford Motor Company has donated a brand new truck to be awarded to the winner of the Toby Keith & Friends Golf Classic’s “closest to the pin” contest June 7.

The Road Hammers performed at the closing ceremonies for the week long Habitat For Humanity’s 2008 Jimmy & Rosalyn Carter Work Project in Biloxi May 15.
Kimberly Williams-Paisley, actress and wife of Brad Paisley, has written her first book, *Henry and the Hidden Veggie Garden*, in support of the Love Your Veggies Nationwide School Lunch Campaign. She wrote the book, which chronicles the journey of a young man who discovers a new way to eat and live, with her father Gurney Williams III.

Steve Wariner will be recognized for his work with juvenile diabetes, receiving the Mount Sinai Kravis Children’s Hospital Hall Family Center for Pediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes’ Hope Award on June 3. This is the first time the recipient is from outside the medical field.

The city of Ft. Payne, AL will unveil bronze statues of Alabama June 7. Alabama founding member Jeff Cook will be in attendance and perform a free concert with his new band.

**Life Notes**

Congrats to Albright & O’Malley Talent Coach Sam Thompson and his wife Fiona on the birth of their son Spencer Friday at 6:08am.

**The Week’s Top Stories**

Full coverage of the week’s news is available in the archives at www.countryaircheck.com.

- **Curb Records** consolidated its Curb and Curb/Asylum promotion teams with Curb/Asylum VP Adrian Michaels and Curb VP April Rider overseeing the combined promotion staff under the Curb moniker. Curb/Asylum Dir./National Promotion & SE rep Mike Rogers was named National Director.
Jennifer Hanson \textit{Thankful} (Universal South) (digital only)

Hanson co-wrote all 10 tracks and co-produced with co-writer Nick Brophy. The release is her second album and first on new label Universal South. Being released digitally, iTunes customers will also receive an exclusive bonus track, “Stepping Off.” Tracks include “Believed To Be Seen,” “Won’t Give Up,” “Joyride” and “Kick The Jukebox.” Vince Gill adds backing vocals to the title track.

Jewel \textit{Perfectly Clear} (Valory)

Jewel takes the reigns on her country debut, solo-penning five of the 11 cuts and co-writing the rest with the cream of the Nashville crop, including Marv Green, Shaye Smith and Wynn Varble. \textit{Perfectly Clear} is her seventh album and fourth recorded in Nashville. Jewel co-produced with John Rich, and describes the album as one she has wanted to make since appearing on her second \textit{Rolling Stone} cover in 1999.

Upcoming Releases:

June 10 \textit{Montgomery Gentry} \textit{Back When I Knew It All} (Columbia)

June 17 \textit{Charlie Allen} \textit{That Was Then, This Is Now} (River Run)
\textit{Carter’s Chord} \textit{Carter’s Chord} (Show Dog) (digital only)

June 24 \textit{Keith Anderson} \textit{C’mon!} (Columbia)
\textit{Mark Chesnutt} \textit{Rollin’With The Flow} (Lofton Creek)

July 1 \textit{Katie Armiger} \textit{Believe} (Cold River/Nine North)

July 15 \textit{Randy Travis} \textit{Around The Bend} (Warner Bros.)

July 22 \textit{Sugarland} \textit{Love On The Inside} (Mercury)

Album release info to news@countryaircheck.com.

for the combined staff. Senior VP/Promotion Carson James (615-351-7751, carsonjames@comcast.net) and Curb Northeast regional Rick Rockhill (615-351-3679, rnarxrock@yahoo.com) exited. (Breaking News 5/30)

• \textit{Arista/Nashville} Manager/Southwest Regional Promotion Alex Valentine moved to Sony BMG sister label \textit{Columbia/Nashville} in the same capacity. Valentine replaces Jordan Pettit, who resigned. Replacing Valentine at Arista is promotion vet Cheri Lynn Martin. (CAT 5/29)

• Clear Channel’s \textit{KTOM/Monterey} Production Dir./night personality Jim Pearson was promoted to MD. (CAT 5/30)

• Clear Channel \textit{WDXB/Birmingham} PD Todd Berry is exiting. (CAT 6/2)

• Clear Channel \textit{KVET/Austin} midday host Tom Allen is retiring after more than 40 years in radio. His last day is June 30. (CAT 5/29)

• Cumulus \textit{WPKR/Appleton-Oshkosh, WI} PD Mike Ryan exited. (CAT 5/29)

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**CMA Music Festival Schedule**

*Here's a day-by-day listing of festival events. A more detailed schedule can be found at cmafest.com.*

**TUESDAY, JUNE 3**

3:30-6:30pm
AristoMedia Global Showcase
Jasmine Rae, Jessie Farrell, Johnny Reid, Kat Lee Jones, Shea Fisher, The Murphy Band, Troy Casas-Daley, Wm Van De Vlert
Second Fiddle (420 B’way)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4**

12pm
18th Annual City of Hope Celebrity Softball Challenge
Greer Stadium

2pm
CMA Music Festival Kick-Off Parade
James Otto, Katie Armiger, Errika Jo, Crystal Gayle, Jeff Grifflin, Lonestar, Jason Meeceans, One Flew South, The Roys, Phil Stacey, Kemi Thomas, Trent Tomlinson, Chris Young
Sommet Center

3pm
CMA Block Party
Sommet Center Plaza

8pm
Country Weekly Fashion Show
Fisher Stevenson, Jimmy Wayne, Katie Armiger, Danielle Peck, Chris Young, Zach Wicks, Trent Tomlinson, Lorrie Morgan
Wildhorse Saloon (120 2nd Ave.)

10pm
Martty Stuart’s 7th Annual Late Night Jam
Martty Stuart & His Fabulous Superlatives (Kenny Vaughan, Harry Stinson, Brian Glenn), Charlie Daniels Band, John Rich & Friends, Kathy Mattea, Old Crow Medicine Show, Sunny Sweeney, The SteelDrivers, Mike Farris, Gretchen Wilson

**THURSDAY, JUNE 5**

10am-6:30pm
Geared Lightning Daytime Stages

11am-4:30pm
Sommet Center Plaza Chevy Stage
Sonny Burgess, Sierra Hull, King Billy, Lucky Bucks, Daniel Lee Martin, Mountain Heart, SteelDrivers, Dan Tyminski

11:30am-2pm
SunTrust Hot Dog Day
Bryan Williams Music Row Financial Center

11:30am
Hard Rock Cafe Stage
Kyle Wyley, Shawan Russell, Jason Brown, Indian Rodeo

1:30-5:30pm
CMA Celebrity Close Up
Gretchen Wilson, Randy Travis, Taylor Swift, Joe Nichols, Sara Evans

7:30pm
Nightly Concert at the Vault Concert Stage
The Clark Brothers, Jessi Alexander, Dave Berg, Luke Laird, Jon Randal
FRIDAY, JUNE 6

10am-6:30pm
Geared Lightning Daytime Stages
Neal McCoy, Megan Mullins, Jeff Bates, Crosin Down, Jennifer Hanson, Jake Owen, Rick Huckleby, Sarah Johns, Chris Young, Jypsi, The Lost Trailers, Lorrie Morgan, Jason Meadows, Dean Brody, Ashley Gearing, Heartland, Jeff Giffith with Joe Stampley, Emily West, Lonestar, Eric Church, Ashton Shepherd, The Road Hammers, James LeBlanc, Jeremy McComb, Star DeAraio, Fisher Stevenson, Jack Ingram
Riverfront Park

11am-4:40pm
Sommet Center Plaza Chevy Stage
The Clark Brothers, Hot Apple Pie, Cory Morrow, Gary Nichols, One Flew South, Julie Roberts, Keni Thomas, Michelle Wright

11am-1pm
Celebrity Sports Challenge
Steve Azar, Jessica Andrews, Bomshel, Chad Brock, Jerrica Ram, Marcel Cheyry Sportz Stage

7:30pm
Nightly Concert at the Vault Concert Stage
LP Field

11:30pm
Hard Rock Cafe After Hours
Whiskey Falls, Mr. Green, Brett James, Bobby Pinson, Rivers Rutherford

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7**

10am-6:30pm
Geared Lightning Daytime Stages
Joe Nichols, Plymouth Tavern, Ely Young Band, Doug Stone, The Roys, Stephen Cochran, Mel Tillis, Emme Mae Jacob, Jimmy Wayne, Trailer Choir, Jamey Johnson, Randy Houser, John Berry, Philip Gibbons. Bo Bice, Katie Armiger, Whiskery Falls, Justin Moore, Buddy Jewell, Darryl Worley, Mica Roberts, Michael Martin Murphey, Billy Gilman, Minnie Murphy, Jeffrey Steele
Riverfront Park

11am Sommet Center Plaza Chevy Stage
Deborah Allen, Band of Heathens, The Greensards, Jedd Hughes, James Invertd, Noe Palma, Michael Peterson, Trent Summar

11am
YWCA Celebrity Auction
Katie Armiger, Lady Antebellum, Sherry Lynn, Heidi Newfield
Family Zone

11:30am
Hard Rock Cafe Stage
Tommy Joe Wilson, Zane Lewis, The Wrights, Cody McCarver

7:30pm
Nightly Concert at the Vault Concert Stage
Jason Michael Carroll, Craig Morgan, Little Big Town, Jamey Johnson, Rodney Atkins, Darryl Worley, Trace Adkins, Alan Jackson, Kenny Rogers
LP Field

11:30pm
Hard Rock Cafe After Hours
Mark Wills, Rodney Clasonow, Ashley Gorley, Lee Thomas Miller, Tim Nichols

**SUNDAY, JUNE 8**

10:30am
Ride For A Cure
Little Big Town, Darryl Worley, Lonestar, Heidi Newfield, Bo Bice, Jennifer Hanson, Trent Tomlinson, Emme Mae Jacob, Ira Dean, Chuck Wicks, Jeff Allen, Charles Kelly of Lady Antebellum, James Otto, Christian Kane, Earl Brown, Bluefield, Kendall Johnson, Lev Rose, Randy Houser, Shelly Fairchild, The Roys
Harley-Davidson of Cool Springs

10:30am-6:25pm
Geared Lightning Daytime Stages
Riverfront Park

11am-3:30pm
Sommet Center Plaza Chevy Stage
The Grascals, La Familia, Little Joe, Bobby Marquez, Augie Meyers, Chase Mitchell, Ruben Ramos, Charlie Rich Jr., Riders In The Sky

11:30am
Hard Rock Cafe Stage
Gloriana, Two Timers, Brother Trouble, Brittini Black

7:30pm
Nightly Concert at the Vault Concert Stage
Chuck Wicks, James Otto, Bucky Covington, Randy Travis, John Stephans, Sara Evans, Billy Ray Cyrus, Phil Stacey, Dwight Yoakam
LP Field

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Carrie Underwood

"Last Name"

TOP 5 - GROWING FAST AND HEADED TO THE TOP!

CA/MB 5 +260 SPINS – TOP 5 POINT & SPIN INCREASE
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POWER IT UP!

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RANDY HOUSER
ANYTHING GOES

ONE OF THIS WEEK’S MOST ADDED!

- WXTU/Philadelphia
- KKNK/Oklahoma City
- WCOL/Columbus
- WGY/York
- KIXZ/Spokane
- WXQ/Johnson City
- WQYK/Tampa
- WSOC/Charlotte
- WIVK/Knoxville
- WQMX/Akron
- WITL/Lansing
- WQBE/Charleston
- WKCQ/Saginaw
- KYGO/Denver
- KSD/St. Louis
- WWQM/Madison
- WKSF/Asheville
- WIRK/West Palm
- KML/Lafayette

Universal
Aircheck Add Leaders

KEITH URBAN/You Look Good In My Shirt (Capitol) 48
GEORGE STRAIT/Troubadour (MCA) 38
SUGARLAND/All I Want To Do (Mercury) 25
TAYLOR SWIFT/Should’ve Said No (Big Machine) 22
JESSICA SIMPSON/Go On Over (Columbia) 19
DARIUS RUCKER/Don’t Think I Don’t Think... (Capitol) 14
RANDY HOUSER/Anything Goes (Universal South) 11
CRAIG MORGAN/Love Remembers (BNA) 9
LAURA BRYNA/Life Is Good (Equity) 8
ASHTON SHEPHERD/Sounds So Good (MCA) 7
JASON ALDEAN/Relentless (BBR) 7
MARCEL/I Love This Song (Lyric Street) 7

Activator Top Point Gainers

SUGARLAND/All I Want To Do (Mercury) 679
TAYLOR SWIFT/Should’ve Said No (Big Machine) 584
ALAN JACKSON/Good Time (Arista) 394
BLAKE SHELTON/Home (Warner Bros.) 389
KEITH URBAN/You Look Good In My Shirt (Capitol) 388
BROOKS & DUNN/Put A Girl In It (Arista) 356
CARRIE UNDERWOOD/Last Name (19/Arista) 287
LOST TRAILERS/Holler Back (BNA) 274
GEORGE STRAIT/Troubadour (MCA) 249
TRISHA YEARWOOD/This Is Me You’re ... (Big Machine) 239

Aircheck Top Point Gainers

SUGARLAND/All I Want To Do (Mercury) 1633
TAYLOR SWIFT/Should’ve Said No (Big Machine) 1483
KEITH URBAN/You Look Good In My Shirt (Capitol) 830
CARRIE UNDERWOOD/Last Name (19/Arista) 823
JESSICA SIMPSON/Go On Over (Columbia) 817
BROOKS & DUNN/Put A Girl In It (Arista) 805
KENNY CHESNEY/Better As A Memory (BNA) 648
ALAN JACKSON/Good Time (Arista) 628
DARIUS RUCKER/Don’t Think I Don’t Think... (Capitol) 579
JIMMY WAYNE/Do You Believe Me Now (Valory) 573

Activator Top Spin Gainers

SUGARLAND/All I Want To Do (Mercury) 401
TAYLOR SWIFT/Should’ve Said No (Big Machine) 334
KEITH URBAN/You Look Good In My Shirt (Capitol) 280
ALAN JACKSON/Good Time (Arista) 239
BROOKS & DUNN/Put A Girl In It (Arista) 235
LOST TRAILERS/Holler Back (BNA) 203
BLAKE SHELTON/Home (Warner Bros.) 189
CARRIE UNDERWOOD/Last Name (19/Arista) 186
MIRANDA LAMBERT/Gunpowder & Lead (Columbia) 144
GEORGE STRAIT/Troubadour (MCA) 135

Video Adds

CMT GARY ALLAN/Learning How To Bend (MCA)
BILLY RAY CYRUS/Real Gone (Disney/Lyric Street)
CMT Pure GARY ALLAN/Learning How To Bend (MCA)
GAC GARY ALLAN/Learning How To Bend (MCA)

**THANKS COUNTRY RADIO FOR MAKING “Love Is A Beautiful Thing” A HIT AT MY NEW LABEL HOME, UNIVERSAL RECORDS SOUTH.**

Oh, and um, yeah...congrats to my old - and now former - good friend Brad Paisley, on another #1 single.

Phil Vassar
Aircheck Activity

ERIC CHURCH/His Kind Of Money (My Kind Of Love) (Capitol)
Stays at 45*: 887 points, 323 spins
2 ADDS: KIZN*, WMXQ

BUCKY COVINGTON/I'll Walk (Lyric Street)
Moves 48*-46*: 880 points, 341 spins
3 ADDS: KSON, WKKT, WSSL

JESSICA SIMPSON/Come On Over (Columbia)
Enters at 47*: 817 points, 230 spins
19 ADDS INCLUDING: KFRG*, KBBQ*, KKWF, KNTY, KSXS*, KSF, KUSS*, WDTW, WKHU, WUBE

DAVID NAIL/I'm About To Come Alive (MCA)
Moves 47*-48*: 727 points, 293 spins; 1 ADD: KWNR

RISSI PALMER/No Air (1720 Entertainment)
Stays at 49*: 714 points, 261 spins
1 ADD: KSON

ELI YOUNG BAND/When It Rains (Republic/Universal South)
Stays at 50*: 658 points, 197 spins
2 ADDS: KTEX, WIVK*

CHRIS YOUNG/Voices (RCA)
640 points, 200 spins
5 ADDS: KATM*, WGYY, WML, WNRS*, WSOC*

ASHTON SHEPHERD/Sounds So Good (MCA)
485 points, 178 spins
7 ADDS: KKWF, KRTY, WJGA, WSLC, WTQR, WWNU, WYRK

LONESTAR/Let Me Love You (Lonestar/COS)
460 points, 174 spins; 0 ADDS

KELLIE PICKLER/Don't You Know You're... (19/BNA)
440 points, 107 points
7 ADDS: KCYE, KDRK, KIXZ, KSD, WCTK, WGTY, WKHU

ASHLEY GEARING/Out The Window (Curb)
393 points, 137 spins; 1 ADD: WRNS*

Aircheck Top Recurrents

JAMES OTTO/Just Got Started Lovin' You (Warner Bros.)
11526

GEORGE STRAIT/Saw God Today (MCA)
9844

TRACE ADKINS/You're Gonna Miss This (Capitol)
9334

TAYLOR SWIFT/Picture To Burn (Big Machine)
6532

JEWEL/Stronger Woman (Valory)
5610

CHRIS CAGLE/What Kinda Gone (Capitol)
5578

RODNEY ATKINS/Cleaning This Gun (Come On...) (Curb)
5493

ALAN JACKSON/Small Town Southern Man (Arista)
5268

CARRIE UNDERWOOD/All-American Girl (19/Arista)
4119

KENNY CHESNEY/Don't Blink (BNA)
3958

CHRIS YOUNG/Voices (RCA)
640 points, 200 spins
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